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True Bills Returned By February's Grand Jury

Michael Lee was indicted by the Lauderdale County Grand Jury Monday for felony first degree murder and especially aggravated burglary. He was charged in the stabbing death of Willa Rice January 14th on Chapel Circle in Ripley. She was stabbed twice in her torso.

Other indictments include Louis Antonio Bonds, possession of Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams and simple possession of schedule VI (marijuana).

Everette Agee, HMVO.

Reginald Alexander, felony evading arrest, simple possession, and driving while license suspended.

Walter Brunt, failure to register as a sex offender and failure to comply with res. restrictions.

James Franklin Claybrook, theft, \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Dewayne Earnest Cohill, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment with deadly weapon.

Patrick Allen Cohill, aggravated assault and reckless endangerment with deadly weapon.

Patrick Cohill, theft, \$10,000 to \$60,000.

Jeremy Hall, theft, \$10,000 to \$60,000.

Bill Davis, aggravated assault, two counts.

Summer Edwards, felony reckless endangerment.

Bianca Gordon, theft, \$1,000 to \$10,000.

John Hancock, simple possession schedule VI (marijuana).

Billy Joe Savley, simple possession schedule VI (marijuana).

Rodney Hemby, introduction of contraband into penal

institution, three counts.

Wanda Henderson, filing false report.

Marion Holloway, delivery schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

James Jacks, DUI.

Ira Welch, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

Jeffery Dale Jones, escape: felony.

Donnell Madison, aggravated assault.

William David Maness, promoting methamphetamine manufacture and simple possession VI (marijuana).

Abby Mills, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver, possession schedule III (Hydrocodone) with intent to deliver, and possession schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 ounce.

Christopher Joey Younger, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver, possession schedule III (Hydrocodone) with intent to deliver, and possession schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 ounce.

Ronald Mitchell, felony evading arrest, simple posses-

Promoted



SANDRA S. KESLER was promoted to the position of assistant cashier at the Bank of Halls. She began her career at the bank in 1980 as a teller and advanced to the savings and CD department. From there, she has worked in various areas of the bank and acquired a general knowledge of the bank. In 1999, she became an administrative assistant, where she still serves and is the IRA representative for the bank. Sandra and her husband, David Kesler, have a son, Kevin. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Stanley, of Dyersburg Manor, and the late Joe Stanley.

sion, DRL, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Richard Moseley, aggravated assault, two counts.

Tara L. Moses, criminal simulation.

Brian Parker, aggravated assault and especially aggravated burglary.

Dedric Phillips, aggravated assault and especially aggravated burglary.

Fritz Toliver, aggravated

McCadney Speaks At Halls Museum Youth Activity Center Meeting

The Rev. W.L. McCadney, of Gates, who joined the Army in 1952, will speak at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 12th, at the Veterans' Museum in Halls about his family's service in the United States Armed Forces. Two sons, Alvin and Albert, served in the Army, and two others, Howard Lee and Willie C., served in the Navy.

The public is invited to attend.

assault and especially aggravated burglary.

Nicholas Pearson, reckless endangerment, aggravated assault, and alteration of item's permanent distinguishing numbers.

James K. Pennock, HMVO.

Stanley Pounds, filing a false report.

Sherry Richardson, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

Ira Welch, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

Adrian Rivers, aggravated burglary and robbery.

Randy Mac Roe, possession handgun: certain convicted felons.

Charles D. Smith, HMVO and felony failure to appear.

Jim Henry Taylor, aggravated rape, especially aggravated kidnapping, especially aggravated burglary, and theft over \$500.

Jim Henry Taylor, rape and robbery.

Willie T. Taylor, aggravated assault.

Steven Tucker, theft less than \$500, vandalism, burglary of auto, and theft over

The Town of Halls will be having a meeting on February 16th at the Halls Community Center at 1 p.m. to discuss and plan the new Northside Community Center for Youth. All interested persons are encouraged to attend to help raise money and plan the uses for this new building.

For more information, call Mayor Trent McManus at 836-9653 or anyone on the Northside Advisory Board.

\$1,000.

Phillip Walker, also known as "Buck", deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams and deliver schedule II (cocaine) less than 0.5 grams.

Jimmy Dewayne Webb, att. burglary and theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Ira Welch, deliver schedule II (cocaine) less than 0.5 grams.

Emma Wesley, filing false report.

Jonathan Williams, possession handgun: certain convicted felons.

Billy Wayne Winbush, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

Kevin Wright, burglary other than habitation, 11 counts, theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000, four counts, aggravated burglary, seven counts, theft of property less than \$500, 12 counts, vandalism, \$1,000 to \$10,000, two counts, and theft of property, \$500 to \$1,000.

Octavus A. Wynn, rape of a child.

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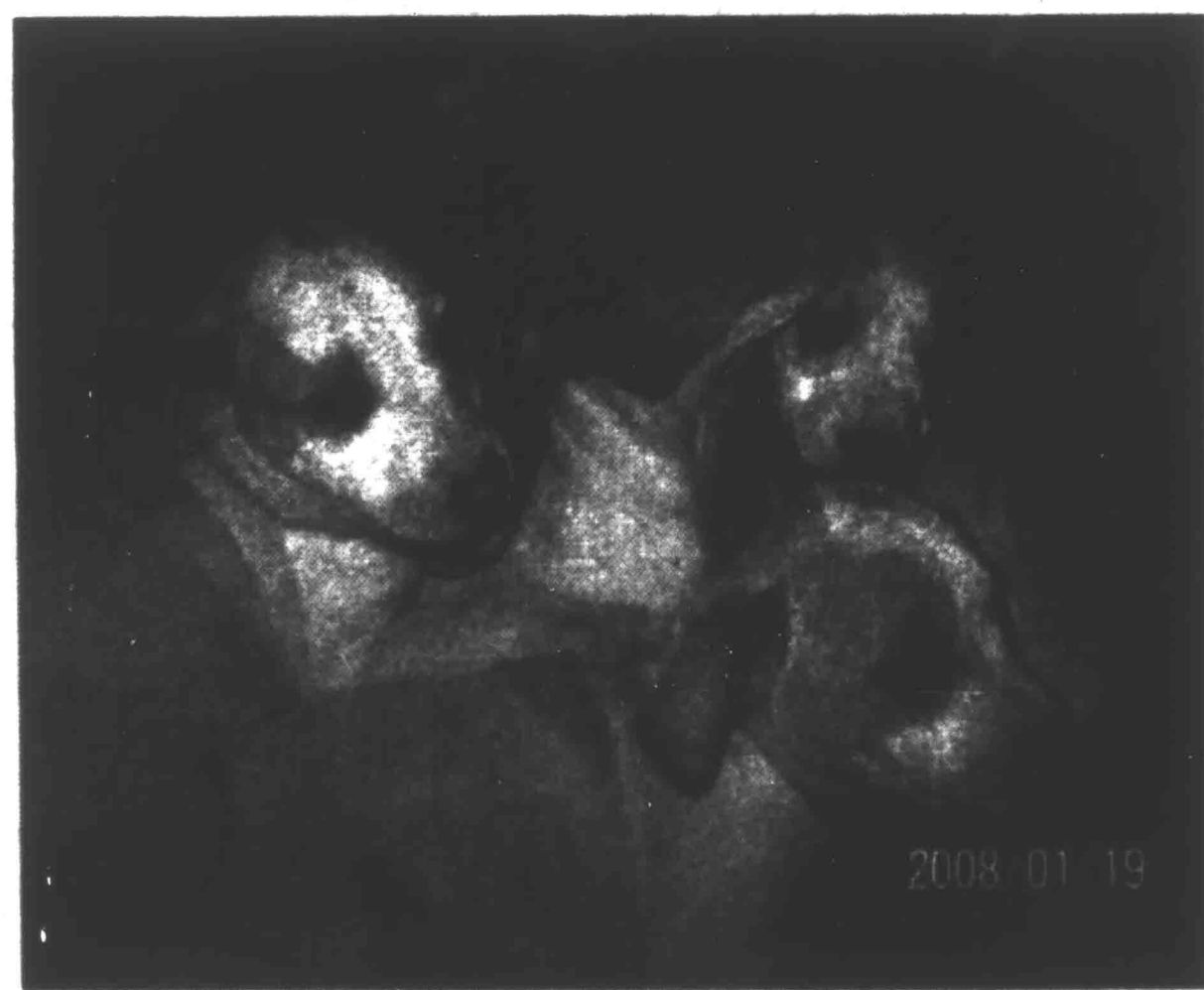
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KIM BARNES, CareAll Home Care Services, in upper photo, spoke to the seniors at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging facility in Halls January 24th about the importance of supplemental Medicare coverage. In lower photo, Eric Newman, NREMT-P director of the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, provided CPR training to the staff and homemakers at the center January 22nd.

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Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Buddy Haynes, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion, Terrence Mitchell, Bro. Thomas Eugene Sanders, Tammy Winchester, Anna Lauren Mills.
Feb. 9 - Michael Anthony Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Kelvin Lyles, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Wakeshia Lyles Mitchell, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Carihfield, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Ray Willis, Stacey Gaines, Emily Katherine Fisher, Andrea Joseph, April Dowell, Malissa Hughes, Kevin Connell.
Feb. 10 - Rachel Gibson, Logan Rose, Paige Henderson, Noveline Hunter, Crystal James, Megan Buchignani, Sue Conti Holmes, Rob Reviere, James C. Newman, Kevin Drumwright, Jason White, Joni Cook, Lindsay Crain, Shirley Brown, Thomas Neil Martin, Jessica Byrd, Beverly Best Smith, James Newman, Chris Sanders, Stephanie McWherter.
Feb. 11 - Bubba Klutts, Nickie Langley, John Forrest Douglas, Norene Douglas, Ernie Ellis, Marc Alley, Betty Bernard, Lyndsay Erin Dotson, Louise Land, Dan Coughlan, Olivia Woodall, Nickie Langley, Joe Griffin, Jackson Summrow Fullen.
Feb. 12 - Bud Young, Paul Spoon, Mark Bryant, Shannon Williams, Mary Ellen Jones, Bill Prescott, Larry Shelby, Marley Elizabeth Trospet, Mickey Arwood Hamlin.
Feb. 13 - Jill Hawks Sullivan, Amy Edmundson, Janie Burris, Brenda Olds, Bunnie Fullen, Mike Currie, Brenda Marshburn, Judson Vaden, Tammy Horner, Franklin Garner, Andrea Baynes, Rivers Nelson, Janice Grigsby, Anna Mofatt, Larry Cain, Eli Larson, Darrell Smothers, Venus Crowder.

Halls Boys Post 3 Wins In Row

After four consecutive losses, Halls High School's boys have posted three consecutive wins, with only Tuesday's game at Trenton (score too late for this issue) remaining on their regular season schedule.
The Tigers won from South Fulton, 74-58, from Greenfield, 65-45, and from Gleason, 74-36.
Tony Hudson, and Qualon Smtth, 2 each, and Michael Hudson 1.

Third Quarter Scare Gleason No Challenge

Handing South Fulton its 18th consecutive loss, with a lone win to the Red Devils' credit, wasn't any breeze.
Halls led, by quarters, 20-12 and 27-12, for a half-time margin of 47-24. But the Devils took the third period, 21-9, to lag by only 11 points.
Halls' 18-13 margin in the fourth won, 74-58.
The Tigers romped over Gleason, Friday, 74-36.
Halls girls lost to South Fulton, by quarters, 16-8, 17-10, and 16-7, before Halls led the fourth, 14-5, to lose the game, 54-39.
Halls girls lost to Greenfield, 55-23, and to Gleason, 48-31.

Greenfield Lost Late Modern Woodmen Aid Halls Resident

Halls led Greenfield, by quarters, 12-11, 14-10, and 21-17, but put the game away with a fourth period 18-7, to win 65-45.
Kevan Ward led HHS scoring with 26. Soph Cedrick Janes posted 14. Darius Ivory 12, Rodney Foster 6, Reginald Glass, Members of the Ripley Modern Woodman of American Camp donated food and clothing to Christy Davis, of Halls, after her home was destroyed by the tornado that passed through the county in January.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor & Aldermen adopted the following Ordinance at the regular meeting Monday, February 4th, 2008.
Ordinance No. 08-01
An Ordinance to relating to the Volume and Pressure Standards for all Fire Hydrants in the Town of Halls Water System; Color Coding of Fire Hydrants; and Requiring the Municipal Water Utility to notify the Fire Department of Volume & Pressure Testing Results.

Obituaries

Patti Burrough

Patti Rhea Burrough, 79, of 1456 Doctor Hall Road, Halls, widow of Owen D. Burrough, died Sunday in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church near Halls, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Halls, to the late Elbert Clarence and Lavicia Brackin Burroughs.

She leaves a daughter, Missy Clair (Mrs. Tom) Hammond, of 1750 Mill Creek Rd., Halls; and a sister, Anna Martin, of New York, N.Y.

A son, Jimmy C. Sassa, preceded her in death.

Anna Lee

Anna Dorothy Lee, 90, of 25 Lakeview Drive, Ripley, retired seamstress, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

Anzavion Parr

Anzavion Parr, 7-day-old daughter of Anthony Parr, Jr., and Toneka Smith, of Henning, died Friday in the Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

She leaves a brother, Nicholas Jones, of California.

Great-grandfathers are Jessie Smith, of Ripley, and James Black, of Philadelphia, Miss.; great-grandmothers, Sadie Carter, of Henning, and Sadie Rush, of Philadelphia; grandmothers, Louise Jones, of Ripley, and Mary Smith, of Henning; and grandfathers, Anthony Parr, of Ripley, and Randy Pickens, of Philadelphia.

Wm. E. Carden, Un. City Banker

William Eddie Carden, 61, whose marriage to Bettie Lee Morris saw his residence at Ripley and his membership in its Masonic lodge, died Wednesday of last week in Union City Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were held Saturday in White-Ransom Funeral Home in Union City, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

He was born at Milan, June 22, 1946, to the late Carl Franklin Carden and Ina Bell Compton Carden Bannister.

In Union City, he had been president of Kirkland Financial, vice-president of the Farmers Exchange Bank, and president of First American Bank.

He was a life member of the American Legion.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Elisabeth Lee (Mrs. Ian) Martin, of Nashville, a sister, Martha Gilchrist, of Sevierville; a step-sister, Dianne Bannister Carter, of Camden; and a grandson.

Johnnie Hudson

Johnnie Theodore Hudson, 64, of 2486 Hyde Road, Ripley, a retired farmer, died Sunday in Jackson Regional Hospital.

No services were held.

He leaves daughters, Kimberly Hudson and Tammy Floyd, of Ripley; a brother, Ray, of Halls; a sister, Linda Stone, of Covington; a grandson; and a great-grandchild.

Arch Turner

Arch Turner, 91, of Ripley, a farmer, died Thursday, January 31st, at Regional Medical Center in Memphis due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Missouri.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, February 9th, at Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Brownsville, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves three daughters, Rosie Boyd, of Brownsville, Betty Temple, of St. Louis, Mo., and Delores Turner, of Bronx, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Roy Thompson

Roy Raines Thompson, 92, of Ripley, retired chemist at Dupont, died Monday at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday, February 7th, at St. Paul United Methodist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was a long time member of the Ripley Rotary Club and a Lauderdale Chamber ambassador.

The widower of Verna Mae Thompson, he leaves a son, Thomas B. Thompson, and daughter, Mary Jane Workman, both of Cordova; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Darry Miller

Darry Miller, 55, of Henning, a farmer, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Canaan Baptist Church at Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Widower of Ruthann Miller, he leaves sons, Darry, Jr., and Marcus, and a sister, Novella Miller, of Henning; daughters, Erica, Rachel, and Tequila Miller, brothers, Bryan, Emmitt, John, Robert, and Ronald Miller, and sisters, Corine Miller and Nancy and Teresa Rogers, all of Ripley; and nine grandchildren.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 11th

Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Carot Sticks
Apple
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 12th

Steak Fingers
Fish Filet
Broccoli Bites
Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Pear
Roll

Denise Benjamin

Denise Benjamin, 51, of Ripley, wife of Ricky Benjamin, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She leaves sons, Ricky, Jr., Bryan, and Dewayne, of Ripley; brothers, Bobby Stacy and Jimmy and Joey Hayworth, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Henry McGonigal and Tommy Hayworth, of Winterhaven, Fla.; a sister, Rose Marie Santangelo, of Clearwater, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Mattie Rogers

Mattie Ella Rogers, 68, of Henning, widow of Willie L. Rogers, died Tuesday of last week.

Church of God in Christ rites were held Saturday in Ripley, with burial in Morrow Cemetery near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Donald, Louis, and Michael, and daughters, Mary Rouser and Francine Smith, of Ripley; a son, Tommy, and a daughter, Brenda Lee, of Henning; another son, Willie, Jr., of Decatur, Ill.; 25 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 13th

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

Thursday, Feb. 14th

Happy Valentine's Day
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Orange Sections
Roll
Sweet Heart Cake
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 15th

Deli Wrap
School's Choice Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Applesauce
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

W. R. Cullum

The Rev. W. R. "June" Cullum, Jr., 73, of 214 Keller, Ripley, retired Assembly of God minister, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Monday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

He leaves his wife, Peggy; a son, Buddy, and daughters, Paula Tomas and Sondra Cline, of Ripley; another daughter, Cynthia Robertson, of Russellville, Ark.; a sister, Annie Ruth Stringfellow, of Covington; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

School Lunches

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

Monday, Feb. 11th

Pizza
French Fries
Apple
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 12th

Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites
Banana
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 13th

Spaghetti
Green Beans
Pear
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 14th

Happy Valentine's Day
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Orange Sections
Roll
Sweet Heart Cake
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 15th

School's Choice Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Love and time—those are the only two things in all the world and all of life that cannot be bought, but only spent.

—Gary Jennings

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello: Zeek Here! I am ready for Spring. These dreary cold damp days make it tough to keep my buds looking good and feeling positive about themselves. A lot of their problems started because they did not get enough attention as a pup. That early training goes a long way on how my friends and the two leggers get along. Needless to say I have to do a lot of teaching at the shelter. I wonder if two legger teachers have my problems?

Anyway, these are just a few of the family skills we teach at the Club. First of all they must lick up the water off the floor around the water bowl because the Mrs. must clean the floor. Second is when loved ones come home, always run to greet them. Run, romp and play daily. Stretch before rising. Never pass up the opportunity for a joy ride. Thrive on attention and let two leggers touch you. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Only retrieve what the two legger throws. Do not chew on anything unless a two legger hands it to you. Do not jump on two leggers and eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you are not and if what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. If you are happy show it and wiggle your body. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do and last but the most important is if someone is having a bad day-be silent-sit close by and give them a loving nudge and all will be well.

Shirley and Robert Braden made Crystal, our white Lab, happy when they chose to take her home. She remembered her wiggle lesson very well, however she forgot to say good-bye. It must have been the excitement. Dan Freeman is one of those extra good two leggers as he adopted two of my buds. The elegant Chocolate Lab, Daga, found the perfect farm and owner in Heather Hill. I needed him in class about one more week, but I am sure Heather will be more than forgiving.

Thank you's for food go to Florence and John Mead, Margaret Hunter, and Angela Kent. The always needed puppy food was a gift from Ron Linn.

I hope visitors to our club understand that we can't always keep our coats groomed because of the excessive mud. As I said we need Spring and concrete. Personally, we like the mud, it's softer on the elbows and cooler in the summer, but the two leggers want us to be clean. They are the boss, it's just like that saying my mother taught me; When you are in Rome, you do what the Romans do.

We still have a great line up for you to choose from. Lobo is a new friendly male Husky with blue eyes. He stands about knee high. We have a beautiful Husky - German Shepherd puppy with black and silver mark-

Dining With Diabetes



RACHEL ERWIN, UT Extension Agent FCE, concluded a four-week seminar, Dining with Diabetes, January 25th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging facility in Halls. The seminar, co-sponsored by Le Bonheur and the UT Extension office, provided information, recipes, and materials to help diabetics keep their disease under control. Presenters included Mrs. Erwin, Cathy Robinson, health educator with the Lauderdale County Health Department; Chessica Stephnie, clinical dietician with Sanofi Aventis, and Gail Martin, registered RD with Baptist Hospital Lauderdale. Representatives with Le Bonheur Hospital plan to return March 28th to follow up on the attendee's progress.

CPR Training Held



BELINDA DOUGLAS, Practical Nursing Coordinator at the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, and the center's practical nursing senior instructor, Beth Street, provided CPR training January 29th for the staff at Halls Junior High School. They have held CPR training classes throughout the entire Lauderdale County School system.

It's time to shut the light off and as you snuggan. Don't forget those light down tonight, ask yourself will my pet be as comfortable. Remember we are your best friends. Zeek Out!

Association Names New Area Members

Nicolas Smith, of Ripley, and Rodney A. Moore, of Gates, along with the Smith Cattle Farm, of Ripley, were named as new members of the American Angus Association. Nicolas is a junior member. He is eligible to register cattle in the association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in the association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The association is the largest beef cattle registry in the world with more than 36,000 active adult and junior members.

Land Transfers

January 27th-February 2nd

Roger Tillman and Elizabeth Tillman to Gregory Chaisson Tillman, Roger Tillman and Elizabeth Tillman, Dist. 10, 8 tracts.

Willie Dean Burroughs to William C. Cain, Dist. 8, 1.0 acre.

Billy G. Chapman, TR, and Billy G. Chapman, Living Trust, to Chad Arwood, Dist. 10, 5.011 acres.

Wells Fargo Bank NA to Larry Braden, lot.

Mary E. Bradford and Jean L. Flagg-Newton to Robert Frank Weir, Dist. 3, tract.

Whitefield Assembly of God Church TR to David Fuller and Seleta Fuller, Dist. 2, lot.

William L. Wood and Sarah R. Wood to Linda L. Wood, Dist. 2, lot.

Tom Greaves, Daniel R. Beard and Jesse Edwards to HVAC Connection Mechanical LLC, Dist. 2, 1.0 acre.

Michael A. Pike, Sr., Sarah D. Pike and HVAC Connection Mechanical LLC to HVAC Connection Mechanical LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

Bethany Patterson and Amy Roberson to Ronald V. Roberts and Charlene Roberts, Dist. 12, lot.

Driver Survives Highway Crash

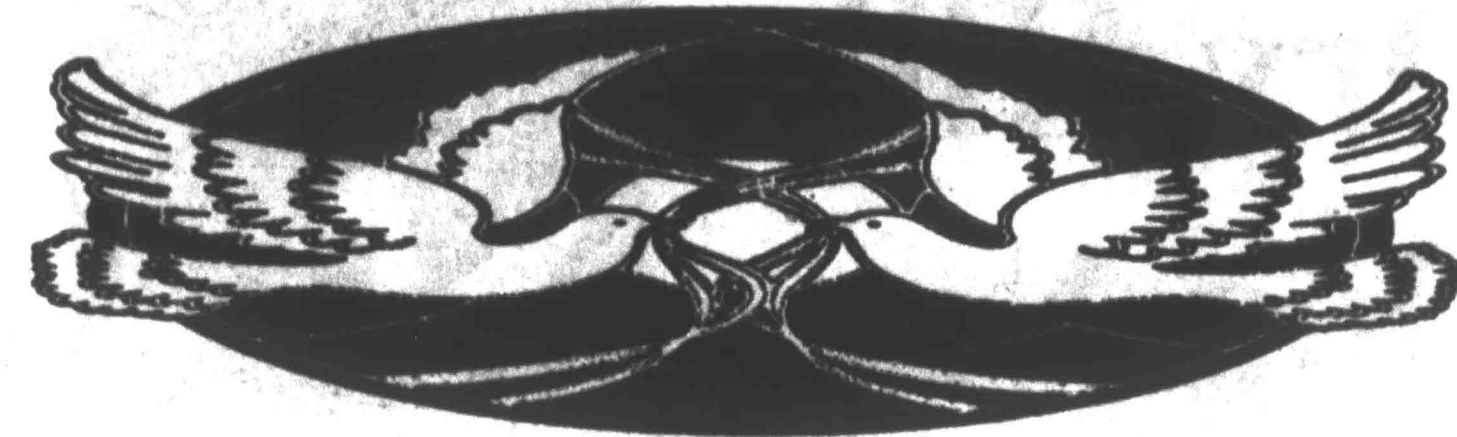


EMERGENCY PERSONNEL worked to free the driver of a 1986 Jeep Cherokee, driven by George P. Brown, 75, of Ripley, at approximately 3:55 p.m. Wednesday of last week after the Cherokee was struck by a 1998 Peterbilt tractor-trailer, driven by Mark J. Baumhoer, 45, of Westphalia, Mo., on Highway 51 N., according to Tennessee Highway Patrol information officer Laura McPherson. Brown, traveling west on Chipman Rd., approached the intersection at Highway 51 and pulled into the path of the tractor-trailer. The Jeep was struck in the driver's side rear, spun around and overturned in the median, trapping Mr. Brown. After he was extricated, he was flown to the Regional Medical Center, The Med, in Memphis in serious condition. A 2001 Chevy Silverado, driven by Robert Ballard, 47, was also damaged in the crash. It was struck by a traffic sign after the Jeep collided with the sign post. Ballard was not injured.

Task Force Agents Seize Drugs



AGENTS with the 25th District Drug Task Force, including agents from the Ripley Police, Lauderdale County Sheriff, and the Covington Police Departments, Jeff Tutor, LCSO; Joey Rhea and Gregg Land, RPD; and Brian Kelley, LCSO, plus, not pictured, Garrison Taylor, Covington PD, executed a search warrant February 2nd at 373 Lee St. in Ripley, the residence of Jeculvie Theus, 27, and Teneka Rogers, 26. During the search, agents found approximately 140 grams of crack cocaine, 13 grams of cocaine, and one pound of marijuana. Agents seized \$7,140 cash along with two vehicles and other items. Theus and Rogers were charged with possession of schedule II and VI with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Church Happenings

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

The Caring Heart Ministries will host a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 17th at Bethesda United Methodist Church, 2170 Highway 88 West, across from Charlene's Colony of Shoppes. Guest speakers include Kathy Giles and Lori Cook, activities director for Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home and Carolyn Mitchell, social services/admissions director for Lauderdale Community Living Center. All churches, individuals or organizations that would like to expand or begin a nursing home ministry are invited. For more information, call 731-836-9838.

Westside Baptist Church in Halls will hold a benefit gospel singing at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 9th for Christy Davis, whose home was destroyed. Featured groups include Faith Crossing and T.N.T. For more information, call 836-5193. The public is invited.

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

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Tennessee Farm Bureau

Political Races Need To Return To Simpler Times

'I owe all of my success to a white, enamel drinking dipper with a red ring around the edge.' - Pettus L. Read, December 8, 1997

In 1997, when I wrote the beginning statement of this column, we were engaged in a presidential election that had gotten completely out of hand in campaign mud slinging. Here we are in 2008 and the mud is once again flying. I don't know how many of you are running into "Presidential Candidate Overload" like me, but if the final election day was today, I would be totally confused on who would be the best choice for our country's highest post. It doesn't matter which party you look at, they all still have many questions to answer as far as I'm concerned. And, it gets more confusing as we move closer to voting for real.

My problem is I have to rely on RPP. What's RPP you ask. Way back in 1997, 2004 and 2006 I did a column on my political philosophy if I was running for office. At those times, I thought the general public could use a dose of "Read Political Philosophy" better known as RPP.

After giving out my first installment of RPP in 1997, the results were several offers for me to run for state office and even more offers suggesting that I should run for the state line. I repeated it again in 2004 and 2006 and got suggestions for me to seek high offices in the areas of dog catcher and justice of the peace, but do

so in another country.

The ten-year-old statement at the beginning of this article and the rest of the RPP in this column is just what I would say to a crowd of voters if I was going to run for public office. This is a repeat of those earlier columns, but I think it needs to be said again due to current campaign efforts of seeing who can make the other candidate look the most foolish rather than sticking to the issues of the nation.

I ask that you please excuse my repetition, but once again here are my RPP thoughts for another presidential election. And, remember this is all for fun.

First of all, I was born in a log house on a frosty October morning. It wasn't a cabin, but it was a log structure and that seems to have worked for the man in the stove-pipe hat back in 1861. I never split rails, but I have picked cotton, cut tobacco, always got selected to pick the down-rows of corn, and built fences out of locust poles. All of these events built character and patience, which I believe a good candidate should have.

Second, I grew up without running water. That topic could be debated, because it all depended on how fast you carried the bucket from the well. Most of the time I had "walking water" because you didn't want to spill any after going that far to get it.

By not having running water you soon learned the lesson of conservation. I learned how to take a bath with just a tea kettle of hot water and to save enough for the next member of the family who needed a bath. A president who doesn't know how to take a "washpan"

bath with Ivory soap, should not be elected. Many of our candidates today call themselves conservative. I question that of many of them. A conservative is one who can make an entire bucket of water last in a family of five, from sundown to sunup with enough in the morning left to make coffee.

Third, I grew up knowing what a cold dipper of water from a good well tasted like. There is nothing any better on a hot summer day than a fresh bucket of water and a white, enamel dipper with a red ring as your drinking utensil. I have tried aluminum ones, stainless steel and wooden, but nothing beats an enamel dipper. They stay cold and lay in the bucket just right. Having to drink out of a dipper in a family of five soon teaches you to share, and to be thankful for the small things in life. You also learn that the last little bit of water left in the bucket at the end of the day is not that great. This teaches you that if you want to make it better, it is up to you. Either go get another bucket of water or do without. A good candidate should be able to make things better and try to keep the bucket at least half full.

Fourth, by not having indoor plumbing you soon learn to make decisions. Weather has a lot to do with your decision making at that time of your life, as well as teaching you a lot of self-control. I think most of you understand what I am talking about. So, a good candidate must be a good decision maker.

Fifth, I had a loving family. There were five of us who lived in one small house, and we children never knew

what our financial standing was. It didn't matter. We had a mother and father who loved us and provided everything we needed. Not what we wanted, but what we needed.

We were taught right from wrong, how to work, taken to church, and learned very early that the family was number one. We were taught from the very beginning to help your community, church, and others.

I am quoting myself from years ago, but I still believe in what I said back then. Also in those early columns, I said I vote for people I would like to have as my next door neighbor. That really puts the qualifications up there pretty high.

So, who do you want as your neighbor?

Marriages

January 29 - Raymond

Anniversaries

Feb. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hayles.

Feb. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Myracle.

Feb. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tims.

Feb. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Greg McBroom.

Feb. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheatley.

Feb. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman "Sonny" Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jordan.

Feb. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. James Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coughlan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hayles, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smothers.

Keith McKee, 31, to Shannon Layne Turner Braden, 37, by Steve Taylor.

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HES Jump Rope For Heart



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School participated in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. The school raised approximately \$2,180.38. Several students, in upper photo, Egypt Riggs, Grayson Morris, Logan Buckner, Megan Bullock, Shane Freeman, Keandre Scott, plus, not pictured, Meredith Bullock, collected over \$100 and received prizes. Grayson, in lower photo, collected over \$300. Robert Huffstutter, coach, is pictured with Grayson.

Aug. 7th Ballot County Votes Deadline Slated Back Clinton

Candidates have until noon April 3rd to qualify for the August 7th ballot. Voters will elect representatives for the United States and State of Tennessee Senate and House of Representatives, Lauderdale County Assessor of Property, school board members for districts 2, 4, 6, and 8, and constable for all eight districts.

Fewer than 27% of the county's registered voters cast ballots in the presidential primaries Tuesday of last week.

In the Democratic primary, former First Lady Hillary (Mrs. Bill) Clinton, with 1,570 votes (61%), led Sen. Barack Obama, with 886 (34.5%).

Six other candidates received a few votes each. County votes by precincts were reported as:

New Location For Meeting

The location for the Town of Halls meeting on the new activity center has been moved from the Halls community center to Halls City Hall. This meeting will be held Saturday, February 16th at 1 p.m. and participants will be planning the designs and fund raising for this project. The activity center will be located directly behind the Halls Senior Center and will be used for daily activities for the seniors, tutoring for youth, and recreational activities in the evening. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting and help this project become a reality.

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

overcome the challenge of diabetes," says Ken Keck, the executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus. "Americans everywhere could benefit from her secrets to good health." After a visit to a diabetes specialist, Whiten changed her family's lifestyle significantly starting with a healthy diet. She boosted her family's intake of fruits

Winner



JACQUELINE WHITEN, of Halls, was named the grand prize winner of the Stay Well Play Well Florida

Getaway Contest and will enjoy a dream vacation to call Mayor Trent McManus Florida. Thousands of Americans across the country submitted a 300-word original essay revealing their secret to health and explaining why they deserve to escape winter with a free trip to Florida. Whiten's essay titled, "Facing the Challenge," impressed the Florida Department of Citrus. "We are thrilled to celebrate Jacqueline's determination to keep her family healthy and

	C.	O.
1--Glimp	41	17
2--Henning	60	115
3--McBride	25	25
4/5--Conner	58	42
6--Ripley #2	67	71
7--Ripley #3	148	62
8--Ripley #4	68	194
9--Lightfoot	39	2
10--Price	30	4
11--Arp	72	19
12--Central	98	15
13--Curve	19	5
14--Edith	64	5
15--Gates	96	48
16--Nankipoo	72	11
17--Halls	192	67
Early votes not precinct-noted:	421	184
Totals--	1570	886

In the Republican primary, Mike Huckabee led John McCain in this county, 658-330.

and vegetables, stocked her refrigerator at home and work with healthy choices like 100 percent orange juice, and avoided unhealthy foods. Participating in a local walking program, staying up to date on immunizations, and using antibiotics only when needed are some other ways she keeps her family healthy. Whiten is excited to take a break from

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Halls Center To Benefit From Site

Anyone wishing to aid the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging can use the www.goodsearch.com site as their search page. The center, based in Halls, serves all of Lauderdale County. When selecting the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, as the charity of choice, a certain percentage of the revenue generated by advertisers will be donated to the center. The donation will be at no cost to the center or to the internet user. The site is powered by Yahoo, a reliable search site. GoodSearch donates 50% of its revenue to charities if designated by its users. The site can also be designated as a homepage to assist with searches and aiding the center.

Land Transfers

February 3rd-February 9th

Ronnie L. Tillman and Cinda K. Tillman to Pansy Vowell, Dist. 6, lot.
 E. Leon Hargett, TR, E. Leon Hargett, Revocable Living Trust, Frances C. Hargett, TR, Frances C. Hargett, Revocable Living Trust, and Mary Ellen Hargett Carnell to Don Sweat and Elaine Sweat, Dist. 6, 2 tracts.
 James W. Criner, Jr., to Wade Stanley and Rene Stanley, Dist. 17, 19.943 acres.
 Anderson-Tulley Timber Company to Charles Daley and Tracey Daley, Dist. 4, lot.
 Thomas E. Brown and Peggy Ann Brown to Thomas Bradley Brown, Dist. 15, 1.0 acre.
 Carter Custom Homes, LLC, to Claudia Capers, lot.
 Deborah O. Jennings to Patricia Ann Carihfield Cagle and Shirley J. Carihfield Spiller Walpool, Dist. 14, 161.0 acres.
 Ryan Whiteside, Randy Lankford and Jeremy Helton to Steve Singleton and Marilyn Singleton, Dist. 2, lot.

Advance County Cyclical Payments

The final date to request or to cancel your request to receive 2007 Advance Counter Cyclical Payments is February 29th, 2008. These payments have been authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer for the UPCN and peanut crops. Should the market price increase from the current projected levels, payments may have to be refunded or deducted from producers' future payments, as required by the 2002 Farm Bill.

For more information, call the Lauderdale County office at (731) 635-7686 extension 2.

Divorces

Richard Alan Mauppins vs. Tina Renee Burton Mauppins.
 Alan Clay Pittman, Jr. vs. Misty Lynn Collins Pittman.
 Justin Allen Daniels vs. Melanie Rose Jenkins Daniels.
 Sanford Odean Hutcherson, Jr. vs. Melinda Kaye Hutcherson.
 Angela Campbell Dunger vs. Amos Dunger, Jr.
 Patricia Larine Walker Kerby vs. Johnny Lee Kerby, Sr.
 Norma Cotton Noel vs. Larry J. Noel.

Ollie Otter Booster Seat Education Class

The statewide booster seat education and roadway safety campaign, Ollie Otter Booster Seat Education Presentation, will visit Halls Elementary at 1 p.m., Wednesday, February 27th. The program features a costumed Ollie Otter safety mascot. The presentation will include information about Tennessee's booster seat law, construction work zone safety, and seatbelt usage.

Anniversaries

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Halpin, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rose, Mr. and Mrs. David Booker, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleek.
 Feb. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horvath.
 Feb. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Craig, Mr. and Mrs. David Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Davis.
 Feb. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Huffman.
 Feb. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.
 Feb. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Vaughn.

The Sandwich Generation

The so-called "Sandwich Generation" isn't a particular age group like "the Greatest Generation" or "Generation X" or "Baby Boomers." No, the "Sandwich Generation" is that age group just old enough to have teenage or young adult children and just young enough to still have their aging parents around. Get it? Middle aged adults are in the middle of the generational sandwich.

Typically, though, the "Sandwich" term isn't applied to just any couple with children and grandparents, it's more often applied to people with older children and possibly infirm parents now needing more of their adult children's care and attention. Your children are "up and out" but then, like boomerangs, they're back "in" again. Or they're out on their own, but they need your participation. At the same time, your parents, who've given counsel to you all your life - sometimes more than you wanted - now need you. Another name for this is "role reversal." As your parents inevitably decline with advancing age, you assume more directional and care-giving responsibility for their well-being. All of this comes at a certain cost in time, emotion, and possibly finances.

I'm not suggesting these developments are bad or that those in the Sandwich should have a poor attitude. Actually, the opposite. This is what family is all about. It may not be easy. It will be emotionally draining at times. It may be stressful or financially challenging. But it's real. It matters, and it's one reason God ordained the family unit in the first place. And by the way, I don't think caring for the elderly is the government's responsibility either.

As they age, notoriously self-indulgent Baby Boomers, now old enough to be "Sandwichers," are getting a dose of reality. If they (I should say "we") respond properly - and many are - they'll discover serving others is always more fulfilling than serving yourself.

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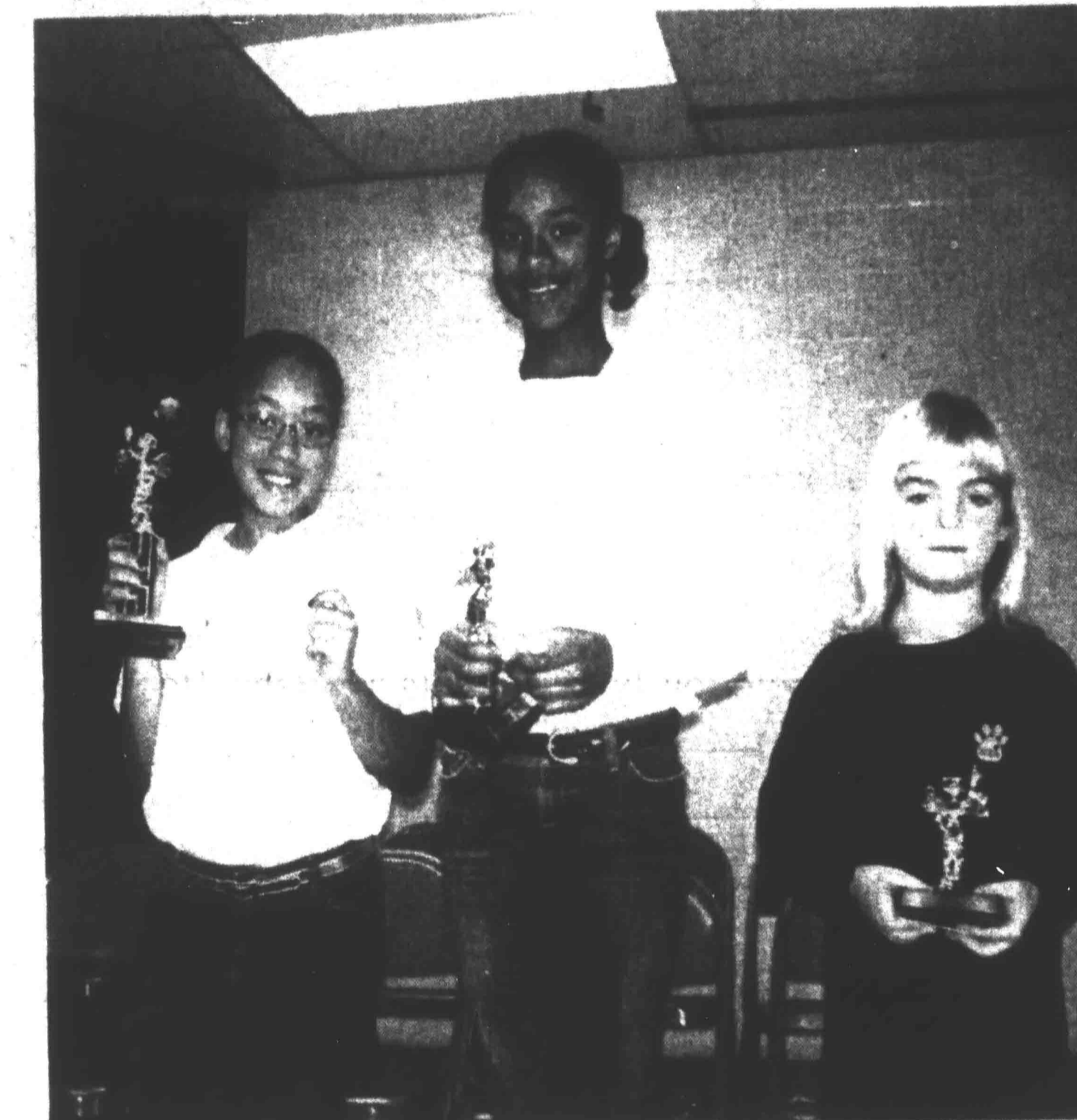
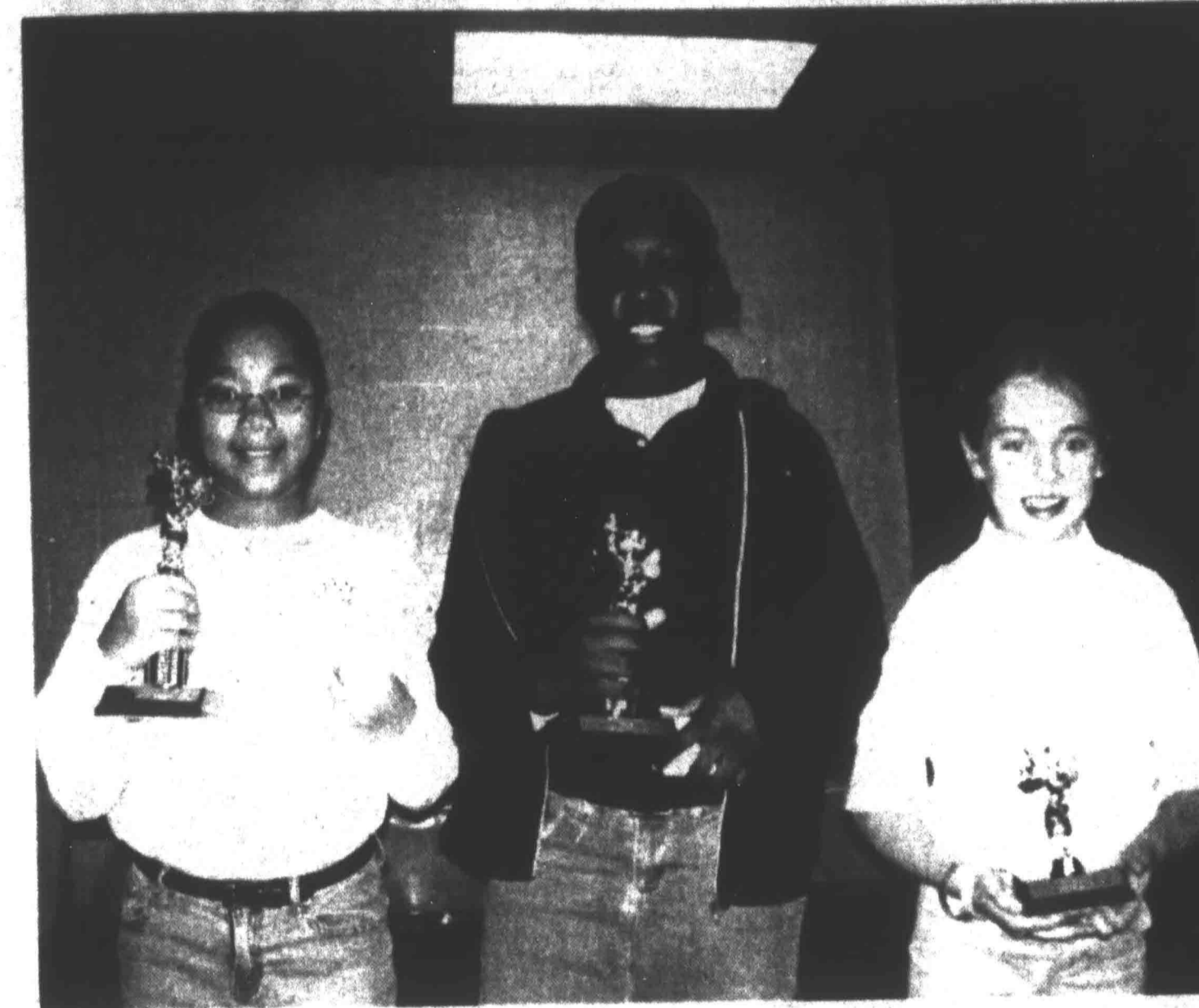
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Spelling Bee Winners



WINNERS in the Halls Elementary School spelling bee, held in January, included, in upper photo, intermediate, grades 4th through 6th, Valerie Patrick, first place, Shania Rogers, second, and Maddie Hutcherson, third, and in lower photo, primary, grades 2nd and 3rd, Camryn Hudson, first place, Alexis McCord, second, and Kelsey Bane, third. Winners from each homeroom bee competed in the school-wide contest.

Students Donate Food



KAYLA BROWN, of Halls, a student at Sylvan Learning Center in Dyersburg, along with fellow classmates, including Nathan Kyle, of Martin, donated food to Matthew 25:40 representative, Amy Schmitt. They are pictured with Sylvan educational director, Susan Smith.

Corn On The Cob
 Baked Beans
 Peaches
 Pear Halves
 Cookie
 Choice Of Milk

Southern Fried Chicken
 Whipped Potatoes
 Orange Sections
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 21st
 Menu
 School's Choice

School Lunches

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 18th
 President's Day
 No School

Tuesday, Feb. 19th
 Hot Dog
 Pizza
 Tater Tots
 Celery Sticks
 Peaches
 Fruit Mix
 Cookie
 Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 20th
 Southern Fried Chicken
 Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
 Whipped Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Orange Sections
 Pineapple Tidbits
 Roll
 Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 21st
 Menu
 School's Choice

Friday, Feb. 22nd
 Grilled Chicken Sandwich
 BBQ On Bun

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

Monday, Feb. 18th
 President's Day
 No School

Tuesday, Feb. 19th
 Hot Dog
 Tater Tots
 Fruit Mix
 Cookie
 Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 20th

Friday, Feb. 22nd
 Grilled Chicken Sandwich
 Corn On The Cob
 Peaches
 Cookie
 Choice Of Milk



The term skyscraper was first applied to the Auditorium Building. Built in Chicago it was completed in 1889. It was ten stories tall.

Birthdays

Feb. 14 - Carolyn Bridges, Kamlin Williams, Ericka Allyson Williams, Betty Fowler, Michael Shane Olds, Kristen Carihfield, Monty McWilliams, Todd Burks, Jennifer Baker, Melissa Olds, Stacey Drumwright, Roger McCoy, Jr., Judy Swope, Lela Cleek.

Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myrna Ambrose, Adam Akin, Janet Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglas, Marrisima Simmons, Jimmy H. Jones, Ana Maria Summar, W. D. Drake, Lynda Butler, Frances Mueller, Robert Maxwell, Clay King, Beverly Sellers, Valeri Scott, Janet Grantland.

Feb. 16 - Carlos McLemore, Gail Shelton, Virginia Sapp, Michelle Williams, Lisa Marie Spray, Harold Perry, Jodie Ward, Jeremy Emerson, Brett Ammons, Pam Carmack, Blake Alford, Zanni Gooch, Tracy Willis, Rita Murley McClellan, Kendarius Stowe, Seth Douglas, Lisa Trobough.

Feb. 17 - Dr. Wayne Dudeney, Diane Kiestler, Wade Mathis, Keith Smith, Larry Wright, Linda Thurmond, Ricky Carihfield, Kay Hansford, Allison Renee Hurt, Angie Layne Briggs, Linda Jetton, Patricia Turner, Hailey Holcomb, Lindsey Moffatt, Brad Cain.

Feb. 18 - Pam Rhodes, Marilyn Garrett, T. J. Green, Barry Wakefield, Shawn Rivera, Jr., Austin Crutchfield, Elaine Barcroft, Judy Crook, Rose Heath, Tyler Wiggins, Sandra Jackson, Phillip Michael Cook, Teresa Tyler, Wayne Mitchell, Angela LeMar, Chase Holcomb, Dylan Roberts, Hayden Scoggins, Cindy Echols, Harrison Belton.

Feb. 19 - Tammy Connell, Wayne Barnard, Ray Anderson, Carol Keen, Kevin Kesler, Randy Jones, Linda Bernard, Noah Fletcher Standford, Scott Dunavant, Holly Crews, David Burnham.

Feb. 20 - Roger Charest, Hannah Moore, Linda Daum, Betty Klutts, Carolyn Polk, Jack Baynes, Don Smith, Richard Halpain, Dustin Gordon, Drae Ross, Jason Kiestler, Chad McAlister.

County Public Speaking Winners



PARTICIPANTS in the Lauderdale County 4-H Public Speaking contest for 4th through 6th grade students, held at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 7th at Halls Elementary School, included, in upper photo, 4th grade participants in front, from left, Sara Ann Davidson, first place; Joyce Kim, blue ribbon; Kynlee Reynolds and Terri White, red ribbons; in middle, Christopher Willcut, runner-up; Bethany Gooch,

Winner xxx (Continued From Front Page.)

winter for four days at a fabulous resort hotel in Orlando. With \$1,000 spending cash, travel expenses covered and unlimited passes to local-area theme parks, she will celebrate a year of staying well by experiencing all that Orlando has to offer with her three guests.

DSCC HONOR ROLL

Lauderdale County students named to the dean's list at Dyersburg State Community College include Alexander Lance Aitken, Lisa Reane Cherry, Rachel Lynn Clark, Anthony James Delmonico, Rachel Elizabeth Fitzhugh, Amber Nicole Haynes, Jim Randall Hazlerig Jr., Stephanie LaShun Johnson, Gary Daniel King, Gwendolyn Langford, William Matthew Lemons, Jessica Nichole McLemore, Steven Kyle Ray, Jordon Tyler Rhoads, Christy Michelle Simpson, Amanda Nicole Voss, and Joshua Matthew Ward.

Students must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Students named to the honor roll include Leslie Kristin Hikes, Michelle S. Barnes, Whitney Laverne Beard, Mildred Michelle Everth, Amanda A Hendrix, Keri Shavonne Ivory, Jennifer Nicole Lee, Joseph Craig Miller, Christina A Henson, Melinda N Roberts, Felicia Ann Chisholm, Sabrina Brooke Edwards, Lindsey Hope Jackson, Andrea Joseph, Roger Merrius Leake, Jeremy Logan Paige, and Amanda Carolyn Yochum.

Students must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49 during the semester.

Noah Jenkins, and Jarvis Banks, blue ribbons; and Brandon Wakefield, red ribbon; and in rear, Laura Culver, Rebecca Medford, Kea-Terri White, red ribbons; in middle, Christopher Willcut, runner-up; Bethany Gooch,

Reflections In Black History

The Alex Haley House Museum will present "Reflections in Black History" at 6 p.m., Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theatre at Ripley High School. The evening of arts and entertainment will focus on national and local black history and will feature winners of the MLK Oratorical Contest, music and dance, a quiz bowl between Ripley High School and Halls High School, and winners of the LM School Art Competition.

For more information, contact the museum at 731-738-2240.

second photo, 5th grade participants included, in front, from left, Emmie Hendren, red ribbon; Melody Culver, blue ribbon; and Maddie Hutcherson, runner-up; and in rear, Rodney Campbell, white ribbon; Leah Jones, red ribbon; Chad Lewis, first place; and Sinise Jones, red ribbon. In third photo, 6th grade participants included, in front, from left, Courtney Gooch, red ribbon; Jessie Belton, runner-up; Ineashia Claybrook, first place; Theresa Fritz, blue ribbon; and DaNesha Wynn, red ribbon; and in rear, Austin Adkins, white ribbon; Zankearea Payne, blue ribbon; Garrett Gooch, red ribbon; and Ashley Prescott, white ribbon. The contest featured 4-H students that had won the public speaking contest in their club meeting and advanced to the county event. County winners were Sara Ann Davidson, 4th grade, Chad Lewis, 5th grade, and Ineashia Claybrook, 6th grade. Winners of the annual 4-H Junior and Senior High Public Speaking contest included, in lower photo, Amanda Kissell, 11th grade, and Kirstal Henderson, 9th grade, plus, not pictured, Andreas Fritz, 8th grade. The event was held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 29th at the Lauderdale County Extension Office. The contest was open to all seventh through 12th grade students.

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Halls Seniors Visit Museum



SENIORS at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging visited the Veterans' Museum for a Black History program. The Rev. W.L. McCadney was the key speaker. Others shared their experiences in the military.

HHS Readies For TASC



STUDENTS at Ripley and Halls High School, including Hope Francis, Gracie Ferrell, Chelsey Gwaltney, Megan Buchignani, Josh Gonzolas, Natalie Grantland, Ashton Smith, Leslie Patrick, Katie Farley, Brittany Ward, Logan Campbell, Jeremy Smith, Kelli Reynolds, Madison Hamlet, Charlie Hammond, Heather Hill, and Jessica Moore, kicked off a series of Saturdays in which they will clean up the campus as the school prepares for the Tennessee Association of Student Councils State Convention in March. Saturday, students from the schools' student council cleaned the gymnasium at Halls for approximately 500 students and advisors that will be visiting from across the state. Clean up starts at 9 a.m. each Saturday and goes through Easter weekend. The group is seeking help from the community in monetary sponsorships, products for goodie bags, door prizes, and manual labor in campus clean-up.

School Pulls Selected Recalled Beef

After an undercover video surfaced showing crippled and sick cattle at a Southern California based slaughterhouse, which provided beef to the Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., approximately 143 million pounds of beef were recalled. The Lauderdale County School System immediately removed four cases of frozen beef, which had been purchased earlier. The remainder of the beef purchased came from another supplier.

The beef was recalled due to the fact the Food Safety and Inspection Service determined the cattle to be unfit for human food. Officials estimate that 37 million pounds of the beef went to school programs, some in West Tennessee. Dr. Dick Raymond, USDA Undersecretary for Food Safety said, "We don't know how much product is out there right now. We don't think there is a health hazard, but we do have to take this action."



JANICE PILOT, formerly of Halls, has been promoted to deputy director, the first woman to reach that rank, of the Memphis Police Department, according to an article in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. Pilot has been an officer since 1979 and served as patrol officer, supervisor, head of internal affairs bureau, police academy instructor, and child abuse investigator. She will run the day-to-day operations of a force of more than 2,000 officers

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, February 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.

and almost 800 civilians. Janice lived in Halls until her senior year in high school. She graduated from the University of Memphis with a marketing degree. Pilot plays the piano and sings in the choir at Hills Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Halls Events Scheduled

The Town Beautiful Commission of Halls will hold a meeting at 1 p.m., Thursday, February 28th at Halls City Hall. The Town will be planning its goals for the "Clean Up America Campaign". All interested citizens are en-

couraged to attend. Brad Montague will be singing at The Moon, 205 North Front Street, at 7 p.m., Friday, February 29th. He is a singer of comedy songs such as "The Lawnmower Safety Song", "Put Some Clothes on Britney Spears", and "The Mullet Song". For more information, call Mayor Trent McManus at 836-9653.

Obituaries

John W. Smith

John William Smith, 78, retired foreman for MTD, died Thursday of last week in Crockett County Nursing Home.

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

He was a member of Calvary Hill Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Bobbie Ann Smith.

He leaves a son, Tommy Smith, of Gates; a daughter, Beverly Sellers, a brother, Don Smith, and a sister, Ann Mills, of Ripley; another brother, Jerry, of Oakland; five grandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Wilson

Richard "Poodle Head" Wilson, 51, former factory worker, died Wednesday of last week in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He leaves his mother, Helen Wilson, sons, Michael and Ricky Wilson and Jamie Maxwell, brothers, Barry and Steve, and sisters, Carolyn Smith and Tammy Hendrix, all of Ripley; and five grandchildren.

Odessa Gay

Odessa Louise Gay, 69, of 6620 Conner-Whitefield Rd., formerly employed by Tupperware in Halls, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

She was a member of Curve Baptist Church.

She leaves a son, Elvis Gay, Jr., and a brother, Charles "Buster" Newman, of Ripley; a sister, Barbara LaVelle, of Covington; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Lovie Thompson

Lovie Manley Thompson, 84, of Stanton, grandmother of Curtis Manley, of Ripley, died Feb. 10th in Covington Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were held Tuesday of last week in Stanton Cemetery, with Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She was a member of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Luther Manley, her spouse for 43 years, and of Jim Thompson, her spouse for 16 years.

Survivors include a son, David Manley, of Munford; a daughter, Cathryn (Mrs. Larry) Berkley, of Covington; two other grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

'Bud' Robertson

Willie Randall "Bud" Robertson, 59, brother of Ray Robertson, of Ripley, and Mabel Shaw, of Henning, died Feb. 7th in his home in Detroit, Mich.

Rites were Saturday in Cole Funeral Home in Detroit, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, assisting locally.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene; sons, Lawrence Robertson and Bryan Freeman, and a brother, Lawrence, of Detroit; other brothers, Ed and Tommy, of Dyersburg; other sisters, Anna Lake, of Dyersburg, and Mattie Ruth Forrester, of Newark, N.J.; and four grandchildren.

J. W. Hoffius

Rites Sunday in Halls Funeral Home mourned James William Hoffius, 71, of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, a 1954 graduate of Halls High School. Burial was in Halls Cemetery.

He was the son of the late Elmer and Edith Ellis Hoffius.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, he served in the Navy as a lieutenant, attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

He had retired as a site manager for Lockheed Martin in Middletown, Rhode Island.

He leaves his wife, Betriz; daughters, Astrid Hoffius, of California, and Ingrid Hoffius, of Ohio; and brothers, Edwin and Powell.

Mrs. Chipman Preserved Past

Irene Sarah Yochum Chipman, 89, wife of Hershel Blackwell Chipman, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Friday in Ripley Church of Christ, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Chipman, who for many years wrote "Mary's Chapel Locals" for the *Enterprise*, wrote two books of memories of Gold Dust, and two Tomato Festival songs, a 1986 version recorded by the *Uncommon Thread* (Colin Alley, Chuck Asa, Steven Brogdon, Jerry Meadows, and Dustin Smith).

Her survivors include her son, H. B., Jr., of Ripley; daughters, Gurvis Holmes, of Springfield, and Dot Coffman, of Suwanee, Ga.; a brother, Paul Yochum, of Duncanville, Tex.; a sister, Clara Simpson, of Long Beach, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Mrs. Gilliland

Rose Mary Gilliland, 86, of 7965 Chestnut Bluff Rd., Halls, died Saturday.

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

She leaves her husband, William L. Gilliland, of the home, and sons, Preston Gilliland, of Halls, and William L. Gilliland, of Friendship.

Dorothy Spry

Dorothy Spry, 86, of 2240 Poplar Grove Road, Halls, died Sunday in the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Ky.

Rites were held Wednesday in the Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born in his county, to the late Joe Frank and Dora Bell Hooper Stacey.

She leaves a daughter, Anna Carol Link, of Mayfield; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

W. B. Haynes, Jr.

W. B. Haynes, Jr., 77, of Brownsville, father of Debra Ann Holdiness, of 4929 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., died Feb. 6th in Regional Hospital in Jackson.

Rites were Feb. 9th in the Brownsville Funeral Home, with entombment in Brownsville Memorial Gardens.

He had retired from the Air Force and the Postal Service.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Jones Haynes, and a son, Danny Stagg, of Brownsville; other daughters, Rosa Matthews, of Jackson, Dottie Bishop and Robin Smith, of Memphis, Jeannie Allen, of Florida, Michelle Black, of North Carolina, Rita Brower, of Kansas City, Kans., and Rena Crabtree, of California; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Karie Ellis

Karie Ellis, 86, mother of Herley Ellis, of 476 Gate 6 Road, Halls, and sister of Bobby Burse, of 619 Chesier, Halls, died Sunday in the Bells Nursing Home.

She was born at Friendship to the late Alex and Minnie Burse.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls.

Charlie Boyce

Charlie Lewis Boyce, of Ripley, employed by Power Mfg. in Covington, died Wednesday of last week in the Atoka home of a daughter.

Rites were held Sunday in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church near Covington, with burial in Plummer's Grove Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Inez; sons, Charlie, Jr., of Mason, and Jerry Wayne Boyce, of Atoka; daughters, Katherine Barlow and Letitia McCray, of Atoka; step-children, Donald Wright, Jr., and Avis (Mrs. Christopher) Willis, of Texas; brothers, James, of Covington, Robert, of Dyersburg, and Billy, of Flint, Mich.; sisters, Mary Sanders, of Covington, and Clara Ferguson, of Memphis; 21 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Iris Finley

Iris Pansy Finley, 83, sister of the late Carlyle Kelly, of Ripley, died Feb. 6th in her home in Bloomington, Ind.

A memorial service was held Feb. 10th in Garrard Chapel in Bowling Green, Ind., with burial next day in the Garrard Chapel Cemetery.

She was born in this country, Feb. 26, 1924, to the late William and Lora Anthony Kelly.

She resided in Bloomington since her marriage, in 1942, to the late Harold Finley, whom she met while he was stationed at the Army Air Base in Halls.

A gifted pianist, she performed for many years with a family singing group, in churches and on local radio.

She leaves a daughter, Marsha Elaine Finley, of Bloomington, and a sister, Sylvia Langley, of Memphis.

Carolyn Snipes

Carolyn Gladys Snipes, 71, of Ripley, a press technician, sister of The Rev. Eddie Swift, of Ripley, died Sunday, February 10th, in Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson.

Services were Saturday, February 16th, at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary had charge.

She also leaves her sisters, Barbara Smith, of Bloomingfield Hills, Mich., and Margie Whitelaw and Wajeedah Muhammad, both of Detroit, Mich.

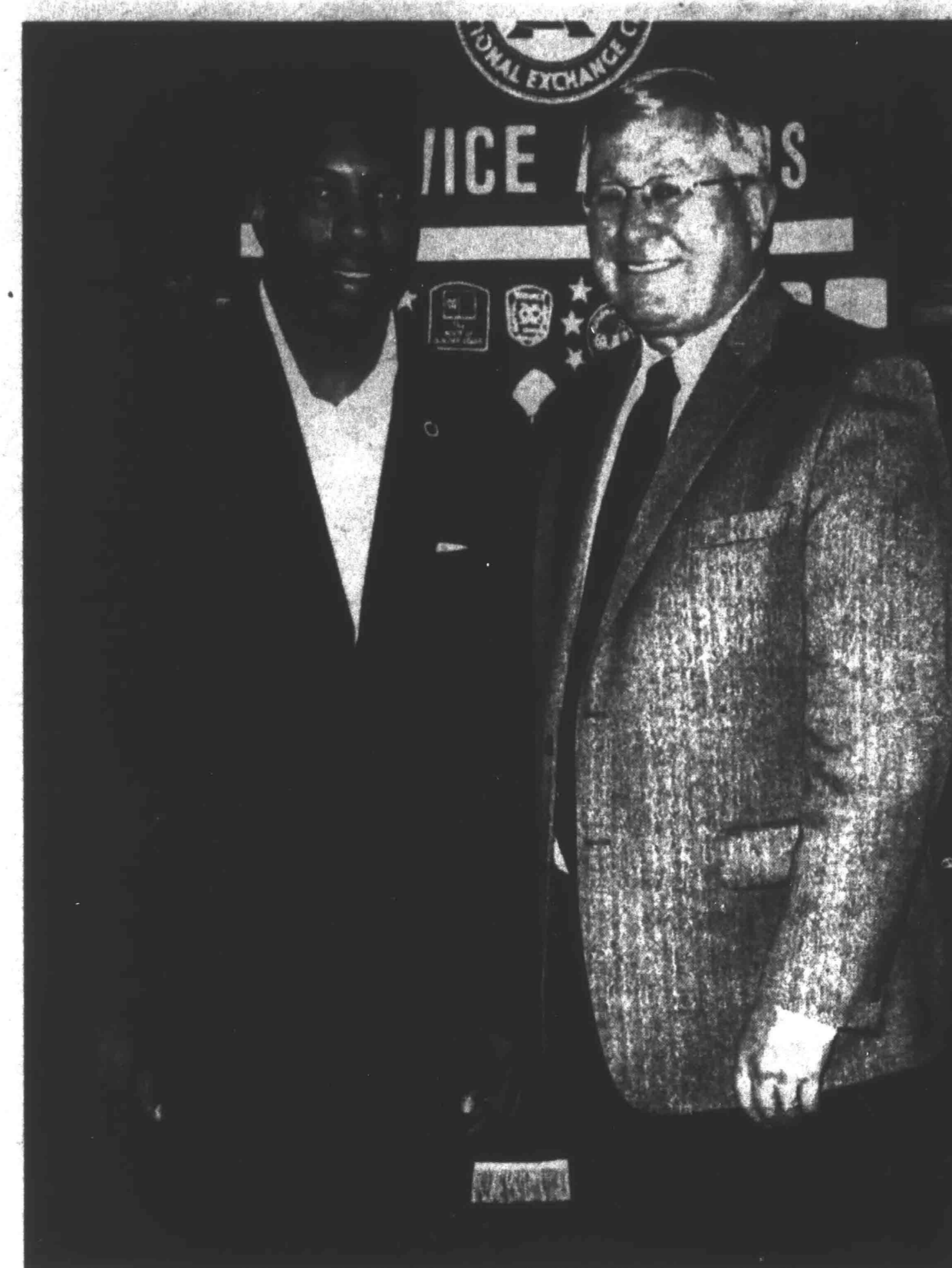
Barbara Nailey

Barbara Nailey, 75, of Memphis, was buried Saturday in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley after rites in Pisgah Rest Baptist Church in Memphis, where she had served as a missionary.

She died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital South in Memphis.

She leaves her husband, Everett B. Nailey; daughters, Angela and Enid Nailey, of Memphis, and Katie (Mrs. André) Wilkerson and Marva Horn, of Englewood, Calif.; a brother, Montel Porter, Jr.; sisters, Patricia Porter and Shirley (Mrs. Freddie) Henderson; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Guest Speaker



RON GREEN, left, chief professional officer with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee, was the guest speaker for the February 7th meeting of the Lauderdale County Exchange Club. Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh, right, was program chairman. In lower photo, Tania Steel, center, senior at Halls High School, and daughter of Calvin and Avis Steel, of Halls, was recognized as the HHS Student of the Month during the meeting. She plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University to major in pre-med. She is pictured with her mother, right, and Dr. Brooks Harris, left, club president.

4-H Members Of The Month



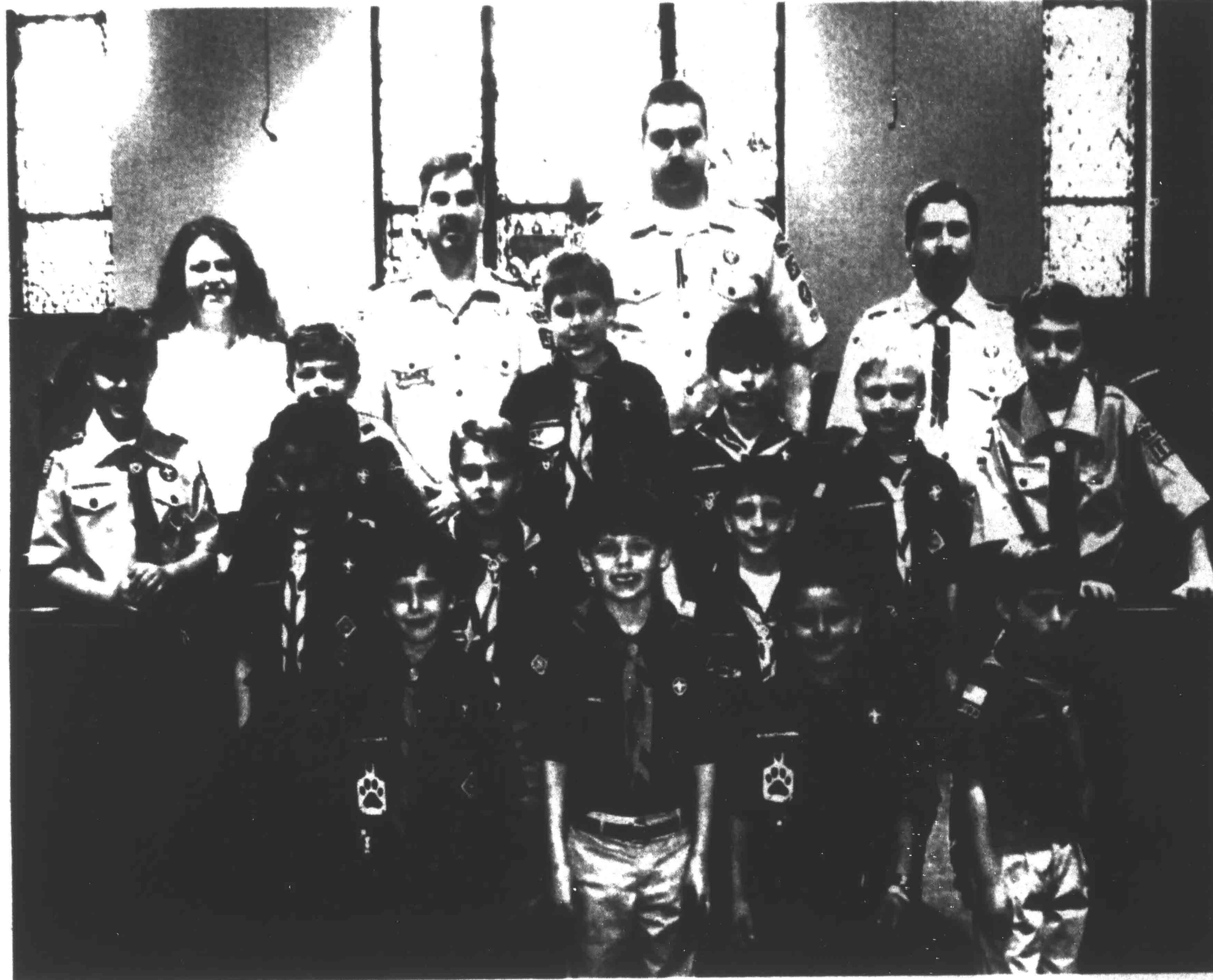
4-H STUDENTS, named as members of the month, include, in upper photo, Halls Elementary School, in front, from left, Kynlee Reynolds, Ally Cherry, Zack Wilson, and Cheyenne Goodman, in middle, Nicolas Smith, Quenatassja Elijah, and Alexis Winchester, and in rear, Ineashia Claybrook, Shania Rogers, Mallory Hardy, and Courtney Gooch, plus, not pictured, Morgan Dewalt.

Valentine's Day Fundraiser Winners



STUDENTS in the seventh grade classroom of Mrs. Tara Hutchison at Halls Junior High School won an ice cream party for purchasing the most hearts in the Valentine's Day fundraiser. The class purchased approximately 900 hearts at a quarter each. The fundraiser, sponsored by the Beautification Club, was to benefit the Tina Arwood Memorial Fund, and raised approximately \$480.

Halls' Scout Sunday Celebrated



MEMBERS of Halls Cub Scouts Pack 167, including, in front, from left, Jeremy Pignato, Hayden Kimble, Chance Terry, and Grant Carihfield, in second row, Myles Clark, Tanner Ream, and Landon Carmack, in third row, Chase Ward, Tabor Hurt, Lane Klutts, Hunter Burks, Drew White, and Zack Wilson, and in rear, Kelly Moore, David Ream, Assistant Cubmaster, Jason Klutts, Cubmaster, and Tim Clark, Assistant Cubmaster, celebrated Scout Sunday, February 10th at Halls' First United Methodist Church with a flag ceremony and a responsive reading with Cubmaster Klutts. The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8th, Scouting Anniversary Day, as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to scouting.

Halls Seniors Entertained



SENIORS at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging were entertained with "God's Trombone" in observance of Black History Month. Pictured are Gwenda Anthony, Wylene Tyson, Margaret Adams, Dennis Strayhorn, Julia Claybrooks, Lillie Adams, Jeanette Payton, Gertrude Jones, and Monola Patterson. Seniors enjoyed a soul food dinner after the program.

Project Development



SITE COORDINATORS, for Project L.E.A.D., in front, from left, April Jetton, Judy Mills, and Pam Langley, and in rear, Cindy Anderson, Teresa White, Lee Ann Harrison, and Allison Moore, conducted a day of best practices and procedures February 14th during an additional day of planning. Project L.E.A.D. is a grant-funded program that provides both early morning and after-school assistance to approximately 433 students who benefit from tutoring and instruction beyond the regular school day. The program operates in all school locations except the two high school and three faith-based organizations in Ripley.

Valentines Treats



CYNTHIA JAMES, sponsor and Future Business Leaders of America member, and Felicia Richardson, Halls High School FBLA organization, provided gifts and balloons for the seniors at the Lauderdale Commission on Aging.

U.S.D.A. NAP Closing Dates

Producers seeking Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage of eligible crops are encouraged to contact their local U.S.D.A. Service Center, 301 Lake Dr., in Ripley, before the deadline to identify applicable crops and file an application. Producers are reminded there are no late-file provisions for submitting an application for coverage after the closing date. In addition to submitting an application for coverage, producers must pay applicable service fees and provide a certification of prior crop years production for the crop by the application closing date for the applicable crop.

Application closing date is February 28th for fresh beets, broccoli, sweet corn, popcorn, fresh and sweet potatoes, cherry tomatoes and tomatillos.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers for eligible crop losses and prevented planting due to natural disasters. Eligible crops are those for which the catastrophic level of federal crop insurance is not available and include those produced for food, livestock feed, fiber, mushrooms, floriculture, honey, maple sap, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), Christmas tree crops, ginseng, ornamental nursery and turfgrass sod.

Birthdays

Feb. 21 - Celina Colvin, Clarence Delk, Lee Jennings, Dawn Platzke, Pat Carmack, Vicky Emerson, Robert Crutchfield, Brady Fleming, Taylor Carney, Nick Powers, Eric Scoggins, Rev. Doris Crawley.

Feb. 22 - Courtney Johnson, Louise Savage, Jessica Broglin, Janice Terrell Kee, Vence Carmack, Jimmy Meeks, Jacob Brazier, Laura Mueller, Christina Blakley, Billy Drew, Rick Vandergriff, Tristan Jackson.

Feb. 23 - Darla Johnson, Carolyn

Hand Spa Treatments



TORI TERRY, an independent beauty consultant, gave the seniors at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging hand spa treatments. Mrs. Helen Sondergroth shows off her nails.

Halls Holds AR Night



PARENTS and students at Halls Elementary School participated in two Accelerated Reader Family Nights events last week. Students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade came with their parents February 11th to read books and take tests. First grade parents learned about the program February 12th. Mrs. Beth Keen, HES librarian, demonstrated how to take an AR test and answered questions about the program. Afterwards, first grade students read books to their parents and took tests.

Bradford, Michelle Haislip, Diane Akin, Joe B. Arwood, Austin Monroe Ward, Donna Lynn Hawks, J. W. Warren, Jr., Jason Raines, Jason Scarce, Timmy Bryant, Butch Latham, Brenda Kiestler, Luke Elder, Brian Latham, Bill Miller, Monica Madison, Robbie Binkley.

Feb. 24 - Perry Garrett, Jr., Jerry Temple, Sr., J. C. Hendren, Sandra Carter, Terry Cook, Carol Caldwell, Marvin Land, Kevin Haislip, Brent Prescott, Dennis Weaver, Sr., Sarah Cherry, Doyle Moss, Paul Galloway, Eddie Evans, Anna Read Kennedy, Ellen Parker, Beth Fincher.

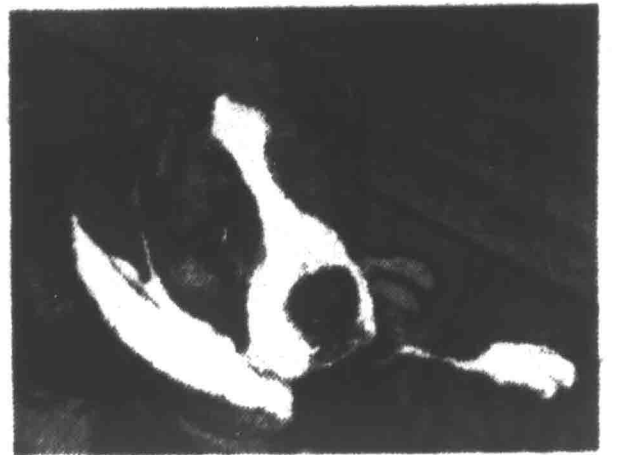
Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye

Connor, Angela Oswald, Rubin Jones, Ricky Rose, Nicolas Smith, Katlyn Moffatt, Charles Robbins, Kim Williams, Adam Houston.

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford, Anna Beard, John Paige Hendren, Erica Deberry, Barbara Mann, Shirley Holley, Christie Belton, Johnny Marvel, Ronnie Crawford.

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Martha Lee Hunter, Cindy Schuh, Bobbie Wilson, Bobby Cain, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Bryan Bomar, Will McCullough, Phillip Glenn, Shirley Garton, Valerie Stephenson, Violet Williams.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek Here! After my week long truck trip, Mr. Buddy and Scooter were much nicer to me. I think they missed me and now they appreciate the many burdens I carry. I do it for my buds but it's nice to have the two leggers notice. Mr. Scooter gave me an endearing nickname of "Pain" and said that my efforts did something to his neck. He also said I was a burden that he loved to carry. He is so sweet he is just like a big old teddy bear. Mr. Buddy had a rough week. He worried around all week about some flowers for his new bride and on the way out the door that day he said "tonight's the night"! Well, the next day he could barely walk, and all he did was complain about his back. One day he has a big smile and the next a grimace. She must have not liked the flowers. It must have been a special week because even Scooter got "gussied up". He put his tongue jewelry in just before he left with flowers and chocolates. I think if Mr. Buddy would have also had chocolates his bride would not have hurt his back. Miss Pam was real giddy all week too, and even Mr. Pam showed me special attention. He even added to my new nick name list. All I could make out as he shouted was "Lard" and something about his bath tub. I must have left a ring in the bath tub from my monthly bath.

We had a good week at the Club as eight of my buds and six of those whiny cats found families. Teresa Norvell took a loving German Shepherd while Kendall Lenderman found Benjie the terrier. Our Shar Pei puppy went home with Shannon Leek and Cocoa, the pretty Datsun, found Lacisha Buckner. She also took home a kitten. David Wynn, the hunter, took two Beagles and a cat while Chelsea Nelson and Chris Fitzhugh were satisfied with just one addition to each of their families. Mark Coker took home a friendly guy named Freckles, and Teresa Wright adopted two kittens and Sara and Josh Mooney found one kitten they adored.

The big, big food provider award this week belongs to Candy Pipkin. Thank you so much as Mr. Buddy was threatening us with crackers and water.

My new friend this week is an Alaskan Malamute; he even has a light red tent to his coat. We have a nice year-old Chocolate Lab and a litter of Blue Heeler puppies along with three beautiful three-month old Black Lab puppies. I had to get on top of a four legger house to look Toby in the eyes as I was booking him into the Club. I asked if he was a miniature horse, he said, "no just a Great White Pyreneans". Please check out my other friends at the best four legger shelter in Lauderdale County.

Please remember "Be as good as your pet thinks you are".

Zeek Out!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Town of Halls Board of Mayor & Aldermen concerning an ordinance to establish parity in natural gas rates for large industrial customers within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Halls and large industrial customers outside the municipal boundaries of the Town of Halls, and amending Ordinance 00-17, beginning at 6:45 p.m., Monday, March 3rd, 2008, at Halls City Hall, 208 N. Church St.

The regular business meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m.

Town of Halls
Board of Mayor & Aldermen

21-11

HHS Boys In Region Meet

Halls High School's Tigers, who lost regular season games to Trenton, 75-73 and 69-58, led the Tide Tuesday of last week, 80-75, in over-time, in the District 14-A tournament in Trenton.

The Tigers then lost, 114-86, to Union City, (28-0 and ranked No. 1 in the state).

Union City took the district crown Monday, 92-84, from Humboldt (23-3 and ranked No. 2 in the state).

The Tigers also lost the consolation game, 87-74, to Lake County (24-6).

But their win from Trenton brought them a berth in the Region 7-A tournament.

Playing In Clarksburg

The Tigers play at 7 p.m. Friday in Clarksburg, whose Rockets placed first in District 13-A.

Clarksburg (pop. 284) is in Carroll County, halfway between McKenzie and Lexington.

Eastbound on I-40, from the last exit for Jackson, go 21 miles and take the third exit onto State Hwy. 22.

Clarksburg is about four miles north on Hwy. 22.

Halls Lagged At Half

At the half, Trenton appeared on the way to a third win from Halls.

After a 20-20 first period, the Tide led the second, 21-15.

Then Halls took the last two periods, 16-13 each, Kevan Ward stealing the ball with 56 seconds on the clock and passing to Rodney Foster, who drew

a foul and sank two free throws to tie the score. Over-time jump shots by Ward and Darius Ivory took a lead never lost.

Ivory led Halls scoring with 25 points, including three 3-pointers.

Foster posted 22. Ward posted 18, including a 3-pointer, Qualon Smith 7, and Michael Hudson and Cedric Janes, 4 each.

And Then: Union City

The win from Trenton had its down side, matching the Tigers with Union City (28-0).

That was a rout, as expected, but it didn't happen until the third period.

Halls won the first period, 30-26, and led 48-37 with 3:10 in the second.

An 18-4 flurry put Union City ahead at the half, 55-52.

The Tornadoes crushed Halls in the third. A 14-2 burst at the outset, keyed by Tony Wilkins, aided a 33-13 edge in the period.

Union City led the fourth quarter, 26-21.

Its 114-86 win was by the third highest point total in the school's history. The record is 130 points against Trenton last year.

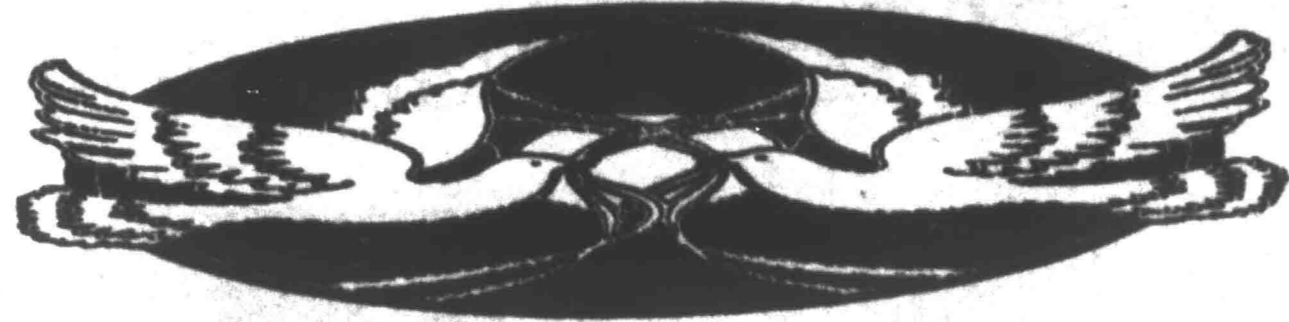
Foster led Halls scoring with 29 points. Janes and Smith had 12 each, Ward 10, Ivory 7, Hollis Belton 6, Ricky Bennett 4, Reginald Glass 3, Hudson 2, and Tahj Barlow 1.

Belton, Ivory, and Ward posted 3-pointers.

Lake Romps In 2nd

In the consolation tilt, Lake County (24-6) led Halls only 21-20 in the first period but surged in the second, 24-9.

That lost the game, despite Halls taking the third period, 26-20, and losing



Church Happenings

Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will celebrate Friend Day beginning at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 2nd. The special day is set aside for the church to recognize its members' many friends. The event will conclude a month of studies on friendship. A time of fellowship and Bible study will be held at 9:45 a.m. and a special message on what it means to have Jesus for a friend will be delivered at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

A benefit gospel singing for Gavin Hopkins, 3, son of Bubba and Amber Hopkins, of Halls, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1st at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School. Gospel groups include the Abundant Grace Quartet, of Memphis, the Joylanders, of Dyer, Ivan Hodge, and Joan Gregory. Jerry Arrington, gospel radio personality of WTRB and 93.1, will serve as master of ceremonies. Gavin is battling a rare form of cancer. A love offering will be taken during the event. Donations can be made to Gavin's account at Lauderdale County Bank. The Modern Woodmen of America will match donations. The public is invited.

Grace Bible Baptist Church, located 3 miles south of Halls, on Highway 51 By-Pass, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly February 17th through 22nd with Bro. Earl Ankrom, of Stonecreek, Ohio, as guest speaker. Special music each night and a nursery will be provided. For further information or a ride, call 836-5501. Jerry Hickson, pastor, invites the public.

Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will hold revival services beginning at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 2nd and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through March 5th. Music will be led by Scott Nelson and services will comprise traditional as well as contemporary worship. Tom Whitsett, of Jasper, Ala, will be the guest evangelist. The public is invited.

the fourth only 22-19.

Ivory had 22 points, Foster 20, Ward 12, Hudson 8, and Janes and Smith 6 each.

Lake Had Led Girls

Lake County had eliminated Halls girls from the Dist. 14-AA tournament, in Tiptonville, 47-27, to run their record to 14-11.

CARD OF THANKS

My parents and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the outpouring of love and support we have received from family, friends, and even strangers since the tornado that struck Union University. First and foremost, I praise God for His mighty hand of protection

ing. The members of our church are truly an example of the kind of friend Jesus taught us to be. On March 2nd, we will be having Friends Day, if anyone wants to experience what that is like, please join us. These wonderful people will bless you, not just in words, but in actions. I love everyone of them. It is a privilege and a blessing to be a part of such a phenomenal church. A special thanks to Jerry Cihfield at the Lauderdale County Bank, who without being asked generously gave me a laptop to replace the one that was destroyed. To Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wright for opening their home to me so I now have a place to live and will be able to complete my last semester at Union. To those people such as Leonard Meeks who actually took the time to come to our home to give me a warm hug and a monetary donation to help replace what was lost in the storm. To the stranger who deposited money into my checking account just because he wanted to help the students at Union. Through all this, I learned who my true friends are, that there really are good people in the world, and how awesome God really is.

Sincerely
Heather Cowan

Adv.P.

Land Transfers

February 10th-February 16th

Donna Jo Haynes and Ricky Phillips to Randy Lankford, Dist. 11, 1.0 acre.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Ricky L. Nelson and Renee G. Nelson, 0.35 acre.

Larry Braden to Josephus Reed, Dist. 3, lot.

Gregory B. Garrett to Albert Sanders and Erma Sanders, Dist. 2, lot.

Gates Banking and Trust to Sam Forsythe and Maxine Forsythe, Dist. 2, tract.

Tom Greaves, Daniel R. Beaird and Jesse Edwards to Scott Dyson and Billy Scalions, Dist. 2, lot.

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HHS Boys Win, Lose In Region

In Region 7-A tournament play, Halls High School's boys, fourth in Dist. 8-A, Friday led Clarksburg's Dist. 13-A champions, 74-61.

The win pitted them Monday with Humboldt, ranked second in the state. Humboldt crushed Halls, 117-68.

Humboldt (25-3) meets Union City (32-0, ranked first in the state), at 7 p.m. Thursday, in Dresden, for the Region 7-A crown.

Rockets Fizzled Early
Halls led Clarksburg with a 26-11 first period, losing the second, 16-12, tying the third at 15, and taking the fourth, 21-19.

Kevan Ward led Halls scoring with 21 points, including four 3-pointers.

Cedric Janes scored 19, Darius Ivory 17, including a 3-pointer; Rodney Foster 8, Michael Hudson 7, and Reginald Glass 2.

Humboldt Relentless
Humboldt wasn't content with leading Halls 80-52 after three quarters (26-18, 26-19, 28-15) but poured the points on in the final period, 37-16.

Foster led Halls scoring with 20 points. Janes posted 13, Ward 10, Ivory 7, Qualon Smith 6, Hudson 4, and Tahj Barlow 2.

Ivory, Ward, Hollis Belton, and Ricky Bennett sank 3-pointers.

NCC LEADERSHIP

Jeffrey Hill, a producer from Gates, was re-elected as secretary for the National Cotton council for 2008.

James Vaden Is Not Guilty

During the February term of Circuit Court, James Vaden, of Jaynes Dr., Halls, who worked as a manager for a trucking firm in Halls, was found not guilty of theft of property belonging to the trucking company.

Plane Veers Off A Halls Runway

A 1948 Cessna 140 single-engine airplane owned by David Dahlquist, of Collierville, who rents a hangar at Arnold Field in Halls, left a run-way Tuesday of last week, while taxi-ing after landing. No injury has been reported.

LUMLEY INDICTED

A Dyer County grand jury has held for Circuit Court trial Kenneth Lumley, 34, of 3845 Forked Deer Road, Gates, charged with a fourth offense of driving while intoxicated, violation of the implied consent law, and violation of the habitual motor vehicle offender act.

RETIRETEACHERS

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5th at the Ripley Elementary School boardroom. Bettie Davis, Lauderdale County Historian, will present a "living" history lesson. All retired teachers are encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, located at 605 Airport Street in Halls, will host a public hearing at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 29th,



STUDENTS at Halls High School defeated Ripley High School students in a Black History Knowledge Bowl, held February 23rd at Ripley High School. Participants included, in front, from left, Ebone Pearson, Phylicia Richmond, and Leslie Patrick, and in rear, Clarissa Stark, Lateia Humphrey, Paulita Edmondson, Tania Steel, and Candace McKinney.

Vehicle Overturns Following Collision

Daryon Taylor, 48, of Halls, was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale at approximately 9:30 a.m. Sunday after his 1985 Ford F-350 was struck by a 1997 Chevy Lumina, driven by Mary E. Gould, 71, of Ripley, according to Ripley Police Chief Milford "Pop" Durham. Taylor was traveling southbound on Highway 51 when Gould, who was attempting to cross the highway, struck his vehicle in the driver's side. The truck overturned south of Cedar Grove Rd. Taylor was cited for violation of financial responsibility. Gould, who was cited for failure to yield, was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale by personal vehicle.

The web-based survey went live Friday, February 22nd. School officials anticipated more than 600 responses from key groups including current and prospective students, guidance counselors, faculty, staff and employees, DSCC alumni and donors and community business owners. A summary of the survey results will be shared with the public after the date is recorded and analyzed.

services for the aging population in service delivery area nine which includes the City of Memphis, Shelby, Tipton and Lauderdale Counties. Anyone interested should make plans to attend.

For additional information, call the center at (731) 836-5444.

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CHOIR WORKSHOP

A community choir workshop will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, March 17th-22nd, at Matthew Zion M.B. Church in Halls, with Frank Ray, Jr., of New Salem, conducting. For more information, call 612-0312.

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Application For Beer Permit Off-Premises Has Been Made By Rebecca C. McWilliams For Company's Coming, LLC
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The Halls Beer Board will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008 in the conference room at Halls City Hall. All persons desiring to be heard or to make a statement concerning the issuance of this license should be present at the meeting of the board.
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Anniversaries

Feb. 28 – Dr. and Mrs. Art Poisal.
March 1 – Mr. and Mrs. Don Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horner.
March 2 – Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Connell, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler.
March 3 – Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley.
March 5 – Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder.

Marriages

February 14 – William Brandon Paige, 25, to Miranda Nicole Welch Brown, 27, by Rod Schuh.
James Marvin Kiestler, 56, to Brenda Kay Maness Kiestler, 43, by Carlton Rose.
February 16 – Clint Conrad, 21, to Kelly Lynn Terry, 20, by Rocky Gilliam.
February 19 – Jason Brian Escue, 34, to Carissa Deawn Bates White, 25, by Rod Schuh.
February 20 – Jeffery Len Cates, Jr., 35, to Lee Ann Stevenson, 33, by Ann D. Medford.

Birthdays

Feb. 28 – Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson Hartman, Scott Mayfield, Brooklyn Simpson, Sallye Rae Hartman, Carley Cherry, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Murrey Wakefield, Gregg Brown, Melissa Hurt, Jeanette Hamby, Jim Locks Schmidt, Anthony Binkley.
Feb. 29 – Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore, Charlotte Matthews, Paul Duncan.
March 1 – Chris Rhodes, Danny Young, Christopher Reynolds, Billy Green, Ricky DeSpain, Nick Nunn, Brooke Cole, Leon Hargett, Will Glenn, Terry Garrett, Brandi Smith, Chip Scott, Zoe Carmack.
March 2 – Carolyn Hunter, Bryan Harris, Kelly Harrison, Michael L. Gaines, John Austin, Susan Scott, Kay Steelman, Kenny Parham, Felicia Klutts, Kaleb Hamlet, Jack Newman, Clois Spray, Harrell Nation, Guilford Williams, Maxie Ferguson, Jonathan Lee Randolph, Shem Charles Campbell, Allie Moss, Jeff Edwards, Alan Davis.
March 3 – Kim Young, Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby Burnham, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Van Thompson, Taylor Rai, Geraldine Chipman, Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson, Bobby Butner.
March 4 – Bobby O. Thurmond, Sr., Dana Freeman, De-lene Johnson, Loretta Hammock, Harley Patterson, Jo Middleton, Linda Graves, Ronnie Ferguson, Jane Coleman, Rodney Ervin, Billie Faulk, Scott Hume.
March 5 – Jennifer Box Warren, Brandon Garrett, Stan Matras, Linda Harmon Rizzuto, Emily Davis, Fred Strantz, Heather Garrett, Thomas Curran, James Bradley Belton, John Hardy, Peggy Twetty, Jennifer McDearman, Charles Moore, Conner McLemore.
March 6 – Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, LaVerne Harris, Joe Maxey, Joann Crain, Betty Warren, Amanda McBroom, Sherry Seeley Layne, Clyde Nelson, Martha Cabay, Donnie Wieber, Vanessa Cain, Harvey B. Johnston, Wayne Bringle.

Anniversary Celebrated



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD DURWOOD ESCUE, of Woodville, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. March 9th at Eureka United Methodist Church, at Forked Deer, with all family and friends invited. Durwood and Bobbie Clair were married March 8th. The family requests no gifts, only your presence.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools
Monday, March 3rd
Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Grapes
Orange Sections
Cookie
Choice Of Milk
Tuesday, March 4th
Steak Fingers
Fish Fillet
Broccoli Bites
Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Pear
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Wednesday, March 5th
Spaghetti
Entrée – School's Choice
Green Beans
Corn Nibbles
Peaches
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Thursday, March 6th
Chicken Nuggets
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Pear Halves
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Friday, March 7th
Deli Wrap
School's Choice Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School Halls Elementary School Pre-K to 3rd
Monday, March 3rd
Pizza
French Fries
Grapes
Cookie
Choice Of Milk
Tuesday, March 4th
Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites
Banana
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Wednesday, March 5th
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Peaches
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Thursday, March 6th
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Friday, March 7th
School's Choice Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Yesteryear

“Hall’s Station,” “Halls,” and “Hansford” were used often to identify what seems to be the same place at the same period. Some of us were under the impression that the town was called “Hansford” first, then “Hall’s Station” when it got a railroad station, which was later shortened to “Halls.” However, an undated petition signed by 99 men has surfaced which would appear to turn that notion on its head. It reads:

We the undersigned voters of the 12th District of Lauderdale County would respectfully petition to your Worships the County Court of Lauderdale County to change the voting precinct from Halls to Hansford which is the most central and convenient for that portion of the District.

The petitioners were:

- J. M. Young
- A. D. Young
- J. S. Sharp
- R. E. Stanfield
- Samuel Young
- G. M. Ferguson
- Alex Dunaway
- John Brigrance
- A. P. Thurmond
- E. Ashley
- Wm. Suttons
- J. N. Ivy
- Isom Bradford
- Ike Bradford
- R. C. Roberson
- Joel Nunn
- A. Andrews
- W. A. Blair
- Steve Crocket
- John Young
- Charles Hurt
- J. W. Anderson
- ?? Anderson
- Hinz Furgason
- Levi Moor
- Mose Wortham
- Al Harrison
- Nels Young
- Hut Rucker
- Steve Brassfield
- A. Sawyer
- John Brimm
- Leroy Adams

- W. A. Stanley
- T. E. Salisbury
- Will McMackin
- S. A. Jordan
- J. A. Perkins
- J. J. Hathaway
- W. H. Stanfield
- C. Hafford
- E. Z. Moore
- J. F. Dunavant
- W. C. English
- T. F. Hall
- E. D. Thurmond
- R. C. Jordan
- Wm. Jordan
- ? J. Hoppers
- J. F. Young
- H. F. Gibbons
- Howard Eison
- ? J. Childers
- G. W. Hurt
- Andy Thurmond
- Joe Pool
- Charles Young
- H. G. Young
- ?? Wortham
- George Johnson
- Billie Pitts
- Sam Blair
- R. Brassfield
- W. M. Sawyer
- Jeff Young
- George Tatum

- W. H. Salisbury
- H. R. Hall
- J. F. Bell
- W. I. Rieger
- Zack Moore
- John Potter
- J. F. Thurmond
- Dennis Newton
- L. G. Perry
- J. D. Mitchell
- J. R. Ivy
- J. A. Stanfield
- Steve Bradford
- A. J. Mason
- Joe Jordan
- R. M. Andrews
- W. J. Dick
- W. E. Gibbons
- ?? Rucker
- J. ? Bell
- Break Colinsworth
- Linsey Hinton
- Booker Young
- Minor Jones
- Arther Brimm
- ?? Jones
- George Young
- Peter Bradford
- Steve Soward
- A. Poof
- H. Sawyer
- Zion Anderson
- Louis Rimes

County Court minutes indicate the change was made on January 29, 1884.

Before October 1, 1883 the whole 12th Civil District voted at Halls. Among the communities included in the 12th were Gates and Concord on the south, Bethesda Church

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I received some negative feed-back about last week’s story. If you recall Mr. Buddy came in with a bad back the day after Valentine’s Day and Scooter was told to bring home chocolates instead of his tongue ring.

As I was doing an important job at the shelter of holding down a throw rug on the floor, I awoke with two, two leggers poking me in the ribs. As I sat up all I could see was knee caps. As my eyes followed skyward I observed two fingers pointing down at me and both bodies had a frown on their faces. One was Scooter, the other was Mrs. Buddy. Looking up at Scooter is like standing at the base of an oak tree that never ends. I started to wiggle and smile when I heard Mrs. Buddy say, “Zeek, how dare you write those fibs about our two caregivers!” I smooched down a little lower, hung my head and said to myself, “I am sorry Lord, and forgive me for writing the story even if it was true”. After a few more “How could you?” they decided I needed punishment. The words “laid down and tail ring” were used. The next thing I knew, Big Old Scooter had me in a bear hug and Mrs. Buddy was taping that famous tongue ring to my tail. He carried me to the back room, opened the cage door and deposited me inside this small compartment. My first response was to get that darned ring off my tail. As you may guess, they both got a big laugh as I started chasing my tail. Before long I was dizzy and I ended up hitting my head on the block walls; but I continued to chase that elusive tail ring. I eventually got tired and discovered if I laid a certain way that I could actually reach the ring. After four or five hours of gnawing, I finally freed the ring from my tail. As I stood up, I discovered that I had a sore back. Well, I spent the rest of the week creeping and grunting just like my friend, Mr. Buddy. I hid Scooter’s tongue ring and two days later I made up with Mrs. Buddy. I guess she felt guilty for giving both Zeek and Mr. Buddy bad backs.

We had another good week with seven four leggers finding homes. Jeanette Koop found a beautiful Chocolate Lab, Larry Kelly took home a fine Husky Shepherd puppy while Vickie Middleton adopted our silver Husky. Barbara Joseph liked a friendly Fiest, Crystal Scott, Mark Coker, and Crystal Mack all fell in love with some pretty mix breeds.

Ron Lynn continued to open his heart with another food donation. Crystal Scott brought food and left with a puppy and Bill Hendrix and Sandra Laney also frequent givers, left food and blankets. Diana McCloud finished the week with a much needed monetary donation and 110 pounds of food was left in memory of Rachael Keck.

Zeek Out!

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Not only did the petition indicate that “Hansford” and “Halls” were at two different locations, but for Hansford to be more central than Halls “for that portion of the district,” it must have been north of Halls.

Where was it? Was it at what was known as “Brown’s Crossing” before 1943, and “Gate One” after the Air Base was built? Or was it nearer to Halls? Or was it farther north?

Bettie B. Davis
bddavis@lctn.com

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The Club’s choices are many and varied. Just come out and look around and take a four legger for a walk. Small, medium, or large, we have a friend for you.

Zeek Out!

P.S. PLEASE be a great two legger and remember to spay or neuter!

UT Department Reaccreditation

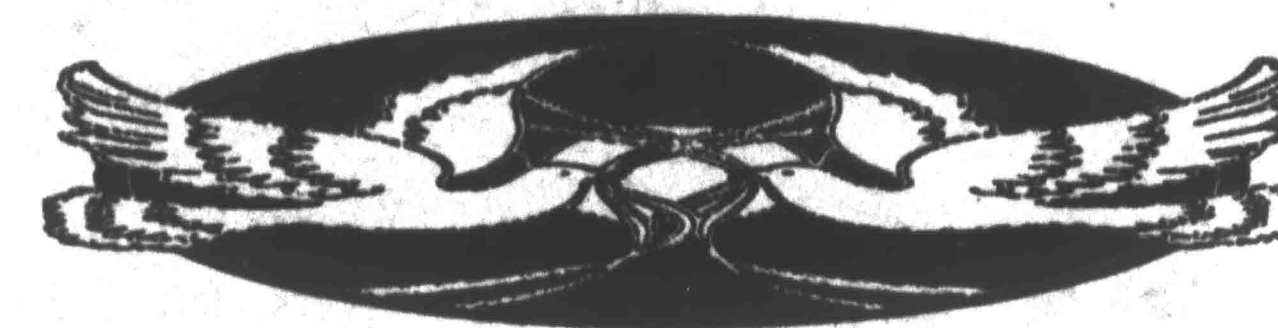
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Church Happenings

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.

Ripley Church of God will hold a miracle service at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1st with Elder L. C. Hayslett, pastor of Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ, and church members as special guests. The public is invited. For more information, call Tracy Henson, pastor, 635-4484.

Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its pastor, The Rev. Iran Yarbrough, and his wife at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2nd. Guest speaker for the morning worship service will be The Rev. R.C. Jones, of Union Grove Baptist Church, of Memphis, and the afternoon speaker will be Pastor Bobby Jones and the Union Grove Baptist Church family, of Memphis. Frank Currie, chairperson, invites the public.

Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will celebrate Friend Day beginning at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 2nd. The special day is set aside for the church to recognize its members’ many friends. The event will conclude a month of studies on friendship. A time of fellowship and Bible study will be held at 9:45 a.m. and a special message on what it means to have Jesus for a friend will be delivered at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

The Forerunner Baptist Church, 361 Eastland Ave., Ripley, will host a evangelistic training session at 6:30 p.m. Friday, February 29th and at noon Saturday, March 1st. Thomas Bester, pastor, invites the public.

A benefit gospel singing for Gavin Hopkins, 3, son of Bubba and Amber Hopkins, of Halls, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1st at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School. Gospel groups include the Abundant Grace Quartet, of Memphis, the Joylanders, of Dyer, Ivan Hodge, and Joan Gregory. Jerry Arrington, gospel radio personality of WTRB and 93.1, will serve as master of ceremonies. Gavin is battling a rare form of cancer. A love offering will be taken during the event. Donations can be made to Gavin’s account at Lauderdale County Bank. The Modern Woodmen of America will match donations. The public is invited.

Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will hold revival services beginning at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 2nd and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through March 5th. Music will be led by Scott Nelson and services will comprise traditional as well as contemporary worship. Tom Whitsett, of Jasper, Ala, will be the guest evangelist. 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.

A Live Recording Concert Scheduled

A Community Choir Workshop Live Recording Concert is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23rd, at Matthew Zion M.B. Church in Halls, free admission.

Divorces

Cedric Dewayne Taylor vs. Kimmieko Laquaila Floyd Taylor.
Rodney Dewayne Etheridge vs. Samantha Karen Etheridge.

Land Transfers

February 17th-February 23rd

Queen Reed to Calandra Winbush, Dist. 8, 1.0003 acres.

Personal Finance Corporation to Hazel Figgs and Chasity Evans, Dist. 2, tract.

Walter M. Becker and Shirley Becker to Mike Douglas, Dist. 11, 1.0004 acres.

Section of Housing and Urban Development to Larry W. Escue and Jeff Hogue, Dist. 12, tract.

Edward Thompson and Evelyn Thompson to Daniel Chandler, Dist. 2, 0.868 acre.

William Dwain Klutts, Jr., to Dwight Shoemake and Janet Shoemake, Dist. 2, tract.

Carter Custom Homes, LLC, to Brenda Lena Rogers, lot.

Dee W. Ballard and Betty Sue Ballard to Betty Diebold, Dist. 13, 3.0 acres.



When a giraffe is born, it falls from a height of six feet, usually unharmed.

Religion And Presidential Politics Are Inseparable

Religion is an issue in the 2008 presidential election campaign. Surprise, surprise. Religion is always an issue in politics and in particular presidential politics. One reason is that the American people are electing our Chief Executive and the leader of the Free World – and leadership is an inherently moral enterprise even if not every leader is a moral individual. Another reason is that while politics is not everything, everything is politics – and religion is necessarily right in the middle of the discussion.

Yes, the idea of separation of Church and State has been around since Thomas Jefferson, but separation of Church and State – despite the protestations of the ACLU – does not mean nor require separation of religion and politics. In fact, religion and politics, because they deal with fundamental worldviews, values, and attitudes, are inseparable. That’s because human beings are inherently religious. Every human being is a “valuing being.” We all make choices and choices cannot be made without value assumptions that root themselves in religious ideas.

This is why it’s fundamentally silly when people contend presidential campaign politics should be religion-free. Won’t happen. Can’t happen. And in my book, shouldn’t happen, because it would impoverish our political discussions, denying them the wisdom of our varying perspectives on faith.

Now there are dangers: Candidates who use their religion as a campaign strategy; candidates who are religiously insincere; candidates who are religiously sincere but politically naive or inexperienced; candidates who want to turn sectarian beliefs into public law; candidates whose religious ideals become political zealotry. But figuring out who the better candidate is belongs to citizens. Rather than banish religion from presidential politics let’s trust the voters.

All in all, I think it’s as American as apple pie that a Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Mormon, and a few who rarely attend church are all running for President. God bless America.

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