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Nankipoo Set For Radio Tower, Via \$246,000 U.S. Aid

A U.S. Dept. of Agriculture grant of \$246,448 has been awarded to plans for a radio tower at Nankipoo, west of Halls, to provide wireless Internet access for western Lauderdale County.

West Tenn. Communications is expected to provide the tower, links to Dyersburg and Ripley, and some of the first subscriber units to be installed.

ECSIS will provide Internet gateways.

Other financing is set from Pinnacle Ventures, LLC, of Dyersburg.

The plan includes two years of support for a Nankipoo Internet Community Center, offering computer training and usage to residents.

Service is scheduled to begin next spring.

This is the first grant ever awarded in Tennessee under the USDA Community Connect Grant program.

Meeting For Crime Stoppers Scheduled

A meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, August 11th, at Halls City Hall for anyone interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch and Crime Stoppers program.

For more information, call 836-9653.

Town Of Halls Rates Increase

The Town of Halls Mayor and Board of Aldermen increased the sewer and sanitation rates Monday during the regular scheduled board meeting. The sewer rate was increased as mandated in an effort to fully fund depreciation as is required by state law. The mayor reported that it was likely the sewer depreciation fund would be fully funded. Mayor and Sanitation committee will meet Barker Brothers Waste at 10 a.m. Wednesday to address fuel surcharges.

A lengthy discussion was held addressing several problems with dispatching the police, providing funeral escorts on the weekends and other issues brought up in a letter written by Pat Warren to the board. Rod Ward, Halls Chief of Police, and Anthony Davis, Halls Police Officer, made a presentation of statistics showing the Halls Police Department was above state averages for solving crimes and clearing cases.

The board approved to do a mini-bid for the new fire pumper which will allow the five companies who bid previ-

Halls Citizens Plead Guilty

Daniel Leon McCaig, 22, of Halls, plead guilty to violating his sexual offender residential restrictions and other charges July 22nd during Dyer County Circuit Court, according to an article in the Friday, August 1st issue of the *State Gazette*. He was sentenced to two years in prison, suspended to time served. He will serve the rest of his sentence on supervised probation. He was accused of having a two-year-old child in his car in November 2007 and living with the child. As a registered sexual offender, he is not supposed to be with children.

He also plead guilty to theft of property less than \$500. He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days, suspended to five days. He is also barred from Wal-Mart.

Jimmy D. Webb, 24, of Halls, plead guilty to an aggravated assault on his wife. A related charge of aggravated burglary was dismissed. Webb was sentenced to three years in prison, but the sentence was suspended to six months in jail followed by three years of supervised probation. A felony failure to appear charge was not prosecuted.

ously to re-bid in an effort to get a better price for the new fire truck.

The mayor requested all departments to make all of their purchases from Halls businesses if at all possible and that he may need a resolution from the board to make that an official policy of the town.

Cookbook Published



MOLLIE CATES, 8, daughter of Kevin and Sherrie Cates, of Ripley, is pictured on the front of a "Down Home Cookin' for Down Syndrome" cookbook that the family published to help raise funds for research and programs for the handicap. Each year, Mollie participates in the Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome in Memphis to raise money. This year, the family decided to put together a cookbook in honor of Mollie and help raise funds for the walk, which is scheduled for October. The cookbook can be purchased at the Bank of Ripley, Highway 51 location, H & A, in Halls, and Moore's Grocery in Edith or call 635-4319 or 635-2726. All proceeds from the book will go to the Down Syndrome Association. "There were a lot of dedicated people who devoted their time and money to help make this happen. We are very excited about the book. Mollie has been an inspiration and the cookbook is a great way for people to get good recipes and help a great cause," said Sherrie.

Officials Arrest Several Friday

Officials with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, West Tennessee Drug Task Force, Tennessee Highway Patrol Strike Team, Ripley Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms participated in a county wide saturation Friday,

August 1st. Approximately 47 arrests were made, two vehicles, two guns and 1/2 ounce of marijuana, were seized, several felony drug arrests were made and a meth lab was discovered on Cleveland St., in Ripley. Outstanding warrants were also served in Halls, Gates, Ripley, and Henning. The evening was designed to clean up the streets and provide a proactive approach to crime prevention.

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by Pettus L. Read

Will It Be Left Up To Agriculture To Solve Our Energy Problems

In a non-imposing brick and metal building, located behind the Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, the future of America's energy woes just may be found under a brown greasy tarp. There are no signs warning that it is a restricted area. You will not find square-jawed, mirrored sunglasses wearing security guards posted in conspicuous locations on every corner armed with armor piercing ammo to protect a national secret. Nope. This is not your average research facility that may hold the future of a nation. Instead, it is a vocational agriculture teacher training classroom/shop that most days holds the future of the next generation of agricultural teachers for our state. But, for over thirty years a professor in that building has been predicting our energy future without even receiving the fanfare that a carnival fortune teller gets on a shopping center parking lot.

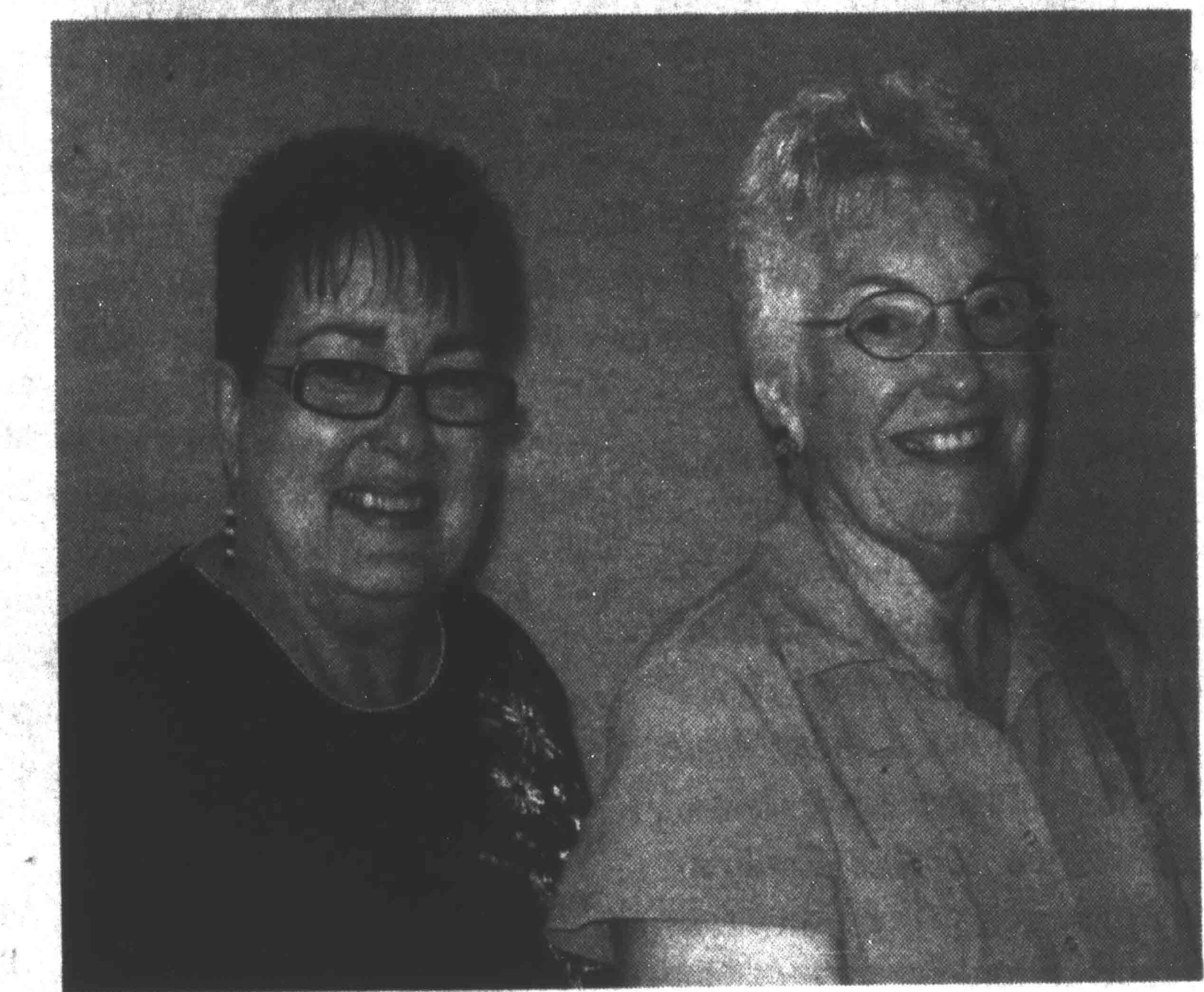
My first meeting with Dr. Cliff Ricketts, professor of Agricultural Education at MTSU, was several years before he attempted to harness the energy of the sun and make fuel from water. We were both farm boys and agricultural students. Our goals at that time were to harness some grades that would earn us a degree that could help both our current futures, never the less the world's. As a student, Cliff was one who did affect the grades of many of his classmates by throwing the grade curve out the window and sending some of us to extra hours of studying. I knew way back then that he had the potential to make a difference, if only people would listen. He was ingrained in wondering "what if?" and he has not changed since those college days of long ago.

For years, Cliff has been building alternative fuel engines. He was hybrid before hybrid was fashionable and before the folks across the waters put all of us over a barrel. An oil barrel, that is. Cliff was building ethanol engines in the early 80s and even gave presentations on corn-derived fuel at the World's Fair in Knoxville. I interviewed him way back then and at that time he was urging research to go further in corn and soybean derived fuels, but no one really wanted to listen. Fuel prices were not all that bad and we were pumping oil right here at home, as well as in other places of the world. Why change to something else when we would never run out of gasoline or have to pay much for it? Gas was under a buck fifty. No, we really didn't need engines that could run on other fuels.

But, Cliff went on with his dreams and wonderings of "what if?" With the help of select students in his classes and a few special ones with talents to envision some of the same dreams Cliff has, he developed cars that used methane from cow manure, ethanol from soybean oil and fibrous plants, solar from the sun and now hydrogen from water. He and his students have set land-speed records with different cars and engines on the Great Salt Flats and held the record for a hydrogen car for 15 years.

In May of 2006, Cliff appeared before a congressional hearing as an expert witness and said, "I believe the alleviation of the future U.S. energy crisis lies within plug-in flex fuel hybrid vehicles." Even at that time the term hybrid was seen

Art Donations Presented



MEMBERS of the Baptist Memorial League of Volunteers, in upper photo, from left, Dorothy Cullipher (Devotional Leader), Carolyn Newman (Calendar Chairperson), Elizabeth Mosely (outgoing Secretary), Barbara Hendren (Treasurer), Mary Miller (outgoing President), Carolyn Stanley (newly elected President), and Brenda Bountry (Gift Shop Manager), are pictured with art work donated by students in the 2007-2008 art class at Halls High School. League members purchased frames for the pictures which will be used throughout the hospital hallways and waiting rooms.

In lower photo, Carolyn Stanley, left, was elected as new president of the league July 22nd during the meeting of the Baptist Memorial League of Volunteers. She is pictured with Mary Miller, right, outgoing president, having served a two-year term. Other newly elected officers include, not pictured, Troy Windom, president-elect, and Patsy Blakely, secretary.

as way out there for many of us, but not today. Cliff's "what ifs" are coming true. The farm boy's predictions are becoming more understandable.

Back in 1978 when he discussed using ethanol to run an old farm truck, he never realized that we would today be involved in a biofuels effort in this state that could bring worldwide attention to Tennessee. Just recently, the Tennessee Biofuels Initiative, which was

and the University of Tennessee (UT) Research Foundation, through its Genera Energy LLC, announcing a partnership to construct an innovative pilot-scale biorefinery and state-of-the-art research and development facility for cellulosic ethanol in Vonore, Tenn. The project will utilize UT's world-class expertise in cellulosic feedstock production and co-product research, as well as its work with Tennessee farmers to develop the first dedicated cellulosic energy crop supply chain for cellulosic biorefineries utilizing switchgrass. The Tennessee Biofuels Initiative is a farm-to-fuel business plan developed by UT Institute of Agriculture researchers that models a biofuels industry capable of supplementing 30 percent of Tennessee's current petroleum consumption. This is just another example of energy problems being solved by agriculture. Using a feedstock to produce a fuel will take farmers and we have some of the best.

Dr. Ricketts is now working on a project to drive from one end of Tennessee to the other using nothing but sun and water. What a concept! I have no doubt he will do it. If only folks had listened to him in 1978.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Halls Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Monday, August 18, at The Halls City Hall to receive comments and vote on a request by Ms. Tanya Tucker to grant a special exception to allow sale of retail merchandise from her residence. The residence is located at 408 Ann Street in an R-1 low density residential district.

Obituaries

'Tina' Phillips

Mary "Tina" Phillips, 60, of Union City, sister of Danny, Larry, and Roy Phillips, and Wanda Jones, all of Halls, died July 25th.

Rites were Monday of last week in David's Chapel Baptist Church, near Hickman, Ky., with burial in New Haven Cemetery.

She was born at Ridgely, July 27, 1947, to Mary Alice Faulkner Pruitt and the late Joey Love Pruitt.

Formerly employed by Thomas Lighting, she was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Union City.

Survivors include, besides her mother, her husband, William Russell Phillips, whom she married July 27, 2007; sons, Jason and Larry Bizzle, a daughter, Sue Ann (Mrs. Jackie) Krietman, a brother, Donald Pruitt, and a sister, Judy Walker, all of Dyersburg; another brother, Tommy Pruitt, of Martin; other sisters, Frances Wagner, of Memphis, and Shirley Harris, of Mayfield, Ky.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Washington

Katherine Washington, 50, of Halls, wife of Samuel Washington, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in the Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ in Halls, with burial in the cemetery of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Brownsville, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include her father, Johnnie Tyus, and her step-mother, Vernerdean Thompson Tyus, of Ripley; daughters, Jessica Tyus, of Halls, and Stephanie Tyus, of Paducah, Ky., brothers, Eldred Tyus, of Gates, James and Michael Tyus, of Halls, Vincent Tyus, of Ripley, Anderson Tyus and Freddy Holloway, of Brownsville, Alfonso, Donald, and Eddie Tyus, of Maury City, and John Tyus, of Nashville; sisters, Dorothy Parr, of Halls, Barbara Sloane, of Brownsville, and Sylvia Terrell, of Memphis;

Lamented



Ronald Allen Cochran, 61, of Memphis, construction worker for 22 years, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, R. A., Jr., of Memphis, and Dewayne Allen Cochran, of Dyersburg; daughters, Cindy Marie Haynes, of Horn Lake, Miss., and Jessica Maxine Cochran, of Muskegon, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

Juarl Jackson

Juarl S. Jackson, 62, of Halls, a homemaker, died Sunday at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center in Dyersburg.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, August 9th, at Antioch Curve Missionary Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She leaves her son, Michael Shannon, a daughter, Alicia Waters, sisters, Helen Williams, Joann Jackson and Alice Fisk, all of Halls; another son, Anthony Jackson, of Lexington; other daughters, Tammy Gooch and Shirley Deberry, and another sister, Martha Halliburton, all of Ripley; two other daughters, Diane Currie and Ella Mae Ricks, of Dyersburg; brothers, Leo Spivey, of Michigan, Larry Spivey, of Jackson, and R. B. Spivey, of Philadelphia, Miss.; another sister, Sular Jones, of Chicago, Ill.; 22 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

step-brothers, Austin Thompson, Jr., of Ripley, and Vernon Thompson, of Nashville; a step-sister, Vera Thompson Johnson, of Savannah, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Blackwell

Harold W. Blackwell, 82, of Cuba, Mo., formerly of Halls, died July 14th after several weeks in St. Joseph Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Services were held July 18th in Hutson Funeral Home in Cuba, with burial in Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Sullivan, Mo., with full military honors.

Born April 20, 1926 in Halls, he was a member of the United States Navy and served during World War II.

After the service, he worked as an offset printer and most recently at Betz Printing in Sullivan, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Olene Gilliland Blackwell; and a brother, Wilbur W. Blackwell, of Midwest City, Okla.

Idell Jordan

Idell Jordan, 94, of 78 Barry White Lane, Ripley, died Tuesday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were set at 10 a.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Battle Creek, Mich.

She was the widow of William Jordan.

Survivors include nephews, Jim and Ted Scott, of Ripley, and a niece, Mable (Mrs. Richard) Kail, of Maury City.

Mary Sue Cooper

Mary Sue Cooper, 87, of Ripley, retired nursing home aide, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were held Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Lightfoot Cemetery.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Widow of McKinley Cooper, she leaves a son, Calvin McKinley Cooper, and a daughter, Janie Hemby, of Henning; other daughters, Lillian Sylvester and Patricia Turner, of Ripley, and Faye Witt, of Bartlett; a sister, Dell Meter, of Newburgh, Ind.; 17 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Peter Roseboom

Peter Gerald Roseboom, 71, of Covington, an aircraft mechanic, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

Graveside services are set for 1 p.m. Thursday, August 7th, in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

The widower of Jettie Ann Roseboom, he was an Air Force veteran.

He leaves daughters, Sandra Mallard, Joyce Whaley and Linda Littles, all of Covington, Carol Cornell and Lora Clements, both of Ocala, Fla., and Nancy Leach, of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Gare Roseboom, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a sister, Thelma Williams, of Kentucky; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arthur Jones

Arthur Jones, Jr., 46, of Ripley, employed by S-R of Tennessee, died Wednesday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Bethel Missionary Baptist Church west of Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Maben Jones, sons, Chauncey and Travis Jones, his mother, Lessie M. Jones, a brother, Ollie B. Ricks, and sisters, Angela Jones and Mosella Winbush, all of Ripley; another brother, Bobby Jones, of Norfolk, Va.; another sister, Joyce Ann Jones, of Atlanta, Ga.; and five grandchildren.

Virginia Vaughan

Virginia Pearl Vaughan, 87, widow of Vellum P. Vaughan, died Thursday of last week in Spring Gate Rehabilitation in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Woodville Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Gary, of Bartlett, Jerry, of Cordova, Ted, of Eads, and Ronny, of Rochelle,

Charles Nelson

Charles Edward Nelson, 40, of 183 Bondurant, Ripley, a carpenter, died July 25th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

He was born at Dyersburg, to David Lynn and Patricia Louise Hartsfield Nelson.

Other survivors include his wife, Cassie Burton Nelson; a companion, Lori Jackson, and her children, Blake and Chelsea Anderson; a son, Christopher Nelson, and a daughter, Chelsea Nelson, of Many, La.; a brother, David Wayne Nelson, of Ripley; and sisters, Sherry Sauber, of Jefferson, Ga., and Tabatha Gwaltney, of Minerva, Ohio.

Wm. D. Reed

William Dwight Reed, 56, of Dyersburg, brother of Marilyn Broglin, of 1951 Double Bridges-Unionville Rd., west of Halls, died Saturday in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

He was the son of the late Joe Marvin Reed and the late Martha Sue Reed.

He had worked for Dyersburg Fabrics.

A member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, he had been a player, umpire, coach, and president of the Dyersburg Men's Softball League.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; a son, William Brian Reed, and a sister, Kay Norville, of Dyersburg; brothers, Sammy, of Finley, and Ricky, of Houston, Tex.; and another sister, Cuba Patterson, of Long Beach, Calif.

Ga.; brothers, Neal Blankenship, of Bartlett, and Howard Blankenship, of Coldwater, Miss., and a sister, Rosalee Lyles, of Union City.

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of a free society.
-Felix Frankfurter

Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. BOBBY NELSON, of Ripley, were honored with a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration July 19th in the activities building of Hutcherson Chapel. The event was hosted by their children, Elizabeth "Lulu" Latham, and Rick and Jeff Nelson, all of Ripley, Stephanie Davis, of Gates, and Debbie Harris, of Halls, and Barbara's sister, Patsy Cato, of Bernie, Mo.

Bobby and Barbara were married July 19, 1958 by the late Rev. Hilton Grimes.

Guests were served food, cake and beverages.

Anniversaries

Aug. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Carmack, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Mays.

Aug. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Prater, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Montell Maners.

Aug. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn King.

Aug. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Aug. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fullen, Mr. and Mrs.

Marriages

July 21 - Jon Adam Lackey, 32, to Melissa Dawn Goforth Edwards, 33, by Don Medford.

July 25 - Darius Marke Williams, 29, to Lisa Denise Polk, 31, by Xavier Lawrence Andrews.

July 31 - William Clark Aperson Jr., 42, to Paramjit Jit Sandhu, 41, by Janice Craig.

Aug 1 - Berry Andrew Garner, Jr., 41, to Tracey Marie Tucker, 40, by Rod Schuh.

John Austin.

Aug. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ammons, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Herron.

Birthdays

Aug. 7 - Lydia Light, Johna Summar, Andrew Hutt, Kristen Deaton, Clayton Ward, Virl Ward, Lucille Burrough, Billy Chapman, William Tyler Duvall, Jane Wiley, Matthew Hayles, Josh Brandon, Tanzy Henson, Bonny Martin, Jara Keskesa, Nyrita Alston.

Aug. 8 - Kynlee Reynolds, Verna Gay, Ashleigh Douglas, Paul Merando, Jr., Billy Wright, Donna E. Moore, Billy Brasch, Ann Pennington, Maurine Childress, Malissa Vincent, Sarah Beth Cates, Andy Pugh, Paige Castellaw, Ave Hall Leary, Dr. Matt Hoffman, Jason Danley, Sue Ladwig, James Geary, Daxton Garrett, Dennis Lee, John Alston.

Aug. 9 - Jamie Box, Kate Harris, Peggy Criner, Kimberly McCoy, Beth Ables, Edward Greaves, Jeff Taylor, Bengy Cherry, Heather Wyrick, Joel Krafur, Kimberly Kelly, Brianna Belton, Claudia Starks.

Aug. 10 - Jennifer Kent, Phillip Brown, Charles Zachary, Ron Durham, Andrea Younger, Vicki Foster, Matthew Buffalo, Robert Williams, Megan Taylor, Amy Barnett, Jordan Medford, Norfleet Anthony III, Mary Kelly, Stephanie Haynes, Joseph Bendzus, Darrin Hamlin, Jerry Crain, Trevon Anderson, Crystal Elmore.

Aug. 11 - Marilyn Hines, Emmanuel Carney, Daniel Walker, Kim Hawks, Mercedes Nicole Clark, Beverly Burns, Beatrice Webb, Fred Cotton, Dorothy Curran, Hannah Calender, Kelly Stangel, Lena Hoppers, Zachary Hutcherson, Haley Burks, Phillip Brown, Lena Coughlan, Montelle Parsons, Karen Crumpler, Derek Andrews, Leah Rhodes.

Aug. 12 - Shelby Woodard, Jana Harris, John W. Ballard, Abby Sheriff, Diane Maness, Amy Burns, Andy McBroom, Donne E. Davis, Jennifer Cates, Mary Jo Crihfield, Bradley Allen Younger, Reba Olds Crowder, Marchello White-low, Tim Myrick, Jan Moore, Frances Castleman, Thelma Morris, Marty McCalla, Tina

Newborn



BAILEE BROOK STEPHENS, 8 lb. 7 oz. daughter of Jessica Stephens, of Ripley, and Wesley Hefflin, of Halls, was born July 1st in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. Measuring 21-1/2 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Sandra Billings and Micheal Stephens, both of Ripley, and Dorothy and Tom Sanders, of Halls, and the great-granddaughter of James Prater, Martha Hollis, and William and Dorothy Stephens, all of Ripley.

Edwards, Asfaw Keskesa, Melinda Hutcherson.

Aug. 13 - Tracy Douglas, Caley Lane, Melissa Barham,

Land Transfers

Aug. 3th - Aug. 9th

Richard Douglas to Johnny Littles, Dist. 6, 2 tracts.

Bernard Foster to Dennis S. Strayhorn, Dist. 17, lot.

Lesley L. Olds to Angela Scallions, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

William T. Beasley to Kacee Parks McCalla, Dist. 4, lots 65 and 66.

Johnny W. Crowder and Stephanie W. Crowder to Larry T. Pegg and Betty W. Pegg, Dist. 2, lot 16 and 17.

Frederick Steven Clark and Lawanda Clark to Charles P. Reyna Sr. and Pamela K. Reyna, lot.

Virginia Rose Stewart Walker to Rozalyn M. Blakley, Dist. 7, tract.

Lauren M. Shoaf Sr. to Nathan Bedford Forrest Shoaf, TR, Lauren M. Shoaf Sr., TR, Elizabeth Shoaf Burns, TR, and Nathan Bedford Forrest Shoaf TR, Dist. 5, 1024.6 acres.

Dan Douglas and Tracy Douglas to Brian Pepper and Danielle Pepper, Dist. 2, 2.90 acres.

Eleanor Nunn, Kyle Steelman, Billy Brewer, Amber Durham, Pat Turner, Frances Baker, Lucy Harrison, Leigh Grugett, Kay Beshears.

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Leadership Training



MEMBERS of the Halls High School Future Farmers of America spent the week of July 7th through 11th at Camp Clements Leadership Training camp. They participated in classes to improve their leadership ability and played in many different competitions throughout the week. The students were able to make friends with other FFA members throughout the state.

Educators Named At County Schools

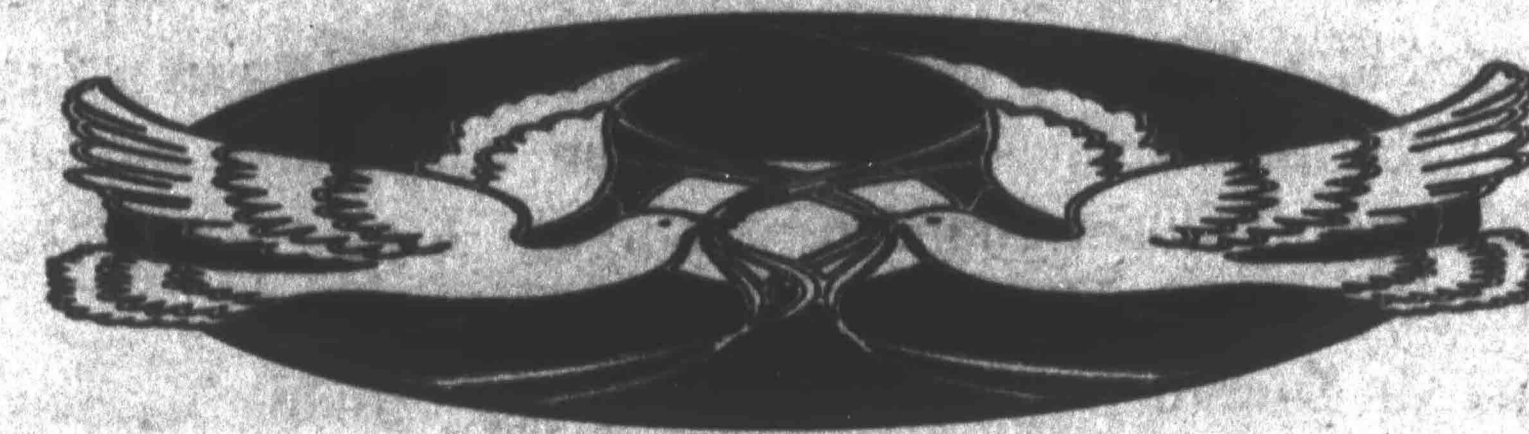
Teachers and staff members employed by the Lauderdale County Board of Education include Mrs. Daphne Barbee, Douglas Crowder, Mrs. Jackie Jones, Vicky Lake, Martin Okoth, And Mrs. Janie Sweat at the Alternative School; Mrs. Becky Burks and Mrs. Melinda Pilcher, county-wide; Mrs. Phillis Barlow, Mrs. Kerri Carmack, Mrs. Samantha Culver, Mrs. Memory Gaines, Phillip Jackson, Shawn Kimble, Mrs. Harriet Shelby, Sue Toles, and John Sammons, district office; Mrs. Barbara Anderson, Mrs. Janet Baker, Mrs. Norma Booker, Mrs. Tina Boucher, Mrs. Caryn Bradford, Mrs. Martha Britt, Mrs. Kay Burnham, Mrs. Mandy Bushart, Andy Campbell, Marsha Capps, Pat Carmack, Mrs. Jenny Clark, Mrs. Donna Dabbs, Mrs. Abby Danehower, Richard Dawson, Mrs. Tabatha DePriest, Jennifer Duke, Mrs. Jennifer Durham, Leanne Harris Dyson, Mrs. Marion Elder, Kari Escue, Mrs. Vicki Foster, Mrs. Amanda Gaines, Mrs. Angela Garcia, Mrs. Holly Gay, Mrs. Pamela Green, Mrs. Kay Hansford, Mrs. Lee Ann Harrison, Mrs. Pam Holland, Robert Huffstutter, Heather Lovelace Hunt,

Mrs. Alexis Hurt, Mrs. Tonya Jacobs, Mrs. Cyndi Jones, Mrs. Donna Keel, Mrs. Beth Keen, Bill Kelly, Kelly Lucas, Mrs. Kelly McCannless, Mrs. Beth Meeks, Mrs. Melissa Meeks, Mrs. Jill Messer, Mrs. Allison Moore, Mrs. Shelley Murphy, Mrs. Tammy Nelson, Mrs. Cindy Newman, Mrs. Tamara Patrick, Mrs. Amanda Phillips, Mrs. Janet Rasp, Mrs. Cindy Ream, Mrs. Donna Reaves, Angela Sanders, Mrs. Christie Crews Sherron, Mrs. Amy Smith, Mrs. Kelia Smith, Mrs. Tracie Taylor, Kristen Thromorton, and Mrs. Kim Webb, Halls Elementary School; Mrs. Kay Baker, Mrs. Paula Bales, Chris Butner, Mrs. Amy Cates, Jimmy Clendenin, Joe Clendenin, Mrs. Mary Jo Crihfield, Chad Davis, Mrs. Molly Escue, Mrs. Missy Hammond, Mrs. Renee Harber, Mrs. Nancy Hart, Mrs. Mindi Hearn, Chris Hurt, Winston Jarrett, Joni Ketchum, Stephen Korpi, Mrs. Cynthia Lacy-Janes, Mrs. Amanda Lane, Jimmy Meeks, Phil Meeks, Josh Meyer, Mrs. Rebecca Milam, Teresa Mills, Andy Pugh, Mrs. Donna Smith, Jason Stewart, Mrs. Gara Strong, Joey Tette-ton, Mrs. Sandra Whiteside, and Mrs. Windy Willette, Halls High School; Mrs. Jennifer Jordan, Halls High and Ripley High

Schools; Michael Blackwood, Paul Climer, Mrs. Jean Criner, Mrs. Andrea Gibson, Paul Henderson, Mrs. Cathy Jarrett, Mrs. Jennifer Kent, Ned Lewis, Mrs. Jennifer Smith, Matt Spraker, John Terry, Mrs. Janene Tidwell, Darren Tritt, Halls Junior High School; Mrs. Cindy Anderson, Doug Billings, Gregory Billings, Mrs. Paula Brill, Mrs. Grace Caldwell, Danny Cates, Mrs. Ann Chipman, Mrs. Lynda Cliff, Mrs. Kathy Cox, Kathy Davis, Mrs. Tammy Donaldson, Mrs. Leigh Douglas, Lynn Ferrell, Roger Fett, Mrs. Christy Flores, Catherine Glover, Juanita Halfacre, Mrs. Lori Halliburton, Mrs. Melissa Harper, Mrs. Jana Harris, Mrs. Susanna Hathcock, Mrs. Angela Herron, J. R. Kirby, Mrs. Dianne Lane, Mrs. Vicky Lankford, Steve Littlejohn, Mrs. Martha Locke, Brad McGee, Karl McGowan, Jr., Trevia McPherson, Don Meacham, Mrs. Elaine Neal, Karen Norfolk, Mrs. Cindy Parham, Theresa Pennington, Mrs. Tammy Pipkin, Christy Rentschler, Misty Reynolds, Mrs. Lisa Scott, Michael Shirley, Mrs. Brenda Simmons, Leah Simpson, Dawn Spangler, Mrs. Nancy Strantz, Dennis Strayhorn, Christy Tate, Mrs. Teresa Taylor, Mrs. Brenda Tillman, Jimmy Turnbow, Mrs. Debra Tyus, Barbara Vawter, Debra

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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.

Truth and Faith Baptist Church, 170 Oakhill Subdivision, Ripley, will present the Seven Bowl Program, featuring seven dynamic speakers at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 31st. The Rev. C. J. Peat, pastor, invites the public.

Curve Baptist Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly August 10th through 13th with Patrick McGill delivering the message. Eric Smith, pastor, invites the public.

The Durhamville Baptist Church will hold homecoming services beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 3rd with The Finchers providing musical selections. Bro. Jackie Fincher will deliver the morning message and lunch will be served afterwards. Bro. J. B. Haynes, pastor, invites the public.

Faith United Methodist Church, 8301 Hwy. 87 W., Henning, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly August 10th through 13th with Harrell Nation, Jr., as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Cemetery Rd., near Henning, formerly at Lightfoot, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Monday, August 4th through August 8th with The Rev. William Jarrett, of St. Mark Baptist Church, Henning, as guest evangelist. Several choirs have been invited including New Bethel Church, Antioch, of Curve, Henning Grove, Mt. Pleasant, of Gates, Antioch, of Covington, and St. Mark, of Henning. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold its Westock 2008 Youth Event from 3 to 10 p.m. August 9th. Any students are invited to participate. Families are also invited to attend and bring lawn chairs.

Asbury United Methodist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. August 2nd featuring The AG Singers and Shane Hout, contemporary Christian vocalist and guitarist. The public is invited.

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

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

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OLIVIA MADDOX, 15, daughter of Roslyn Brown, formerly of Halls, played in the 15 and under AAU National Championship game in Cincinnati, Ohio July 15th. Olivia plays high school basketball at Millington Central High School in Millington.

GARDENING

This 'n That gardening is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, August 21st, at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St. in Halls. You are encouraged to bring your garden photos and stories, unusual planting containers and plants to exchange.

BENEFIT CONCERT

The Town of Halls will host a benefit concert from 6 until 9:30 p.m. Saturday, August 9th, at the Halls Community Center for the new Activity Center in Kevan Ward Park. The Peacemakers, a group of Memphis Police officers, will sing R & B, patriotic and gospel music.

For more information, call 836-9653.

Donation Presented



JAMES SMITH, left, Halls-Gates Rotary president, presented Mayor Trent McManus with a check for \$573 for use with the Town of Halls Parks programs. The check is the net proceeds from the recycle bin located on Front Street in Halls. The idea to have a recycle bin for citizens to deposit aluminum cans, plastics (except foam) and paper and cardboard was presented by Rotarian Shea Harris during the previous Rotary year. All proceeds will continue to go to the town for their parks programs.

Rotary Guest Speaker



TONYA WATSON, center, team coordinator, was the guest speaker August 4th at the meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club at Miss Evies' in Gates. She was the guest of Rotarian Trent McManus, right. She spoke to Rotarians about Multiple Response System based on Legislation HB 447 for the Department of Children's Services to implement a "Multiple Response System" to coordinate services and offer an opportunity to expand the safety of children within the Child Protection System. This idea utilizes community resources by networking with community stakeholders to develop and connect with available resources. Local stakeholders actually drive the program with the Department of Children's Services aiding and helping throughout the process. Mayors from the county and towns are all involved. Individuals, families and organizations are all invited to participate. Club president, James Smith, left, is pictured with Tonia and Trent.

Yesteryear

Civil War Lingered in Lauderdale Courts

Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant may have fashioned some kind of peace at Appomattox Court House in April of 1865, but the woes of war remained in Lauderdale County for years longer. The case of the U.S. Army Mule which was presented last week is but one example; it dragged through the courts for seven years.

Arthur Deloach killed Nicholas Reynolds some time before December of 1864. Deloach, a Confederate soldier, may have been a conscriptor for Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, responsible for roosting out unenthusiastic Southern men and pressing them into the service of the Confederacy near the end of the War. Nicholas Reynolds was a Yankee sympathizer according to the testimony of Elizabeth (Mrs. Wiley) Sasser, one of his near neighbors. She said he had made threats against the life of Deloach and tried to get Wiley Sasser to go with Tom Reynolds to Fort Pillow to get the Yankees to come "to run the guerillas out to keep them from conscripting the boys."

At the various hearings from March 1865 to July 1867 witnesses subpoenaed to testify for Deloach included William Chipman, Howell Miller, R. J. Carpenter, Thomas Manning, A. H. Fisher, Thomas Fisher, J. M. Pennington, George Chipman, Sr. and Jr., B. M. Flippen, J. Sid Smith, Tom Gravet, Mitchell Johnston, Mrs. John Bradford, Ben Kirby, Elizabeth and Wiley Sasser, Riley Chipman, William Childress, Jo Scallions, William Lunsford, William Conner, E. Fisher, J. A. Campbell, John Hafford, Sr., William H. Caldwell, J. A. Lackey, L. S. Maclin, and J. L. Hearing. Surviving documents for the State of Tennessee vs Arthur Deloach do not indicate the outcome of the trial, but with such a sterling list of witnesses "exonerated" could be a good guess.

Confederate money created problems as we learned in the case of James L. Brandon vs. William T. Rountree which was tried in July of 1867. James L. Brandon, who lived just across the line in Dyer County, was a farmer in his 30's when in 1859 he loaned \$100 in gold to William T. Rountree, an apparently successful Double Bridges merchant. (Elifus Misskelley testified that he knew the loan was in 1859 for he had married the previous December and he and his wife lived with Brandon when the loan was made.)

It was the second such loan Brandon had made to Rountree, and the two drew up a promissory note for \$200. In 1862 Rountree paid off the note with Confederate money, and, according to the testimony of Lucy Ann Rodgers, told Brandon that if he could not use Confederate money he would take it back. Mrs. Mary A. Parker testified that she had tried to get change at Rountree's store for a \$20 Confederate bill, but he did not want to change it; on cross-examination she conceded that his refusal could have been because it was such a large bill.

Brandon recovered judgment in his 1867 suit in Circuit Court, but Rountree either wouldn't or couldn't pay the amount, for in July of 1868 Mrs. Josephine O. Pillow, the sister of Rountree's wife, was issued a garnishment for \$150

that she possibly owed to Rountree. She denied owing him anything. Witnesses in addition to Mrs. Parker, Lucy Rodgers, and Elifus Misskelley, were J. M. McCaleb, Thomas Ferguson, William Brandon, Jo H. Watson, John V. Moore, and Mr. Soward. The 1870 census lists William T. Rountree and his family in Ripley where he was the constable.

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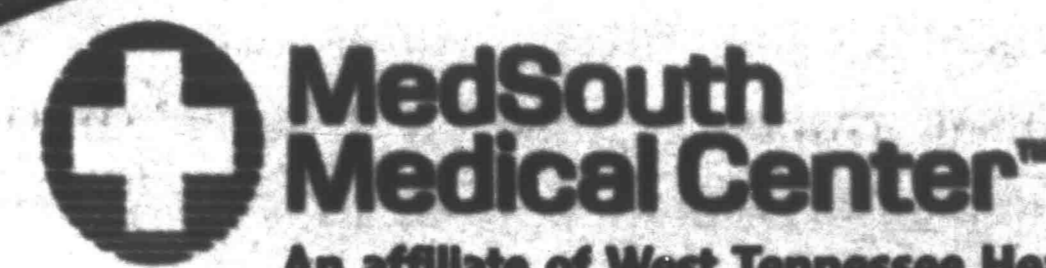
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County Voters Not With Victor: Tuke

In the Democratic primary which closed Thursday of last week, Robert D. Tuke, Nashville attorney, was nominated to oppose, in November, the re-election of Republican U. S. Senator Lamar Alexander.

But he did it without winning Lauderdale County:

	County	State
Robert D. Tuke	98	58,990
Gary G. Davis	136	39,122
W. M. Padgett	53	33,453
Mark E. Clayton	97	32,294
Kenneth Eaton	44	14,689
Leonard D. Ladner	16	4,696

In the Republican primary, Sen. Alexander was unopposed.

For the U.S. House 8th Dist. seat, incumbent John Tanner, of Union City, was un-opposed.

State Legislators Solid

For the state Senate 32nd Dist. seat, incumbent Mark Norris, of Germantown, was un-opposed.

For the state House 82nd Dist. seat, incumbent Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, led Brian S. Black, with 1,565 votes to 241 (Lauderdale County, 625-56, Dyer County, 571-95, Crockett County, 369-90).

County Offices Filled

In the general election, Jerry Buckner was elected assessor of property, without opposition.

Tommy Ray Sanders was elected County Commissioner for Dist. 4, with

105 votes to 20 for Ben Mosby.

Austin Thompson, Jr., was elected to the Board of Education for Dist. 4, without opposition.

Cynthia H. Glenn was elected to the Board for Dist. 2, with 142 votes to 39 for Sammy Grantland.

Bill Hendren was elected to the Board for Dist. 6, with 161 votes to 31 for Kevin Gunn.

Robert Harris was elected for Dist. 8, with 195 votes to nine for Christopher Moeller.

2 Constables Write-Ins

Ron Ruff was elected constable for Dist. 5, on one write-in vote, the only vote cast for the post.

Dan Holland was elected constable for Dist. 1, with five write-in votes, the only votes cast for the post.

Elected constables without opposition were—

David Richmond, Dist. 2.

Delene Spray, Dist. 3.

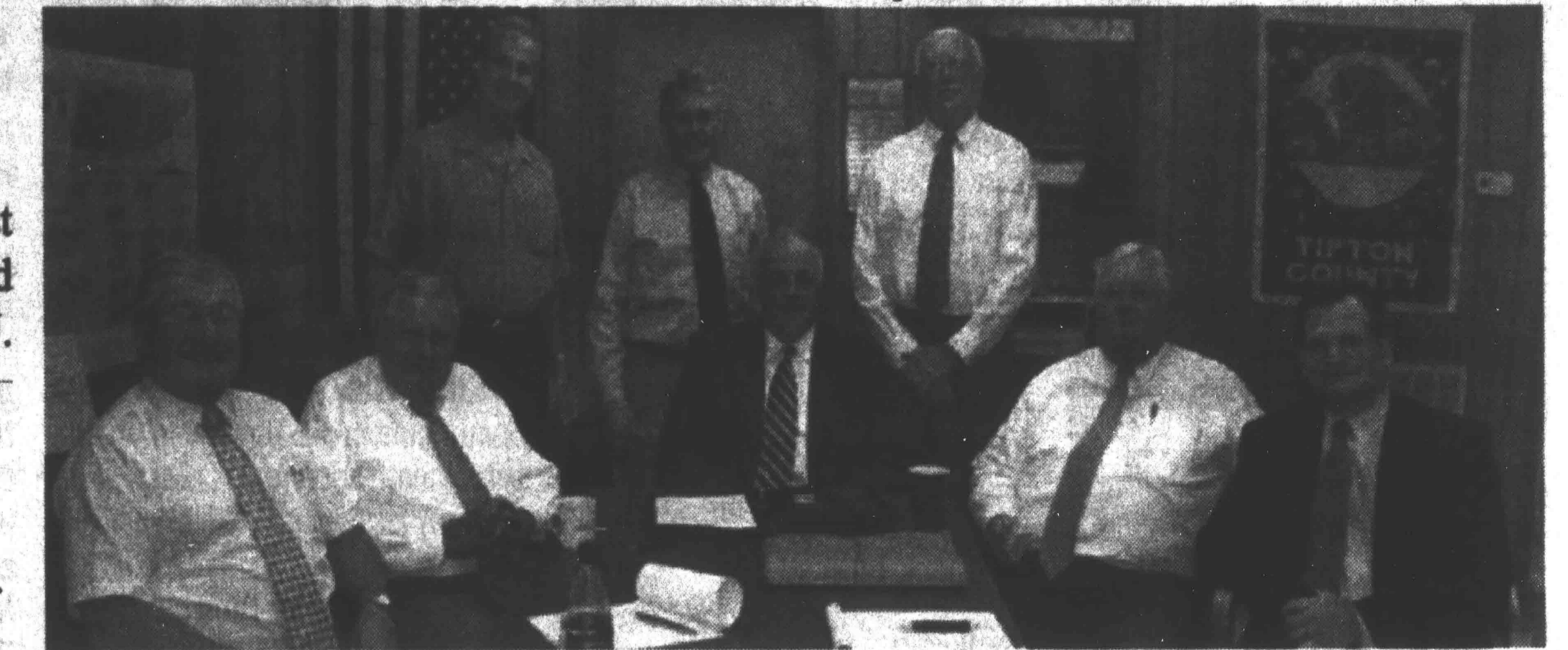
Cecil Crowder, Dist. 4.

Tommy Hodge, Dist. 6.

James Fitzhugh, Dist. 8.

Elected in Dist. 7 was Jan Patton Moore, with 64 votes versus three write-ins.

Forming Partnership For Growth



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MEMBERS of The Southwest Community Development Authority, listed with their governing entities, include, seated, from left, Rod Schuh (Lauderdale County), Webb Banks (Brownsville), Jeff Huffman (Tipton County) Duke Brasfield (attorney for Tipton county) and CEO Duane Lavery, and standing, Jon Pavletic (Ripley), Franklin Smith (Haywood County), and David Gordon (Covington) met Tuesday of last week in Covington. Mayor Schuh stated this was a three county economic development opportunity. "We have hired an industrial specialist, Duane Lavery, of Texas, Continue on page 8.

Forked Deer 2008 Citizen Reports Annual Meeting Internet Fraud

The Forked Deer Electric Cooperative 2008 annual meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, August 16th, on the grounds of the cooperative. Registration is from 9 a.m. until noon. Each registering member will receive a free gift and will be eligible for the drawing of door prizes held at noon. You must be present to win.

The purpose of the meeting is to report business activities of your cooperative during the past year.

Free entertainment will be provided by Cane Ridge, a blue grass band, and RGM, a gospel group.

Mayor Schuh requested an amendment for his budget to place \$801 back into the reserve funds due to a typographical error in the original budget, which was approved.

Phillip Jackson, superintendent of Lauderdale County Schools, requested a budget amendment to receive monies

Clay Newman, of the Ripley Sheriff's Department, stated that they've received a growing number of reports of internet scams.

A local citizen reported being approached in an internet chat room by a woman asking him to ship packages to Nigeria for her. Large boxes, containing women's designer shoes, tennis shoes, t-shirts, a Dell laptop, and shipping labels, were shipped to the man's house, which he turned over to the Sheriff's Department. The items were reportedly purchased with stolen credit cards by the third party in the chat room and will be sent back to their original distributors for recovery.

The Sheriff's Department reminds anyone to avoid becoming a victim of this or other scams by never giving out social security numbers, credit card numbers, or home mailing address to unknown parties. If anyone has a report, contact the local FBI Field Office at 901-747-4300.

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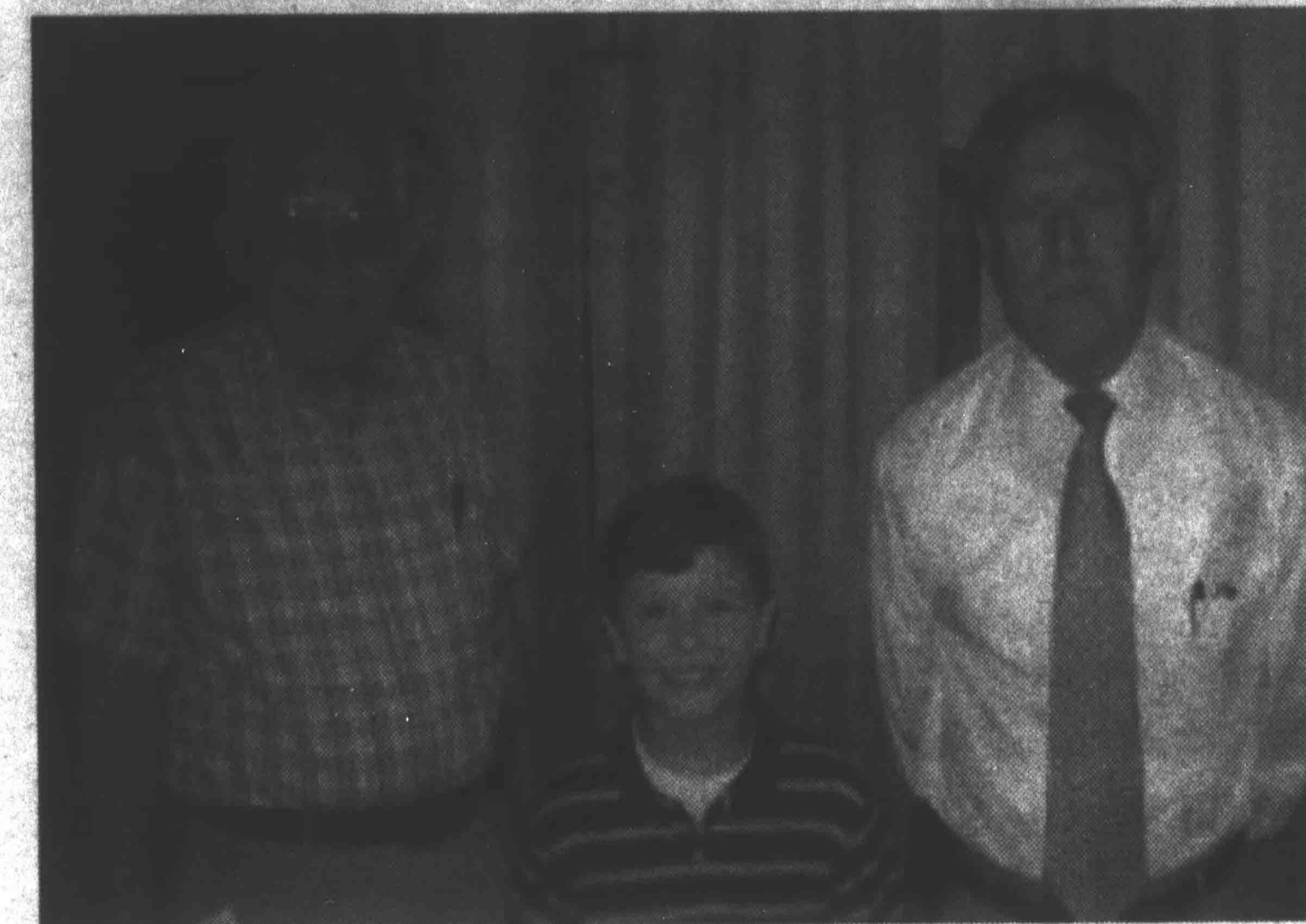
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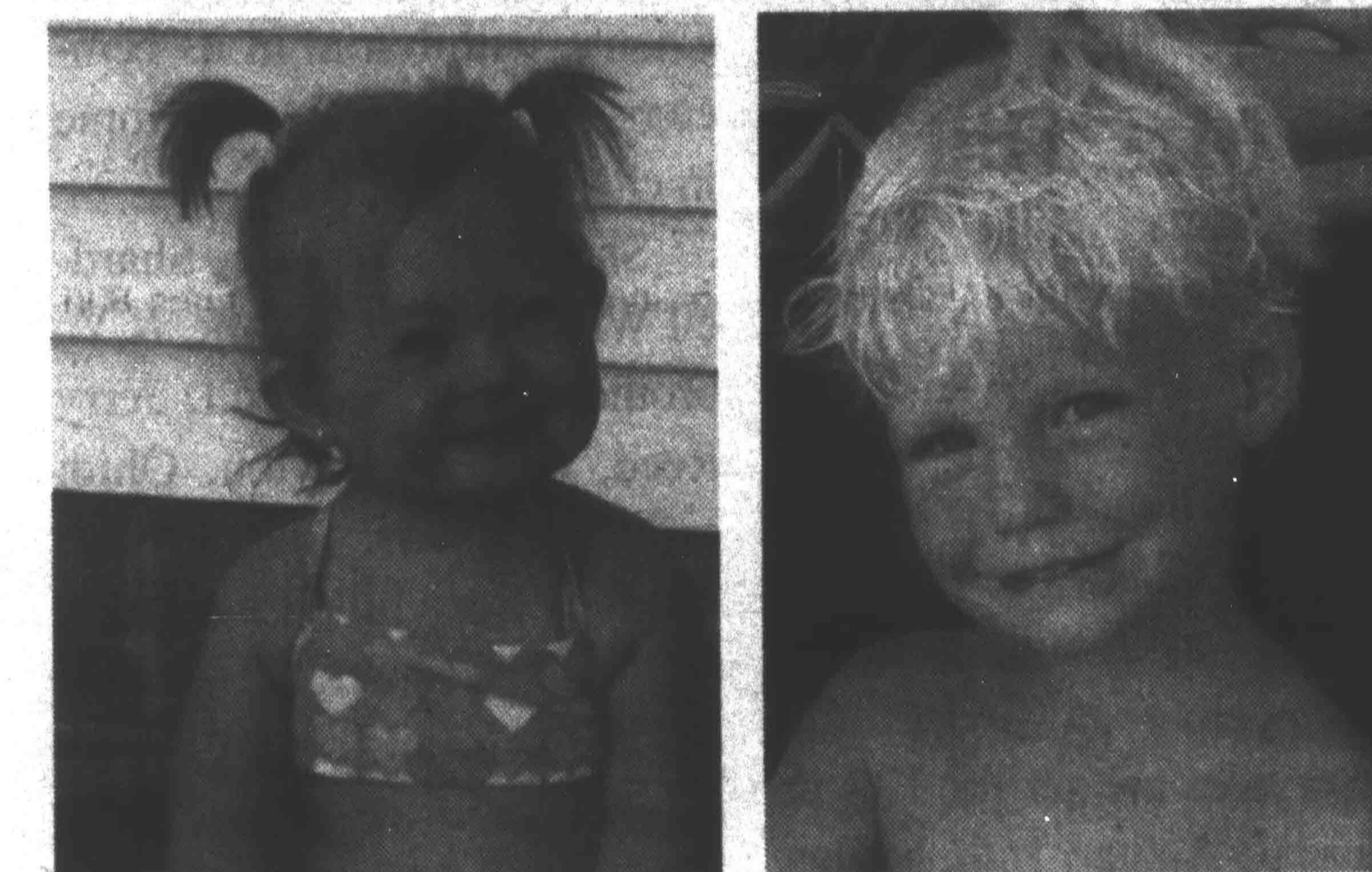
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Halls -Gates Rotary



DAYTON GAY, 8, center, was the guest of Rotarian Leslie Newman, left, during the Monday, August 11th meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. Dayton entertained Rotarians and guest with Southern Gospel singing. Club President, James Smith, right, is pictured with them.

Celebrating Birthdays



LEAH HOPE SCALLIONS, left, daughter of Bill and Heather Scallions, of Gates, and Steelman Woodard, right, son of Greg and Dawn Woodard, of Nankipoo, celebrated their birthdays with a pool party July 26th at the Scallions' home. Guests were served hot dogs, chips and cold drinks. They were also served their choice of birthday cake. Leah, who turned one, had a butterfly cake and "Steel", who turned 4, licked the icing off the four wheelers from his cake.

Birthdays

Aug. 14 - Erin Young, Greg Garrett, Teresa Cannon, Jeanette Trotter, Greg Smith, Jo Ann Campbell, Dorice Bernard, Cathy Stephens, Heath Lenagar, Jana Rose.

Aug. 15 - Jeff Mills, Reba Gilliland, Carolyn McBroom, Riley White, Ann Swims, Mike Warren, Laura Roberson, Joe Carmack, Quentin Lee, Larry Moore, Perry Layne, Wallace Mathis, Christopher Younger, Sr., Sarah Lee Beard.

Amateur Boxing Registration Begins

Registration for Olympic Style Amateur Boxing will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. Monday, September 8th, at Lauderdale County Headstart, located at 142 Nelson St. in Ripley. Training is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Olympic Style Amateur Boxing is a safe sport. Contestants must wear U.S.A. approved head-gear and mouth-piece during sparring and during competition. Boxing is a proven delinquent deterrent that helps build self-confidence and self-esteem. Training and competing stimulates desire, ambition and goal setting for individuals.

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For more information, call Clay Conrad at 731-635-5280 or Heath Conrad at 731-413-0992.

Bountry, Shirley Pilcher, Krissi Miller, Ciara Ammons, Judy Scott.

Aug. 18 - Cordelia Henderson, J. J. Prater, Elsie Jones, Chris Green, Ben Bailey, Shani Lawrence, Donna Moore, JoAnne Lewis, Jennie Tucker, Frank Jackson, Amy Williams, Bill Simpson, Angie Hazlehurst, Erika Box, Kenetin Read.

Aug. 19 - David Young, Kendra Parham, Cathy Kelly, Kathy Steelman, Lauren Bivens, Ron Scott, Bruce Jones, Jessie Lee Craig, Bob Reviere, Noah Blackwood, Pam Rose, Tyrone Muex, Phillip Whittemore.

Aug. 20 - Kaye Jordan, Jay Mashburn, Tony Fragale, Joe McCarthy, Virginia Gaines, Linda Floyd, Johnny Moore, Glenn Ward, Terry Carson, Ginger Lewis, Jacque Kiesler, Marshun Johnson, Katie Hutcherson, Cynthia Hunt, Don Wieber, Ronnie Martin, Shelia Hartsfield.

HHS Baseball Banquet



MEMBERS, of the Halls High School baseball team, in front, from left, Cody Dew, Jacob Clark, and Michael Coley, and in rear, Chris Hardy and Craig Davis, plus, not pictured, Nathan Johnson, were recognized July 8th during the annual award banquet at the Olympic Steak House in Ripley. Coaches Mike Blackwood and Jimmy Clendenin presented awards. Cody received best pitcher and was named to the All District 14-A team; Jacob, best pitcher; Michael, most RBI's (runs batted in), and All District 14-A team; Chris, gold glove infield and All District 14-A team; Craig, highest batting average and most valuable player for the All District 14-A team; and Nathan, gold glove outfield. The three graduating seniors, Cody, Chris, and Nathan, were presented wooden bats to commemorate their four years with the baseball program. Each bat was engraved with their name, number, position and years with the team.

Anniversaries

Aug. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Clay Conrad.

Aug. 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brown.

Aug. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Siquefield, Mr. and Mrs. James Sloan.

Aug. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Judy Sorrell, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dunavant, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott.

Aug. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Bret Carmack, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. William Massengill.

KOONCE REUNION

The descendants of James Franklin Koonce will hold their annual family reunion August 24th at the Halls Community Center with a pot luck luncheon at 12:45 p.m. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for family to share memories and fellowship. All family members are invited.

Marriages

July 17 - Harold Robert Deplante, 51, to Eneidine Bricco Vansach, 54, by Rod Schuh.

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Obituaries

Frances Baker

Frances Luvina Baker, 86, of 105-A Hillcrest Cove, Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She was born at Brownsville, daughter of the late Claude and Ada Mae Hall Dawson.

She had been employed by Universal Electric in Ripley.

She was the widow of William Robert Baker.

Survivors include daughters, Geraldine Sinclair, of Ripley, and Bremon Ann Summar, of Maryville; and 19 grandchildren.

Brian Halliburton

Brian A. Halliburton, 38, of Gates, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in Halls High School, with burial in the cemetery of Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at Gates, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his father, Sammy, of Halls; his mother, Dorothy, of Gates; sons, Antonio and Darion, of Killeen, Tex.; and brothers, Bruce, of Memphis, and Sammy Lee Halliburton, Jr., of Horn Lake, Miss.; and a sister, Rachel Halliburton, of Tunica, Miss.

Guy Yancey

Rites Sunday in Grace Bible Baptist Church, Halls, where he was a member, mourned Guy Wilson Yancey, 87, who died Friday in Ridgely Care.

Burial was in Woodville Cemetery, with Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Barfield, of Oak Lawn, Ill.; a brother, Jerry, and a sister, Inez Hollingsworth, of Newbern; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

H. L. Brown, Postal Clerk



HUGH LEWIS BROWN, 75, retired Ripley Post Office clerk, died Monday, in his home at 923 Williams Switch Road, south of Ripley.

Rites were held Wednesday in the Asbury United Methodist Church, near Ripley, where he was a member. Burial was in its cemetery, with Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He had served in Ripley's unit of the Army Reserve.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Wood Brown; daughters, Carolyn Griggs, of Ripley, and Lesa Puckett, of Halls; a brother, Thomas "Sparky" Brown, of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; sisters, Ann Walker, of Clovis, Calif., and Jane Ackerson and Reba Echeverria, of Hesperia, Calif.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

'Bondy' Lovins

John "Bondy" Lovins, 66, of Dyersburg, brother of Hattie Mae Florence, of 223 Kellar, Ripley, died Aug. 3rd in Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Grace Presbyterian Church in Dyersburg, with burial in Memorial Park in Dyersburg.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, sons, John, Jr., Derry and Rynell Lovins, and Darryl Moore, two daughters, Armetrus Howard and Pamela Reeves, and another sister, Sue Dell Mays, all of Dyersburg; another son, Cedrick Lovins, of Atlanta, Ga.; and a brother, James Moore, of Chicago, Ill.

Mourned



LOUISE MCKEEL, 73, of McMinnville, homemaker and member of Smartt Assembly of God Church, died Saturday, August 9th, at her residence.

Services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 12th, at McMinnville Funeral Home, with burial in the Gardens of Memory.

The widow of The Rev. Paul McKeel, they pastored Whitefield Assembly of God Church from 1955-1959.

Survivors include her daughters, Dianne Sneed, of McMinnville, Melinda Breedlove, of Rock Island, Beverly McKeel, of Salem, Oregon, and Beth Harris, of Dayton; a sister, Ann McFerrin, of Jackson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, to Lazarus House Hospice, or to the Paul E. McKeel Family Life Center, P. O. Box 340, Raven, VA 24639.

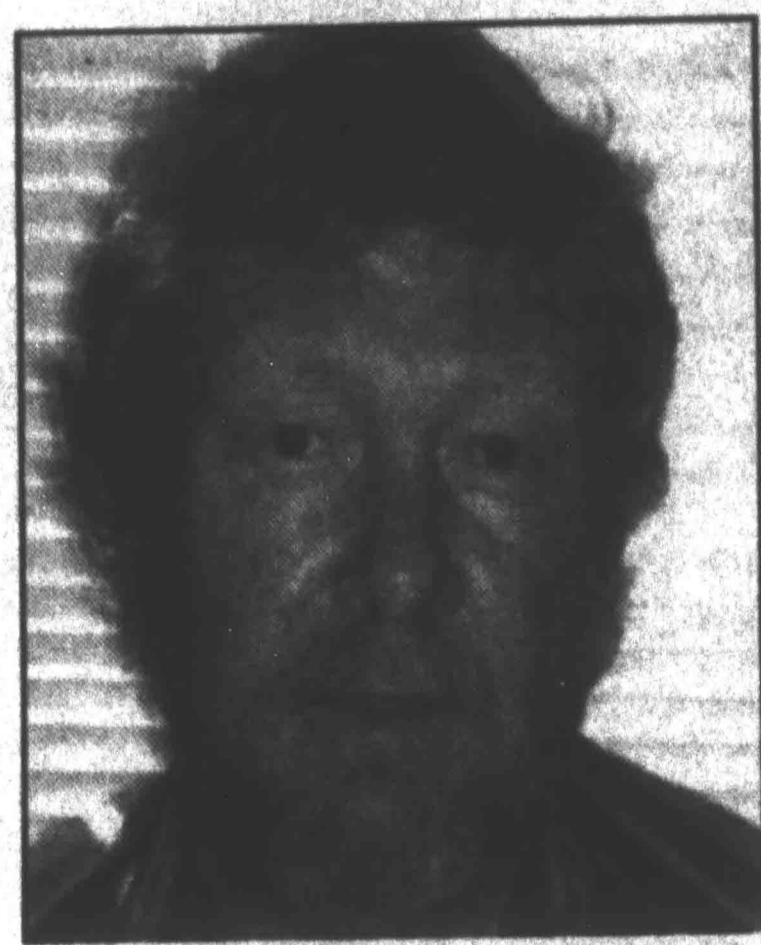
Mrs. Harland

Georgia Mae Harland, 70, of Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Saturday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery at Nut Bush, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves sons, Robert Pirde, Jr., of Ripley, Jerry Holland, of Henning, Charlie Holland, of Union City, and Elton Williams Holland, of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Janice Sawyer and Mary Gaines, of Ripley, Grace Barbee, of Henning, Queen Reed, of Halls, and Tonya Sanders, of Nashville; 38 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

Lamented



Donald Wayne Shipley, 49, of Galloway, a heating and air-conditioning provider, was buried Saturday in Concord Cemetery, near Gates, after rites in Peebles Funeral Chapel in Somerville.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Anne Shipley, two daughters, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Hill

Everleana Hill, 80, of Ripley, a homemaker, sister of Ever Lou Reed, of Henning, and Rosie Mae Lee, Hurtisten Ward and Blondell Demoss, all of Ripley, died Tuesday, August 12th, at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Covington.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, August 16th, at New Hope C.M.E. Baptist Church at

Larry Winfrey

Larry "Peter Rabbit" Winfrey, 59, of Memphis, brother of Lawrence Winfrey, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Saturday in Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a member, with burial in Bell Grove Cemetery at Oakland.

He was the son of the late Charlie and Pearline Stevenson Winfrey.

He had retired from employment with the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

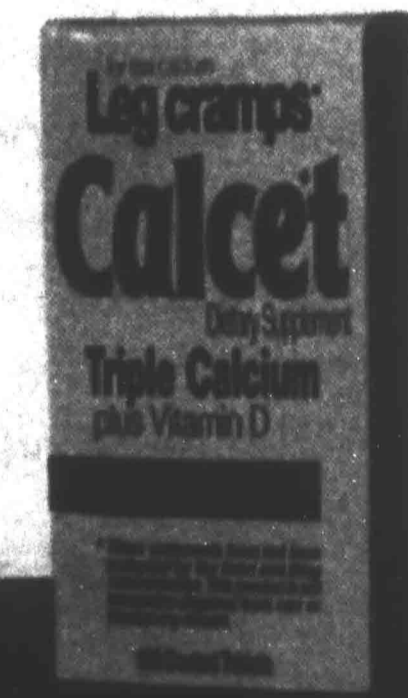
Survivors include his daughters, Gloria and Larrita Winfrey and Ivita Reed, another brother, Leotha, and sisters, Charles Etta Edgington, Debra Pritchard, Geraldine Wainwright, and Shirley Smith, all of Memphis, and seven grandchildren.

Cherry, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her son, Shardell Wilson, of New York, N.Y.; brothers, Garland and Jerry Reed, both of Dayton, Ohio; and other sisters, Lavern Reed, Mortien Berryhill, Eva Flowers, and Geanette Reed, all of Dayton, and Mary Eliza Caldwell, of Louisville, Ky.

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Readers Speak Commission On Aging Activities

Editor:

Your edition of the Halls Graphic of July 10th concerning the 25th annual county Tomato Festival coverage was really excellent, maybe your best yet! However, to me the most heart-warming was the history of the Halls Veterans Museum by Pat Higdon, plus all of the pictures of all the precious friends and acquaintances who served their country during wartime. Just seeing their pictures brought back many precious memories for the 'Good Ol' Days'! I still miss 'em!

Congrats Sonny and Pat for all your hard work.

W. Blackwell
Midwest City, Okla.
formerly of Halls

School Lunches

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

Monday, Aug. 11th

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

Tuesday, Aug. 12th

- Steak Fingers
- Broccoli Bites
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 13th

- Spaghetti
- Green Beans
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Aug. 14th

- Chicken Nuggets
- Whipped Potatoes
- Peaches
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Friday, Aug. 15th

- Corn Dog
- Carrot Sticks w/Dip
- Fruit Sherbet Cup
- Choice Of Milk

Commission On Aging Activities

Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has scheduled activities for Thursday, August 14th, through Tuesday, August 19th.

A stroke awareness program will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 14th, presented by Jolain Banks with HealthSouth.

Vision and glaucoma screenings will be held at 10 a.m. Fri-

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Aug. 11th

- Pizza
- Hamburger
- French Fries
- Sandwich Trimmings Cup
- Seasonal Fruit
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 12th

- Steak Fingers
- Fish Fillet
- Broccoli w/Cheese
- Black Eyed Peas
- Banana
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 13th

- Spaghetti
- Green Beans
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Grapes
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Aug. 14th

- Chicken Nuggets
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Peas
- Peaches
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Friday, Aug. 15th

- Corn Dog
- Deli Wrap
- Corn Nibbles
- Sandwich Trimmings Cup
- Applesauce
- Fruit Sherbet Cup
- Choice Of Milk

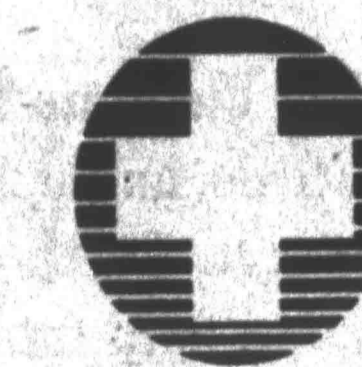
day, August 15th, by Dana Harris with Eye Clinic in recognition of the National Glaucoma Month.

A tour to D.A.A.B. Airport and Veterans' Museum is sched-

uled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 19th, in recognition of National Aviation week. The history of the airbase will be presented by Pat Higdon and

Neil Doolin will do a show and tell with the aircraft in the open hangars at the airport.

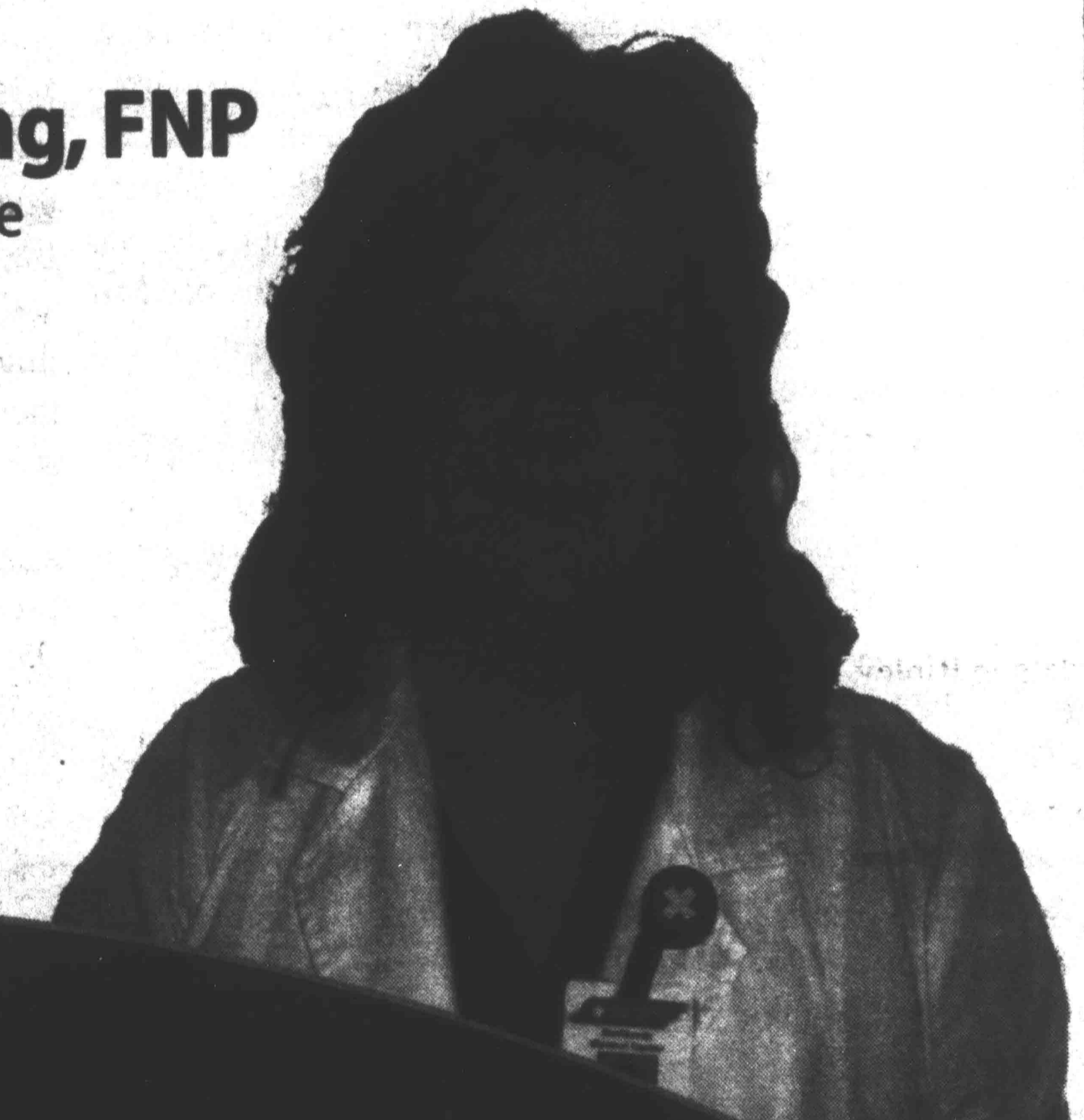
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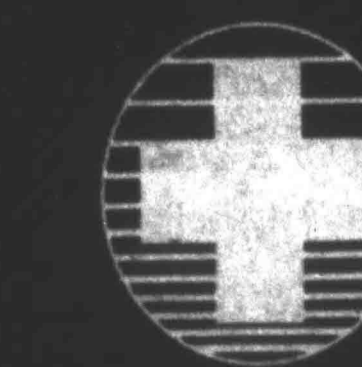
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READ ALL ABOUT IT

By Pettus L. Read

Dog Days Of Summer Started With A Star

It had been a hot one that August night back in the early 60s when Uncle Sid received a phone call at four-thirty in the morning from a neighbor down the road. The old white frame farmhouse that he and Aunt Sadie had shared for a lifetime didn't have all the modern day conveniences that we have today and it was always suspected that during the "dog days of summer" you would have a few nights that were not very pleasant. That night was one of those and Uncle Sid had spent the night turning his pillow on a regular basis to locate the cool side to rest his head on.

There was no air conditioning, no central units and the only way they had to move the hot and humid air around the house was with a GE oscillating fan that had been in the family since their now grown children were babies. With all the windows pushed to the top of their sashes, you could hear the frogs outside croaking in a melody that seemed to make the air even more stagnant. Uncle Sid had even moved down to the foot of the bed to get some air from the open window. The sheets of the bed had felt like they had "come in case" just like tobacco hanging in the barn does before you strip it to sell.

However, around three o'clock, the early morning air had cooled enough for the old man to finally get to sleep. But, with the ringing of the huge black dial phone in the hall, his sleep had been broken and he headed to the phone stand table to answer what he assumed would be bad news.

With a trembling voice he said, "Hello?"

Immediately on the other end of the line Uncle Sid's neighbor Burney Leary spoke with a very loud voice saying, "Your dog has barked all night and I want you to make him stop!"

Now fully awake, Uncle Sid remained totally calm and answered Burney in a low voice, "I'm sorry Burney, thank you for calling and bringing that to my attention. Good bye."

After the call and explaining what all the commotion was about to Aunt Sadie, Uncle Sid went back to bed and slept a fairly restful sleep. But, the next morning at four-thirty he called Burney and when Burney answered in somewhat of a frightened voice, Uncle Sid said, "You know Burney, I don't have a dog. Goodnight."

Much like Uncle Sid and Burney's long hot night confrontation during the summer's "dog days," those hottest and sultry days of summer get a lot of credit for strange things happening. They usually fall in the northern hemisphere between early July and early September, but the actual date is often open for debate. "The Old Farmer's Almanac" sets the date for Dog Days as the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11. It says it coincides with the ancient helical (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius. The ancients believed that the star was the cause for hot and sultry weather. They also believed it was an evil time when dogs grew mad, the seas boiled and man turned feverish.

I'm not to sure when the Dog Star rises around here, but I do know that most folks call the last of July to about the middle of August the Dog Days in Tennessee. It is usually about the hottest time of the year for us and this year seems to be holding true to form. Most dogs during this time become lazy to avoid overheating and man seems to do the same thing. If you work outside, you can become "dog tired" during the Dog Days from the heat. But, you do learn real fast during this time of the year that you

can drive a car with two fingers due to a hot steering wheel and don't put sunglasses on too fast after first getting in a hot car if they have been lying on the dash.

But, there are some good things to do during this hot time of the year. Check out a local Tennessee farm for some great farm raised fresh produce. During the Dog Days there's nothing like a good fresh Tennessee tomato sandwich or honey straight from a farmer's bee stand. It's easy to find a local producer, too. There is now a listing of these farmers through the Tennessee Farm Fresh program that promotes local and fresh products from Tennessee's farmers. Just go to www.tnfarmfresh.com and check out their directory to find a Tennessee farmer near you.

Avoid the Dog Star and stay cool. Dog Days will be over before long and fall is just around the corner. And, so is the time for some good Tennessee cider and sorghum. You can find those through Tennessee Farm Fresh too!

Divorces

Roger Anthony Dale Sanders, Jr. vs. Corey Dawn Sanders.
Freddie J. Howell, Jr., vs. Teresa Ann Howell.

Linda Rose Ferguson vs. John Joel Furgeson.

Diane Floyd Bane vs. Michael Edward Bane.

Kimberly Taylor Howard vs. Alonzo Irvin Howard.

Tommy Lynn Holcomb vs. Stephanie Renee Holcomb.

Larry Thomas Olds vs. Deborah Darlene Olds.

Mary Mariette Crawley vs. Benjamin Franklin Crawley.



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.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located just off Highway 88, between Gates and Maury City, in the Frog Jump community, will hold a gospel singing at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 31st featuring The Anchoemen, Southern Gospel artists. They will have the complete worship service. For more information, call Caren Jordan, 731-656-4306.

A benefit gospel singing will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 16th for Butch and Barbara Eskridge at Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., in Halls. All proceeds will help defray the cost of medical bills. Featured groups include TNT and Faith Crossing, with Dayton Gay, all of Halls, and the Frog Jump Quartet, of Frog Jump. The public is invited.

Grace Baptist Church, 3819 Edith Nankipoo Rd., near Ripley, will hold homecoming services at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 17th with Stan Smith as guest speaker.

Special music will be provided by the Calvary Echoes. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Producers have until August 15th to report and certify spring seeded crops. Crop loans, loan deficiency payments and other future programs' eligibility depend on an accurate and timely crop certification. Producers may file a late certification of acreage, but the producers must pay the applicable fee if they report their crops after August 15th.

Please call 635-7686 for an appointment.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2008, in the City Hall board room. Regular meeting.
Town of Halls

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-3-403 and 13-4-303, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Halls Municipal-Regional Planning Commission at 5 p.m. Monday, September 15, 2008, in the Halls Town Hall. The hearing is to receive public input into proposed amendments to the Halls Municipal Regional Subdivision Regulations by amending provisions Regarding the Definition of Subdivision, The Submission of Preliminary Plats Final Plats, and Minor Subdivision Plats as well as the required certificates for a Minor Subdivision Plat. A full copy of the amendment may be reviewed in the office of the Recorder Halls Municipal Building during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

Yesteryear

A Bad, Bad, Hair Day

Charles Koppe gave James E. Lake a haircut in August of 1869 and they both came to be sorry.

Lake claimed that Koppe induced him to let him trim his hair, saying that he was good at cutting hair and proposing to cut it in a "usual, decent, and becoming manner." Lake let him do it, but instead of Koppe's trimming it as he had promised, he cut off all the hair down to the skin. Lake felt Koppe had done it "with intent to injure and mortify him by holding him up to the public as an object of ridicule." Koppe, Lake said, scarcely left a vestige of hair, "greatly to the damage of (Lake's) health and the injury of his reputation and the mortification of his mind." Only one James Lake appeared in the 1870 census of Lauderdale County; he was in District 3 in the area that would become Henning. If he was the unlucky recipient of Koppe's tonsorial attempt, he was a farmer about 22 years old and single.

A man with a bad hair cut in 1869 would have been unable to hide it with his hat. He couldn't wear his hat in church; in fact, every time he went indoors anywhere he would have been expected to remove it, and every time he met a lady on the street it was his duty to doff it, so Lake sued the pseudo-barber for \$500 damage in the Lauderdale County Circuit Court. The case first came to Court at the November 1869 term, and was heard at the March and September terms of 1870 and the January 1871 term. Wilkinson and Wilkerson represented Lake, and Marley & Steele represented Koppe.

Koppe's defense was that in Lake's declaration he never said he thought Koppe was a professional hair cutter, nor did he show what special damages to his reputation were done, whether his standing in his trade, office, or profession was injured, or "whether the haircut deprived him of marriage." And Lake didn't say in his declaration that he did not direct Koppe to cut his hair off to the skin.

The Court apparently decided Koppe should pay Lake \$25 damages and he was to pay the court costs of about the same amount. He apparently didn't pay Lake, for garnishments were issued to J. W. Byrn, Thomas Steele, J. C. Armstrong, and J. C. Marley, attaching any debt they may owe Charles Koppe, and ordering them to appear at Court at the May 1871 session.

J. W. Byrn and J. C. Armstrong were Koppe's securities in the suit and may have been left holding the bag. On February 9, 1871, they made bond for an appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court on a Writ of Error in the case. The file contains no document showing that the Supreme Court chose to hear it, or if they did, what they decided.

What a lot of trouble over one bad haircut! Koppe and his friends may have had a good chuckle, but it appears that James E. Lake could have had the last loud laugh.

Bettie B. Davis

Land Transfers

August 3rd-August 9th
Louis Craig and W. R. Griggs to Tracy N. Adams and Kevin G. Dolman, Dist. 2, tract.
Elvis Gene Gay, Jr., to William B. Harrell and May Harrell, Dist. 2, 1.0 acre.
Homesales, Inc., to David Rester and Chad Smith, Dist. 2, tract.
Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Richard W. Babin, Dist. 7, tract.
Daniel B. Walker, TR, and Daniel B. Walker, Living Trust, to Carol Lea Walker, Dist. 5, 81.25 acres, 123.67 acres, and 153.44 acres; Dist. 5/11, 130.12 acres; and Dist. 5/13, 6 tracts.
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Christmas In July At LCCOA



SENIORS at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, in Halls, created snowman pins, under the direction of Rosie Lemons, July 31st. The center is working on craft projects to be sold at the first Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for December 6th. For future craft workshop dates, call the center, 731-836-5630.

Center Celebrates Anniversary



RANDY KOSTIUK, Meritan Program Director for the Medication Management and Get Fit - Stay Fit Program, encouraged Seniors at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging to exercise as a group August 8th. He has worked with the seniors for ten years. He is a Certified Health Education Specialist with a masters degree from the University of Memphis. The Get Fit - Stay Fit program promotes the idea that exercise does not have to be hard to produce results. Randy introduces a variety of exercises to the Seniors each week. Randy is at the Center on Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 731-836-5444.

81.25 acres, 123.67 acres, and 153.44 acres; Dist. 5/11, 130.12 acres; and Dist. 5/13, 6 tracts.	Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, 20.48 acres.	Harold Prater to Herbert Gwynn and Dianne Gwynn, Dist. 6, lot.
Carol Lea Walker to Carol Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, tract.	Carol Lea Walker to Carol Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, 4.29 acres.	Homesales, Inc., to Joshua L. Caspersen and Amber B. Caspersen, Dist. 12, lot.
Carol Lea Walker to Carol Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, 40.18 acres.	Carol Lea Walker to Carol Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, 1.0 acre.	Lanis Lawson Lambirth to Phyllis Annette Lambirth Jellison, Dist. 10, 1.0 acre and tract.
Carol Lea Walker to Carol Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, 32.78 acres.	Daniel B. Walker to Daniel B. Walker, TR, and Daniel B. Walker, Living Trust, lot.	Autumn D. Billings to Floyd C. Billings and Virginia A. Billings, Dist. 4, lot.
Carol Lea Walker to Carol Lea Walker, TR, and Carol Lea Walker, Living Trust, Dist. 5,	April Lamunion to William Richard Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.	Mary Lucille Cox and Mary Maxine Watkins to Betty Marrs, Dist. 6, lot.

Partnership xxx

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who is a certified economic developer with years of experience. In his last employment, he recruited many companies with several jobs for the community," said Schuh. Lavery's mission will be to recruit industries to these three counties.

"If we do the same old thing, we'll get the same old results," said one. "If we do nothing, we get nothing said another." Such comments set the stage for discussion during a meeting of the newly formed Southwest Community Development Authority (STCDA) at the Chamber of Commerce in Covington Tuesday morning.

STCDA is the result of an interlocal agreement that was reached by Mayors Webb Banks (Brownsville), Franklin Smith (Haywood County), David Gordon (Covington) and County Executive Jeff Huffman, of Tipton County. Documents that established the authority were signed in February 2008.

STCDA gained strength in numbers at Tuesday's meeting when board members unanimously welcomed Ripley and Lauderdale County as members. Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic and Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh were added to the board.

The board is composed of each mayor and/or county executive, the utility department of each city, and Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (STEMC). Each of the partners contributes to the funding for STCDA. Governing entities contribute \$50,000 each annually. The utility department in each city contributes \$15,000 annually and STEMC contributes \$20,000. The Mayor or county executive from each governing entity serves by position on the board and one member from the utility companies serves on the board that is rotated in two-year intervals. Jack Fox, general manager of STEMC, represents the utility compa-

nies on the current board. Chairman Jeff Huffman introduced Duane Lavery of Texarkana, Texas, as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for STCDA. He is a certified economic developer (CEcD) with 20 years of experience in increasingly responsible management positions in economic development, research and analysis.

His recent experience is working with the Red River Redevelopment Authority (RRRA), a public economic development agency responsible for the development of the Red River Commerce Park, a commercial and industrial park.

For the past 12 years, he has served in senior management positions directly in line with economic development and community redevelopment. He has been directly responsible for the attraction or expansion of about twenty companies that have created over 500 new jobs to a rural area.

Lavery displays a high level of enthusiasm with his new assignment and appears very excited with the challenge that lies ahead. "What impresses me," he said, "is the foresight and vision of these communities and what they are doing in creating a focus regarding industrial development on a regional basis. My goal is to build a partnership with all the entities in this region."

After meeting with Lavery, members were impressed with his experience, enthusiasm and communicative skills and are anxious to have him on board. "I don't know where to go or what door to knock on," said Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh, "We need direction." Chairman Jeff Huffman concluded, "It's time to step out of the box and look at development like big industry does, from a regional perspective."

Southwest Tennessee Community Development Authority plans to do just that when Duane Lavery comes on board around September 1st.

Halls High 2008-2009 Band



MEMBERS of the 2008 - 2009 Halls Golden Tiger Marching Band include band directors, Chris Butner and Chad Davis; drum major, Hunter Harrison; color guard, Veronica Layne; brass and marching tech, Kevin Ward; additional staff, Haley Burks, Aaron Dannelley, and Logan Davis; flutes, Candice McKinney on piccolo, Taylor Barlow, Katrina Yarbrough, and Chelsea Hill; clarinets, Datlon Gean and Melissa Shapiro; alto saxophones, Ashlyn Barnes, Kelly Blackwood, Emilee Hartman, Julie Hostetler, and Hollie Wilson; mellophones, Carley Cherry and Audrey Belton; trumpets, Dustin Belton, Ebone Pearson, Logan Taylor, and Charlie Jones; baritones, Madison Davis and Logan Agee; tubas, Joseph Agee and Andy Gaines; percussion battery, Katye Cherry, Kirby Cherry, Taylor Agee, Brianna Patrick, and Stephen Depriest; percussion pit, Tommy Isaak and Kelsey Yarbrough; and color guard, Amber Breaux, Kelsey Layne, Elizabeth Isaak, Katie Farley, Mary Moore, and Sarah Harrell, are off to a great start this season. They have worked very hard these past couple of hot weeks putting together the show for the upcoming season. The band has grown from 25 to 35 marchers this year. Their determination for learning and representing the school really stands out on the field.

Moms-To-Be Open House Carl Perkins Telethon Slated



STAFF MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Health Department are celebrating "World Breastfeeding Month" with a "Moms-To-Be" open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 19th. The event will feature information on breastfeeding, nutrition, infant care, immunizations, parenting and Moms-To-Be food safety with special guest, Rachel Erwin, of the TSU/UT Extension Service. The March of Dimes has donated a caré safety seat to be given a way. Refreshments and door prizes for pre-natal will be available.

Republican Party Meeting To Be Held

An organizational meeting of the Lauderdale County Republican Party will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 19th at the Garden Café, located at 117 South Front St., Halls. For more information call 836-1092.

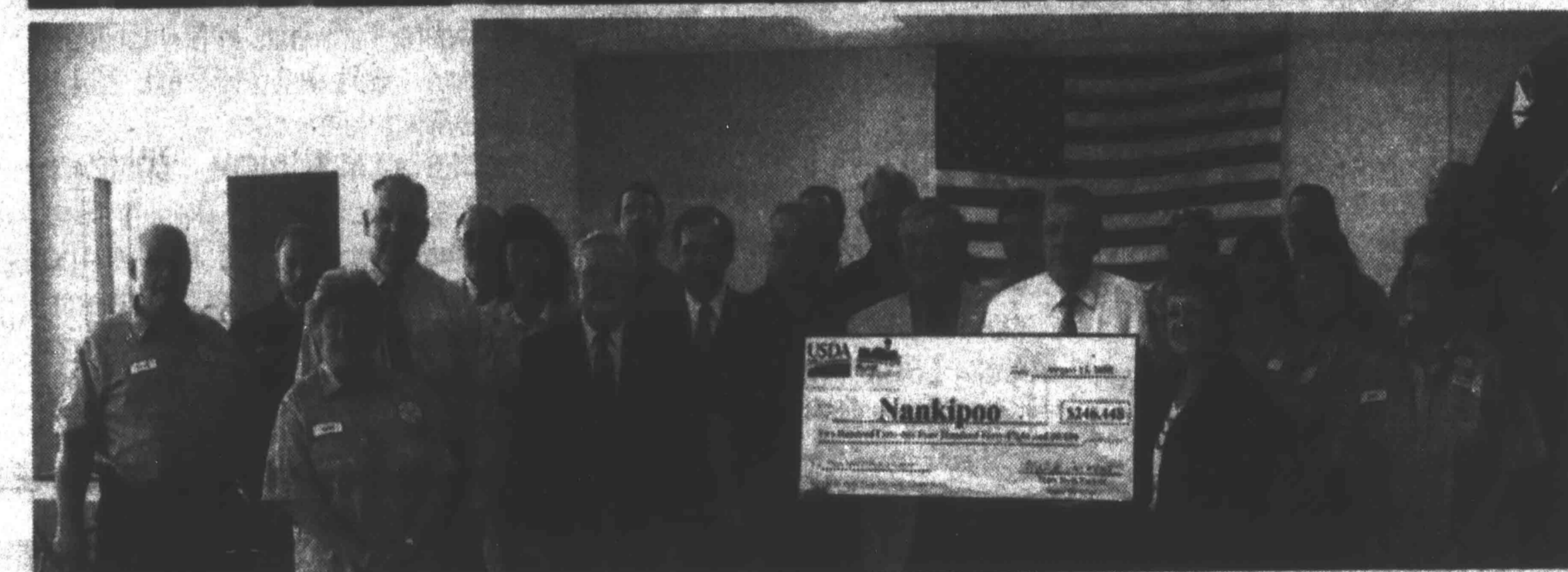
The Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse will hold its annual telethon from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, August 17th at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. It will be aired on Channel 7 WBBJ. The Lauderdale County Carl Perkins Center will have the 4 to 5 p.m. time slot. To make a pledge before or after the telethon, call 635-7856 or during the telethon, call 1-800-273-4747.

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Rural Development Grants Presented



OFFICIALS with Rural Development, USDA Telecommunications, and United State Representative John Tanner were in Lauderdale County Wednesday of last week to present a \$20,000 check to the Town of Halls to fund safety and business improvements in the Main Street business district and a grant of \$246,448 to bring broadband access to the Nankipoo community. Members of the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad and the county government will use the funds for a 180 foot tower at the rescue squad building for the purpose of broadcasting DSL computer waves to a five mile radius around the center and approximately 10 computers inside the building for every day use and for citizens wanting to learn how to use a computer. The center will be open to the public for use before, during and after normal working hours and on Saturday and Sunday, per the terms of the agreement. The project is part of the local school board initiative for laptop development for students in their own homes. The project was organized by C-Technology, Inc. and sponsored by USDA Rural Development. Nankipoo was the first community to receive the grant under the USDA's Community Connect Grant Program, designed to supplement the cost of building Internet access infrastructure into rural areas that do not have wireline high speed broadband Internet services. The grant also provides two years of support for a local Nankipoo Internet Community Center which will provide computers and Internet access to area residents along with startup training. The Rescue Squad is located in the old Nankipoo School building, 6501 Curve Nankipoo Rd. The building will have access to online weather views and direct access to sites for storm monitoring. The grant is one of the outcomes of the State Department of Economic Development's \$250,000 technology grant which was awarded to Lauderdale County Board of Education to expand the awareness and use of technology to the benefit of education, industry, and community development across Lauderdale County.

The Town of Halls will use the funds from the Rural Development and a Transportation Enhancement Grant, of \$160,736, for Phase 1 of downtown improvements including sidewalk construction and reconstruction, brick paved crosswalks, street lighting, pavement marking for parking, landscaping and side amenities along West Main, South Front, and West Tigrett streets. Halls Mayor Trent McManus accepted the check which will also be used to cover safety and business infrastructure improvements. The transportation grant will be used to fund the work once the plan is complete.

Elections Pay Mary Push Held For Purse Theft

The Lauderdale County Election Commission is asking Chancery Court to order the County Commission to increase salaries of two employees by \$7,437 a year.

An Election Commission letter to County Commissioners reports, for the last three budget years--

2006-07, the Commission was told that a deputy's salary had been increased to reflect those of Courthouse deputies, but the increase was never paid.

2007-08, she received an increase of a few hundred dollars a year;

2008-2009, two deputies received a total increase of \$913 for both.

Larger Jumps Noted

The letter notes that in the 2008-2009 budget, County Mayor Rod Schuh's two book-keepers received increases totaling \$4,298, to a total \$59,089, with an \$881 increase in salary supplements and a new provision of \$3,500 for part-time personnel;

Annie Laura Jennings, Register of Deeds, received a \$530 increase for her deputy, plus a new \$5,000 for part-time personnel.

Two deputies of Jerry Buckner, Assessor, received increases totaling \$1,483, to a total of \$50,902; his secretary received an increase

A Dyer County grand jury last week held for Circuit Court trial Mary Lynn Push, of 1349 Espey Park Road, Halls, charged with theft of over \$500.

She is accused of stealing from Dena Rogowski, in the Huddle House of Dyersburg. Dena's purse, which cost \$80, and held a \$189 Sanyo cell phone and a \$300 Sony Cyber-shot camera.

Agency Schedules USDA Distribution

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by the Department of Human Services and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, will distribute commodities in Lauderdale County between the hours of 8 until 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 27th at the Ripley Senior Center, 149 Nelson St.; Rice Park, 107 Watkins St.; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St.; and Henning City Hall, 105 S. Main St.

Proof of income must be brought to the site if you do not have a new card. The EBT card is not proof of eligibility. Bring someone to carry the bag to your car. Commodities will be given on first come first serve.

of \$727, to \$24,973.

Two deputies of Trustee Steve Carnack received a total increase of \$1,596, to a total of \$54,730.

The letter is signed by Memory Crain, Administrator of Elections, and all five Election Commission members, Don Paris, chairman, Roger Charest, secretary, and Billy Wayne Williams, Earline Haliburton, and Debby Jenkins.

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Golden Anniversary



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The event will be hosted by their children, Nick and David.
The couple were married September 2, 1958.

West TN State Fair Pageant To Be Held

The 2008 Fairest of the Fair pageants, sponsored by the West Tennessee State Fair, at the Fairgrounds Park, 800 South Highland Ave. in Jackson, in September is accepting applications.

The competition include Fairest of the Fair, 16-21, September 9th; Junior Fairest of the Fair, 10-12, and Teen Fairest of the Fair, 13-15, September 10th; and Tiny Fairest of the Fair, ages 3-5, and Petite Fairest of the Fair, ages 6-9, September 11th. The baby contest will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 13th, for the following age groups: ages 0-6 months, 7-15 months, 16-24 months, and 25-35 months, girls only.

For more information or entry forms, write to West Tennessee Fair office at P. O. Box 1404, Jackson, TN 38302, telephone 731-424-0151, or visit website wtsfair.com.

Land Transfers

Aug. 17th - Aug. 23rd
Kenneth C. Raines to Christian A. Raines, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.
Claude Raymond Webb, Jr.,

Vows Pledged In California

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen "Charlie" Burns were married August 15th in Oakland, Calif.

Charlie is the son of Chucky Burns, of Memphis, and Angie Burns, of Halls, and the grandson of Jerry and Carol Lewis, of Halls.

The bride, the former Amy Suzanne McGowen, is the daughter of Charles McGowen, of Manteca, Calif., and Debbie McGowen, of Dublin, Calif.

They plan to reside in Concord, Calif.

September Vows Slated



AMANDA RENEVA BURNS, daughter of Renea and Michael Burns, of Greenville, will marry Erick Gordon Baker, son of Kay and Gary Baker, of Halls, at 6 p.m. September 6th in Knoxville, with all family and friends invited.

A 2001 graduate of Chuckey-Doak High School, where she was valedictorian, she earned her bachelor's degree of science in nursing from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 2005. Mandy is employed at the University of Tennessee Medical Center as a neonatal intensive care registered nurse.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, he earned a bachelor of science in mass communications from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 2001. He is a professional musician.

Anniversaries

Aug. 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Greg Patterson.

Aug. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. John Ballard.

Aug. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Douglas.

Aug. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Broglin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Douglas.

Aug. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howard, Mr. and Mrs.

Tommy McDearman, Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Welch.

Aug. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ewell, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Buchignani.

CROCKETT PAGEANT

The 2008 Miss Crockett County Belle pageant will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 23rd, at the Crockett County Middle School in Alamo, for ages 0-19 years. The doors open at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit Crockett County High School Color Guard.
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Obituaries

Mr. Kirkpatrick

Woodrow Wilson Kirkpatrick, Jr., 63, of 100 Rabbit Trail Road, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery, near Gates.

He was born at Ripley, son of the late Woodrow Wilson Kirkpatrick, Sr. and the late Annie Marie Pennington Kirkpatrick.

A self-employed truck driver, he was a Baptist.

He leaves his wife, Helen McAlister Kirkpatrick; sons, W. W. III, of Henning, Thomas Belew, of Halls, and Billy Belew, of Indiana; a daughter, Dorothy Stanley, of Gates; a sister, Betty Ann Hendrix, of Henning; a brother, Lynn, of Covington; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Roger McCoy

William Roger McCoy, Jr., 54, of Ripley, American Telephone and Telegraph technician, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Sunday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley.

He was an Eagle Scout.

He leaves his mother, Martha Falkner McCoy, his wife, Donna Reynolds McCoy, and a son, Bill, all of Ripley; a daughter, Rachel Sparks, of Hickory Wythe; a brother, John, of Olathe, Kans.; and two grandchildren.

Mourned



John Thomas Roberts IV, 36, a registered nurse for five years, was found, about 7 p.m. Saturday, dead of a gun-shot wound to his chest, in woods near the home of his grandfather, Tommy Roberts, at 1919 Steelman Road, Halls. Authorities think his death was suicide.

Rites were Wednesday in Forest Hill East Funeral Home in Memphis.

He was a 1989 graduate of Briarcrest High School in Memphis, for which he played football and baseball.

He had resided in Germantown and in Jonesboro, Ark.

Survivors include his grandparents, John T. Roberts, Jr., and Shirley Prichard Roberts; his father, John T. Roberts III and his wife, Brenda Roberts; his mother, Becky Precht, and her husband, Les Precht; his wife, Melanie; a son, Jacob Tyler; a daughter, Lauren; a step-daughter, Madigan; brothers, Michael Edwards Roberts and Jerry Wayne Ward; and sisters, Kelly Smith Wages and Lisa Morgan Holder.

Mourned



FRANCES LANELLE (LEATH) EASON, born May 9, 1925 in Henderson, Tex., to John T. and Thelma (Brown) Leath, died August 17th at her home in Heath, Tex., after a brief battle with leukemia.

Funeral services were Wednesday, August 20th at Rest Haven Funeral Home, Rockwall Chapel, with burial in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She graduated from Henderson High School, and the former Texas State College for Women, (now TWU), in Denton, Tex., in 1946 with a bachelor of science degree.

Fran moved to Dallas following college and worked in the early Dallas advertising industry as well as real estate. It was through this real estate connection she met her future husband, Haywood, formerly of Ripley.

They married December 21, 1958, and would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Fran and Haywood worked together in real estate and the custom home building business for many years in Dallas, Richardson and Rockwall. She was a founding board member of Helping Hands and the National Charity League chapter in Rockwall; was awarded the Life Master designation by the American Contract Bridge League in 1997; and was a long time member of

Jackie Goad

Jackie Goad, 84, widow of Marvin A. Goad, died Monday in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were set at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hurricane Hill United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Lyles, of Brighton; sons, Terry Goad, of Acworth, Ga., and Frank Goad, of Hillsborough, N.C.; a brother, Felix DeVault, of Mesa, Ariz.; sisters, Aubrey Heathcott, Charlene McMahan, Imogene Burns, and Monterey Williams, of Ripley; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Coach C. M. Kelley Scholarship Fund or the Lauderdale County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall, Tex.

She is survived by her loving husband: Haywood Eason; daughter, Becky Burkett and husband, Ernie; and grandchildren, Shannon and Benjamin Burkett, whom she felt hung the moon, all of Heath, Tex.

She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law: Shirley and Dugan Pennington, of Rockwall, Tex.; and many cousins, relatives and friends throughout the Dallas and East Texas area.

Mrs. Eastwood

Barbara Jean "Sister" Eastwood, 72, of Dyersburg, sister of Bill Braden, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, in her home.

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

She was the daughter of the late Elmer and Sara Braden.

She had been, for 12 years, a guard for Murray Guard.

Survivors include sons, Dana and Leslie, of Dyersburg, and Jay, of Alamo; a step-daughter, Terry Bell, of Springfield, Ohio; other brothers, Earl and Sonny, and a sister, Ellen Bizzle, of Dyersburg; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

William Atkins

William Atkins, Jr., 77, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites are set at 11 a.m. Saturday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley.

He leaves a son, William III, of New Jersey; brothers, Arthur Atkins and John A. Tuggel, of Detroit, Mich.; a niece, Linda Theus, of Ripley; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Leath; and daughter, Anne Marie Eason.

One can say everything best over a meal. -George Elliot

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Halls Tigers Host Gibson

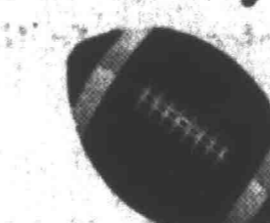
Halls High School's Tigers open their football season at 7 p.m. Friday, hosting Gibson County.

It isn't a Dist. 8-A tilt. The Pioneers, coached by Jason Dye, play in Dist. 8-AA, on an enrollment of 691 (Halls, 361).

In last year's meeting, Halls lost to Gibson 17-7.

Halls' further schedule, 7:30 games with asterisk (*), region games in bold):

- Aug. 29 At Gleason
Sept. 5* .. At Fayette Acad.
Sept. 12* At Greenfield
Sept. 19 Middleton
Sept. 26 At Lake County
Oct. 3 .. At Mem. Manassas
Oct. 17 Heath (Ky.)
Oct. 24 * At Adamsville
Oct. 31 ... Trinity Christian



No Grid Classes In Other Sports

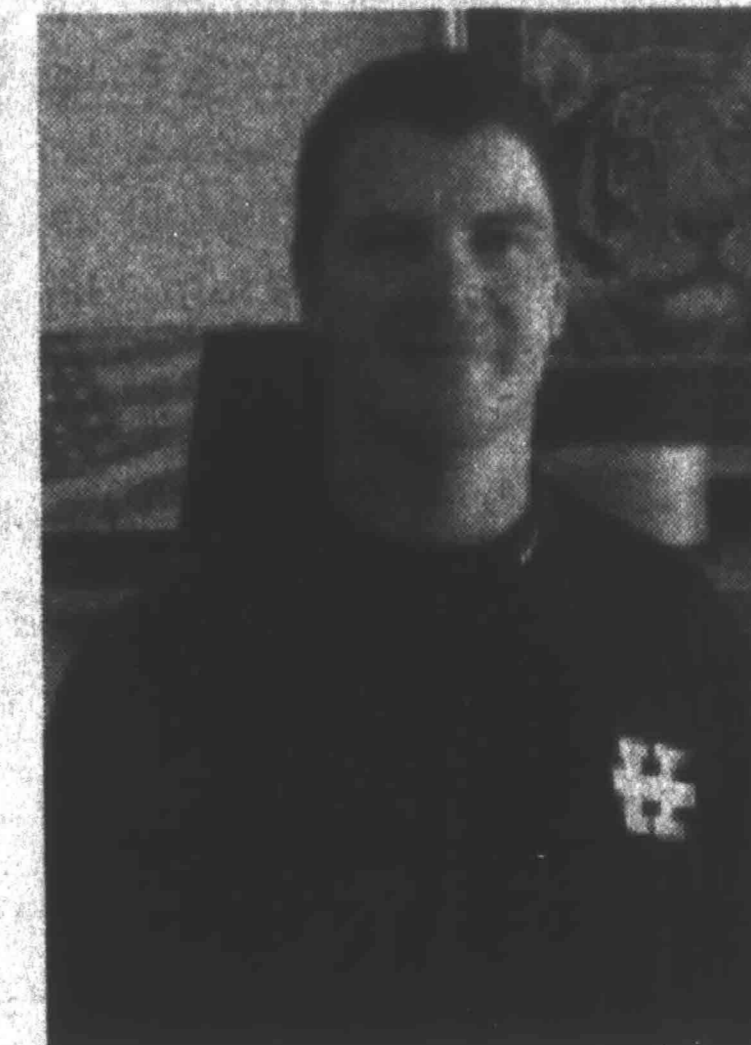
The Board of Control of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, meeting Monday in Hermitage, voted to retain the present 3-champ system for baseball, basket-ball, softball, and volley-ball, while football goes to six crowns for 2009-13.

The board denied a request to increase basketball coaches' boxes from six feet to 14 feet.

PEP RALLY

The Halls High School will host their annual Town Pep Rally at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 21st, with all fall sports including, football, band, volleyball, golf, cheerleader students to be introduced. The band will perform and the cheerleaders will lead the fans into cheers, everyone invited to attend.

Speaker



CHRIS HURT, Halls High School Football Coach, was the guest speaker for the August 18th meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. He was the guest of Rotarian Warren Nunn. Coach Hurt updated Rotarians on the plans and schedule for the 2008-2009 school year for the Halls High School football team. He was excited and upbeat about his team and their potential for this season.

SAFETY TIPS TO GET TO SCHOOL

With the start of each school year, students are once again rushing to be on time, parents are getting them on their way, and drivers are going about their business, but experts say that all of them could heed some advice on safety. "This is a critical time of the year," noted Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan. "Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road, particularly at rush hours. And, both children and their parents need to get back into their good traffic safety habits. He offered several tips from their Safety Information Center.

- Tips for walking or biking to school:
• Walk with a friend
• Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards. Never cross the street against a stop light.
• Cross only at crosswalks, and never run into the street from between parked cars.
• Look left, right, and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to check each direction.
• Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.
• If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike if crossing a street.
Tips for school bus riders:
• Do not play in the streets while waiting for the bus.
• Line up facing the bus, move out of traffic.
• After getting off the bus, move out of traffic.
• Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.
Tips for parents and drivers:
• Everyone should wear a seatbelt, and children should be in age and size appropriate car seats.
• Stay focused on driving and don't be distracted by kids in the car or other activities.
• Slow down in school zones. Driving just 5mph over the speed limit increases both the risk of hitting a child and the severity of any injuries.
• You never know if children crossing the street are paying attention, so remain stopped until the child has crossed not only your lane of traffic, but the adjacent lane.
• Never pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk, as they may be waiting or someone to cross.
• Do not pass a school but its red lights are flashing, even if it is on the other side of the street.
• Use extra care in areas where children may enter the road from between parked vehicles or other things that block drivers' view of the road. And, watch out for bicycles.
For more information on driver and passenger safety go to their website, www.teachers.com/safety.

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Bank of Ripley To Offer Mini-Grants

The Bank of Ripley will sponsor mini-grants (up to \$300 per teacher), entitled 'Expanding Minds', for classroom teachers in the Lauderdale County Education System. Special emphasis will be given to the applications geared toward use of technology, community spirit, reading and exploring science/math, all with the goal of assisting with quality achievement for students.

For more information, call 635-1230.

Readers Speak

Editor,

Dear friends of the "Home-town Area Graphic". Gone But Not Forgotten.

This is sorta a follow-up to the "obituary" of my brother, Harold W. Blackwell, who was just reported "Heavenly Bound" several days ago.

I just want to share a few memories from back in the "Good Ole Days" as we were growing up there in Halls on "the right side of the tracks", Love's Lane, to be exact. It adjoined Harve Castleman's Mansion!

Incidentally, our life long friend, Wymond M. Moore, still there, was the one of our bunch who came up with the slogan "the right side of the tracks", since we did live East of the railroad tracks and were proud of it! Oh yeah!!!

We always had a bunch of guys ready for some type of game, either "cow pasture baseball" with its built-in hazards in Wymond's dad's pasture, or Billy Walker's grandfather's acreage with all the big Beechnut trees scattered around...

Brother Harold was playing with the guys in the outfield (baseball naturally) since he was pretty fast on his feet. However, the big Beechnut tree was faster and was waiting for the ball while my brother Harold was still trying to get to it - Oh, Brother!

When he woke up, he thought he was covered with beechnuts, but was actually seeing double, or maybe even triple, cause only two or three had fallen.

Therefore, upon gaining com-

plete consciousness, little time was spent on sitting out the rest of the game!

So, the memories of my Brother Harold are still precious (more so than ever) and though he is "Gone, He will never be forgotten! Amen.

Big Brother,
Wilbur Blackwell

Editor:

I am very disappointed in our Halls Police Department. We buried our loved one, Artie Mae Camper, July 26th and there were no officers to stop traffic at the 4-way stop or red light. Many cars fell in line with the funeral that were not part of the funeral. No one would stop to let members out of the funeral home parking lot. As we drove by H & A there sat one of our police officers. I called the funeral home a couple of days later to talk with them. They said they contacted the police department about the time of the funeral. I called the Halls Police Department, asked for the chief of police, and was told he was not in. They said they would have him return my call. Never happened! They could have been a little more courteous for our loved one.

John Booker
Family member

Editor:

Black on Black Crime: Crying With and For Our Community

There are two primary purposes for these reflections. First, is to bring greater awareness to a disturbing social problem which continues to negatively impact black communities locally and nationally. Secondly, is to enhance reconciliation by offering comfort and hope to the many hurting and concerned citizens of our community. It is my heartfelt prayer that this will lead to a process of forgiveness and positive change in the lives of our youth and their families.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" (Jer. 8:20-22 KJV)

The woeful lament of Jeremiah resounds throughout the pages of

his prophetic writings. With a face wet with tears, this Old Testament prophets words bled with grief for the wounds of a community being destroyed without an awareness of a remedy. Like the horrible social ills which brought a sorrowful alarm to that sensitive and godly servant, the recent tragic death of another young black man has wounded a community of families and friends in rural West Tennessee.

Current research data show that Black-on-Black crime is a DAMNING reality in our community. According to recent federal figures, homicide is the leading cause of death among African-American males, aged 15-34. Additionally, between 1976 and 2004, black offenders killed 94 percent of the black murder victims. These statistics indicate that it is pass time to stop blaming 'the white man' and take responsibility for our own community problems.

What Jeremiah saw and experienced in ancient Israel wounded him deeply. He cried with his people and he cried for his people. As parents, educators, religious and civic leaders, are we willing to cry with and for the youth of our community? In rural West Tennessee-Lauderdale County, I was reared with a Christian world view that enabled me to value and respect all life-friend and foe alike. I am crying out to every black parent, leader, educator, and friend to return and reclaim the faith that has sustained our families and community.

Ironically, as our nation and the world grapple with the daily struggles of war and terrorism, the cycle of violence and killing lurks on the quiet streets of small town Ripley. While senseless violence and death are tragic in any cultural context, the devastating impact on the kinship bonds of small rural communities, like Ripley and Brownsville, reverberates with intense and unrelenting pain. As with war, it is impossible to measure the hurt and suffering done to our families and children. As with war, healing will not come soon nor easily. Yet, we must not linger in bitterness; but labor together in humility and love, the binding elements of all healthy peoples and communities.

A Silent Prayer for Community



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.

New Life Fellowship Church will hold a prayer service for Rita Dowling at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 20th. Harold Blackwood, pastor, invites the public. Rita has been diagnosed with cancer and is receiving chemo treatments.

Truth and Faith Baptist Church, 170 Oakhill Subdivision, Ripley, will present the Seven Bowl Program, featuring seven dynamic speakers at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 31st. The Rev. C. J. Peat, pastor, invites the public.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located just off Highway 88, between Gates and Maury City, in the Frog Jump community, will hold a gospel singing at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 31st featuring The Anchoermen, Southern Gospel artists. They will have the complete worship service. For more information, call Caren Jordan, 731-656-4306.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 425 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold revival services at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, August 24th with The Rev. Tommy Broadnax, of Matthew Zion M. B. Church, of Halls, as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7 p.m. nightly with The Rev. Charles Hayes, of Willow Grove Baptist Church, Covington, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 E. Tigrett, Halls, will celebrate 22 years of dedicated service for Elder Alonza F. Green, Jr., and his wife, Missionary Harriet Green, during an appreciation banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 23rd. Superintendent Wayne K. Glynn, of St. Timothy Church of God In Christ, of Indianapolis, Ind., will be the guest speaker. During regular morning service at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 24th, Superintendent Glynn and the St. Timothy church family will be special guests during the usher day program. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Wednesday, August 20th through Friday, August 22nd with Allen Dixon, evangelist, of Danville, Ill., will serve as the guest speaker. Elder L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

Healing: Lord, hear our voiceless prayer though no tone or song we bear. Let no other know and hear our twisted, tortured tale, a tear. Keep our unborn dreams from dying guide our heads while our hearts are crying. Our forbidden altar, Lord please attend. So hope, hushed lips may speak again.

In sacred silence our faith defend; O Lord, our wounded, broken spirits mend.

Louis Hudson III
Ripley, TN
African-American
Christian Educator
Haywood County
School District

DSCC CAMPAIGN

Greg Crihfield, of Lauderdale County Bank, along with other members of the committee for the Dyersburg State Community College "Good to Great" fund-raising campaign met several times throughout the year and exceeded the goal of \$700,000 by raising \$1,021,109.07 for scholarships and capital needs from the seven-county area the college serves. The committee was chaired by Kerrie Heckethorn, senior vice-president and human resources officer for First Citizens National Bank.

Center Visits Reelfoot



SENIORS enjoyed lunch August 5th at Reelfoot Lake and a day of shopping in Union City. The group stopped at Samburg and viewed the water lilies in full bloom on the lake. Day trips are planned throughout each month. For more information, call 731-836-5444.

Pilates Offered



TAMMY O'BRYAN taught the techniques of Pilates and relaxing Yoga Tuesday at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. An RN at Baptist Tipton Critical Services and certified Pilates, Yoga and Aerobatics Instructor, she will be at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. Tammy says Pilates is challenging, however it can be modified to your activity level. Pilates firm up core muscles, improves flexibility, prevents back problems and reduces aches and pains. Tammy, as well as Mrs. Peggy Criner, expressed the importance of the group therapy. So get off the couch, get in shape both physically and mentally with Tammy at LCCOA. For more information, call 731-836-5444.

School Lunches

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

Thursday, August 21st
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, August 22nd,
Deli Sandwich
Carrot Sticks w/Dip
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Monday, Aug. 25th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Fruit Sherbet Cup
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 26th
Baked Ham

Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 27th
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Banana
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Aug. 28th
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Pineapple Tidbits
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Aug. 29th
Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Thursday, August 21st
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, August 22nd,
Deli Wrap
BBQ Pork Ribblet On Bun
Sandwich Trimmings Cup
Baked Beans
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Monday, Aug. 25th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries

Sandwich Trimmings Cup
Pineapple Tidbits
Fruit Sherbet Cup
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 26th
Baked Ham
Chicken Breast Fillet
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 27th
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Banana
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

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Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Baked Beans
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Birthdays

Aug. 21 - Tiffany L. Bradley, Donna Buckner, Larry Douglas, Benny Moore, Emily McWilliams, Darrell Lumley, Monnie Lou Puckett, Cornelia Summar, Steve Baynes, Dennis Drumwright, Sr., Paul Gomer, Alice Daniels, Amelia Dennie, Jamie Hoffman, Breanna Shelton, Alfred Blankenship, Tom-

Residents Visit Halls



RESIDENTS at Lauderdale Community Living Center were treated to a red-carpet ride to the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging Center in Halls Friday. Upon their arrival, the residents were treated to games, exercise, lunch, and bingo with popcorn. Participating were Elsie Faulkner and Connie Hardin, both seated, and standing, Louvenia Johnson, Laura Goff, Louise Ferguson, Janette Payton, Lillie Mae Adams, Haydessa Whitmore, Gertrude Jones, Lulotta Carter, Amber Marbray, LPN, Juanita Hines, CNA, Rufus Boldan, Helen Wilson, and Jan Moore, activities director. They are pictured with Joni Cook, third from right, in rear, director of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, plus, not pictured, Beth Cunningham.

my Pollard, Logan Vandergriff, Justin Ammons, Joe Fincher, Aug. 22 - David Puckett, Jerry Broglin, Holly Young, Troy Parish, Betty Greenlee, Norris Hayles, Shelley Kimble, Aug. 23 - Mike Douglas, Helen Barham, Shelley Ray, Carson Steelman, Adam Ward, Bret Carmack, Joyce Vaughn, Rylee Moore, Tommy Climer, Lewis Hudson, Jr., Ray Nolen, Christine Maners, Robeson Hendren, Kelly Griffin, Alee Pilcher, Paul Gomer, Aug. 24 - Bobby Sanders, Jr., Tracie Kelly, Blaine Buchignani, Drew Dedmon, Jessica Goforth, Jason Kyle Carmack, Stephen Lyle Carmack, Peyton Vickery, Evelyn Gould, Almeda Bailey, Carmon Belton, Marty Murphy, Robert Boone, Keith Gesford, Ashley Buckner, Linda Jenkins, Corum Webb, Chaz Molder, Aug. 25 - Rex Haynes, Daniel Northcott, Jerry S. Jones, Shari Herron, Andy Terry, Debbie Steelman, Katie Cook, R. Nicol Ward, Leslie McGarrity, Florence Woodard, Hazel Tropper, Jason Byrd, Faye Kee, Caleb Willis, Dewayne Weaver, Mary W. Weaver, Cathy Con-

Aug. 26 - Willie Mae Harmon, Wade Kiestler, Joe Stowers, Drew Mathis, Kitty Vestal, Loren Castellaw, Tony Miller, Evelyn Lynch, Shannon Dew, Jennifer Lewis, Jilyan Austin, Bradley Stephens, Connie Duvall, Art Harris, Kim Neal, Todd Pennington, Jessy Os-

teen, Dr. Brooks Harris, Lauren Adams, Donald Williams, Aug. 27 - Rex Haynes, Daniel Northcott, Jerry S. Jones, Shari Herron, Andy Terry, Debbie Steelman, Katie Cook, R. Nicol Ward, Leslie McGarrity, Florence Woodard, Hazel Tropper, Jason Byrd, Faye Kee, Caleb Willis, Dewayne Weaver, Mary W. Weaver, Cathy Con-

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I really enjoyed my three week rest. Miss Pam took me around to different places, but there is no place like home. I especially missed my buds at the Club. Unfortunately, most of my friends still have not found two legger homes. Mr. Buddy said the two leggers must have gone on strike because they have stopped visiting the Club. Hopefully, my friends at the schools will adopt the Club again this year as their good-will project.

My vacation consisted of a trip to a baseball game, chasing those golf balls for Mr. Pam, a ride on a motorcycle, and fishing. When we were fishing, I finally figured out when the red and white thing disappeared there was a fish under the water. Mr. Pam was continually dozing off and I would have to bark when the red and white thing disappeared. I stayed close to him so he could hear me. He caught a fish he called a cat. I thought cats were fuzzy with four legs. This cat had smooth skin, no legs, and a big wide tail unlike any cats that I have seen. I have to admit that the four legger cats are prettier than the no leg cats. I also went to the Casinos but I had to stay in a kennel club because I was not a two legger. That sure was a boring day. I went for a walk with a bunch of two leggers from the TKS Center. This one crazy two legger, named Sue, tried to get me to walk eight miles. She didn't realize she was dealing with the top four legger of the Dry Hill Club. I also went wadding in the fish pond. I can handle that type of exercise. While I was wadding, there was a four legger Lab, named Maggie, that could swim circles around me. She chased a dummy for 30 minutes. Every time her master, named Matthew, threw it into the pond she took off swimming across the pond. I lasted about three minutes and I finally concluded there were two dummies in that pond! I had the most fun at a Vacation Bible School. There were a bunch of kids and, yes, I was the center of attention.

While I was gone, Mr. Buddy reported that our friends of the Antique Mall came through again with a great food donation. There was even a donation in honor of the old, grumpy Mayor's birthday from Darrell, Cindy, Sam, and Caroline.

Adoptions were made to Tammy Hendrix, Jeff Henningfield, Veronica Layne, and Jennifer Goforth. Anna Taylor and Ray Misseldine made four of our cats happy with their adoptions.

I have some new little friends at the Club. Betty, the Walker Coonhound, has ten puppies. We also have six puppies by the strange name of Walker/Labs. The other two sets of puppies are beige and brown with a beagle look. Our young adults consist of two pretty and sweet, black and white small four leggers. One looks like a young Border Collie and the other has the markings of a Boston Terrier, but she is not full-blooded because she does not have the "Pug" look. We have a cute mix that is Chihuahua and Pekingese. She has short blond hair with one brown ear up and one ear down. One look and you will want to take her home. We also have a small brown Chihuahua mix.

The medium size four leggers consist of a male Britney Spaniel that is white and rust along with a beautiful liver and while Springer Spaniel that loves kids. His name is Sam. We have two young adults that are very friendly with the coloring of Beagles. We also have a beautiful small, house-trained, well groomed, smooth-coated female with a beautiful silky black coat. She has a small white blaze on her nose, white chest and feet. Her red collar, big beautiful eyes, and

calm disposition make her worth a look to someone looking for a small trained pet. Our bigger pets consist of two black Labs and one blonde and one chocolate Lab. Hey coon hunters, we have a big male Red Bone with a good disposition along with a female Walker, but she is busy right now with her pups.

Cat lovers, we have three beautiful cats. One is a solid black with yellow eyes that has been the property of a senior citizen. This lady needs a home! We can give you the owner's name. The next beauty is light gray and white and cuddly. The third feline is orange and white and she runs the office at the Club.

Well, I had a hard time getting back in the groove, but I guess the first one is behind me. Oh, yeah, I about forgot, try to be as good as your four legger thinks you are. Please come and see my buds, just because I played hookie, doesn't give you the right to not visit! Dry Hill Club, P. O. Box 172, Ripley, TN Phone 836-PETS.

Zeek Out!
P.S. Please don't forget about that spay and neuter thing—we are over loaded at the Club!

OUTREACH WORKSHOP

The Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program will be conducting an outreach workshop from 8:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 27th, at University of Tennessee-West Tennessee Experiment Station, 605 Airways Blvd., in Jackson for women, minorities and limited resource farmers, as well as for those with disabilities who are actively engaged in agriculture. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided on site.

The workshop, entitled "Your Farm-Keeping It Profitable, Keeping It In The Family", focuses on programs and assistance that can provide both economic and conservation based opportunities to farmers who have faced historically difficult challenges. Although the focus is directed to a targeted audience, all farmers and producers interested in benefitting from the wide variety of subjects and expertise to be discussed are welcome.

For more information or to pre-register, call 731-668-7770 ext. 100 or by fax at 731-668-8510.

Yesteryear

More Post-Civil War Conflict

A conscripting party under the command of Confederate Capt. William Jordan composed of Lt. Vail, Alonzo Jordan, and David Bradford were gathering men from Lauderdale and Dyer Counties in April 1864 to join the forces of Gen. N. B. Forrest headquartered at Jackson.

David Bradford, son-in-law of William Jordan, conscripted James L. Brandon who went with him to Chestnut Bluff where there were a number of his neighbors who had also been conscripted, some under guard. Thomas H. Fitzhugh was one of them. Fitzhugh had been roused from bed at gunpoint by Vail, Bradford, and the young Jordan, son of William Jordan, and forced to catch and saddle his mule and go with them to Chestnut Bluff. There he showed the commander a certificate of inability for service signed by Doctors Stith Richardson, R. H. McGaughey, and Benton, but Jordan refused to honor it.

C. H. Walpole, who was almost 50 years old, had also been taken, but when they got to Jackson, he was released from service. Likewise, William G. Spence, conscripted by the three, was furloughed at Jackson. James Albritton, also taken under force, was guarded all the way to Jackson. Charley Bryant, one of his guards, was reprimanded by Capt. Jordan for talking rough to him. Somewhere in the process of his conscription, Albritton's mule, saddle, and bridle were lost to him.

Fitzhugh was given a certain amount of freedom between Chestnut Bluff and Jackson, but on reaching Jackson was put in the guard house where he was kept until he was removed to Tupelo, Miss., under guard and on foot. He later testified that he suffered in mind, body, and estate during his imprisonment by his absence from home and the loss of his time, and that he had been put to great expense in returning home. He, also, lost his mule, saddle, and bridle.

On November 13, 1865, Fitzhugh began a suit against William Jordan in Lauderdale County Circuit Court for false imprisonment. The case had not been decided a year later when he attached Jordan's property including two cows, two yearlings, two horses, 27 sheep, a dulcimer (worth \$20), a sewing machine (worth \$140), two buggies, and 400 acres of land in the present-day area of Halls.

Surviving documents do not reveal the outcome of the trial which dragged on as long as June 2, 1875, except that Thomas H. Fitzhugh recovered a judgment for \$27.91 against William Jordan in July of 1867 for court costs including witness fees for W. P. Knight, James Hogan, S. K. Wood, James Albritton, J. L. Brandon, and E. M. Hall; and in May of 1875 William Jordan recovered a judgment of \$315.59 against Fitzhugh and his security, W. T. Harris, for court costs including witness fees for E. M. Hall, W. P. Knight, C. H. Walpole, J. L. Brandon, S. K. Wood, W. G. Spence, John Hogan, O. T. Hendren, Thomas C. Buchanan, J. P. Thurmond, John Sid Smith, A. H. Walker, John A. Wells, Arthur Deloach, W. W. Wheeler, and B. M. Flippin.

Bettie B. Davis

NOTICE

The Town Of Halls has scheduled its regular board meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at the Halls City Hall board room.

The public is invited to attend.
Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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New HS Members



NEW MEMBERS of the Halls High School Chapter of the National Honor Society were "snatched" August 25th. These potential new members, in front, from left, Cassie Oaks, Ebone Pearson, Ashlee Nichols, Katie Cherry, Kelsey Layne, Krista Hardy, and Kirby Cherry, in middle, Emilee Hartman, Madison Davis, Hannah Kelley, Shelby Parsonson, Kayla White, and Julie Hostetler, and in rear, Lateia Humphrey, Dalton Gean, Courtney Robbins, Hayden Watts, Logan Campbell, Chris Hutcherson, Tommy Wright, and Hunter Harrison, were invited to join because they have a 93 or above grade point average and show achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The students were snatched from class and enjoyed pizza to celebrate their accomplishments.

Halls Rotary Speaker



NICK KISTENMACHER, center, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Bob Corker, was the guest speaker at the August 25th meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. He was introduced by Rotarian Warren Nunn, left. They are pictured with James E. Smith, right, club president.

Officers Investigate Death of Gates Man

Officers were called to the Gates home of Rickey Earl Davis, Sr., 54, at 11 a.m. Monday, according to Gates Police Chief Jeff Crowder. Apparently Davis hung himself sometime late Sunday or in the early morning hours of Monday and was found by a family member. Pending further investigation, the death appears self-inflicted.

Rites for Davis were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home with burial in Greenhill Memorial Gardens in Halls.

Survivors include sons, Rickey Earl Davis, Jr. and Rickey Earl Davis III, and daughters, Belinda Gayle Davis, April N'cole Davis, and Maggie Renee Davis, all of Alamo; another daughter, Sandra Jean Davis, of Nashville; two brothers, Jerry Spencer Davis and Gary Lee Davis, of Gates; three sisters, Shelby Jean Day, of Hickory Flatt, Miss., Effie Joyce Ethridge, of Tiptonville, and Geneva Riggs, of Ripley; and 14 grandchildren.

A fund to assist the family with burial costs has been established at Gates Banking and Trust.

RESERVE PROGRAM

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications for the continuous sign-up of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in a special effort to protect environmentally sensitive lands. The program includes, filter strips, grassed waterways, riparian buffers and shallow water areas for wildlife in an effort to control erosion, improve the quality of water, and enhance wildlife habitat.

For more information, call 731-635-7686.

"Forced" Rate Increase For R P & L Customers

Mike Allmand, president of the Ripley Power and Light Company, announced Tuesday that due to increasing prices for electricity from TVA, costs for customers will increase approximately \$18 to \$28, effective October 1st. The local power company will not receive additional revenue from the increase.

Town of Halls To Host Rolling Grizzlies Unemployment Rate Increases

Officials with the Town of Halls will host the Memphis Rolling Grizzlies, professional wheelchair basketball team, at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 6th at the Halls High School gymnasium. They will play Fort Smith, Ark. All proceeds will be donated to the Franklin A. Rhodes Activity Center.

The Town of Halls will play the City of Ripley prior to the Rolling Grizzlies game.

For more information, call Halls City Hall, 836-9653.

The unemployment rate for July 2008 in Tennessee increased 0.4 percent from 6.5 percent in June. Lauderdale County increased from 11.4 in June to 14.5 in July.

County non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for July 2008 show that 60 counties increased, 29 counties decreased and six counties remained the same.

Festival With Keith Cook Held In Halls

A festival, "On The Go", will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Saturday, September 13th, at Halls Westside Baptist Church in Halls. Activities include contemporary Christian, gospel and country music, food booths, inflatable jumpers, slides, bungee run, crafts, carnival games and a great messages by Keith Cook, author, radio host and international evangelist, and others.

The festival theme is 'Making a Difference Across the Street and Around the World'.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Halls Police Department will be conducting sobriety checkpoints and will increase patrols for the Labor Day weekend and the month of September starting Friday, August 29th.

County Fair To Be Held At Air Base

The 5th annual Lauderdale County Fair will be held Friday, September 26th, through Saturday, September 27th, at the Halls Veterans' Museum Air Base in Halls. The event will feature numerous carnival rides, arts, crafts, food vendors, livestock, a pet show, displays, gospel music, main stage entertainment, community church, TLC Wrestling and a truck/tractor pull.

Sponsorship categories for any include pet show and contest, \$200; midway, \$300; gospel jubilee, \$500; spectacular attraction, \$1,000; livestock, \$1,500; and entertainment, \$3,000 (Friday), or \$5,000 (Saturday).

For more information, call 731-635-9541.

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JAMISON IZAEEL PARKER, 7 lb. 7 oz. son of Sam Parker and Kristi Mashburn, of Ripley, was born at 9:50 a.m. July 27th at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center in Dyersburg. Measuring 20 inches long, he is the brother of Meisha Fisher and Tamara Parker, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ula Robinson, of Dyersburg, the late Mr. and Mrs. Roby Mashburn, of Ripley, and the late Elsie Parker, of Halls.

She's One



GRACIE ANN DAVIS, daughter of Kim Davis, of Ripley, celebrated her first birthday August 17th with a backyard cookout with family and friends. She is the granddaughter of Sammy and Ann Neal, of Ripley, and Joe and Candy Davis, and Donna Faye Davis, of Halls. She was born August 19th.

She's Five



ANNA CLAIRE ROBERTS, daughter of Julie Permenter and Maxamillion Roberts, of Jackson, will celebrate her fifth birthday August 31st at Sweet Retreats in Halls with family and friends. Born August 28th, she is the granddaughter of Alvin and Connie Permenter, of Halls, and Sharron and Jonas Roberts, of Jackson.

He's Seven



TYRESE S. SANGSTER, son of Tony Sangster, of Halls, and Meliza Winbush, of Ripley, celebrated his seventh birthday with a pizza party followed by a SpongeBob cake and chips at his home with family and friends. Tyrese Shemarh was born August 25th.

Birthdays

Aug. 28 - Regina Hutcherson, Mary Ellen Poynter, Abby McBroom, Cindy Cates, Elizabeth Ann Vaden, John Blakley, Bobby Kissell, Cathy Copnell, Andrew Smith, Joe Barnes, Teresa Ward, Cassandra Mosby.

Aug. 29 - Ashley Joe Childress, Clint Hendren, Lesleigh Smith, Sterling McAlister, Kandi Pennington, Amanda Newman, Jeff Mitchell, Paige Krafur, Wayne Reynolds, Erin Grugett.

Aug. 30 - Brian Wade, Beth Prescott, Randy Rhodes, Sonny Baker, Amanda Jennings, James Mc-

Broom, Angelia Mauldin, Jamie McBroom, Cindy Jones, Billy Emerson, Joyce Rickard, Cathy McBride, Angie Prater, Richard Horne, Nathaniel Tyler Newlin, Michael Martin, Chris Barbee, Hailey Dew, Cameron Ingle.
Aug. 31 - Brandon Pittman, Linda Jarrett, Mike Dunavant, Alice Waluk, Anita Baldrige, Kelli Neal, Brantley Morris, Janice Pitts, Franklin Carmack, Tyler Rose, Tim Turner, Billy Leo.
Sept. 1 - Shellie Hendren, Kim Barnes, Roy E. Crowder, III, Ryan

Ward, Dorothy Stanley, Jimmy Hansford, Audrey Belton, Joe Horvath, Sarah Sorrell, Kim Cannon, Janie Hemby, Chaisson Ferguson, Greg Oswald.
Sept. 2 - Will Douglas, Jeff Buckner, Anita Trooper, Renee Taylor, Melissa Elder Helton, Bobby Wright, James White, Jr., Opal Young, Ozell Hargett, Janet Eimer, Mike Gooch, Hailey Chavers, Michael Spencer, Carol Lynch, Bette Anthony, Billy Stanley, Kasey Thompson, Terry Smith, Mary Elizabeth Griggs, Mimi Keskesa.
Sept. 3 - Eric Groenke, Colin Al-ley, Dana Langley, Stacy Ellis, Jonathan Fisher, Jim Vaden, Dee Dee McKee, David Johnson, Wanda S. Hill, Sharon Rose Whitson, Anna Jane Little.

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<h4 style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</h4> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Bargain Night-Pay One Price \$10-includes admission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival Opens 6:00 P.M. • Jr. & Pre-Teen Miss Dyer County Fair 6:30 P.M. • \$1,000 Drawing 10:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">SPONSOR OF THE DAY: DELTA AUTOPLEX</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Citizens Day 9:00 A.M. • Family Night \$5 Gate Admission - \$15 Bracelet • Bracelet night 6:00 P.M. • \$1,000 Drawing 10:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">SPONSOR OF THE DAY: FIRST CITIZENS NATL. BANK</p>
<h4 style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</h4> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Kids-Free Admission) - \$15 bracelet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Day 10:00 A.M. • Truck & Tractor Pull 7:00 P.M. • Truck Giveaway 10:30 P.M. • \$1,000 Drawing 10:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">SPONSOR OF THE DAY: BURKS BEVERAGE</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bracelets (\$15) 4 - 7 P.M. • Chuck Wicks 8:00 P.M. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Singer, Songwriter-First Citizens Amphitheater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 Drawing 10:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">SPONSOR OF THE DAY: UNITED CHRYSLER-DODGE</p>

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Obituaries

Violet Stout

Violet Jeanette Stout, 83, of Newbern, sister of Sidney McKnight, of 582 Circle Drive, Halls, died Aug. 17th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Fairview Cemetery in Newbern.

She had retired as a technician in Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg.

She was the daughter of the late Modge and Beatrice Bethal McKnight.

She was a member of Palestine Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

She was the widow of J. R. Stout. Survivors include sons, Dennis and Gary, two daughters, Jeanette (Mrs. John) Moore and Patricia (Mrs. David) McCutcheon, and two sisters, Alice McIntosh and Sandra Combs, all of Newbern; another daughter, Rene (Mrs. Raymond) Evans, of Mason Hall; another sister, Vinnie Phillips, of Dyersburg; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Ray W. Gaines

Ray Willard Gaines, 65, of Ripley, a farmer, died Monday at the residence.

Graveside services were at noon Wednesday, August 20th, at Asbury Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

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

He leaves a brother, Ed Gaines, of Memphis; and a friend, Robbie Sue Beasley, of Ripley.

J. C. Gray

Jessie C. Gray, 85, of Mason, brother of Everett Gray, of 1655 Poplar Grove Cemetery Road near Henning, died Sunday.

Rites were Wednesday in the Covington Funeral Home,

Virginia Smith

Virginia Smith, 42, of Ripley, employed by S-R of Tenn. in Ripley, died Thursday of last week, in her home.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Halls High School, with burial in the cemetery of Antioch-Curve Missionary Baptist Church near Gates, with Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Her survivors include her grandmother, Katie Mae Liggeons, of Gates; her mother, Emma Coleman, a sister, Darlean Ross, her husband, Dwight Smith, and a daughter, Kimberly Parker, all of Ripley; a step-daughter, Shakyra Smith, of Covington; brothers, Jessie Napper, of Halls, Dwight Napper, of Gates, and Doyle Napper, of Malvern, Ark.; and other sisters, Mary Kate Hughes, of Gates, and Victoria Claybrooks, of Memphis.

Beulah Meter

Beulah Dell Meter, 89, of Newburgh, Ind., a former Riplian, died Wednesday of last week in Evansville, Ind.

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

She was a retired restaurant manager.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

The wife of Samuel Woodrow Meter, she leaves a daughter, Pam Faris, of Newburgh.

A son, Donald Crook, died before her.

with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

Survivors include a son, Billy, another brother, Harold, and sisters, Doris Thompson and Ruby Rice, of Covington; daughters, Dorothy McClinton, Mary Williamson, and Phyllise J. Haden,

J. H. Kasinger

James Howard Kasinger, 49, of 129 Poplar Grove Rd., Halls, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were private.

He was born in Woodland, Calif., Sept. 30, 1958.

He leaves his mother, Juanita Carmack, of Ripley; his wife, Dena Harrell Kasinger, of Halls; sons, J. H., Jr., of Covington, and Brandon, of El Paso, Tex.; a daughter, Miranda Blackford, of Des Moines, Iowa; his step-mother, Rita Kasinger, of Conway, Ark.; brothers, Bobby Kasinger, of Conway, Ira Newton, of Bartlett, and Robert Newton, of Memphis; sisters, Connie Wilson, of Henning, Debbie Connally, of Gadsden, and Karen Conrad and Melinda Kannada, of Conway; and a granddaughter.

Truman Bell

Truman Bell, 60, of Philadelphia, Miss., a Choctaw Indian, formerly a resident of this county, died Thursday of last week in Riley Hospital in Meridian, Miss.

Rites were Monday in the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery at Philadelphia.

He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

He was the son of the late Edmond and Willie Rose Frazier Bell.

Survivors include his wife, Mae; sons, Eric and Michael, a daughter, Robin Bell, a foster son, Shawn Shoemaker, and an adopted sister, Cynthia Bell, all of Philadelphia; another son, Jeremy, of Union, Miss.; other adopted sisters, Chrystal Bell, of Dekalb, Miss., and Tammy Eaves, of Louisville, Miss.; and five granddaughters.

of Mason, and Verna Janette Ashford, of Bolivar; another brother, James, of Salisbury; 11 grandchil-

PRICES FORCE INCREASE

The price of electricity that Ripley Power and Light Company buys from TVA is increasing because of rapid increases in fuel prices around the world. Skyrocketing prices for fuels TVA uses to make electricity, such as coal, natural gas and power purchased from other en-

ergy suppliers, will cause wholesale electricity prices to increase about 20 percent effective Oct. 1st.

Residential customers of Ripley Power and Light Company may see an increase of about \$18 to \$28 on their average power bills, depending on their individual energy use.

The bulk of the increase is the direct result of rising fuel prices, which are recovered quarterly.

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Saturday, Aug. 30th
 9 a.m. - until
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 Miss Labor Day Pageant (3 p.m. at Halls Jr. High School)
 Car Show at 6 p.m.
 Block Party
 Kids Games

Sunday, Aug. 31st
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 Gospel Program (at 5 p.m.)
 Drawings
 Kids Games

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Monday, September 1st, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
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 Drawings

HHS At Gleason: Both Lost Debuts To AA Opponents

Halls High School's Dist. 8-A Tigers, led last week by Gibson County's Dist. 8-AA Pioneers, 40-18, this Friday visit Gleason's Dist. 7-A Bulldogs, led last week by Stewart County's Dist. 7-AA Rebels, 52-38.

Gleason topped Stewart County last fall, 28-26. It plays on an enrollment of 207 (Halls, 361).

Gibson led Halls, by quarters, 13-6, 14-0, and 7-6, before a 6-6 fourth. Halls quarterback Craig

first period lead of 13-6. Full-back Jake Hill, a senior, tallied from the two and the 58. Keel kicked for a half-time lead of 27-6.

Davis passed to Steve Cesac (junior, 5-11, 170) for a 72-yard tally. Hill scored from the seven and Keel kicked for a 34-12 margin after three quarters.

In the final period, 6-6, both Arnold and Tiger junior Cory Walker (5-9, 178) scored from the one.

Of the Pioneers' 412 yards rushing, Hill contributed 154 in 18 carries, Arnold 149 in 23 tries, and Johnson 130, in six runs.

Halls rushed 41 yards. It completed 12 of 31 passes, for 192 yards, to lead

in first downs, 16-11. Gibson completed three passes for no yardage.

Each team recovered one fumble, of three by Gibson and two by Halls.

Gibson's nine penalties totaled 68 yards. Halls caught four for 55 yards.

Reg. 8-A Last Week

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Forced Prices xxx

Continue from page 4. through TVA's Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) mechanism. The FCA is based on the direct cost of fuel used in TVA's generating plants, and the cost of purchased power that TVA uses to supplement its power generation. About 56% of TVA's power supply comes from fossil fuels used to make electricity - coal, oil and natural gas. A variety of factors, which TVA cannot control, affect fuel and purchased power costs, including the weather and changes in market prices for various fuels. Many utilities, including most of those neighboring TVA's service area, use similar mechanisms to adjust their rates and are faced with similar rate increases.

In addition, continuing drought conditions mean that TVA has been able to generate only about half as much inexpensive hydropower this year as it would generate in an average year. When TVA cannot generate that hydropower, it must buy re-

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placement power at market prices.

The remainder of the TVA rate increase will cover additional fuel-related costs, such as increased coal inventory costs, and the expansion of TVA's energy efficiency and demand reduction program.

"When the prices of these fuels increase, TVA's costs increase. As a distributor of TVA power, when higher prices force TVA to increase its rates, we must pass those costs along to our customers," said Mike Allmand, Ripley Power and Light Company president.

The power and light company does not receive additional revenue from this rate increase.

"The 159 distributors of TVA power worked with TVA two years

ago to develop the FCA mechanism to help recover rising fuel prices on a quarterly basis," said Mike Allmand. "We believe the FCA is an important tool to help recover costs in a timely manner in order to maintain TVA's financial health."

To start saving energy and money on their power bills, Ripley Power and Light Company customers may take a few simple steps, which include completing an online home energy audit at www.energyright.com.

Ripley Power and Light Company customers who complete the audit will receive a free energy efficiency kit to help them get started.

Customers may also use these energy-saving tips when possible to help reduce their electric bills:

Turn up your cooling system's thermostat to 78°F. Don't pay to keep

your furniture cool — raise it even more when no one is home. Use electric fans to maintain comfort with a higher thermostat setting.

Turn off lights, appliances and other home electronics with a power bar

when not in use.

Use the "sleep mode" on computers. Use the microwave instead of a stove burner or oven for cooking.

Operate dishwashers and clothes washers only with full loads and after 8

p.m. air dry dishes in the dishwasher.

Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, which use 75 percent less energy and last 10 times longer.

Change your air condition filter every time you pay your power bill.

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello Zeek here! Well, I am paying for my vacation. Miss Pam has noticed that my love handles are growing. She decided it was time to put me on an exercise routine. I ended up at the park on the end of a leash. Worse yet, she expected me to keep up with her. The temperature had to have been close to 120 degrees. Before I know it, I was panting and sweating. By the end of the first mile, my hips were burning and my feet were on fire. Every time I would quicken my step because of the hot pavement, I couldn't catch my breath. Forget about the hips, I just needed air! I finally had to stop and set down. Every time I tried to stop, the more she pulled on my collar. I was in a pickle; my feet were on fire, I couldn't breathe, and I looked like a leathery-up horse from all the sweat. All I could think about was a big mud puddle. I think she finally got the message when I finally mustered up one final tug to a shady, grassy spot where I finally laid down and refused to be coaxed with one of her famous treats. After a ten minute rest, we took a short cut to the car, and thankfully she took the grass. When we got home, I made a B-line to the big white bowl that flushes. The water is usually fresher and a little cooler than the small metal bowl. I think Miss Pam likes it better when I use the big white bowl because I make less of a mess. However, I have noticed that she shy's away from my kisses.

When Mr. Pam asked about our trip to the park, Miss Pam said I was soft and spoiled. She told him she had a new plan and it included a treadmill at Sue's TKS building. Of course my faithful brothers and sisters got a big laugh when they heard the news. My eventful day then ended with a half bowl of vittles. I think I would rather be in obedience school. At least I would get some praise and treats.


Four of my buds found two leggers that will appreciate them unlike my two leggers. Hank, a big Black Lab, is now a Memphis police dog and he will be touring their schools. Clint Holmes took home Sam, the pretty Springer Spaniel, and William Carroll found his lost Weimaraner at the Club.

Additional good news is that Gavin Hopkins, a five year old who has been very sick, made a visit to the Club and he took home a small black female Basset mix that I called Licorice.

Mr. Buddy's wife, Judy, fell in love with Molly, the Boston Terrier, and a two legger took home three cats.

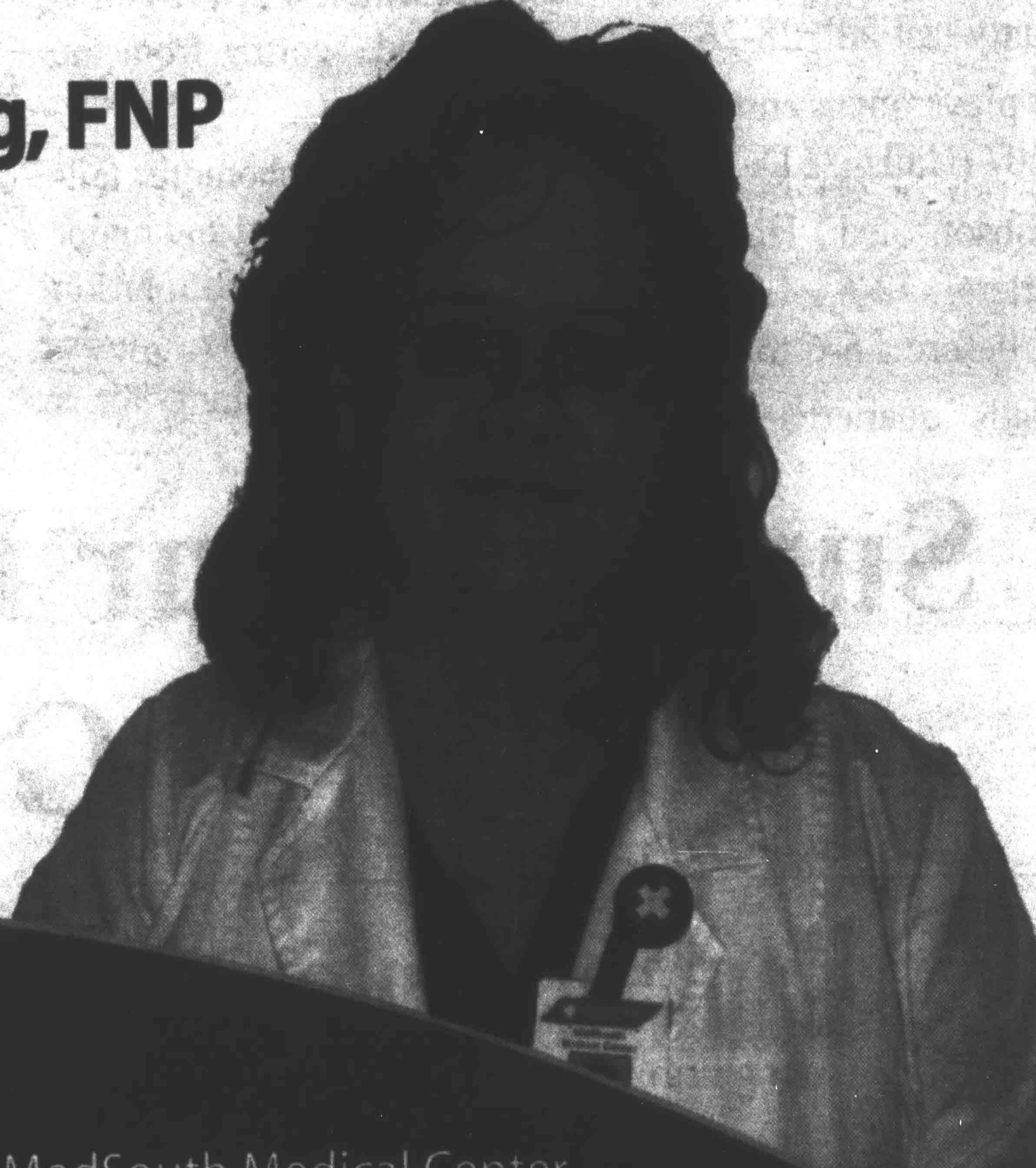
Does anyone know the phone number for the Halls High School Ag teachers? I hate to beg, but I hope they haven't forgot about us this year. I also hope the new principal at LMS will let his students adopt us again this year. It's so great when the kids come for a visit.

Time to close and as always, try to be as good as your four legger thinks you are. I want to finish with a reasonable question, "Why do two leggers litter and why do they not believe in spaying and neutering?" Zeek Out!



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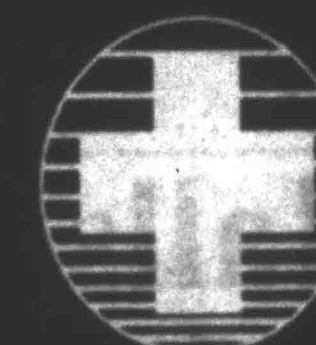
Welcomes



Deon Ring, FNP
Family Practice
Medicine

Deon has joined MedSouth Medical Center in Dyersburg. She reviewed her Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas and her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Celebrating Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. DAVID DAVIS, of Ripley, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary August 20th with a vacation in Branson, Mo. David and Jaquetta were married August 20, 1983 in a ceremony in the home of Mrs. Davis' parents, Sammy and Ann Neal, of Ripley.

The couple have two children, Alan Davis, of Halls, and Kim Davis, of Ripley, and three grandchildren.

Readers Speak

Editor,

Thanks to many dedicated people, our county hosted the Lauderdale County Youth Revival. What the impact will be on the unchurched cannot be instantly calculated, but maybe it planted a seed.

In a recent article in *The Commercial Appeal*, Bradley Thompson, executive vice-president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, addressed the disconnect between many of the current generation and the church. He said, "churches are dealing

with a generation that no longer sees itself as part of the community. Churches trying to attract 20-somethings often launch hip new ministries that end up appearing contrived. A lot of churches that try to do a 20-something ministry often become a dating service or meal market and the gospel gets pushed aside."

He further stated that, "historically, people return when they start a family." It would be wonderful for every congregation in the nation if it were true that people return to church when they start a family. Percentagewise, however, I would have to see some reliable

figures to show that this is actually true today.

Unfortunately, many in our nation today have never been "churched." Therefore, they surely can't "return to the church." So, efforts like the Lauderdale County Youth Revival should be applauded. Likewise, on Saturday, September 13th, on Main Street in Halls, all generations are invited to attend the "On-The-Go Festival" with Keith Cook and sponsored by area churches of all denominations. The event, from noon to 5:30 p.m. will have three distinct activities throughout the

Anniversaries

Aug. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Smith.

Aug. 29 — Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Childress.

Aug. 31 — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Loving.

Sept. 1 — Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McCurry.

Sept. 2 — Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemons, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hudnall.

Sept. 3 — Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Akin, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horvath, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Chris McCaslin, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Ray.

Marriages

July 24 — J. D. Littlejohn, Jr., 42, to Venita Kay Bogard Grayson, 44, by Roscoe B. Johnson, Sr.

August 3 — Frankie Tralaine Barbee, 28, to Dominique Jonette Jones, 23, by Edward L. Reed.

August 8 — Harold Robert Deplante, 51, to Sherrie Ene-dina Brieco Vansach, 54, by Rod Schuh.

August 12 — Bryan Keith Benjamin, 20, to Cristina Nicole Duncan, 18, by Michael J. Painter.

August 22 — Lee Michael Middleton, 21, to Crystal Nichole McCalvin, 19, by Rod Schuh.

Gatlinburg Wedding



MR. AND MRS. JAMES ROBERT JONES, of Halls, were married at 6 p.m. July 8th in Gatlinburg with the mountains and flowing streams as the setting for the evening ceremony.

The bride, the former Ashley Marie Evans, of Ripley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve DeLoach, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Evans, of Dyersburg.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones and Christine Evans, all of Dyersburg.

Ashley's daughter, Jade, served as flower girl.

The bride is a nurse at Lauderdale Community Living Center.

The groom is employed by the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department.

The couple were accompanied by family and friends. They are residing in Halls.

James' daughter, Madelyne, was unable to attend the ceremony.

afternoon: The GoKids Club has games, programs, and prizes for children; Go-Extreme is directed towards Bike and Skate enthusiasts, and the Main Event will feature four well-known Christian performers.

I don't recognize any of them because this is not my era. My favorite performers were the Blackwood Brothers. I doubt if many people even remember them. I encourage parents and grandparents to see that your family and friends know about this event. Allow them to share this "church without walls" experience. Make sure we give that "seed a chance to grow."

Pat Higdon
Halls

Land Transfers

August 17-August 23
Federal National Mortgage Association and Fannie Mae to

Willisteen Clark, lot. Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos to Kenny Emerson and Deborah Emerson, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Kenny Emerson and Deborah A. Emerson to Johnny Crowder and Stephanie Crowder, Dist. 2, lot.

Richard W. Babin to Russell Davis, Dist. 7, tract.

Jeff J. Blanks III and Eva J. Blanks to Vern K. Bostick, Dist. 3, tract.

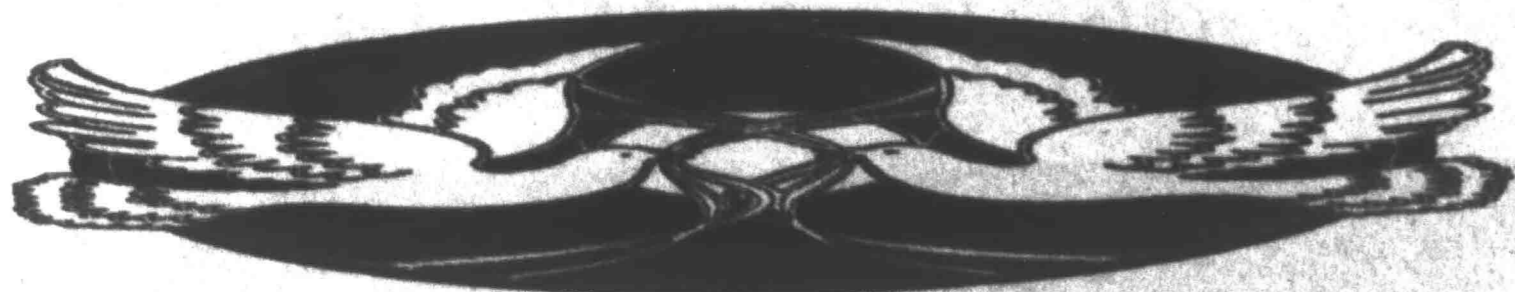
Mary Williamson to George Richardson and Rebekah Richardson, Dist. 2, lot.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Earl McCrary, Dist. 2, lot.

Divorces

Mary Darlene Marby vs. Anthony Wade Marby.

Angela Lynette Scallions Choate vs. Kenneth Vance Choate.



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.

Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., near Halls, will sponsor a Faith and Wholeness seminary at 6 p.m. Monday nights, September 8th through October 27th. The subject will involve "Dealing With The Hurt, Hang-Up, And Harmful Habits Of Life From The Christian Perspective". The seminar, free and open to the public, is under the direction of The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Welch. The Rev. Welch is a trained and licensed profession counselor, marital and family therapist, clinical pastoral therapist, and alcohol and drug abuse counselor. For more information, call The Rev. Melvin Orr, 731-287-0310.

St. Luke Baptist Church, 258 Woodville Rd., will celebrate its anniversary homecoming service beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 31st and continuing at noon with the worship service. Special guests will be the Greater St. Mark Family Church, of St. Louis, Mo., whose pastor, The Rev. Tommie L. Pierson, a native of Ripley, will be the guest speaker. The Rev. Glenn Strickland, pastor, invites the public.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located just off Highway 88, between Gates and Maury City, in the Frog Jump community, will hold a gospel singing at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 31st featuring The Anchormen, Southern Gospel artists. They will have the complete worship service. For more information, call Caren Jordan, 731-656-4306.

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.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Sept. 1st
No School
Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
Steak Fingers
Fish Fillet

Broccoli w/Cheese
Black Eyed Peas
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Grapes

Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Sept. 4th
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes

Green Peas
Peaches
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Sept. 5th
Corn Dog
Deli Wrap
Corn On The Cob
Sandwich Trimming Cup
Applesauce
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

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

Monday, Sept. 1st
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Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites w/Cheese
Orange Sections

Roll
Choice Of Milk
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NOTICE

Delta Human Resource Agency will accept applications in Lauderdale County for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program September 8 - 19, 2008.

- Applications for assistance may be filed at the Delta Human Resource office located 198 S. Washington Street, Ripley, Monday, September 8 through Friday, September 19, 2008. Applications will be taken **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Persons wishing to schedule an appointment may do so by calling the Ripley Office at 635-1931, beginning Thursday, September 4, 2008.
- Mail in applications will be available beginning Monday, September 8, and may be picked up at the Delta Human Resource Agency office in Ripley, and Halls Senior Citizen Center. **NOTE: Submission of a completed application does not guarantee assistance. However, all completed applications will be placed on a Waiting List.**
- In order to file for assistance the following information must be presented:
 - Names of **ALL** persons living in your household.
 - Birthdates of **ALL** persons living in your household.
 - Social Security Numbers for ALL persons living in your household (examples— Social Security card, insurance cards, drivers license). **First time applicants are asked to include copies of this documentation.**
 - Proof of income for **ALL** persons in your household who have income, including interest from savings accounts, CD's, etc. This documentation may include award letters from the Social Security Administration, the Veterans Administration, the Department of Human Services, retirement funds, etc.; bank statements, which include the type and the amount of check; check stubs verifying employment income for a minimum of 3 months (13 check stubs if paid weekly; 7 check stubs if paid every two weeks; 6 check stubs if paid twice monthly, or the most recent check stub with a Year-to-Date gross income). **All income documentation must include identifying name and/or Social Security Number.**
 - Electric and/or natural gas bill for one month during the past 12 months.
 - Receipts for any propane, wood, or kerosene purchased during the past 12 months.

NOTE: The above information must be brought to the office to file applications, or included with mailed in applications. **Clients who do not include all required documentation will be notified that their application is incomplete and this could result in the completed application being placed on the Waiting List.**

Clients wishing to complete an application for the Weatherization Assistance Program should also bring with them proof of ownership of their residence, i.e., most recent tax receipt or warranty deed. Clients filing mail-in applications wishing to apply for WAP may do so September 22 - 26, 2008, by appointment.

Clients applying in person for energy assistance will also be issued a commodity card, if they so desire. Applicants filing mail-in applications may apply for commodity cards at a later date.

Delta Human Resource Agency is an EEO organization, funded in part by the Tennessee State Department of Human Services.