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## Union Mission Aided



**MEMBERS** of the Halls First Baptist Church placed food items Monday, Dec. 17th into boxes for the Union Mission's annual Christmas food basket program.

## Double Shooting Kills Soldier, Injures Father

Donnie Arwood, 21, United States Army, was shot and killed at approximately 11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27th. His father, Stephen Arwood, of 314 Jones St., Halls, was injured and transported to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis in serious condition, ac-

ording to District Attorney Mike Dunavant. Arwood had returned home from Iraq for Christmas and was scheduled to report to Ft. Bragg, N.C. Monday. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is investigating. "The investigation is 'fluid' and two individuals have been questioned while another is being sought," said Dunavant. No arrests had been made by Monday.

## 2008 Calendar

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## Graduate



**KARA CARMACK**, daughter of Joe and Penny Pursell, of Ripley, was conferred the bachelor of science in nursing degree Dec. 15th from Murray State University at graduation ceremonies. She was listed among Murray State's dean's list for the fall semester with a 4.0 grade point average. At the pinning ceremony, Friday, Dec. 14th, she was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and

## Halls Gas Will Be Radio-Read

At cost of \$27,000, Halls aldermen last week agreed to begin reading more than 500 rural gas meters (of a total 570) by radio.

Alan Cherry, Halls public-works director, said radio will eliminate errors in manual reading and recording, save time and gas, and avoid dogs.

He noted that Halls gas should cost less in 2008.

Halls' cost at well-head has been cut from \$9.60 to \$7.50, though after adding about \$1 for delivery, Halls has upped its margin from 33 to 44 cents, to cover previous years' losses.

was selected to receive the Sigma Theta Tau Outstanding Senior Nursing Student Award. Kara resides with her husband, Ben, in McKenzie. She is employed as a cardiovascular ICU nurse at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Jan 1	New Year's Day	Mar 21	Good Friday (Christian)	Jun 15	Father's Day	Nov 4	Election Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Day	Mar 22	Holy Saturday (Christian)	Jun 20	June Solstice	Nov 11	Veterans Day
Feb 5	Carnival/Shrove Tuesday (Christian)	Mar 23	Easter Sunday (Christian)	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day
Feb 6	Ash Wednesday (Christian)	Mar 24	Easter Monday (Christian)	Sep 1	Labor Day	Nov 30	First Sunday Advent (Christian)
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	May 1	Ascension Day (Christian)	Sep 11	Patriot Day	Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Feb 18	Presidents' Day	May 5	Cinco de Mayo	Sep 22	Autumnal equinox	Dec 21	December Solstice
Mar 9	Daylight Saving Time starts	May 11	Mother's Day	Oct 9	Leif Erikson Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day (Christian)
Mar 15	St. Patrick's Day	May 11	Pentecost (Christian)	Oct 13	Columbus Day	Dec 26	Kwanzaa (until Jan 1)
Mar 16	Palm Sunday (Christian)	May 18	Trinity Sunday (Christian)	Oct 31	Halloween	Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Mar 20	Mundy Thursday (Christian)	May 22	Corpus Christi (Christian)	Nov 1	All Saints		
Mar 20	Vernal equinox	May 26	Memorial Day	Nov 2	Daylight Saving Time ends		

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# Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek Here! If you recall before Christmas I was in that proverbial four legger house. I sure want to thank whoever called Santa and told him I was sorry for saluting the Christmas tree. Whatever you said worked, I got three Christmas gifts. The first gift was a ball with a bell on the inside. Miss Pam must have a kink in her shoulder. She keeps throwing the ball for her exercise. I have been retrieving the ball but I wish she would just rebound it off the wall, she would get her exercise and it would be a lot easier on me. My second gift from Mr. Pam was a red and white chew bone with the name Bama on the face. My extra special gift was a collar with my name engraved and there were two metal tags attached. One was a rabies tag and the second was a tag that said I was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pam. I am so proud, that's the first time anyone took time and thought enough of me to give me their family name. That's a neat idea and my buds are going to be jealous. There is one problem however, the two tags clank together. Now, every time I walk around everyone knows I am on the prowl. I even hear Miss Pam's twangy voice in my dreams saying, "Zeek, You Leave Those Cats Alone."

Things have been slow at the club, but we did manage to find homes for three puppies. The red bow tied around their necks gave them that extra special hook. I sure hope my extra special friend, Angela Murley, had a good Christmas and I wish she would come to the club for a visit.

The cookie sale was a huge success. Everyone was happy except the cooks, they told Miss Pam that it's a good thing that the sale only comes around one time a year. Miss Pam even told me to enjoy my last cookie because she was on strike. I guess that means I had better butter up the wonderful two leggers that went to the expense and time to help our shelter. Thank you Angie Phillips, Pam Drumwright, Lisa Grecco and her friends at Komatsu, Judy Linsey and her friends at Marvin, Joyce Wakefield and the FCE Club members, Kathleen Doss and her buds at the school, along with Carolyn Schuh and her buds at Asbury Church, Regions Bank and the kind secretaries of the Caldwell Law Firm, Linda Yancy, who also makes great take out dinners, Susan Todd of the Chamber, Andrea Tims, Kristi Wilkes, Vickie Long, Lynn Lee, Tonya Dudney, Liba Burns and Sue McLemore. Last but not least is the Shoemake family of Chris, Carla, Margaret, and Lynnwood. I hope I didn't miss anyone, I sure don't want them to go on strike. A big thank you goes to Mr. Buddy, Scooter, and Vincent for taking care of our everyday needs at the club.

Donations of food or blankets came from Dalton and Abby Midkiff, the students of LMS, Linda Hallock, Jennifer and Robin Rose, and John and Florence Mead. Adoptions went to Jo Ann Pontaff, Taylor Smith, Bubba Hickman and Shelly Kimbell.

Hopefully 2008 will be an eventful year at the club. The volunteers have good plans and with your continued support the club should improve by leaps and bounds. Happy New Year and I hope you make your New Year's Resolution to be as good as your pet thinks you are. Zeek Out!

# Miss Fashionetta 2008 Crowned



KRISTY DANIELLE LEE, second from right, daughter of Homer and Alice Lee, of Halls, was crowned Miss Fashionetta 2008 Nov. 8th at Ripley High School. The event was sponsored by the Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Kristy is a senior at Halls High School, where she is a member of the DECA Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, a cheerleader, and has received a Future Leader of America award. Her court included Whitney L. Fisher, first runner-up, daughter of Novie and Carol Fisher and a student at Ripley High School; Kopper Cymone Harris, second runner-up, daughter of Tara Mullins, and a student at Dyersburg High School; and Derricka Nelson, third runner-up, daughter of Derrick and JoAnn Nelson, and a student at RHS.

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## Obituaries

### John Roy Lee, Jr.

John Roy Lee, Jr., 82, of Burlison, brother of Georgia (Mrs. Neal) Drumwright, of Medon, south of Jackson, died Monday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

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

Survivors include his companion, Ann Yates; sons, Jeff, of Eads, and Charles and John, of Memphis; a daughter, Cheri Howell, of Tulsa, Okla.; another sister, Janell Simpson, of Memphis; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Marjorie Walker

Marjorie B. Garrett Walker, 79, of Memphis, sister of Shirley Morris, of 494 Maness Road, Arp, died Tuesday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She had retired as a teacher and guidance counselor in Memphis elementary schools.

She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Wilson Walker; daughters, Kathy (Mrs. Jeff) Irwin, of Memphis, and Becky (Mrs. Gene) Gabriel, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and four grandsons.

### Ruby Hopson

Ruby Hopson, 78, of Springfield, Ill., sister of Amanda Pickett, of 106 Hannings Lane, Ripley, and of W. C. Pickett, of Henning, died Dec. 23rd in the Hospice of St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Rites were Saturday in St. Matthews Baptist Church west of Ripley, with burial in El Canaan Cemetery near Henning, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include sons, Frederick and Jessie, and daughters, Lula Hopson and Gina Tinsley, of Springfield; other sons, John Hopson, of Marion, Ind., and Israel Pierson, of Chicago, Ill.; and 25 grandchildren.

### George Whitley, C'vington Editor

George T. Whitley, 82, of Covington, whose wife, Gladys, is the sister of Dr. Ralph Hyde, of 1048 Hyde Road, Ripley, died Sunday in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were held Tuesday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

A veteran of World War II, he had retired after many years as editor of *The Covington Leader* (a weekly, now bi-weekly, newspaper).

He had served as president of the Tenn. Press Assn., the Tenn. Press Service, the Tenn. Press Foundation, the Covington Jaycees, and Dixie Youth Baseball.

A former alderman and mayor of Covington, he was a founding member of the Covington Exchange Club.

He had served as a deacon in First Baptist Church in Covington.

Survivors include sons, Dr. Stan Whitley, of Covington, and Bret Whitley, of Mason; brothers, Ed and Larry, of Covington; and three grandchildren.

### Alice Roberson

Alice Roberson, 53, of 183 Chickasaw, Ripley, wife

### Hubert Allen Tillman

Hubert Allen Tillman, 99, of Ripley, died Thursday, December 27th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 29th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley.

He was born November 14, 1908, to George and Emma Caldwell Tillman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Annie Mae Parker Tillman, his parents, three sisters and a brother.

He was known as 'Grand-Daddy' to all his family and many friends, and owned and operated Tillman's Grocery at Flippin for over 30 years, during which time he was also a rural mail carrier. He was a strong believer and a great man to all, loved by many and will be greatly missed by everyone.

He leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Doris Tillman, of Halls; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Robert Jones, of Cordova; five grandchildren, JoAnne and Ned Lewis, David and Lynn Tillman and Benjamin Jones; two great-grandchildren, Grace Tillman and Ben Lewis; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his Asbury Cove family.

### Mrs. McClure

Martha Norman McClure, 71, of Somerville, mother of Cindy Champion, of Ripley, died Dec. 20th, in her home.

Rites were held Dec. 23rd in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Bellevernon Cemetery, near Friendship.

She had retired as a quality control inspector with Jimmy Dean Foods.

She was the daughter of the late Guy and Deley Turnbo Norman.

Survivors include a son, Charles A. "Tony" McClure, of Somerville; brothers, J. W., James, and The Rev. William Norman, of Dyersburg; sisters, Nora Pfeifer, of Collierville, and Lucy James, of Wilson, Ark.; and four grandchildren.

of Ray "Frog" Roberson, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning. Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Gospel Rock Church in Ripley, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery west of Ripley.

Survivors include a son, Clifton Roberson, a daughter, Leslie Roberson, brothers, James Finch, Jr., Robert Finch, and Rodney Finch, and sisters, Dorothy Finch, Billie Macklin, and Hattie Barnes, all of Ripley; other brothers, Jerry Finch, of Paris, and Darry Finch, of California; and a grandchild.

### Joseph Maharrey

Joseph 'Joe' Maharrey, 57, of Ripley, a carpenter and construction worker, died Sunday, December 30th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 2nd, at Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, was a member and a Royal Ranger leader, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Brenda Gail Grimes Maharrey, daughters, Sierra Harmon, Wendy Latham-Thurner and Angel Maharrey, and a brother, Danny Maharrey, all of Ripley; another daughter, Carrie Smith, of Osceola, Iowa; other brothers, Charles 'Bubba' Maharrey, of Henning, Alton Maharrey, of Garland, and Doug Maharrey, of Alabama; a sister, Sandra M. Lilly, of Covington; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Norma Glover

Norma Glover, 86, mother of Jeff and Jerry Glover, of Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Monday in Spence Chapel Cemetery in Graves County, Ky.

She was the daughter of the late Jim and Molly Wyatt Brann.

Formerly of Mayfield, Ky., she was a former employee of Merritt Clothing.

She was the widow of Murlin Odell Glover. Survivors include another son, The Rev. Michael Glover, of Trenton; six grand-

### Mr. Cartwright

Everett Eugene Cartwright, Jr., 64, of Medina, brother of Wayne Cartwright, Betty Clark, and Judy McCarthy, of Ripley, died Friday.

Rites were Sunday in Liberty Church Cemetery at Bethel Springs.

He was the son of the late Everett and Anna Rea Goodrum Cartwright.

He had been an engineer for American Air Filter in Brownsville, and a member of the Brownsville Jaycees.

He served in the 268th Military Police Company of the National Guard, 1962-68, attaining the rank of sergeant.

Survivors include a son, David Eugene Cartwright, of Grady, Ark.; one daughter, Kimberly (Mrs. Frankie) Lax, of Medina; other brothers, Edward, of Millington, and Ted, of Gadsden; and a grandchild.

### Mr. Roberson

William Merritt Roberson, 79, of 247 Church, Ripley, retired from Army service in World War II and the Korean War, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in First United Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was a member of Ripley's Masonic Lodge.

He was the widower of Eleanor Luton Roberson.

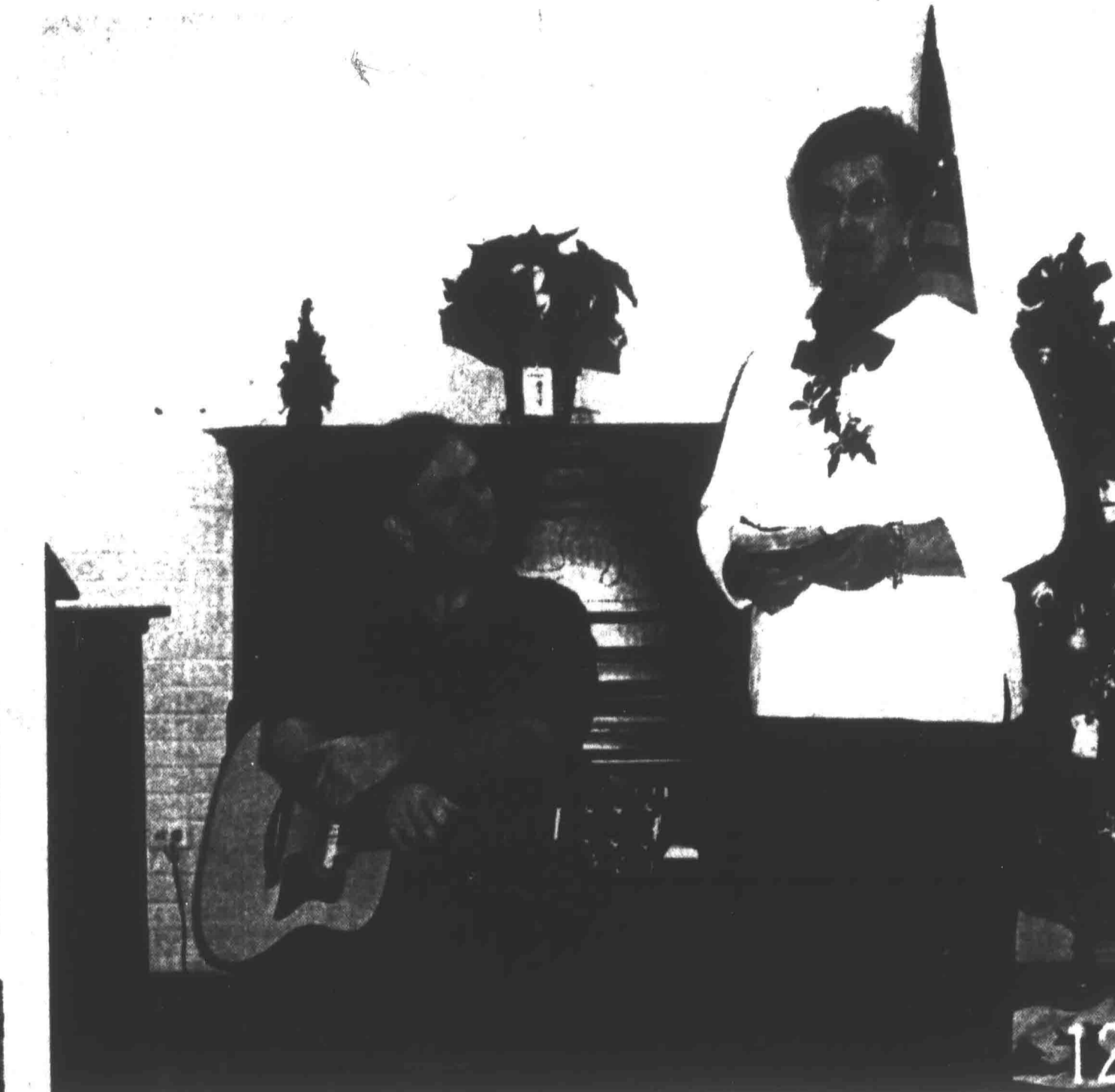
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## LCCOA Happenings



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS of the Gooch-Kincaid Studio, including Tessa Stephens, Danielle Oswald, and Libby McBride, all of Ripley, and Jessie Belton, of Gates, performed Dec. 20th for those present at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. They presented musical numbers from their Christmas special. A surprise visit from Santa gave the group a chance to put in those last minute Christmas requests. A Christmas buffet was enjoyed by those that visited throughout the day.



MRS. BEAUTON MATTHEWS, right, introduced Cecil Yancy, left, of Ripley, as he entertained the seniors with music December 19th.



CAST MEMBERS of Down Memory Lane performed holiday music for all participants.



RANDY KOSTIUK, of Meritan, began the day with a light workout before the holidays.

## Birthdays

Jan. 3 - Amy McLemore, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Katie Adkins, Jenny Hendren, Gracey King, Joann Mitchell, Stan Howard, Eldred Tyus, Bobby Carver.

Jan. 4 - Renee Swales, Craig Crawford, Tom White, Suzanne McFall, Beth Stover, Reba Crowder, Irene Brasfield, Frank Carmack, Brooklyn Mayfield, Katie Farley, Joe McDaniel, Patricia Ward, Amy Fullen.

Jan. 5 - Bob Pasley, Pam Stanfield, Colby Baker, Danielle Sanders, Anna Carol McDowell, Douglas Woods, Bobbi Younger, Heidi Strong, John Thomas Sammons, Chris Hurt, Deborah Layne, Logan Robinson, Sonja Pipkin, Linda Maxwell, Matthew Williams, Marty Ellis.

Jan. 6 - April Lankford, Charlie Roberts, Linda Hilliard, Martha Ruth Britt, Josh Wagoner, Crystal McAlister, Hollie Mitchell, Haylee Pittman, Marie Bing, Martha Scofield, Steve Brown, John Michael Johnston.

Jan. 7 - Jennifer M. Webster, Kelly Carmack, Samantha Novie Price, Connie Nelson, Jennifer Fee, Landon Carmack, Jenny Hendren, Irene Chambers, Isabella Houston, Betsy Barfield.

Jan. 8 - Shane Morgan, Erika Alexis Lane, Zina Hamlet, Lisa Hendren, Jerri Langley, William E. Moore, Heather Davis, Bronwyne Bain, Vance Brewster, Jr., Lindsey Carrington, Molly White, Felton Adams.

Jan. 9 - Monica Burlison, Christopher Morris, Annette Maxwell, Summer Scott, Randy Lankford, Annie Summar, Benjie Moore, Dana Moore, Phyllis Mayfield, Hope Smith, Dena Dew, Tanner Christian Patterson, Amber Shands, Tanner Savley.

## Marriages

December 22 - Jeremy Edward Rogers, 19, to Elizabeth Lean Stephens, 18, by William R. Elder.

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## Celebrating The New Year Out On The Farm

It is truly a site to behold. And the farm where two of my favorite people live is the place to observe it. When the end of the year comes, or even the end of the world, there is no better place to celebrate than at the farm of Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie. No, Dick Clark will not be there and it sure will not be a Rockin' or jamming New Year's Eve celebration as you would see in New York City. But, there will be some rockin' going on if you count that which is done in the rocking chairs located around the stone fireplace in the den.

The white frame farm house will be all aglow with family and friends bringing in the new year. The gingerbread screen door will get a workout that night from being held open by Aunt Sadie welcoming everyone to the family farm. Coats and hats will be piled high on the front room bed. The patch-work bedspread will not be seen until early morning when everyone finishes up the last bit of black-eyed peas and hog jowls. This traditional "good luck" is a must at Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie's New Year's party. Being one who still holds a grudge over the "War of

Northern Aggression" as he calls it, Uncle Sid makes sure everyone eats a good portion to start the year off right.

One year during this celebration, I questioned the tradition of black-eyed peas and hog jowl. I found out real quick that I had crossed the proverbial Mason-Dixon line of ancestral belonging. That is something you should not and will not do on that Tennessee farm.

I am not one who really enjoys the dish and have often wished for a substitute of maybe creamed corn and country ham. I have always considered it my good luck to get those two food groups on my plate. And, yes, I do consider country ham a food group as well as corn when it comes to some really good eating. Ham, pork chops, bacon and tenderloin are more on the line of the parts of the hog I enjoy consuming. The head portion just doesn't work for me. Call me a country wimp, but my palate is more in tune with more pricey cuts of pork.

The year I refused the "good luck" portion of black-eyed peas was the year Uncle Sid gave me the history lesson on my southern roots. I'll never forget how he led me to the rockers in front of the fireplace and turned them so we would look each other eye to eye as he explained the family tradition of respecting

the past.

As the cedar logs popped and crackled in the fireplace Uncle Sid looked at me and said, "Boy, (he still calls me boy) your great-great grandfather's family is the reason we eat those black-eyed peas and hog jowl each New Year's day. That good luck tradition started with our family soon after the Civil War and we have not missed a New Year's day since partaking of that real simple food."

As I sat there and listened you could tell that this story was really important to Uncle Sid. He wasn't laughing and his words were graveyard serious.

"Just like any war, the folks left back home also suffer and have to endure hardships that during peace time they normally don't have," he went on to say. "Your family during the Civil War had the war and fighting right here on this farm. They knew what hardships were all about because Union troops stripped the countryside around here of all food, crops, and livestock, and destroyed whatever they couldn't carry away on horseback. Even our hardwood trees were cut for firewood, and with winter coming on it looked pretty grim for your great-great grandmother and her children."

Uncle Sid's farm is not that far away from where the battle of Stones River

occurred and I knew all about how the battle had affected the family.

"The only thing they didn't take was the hog jowl left in the smokehouse because they considered it somewhat like you are now as not good eating," he said. "They also left the field peas because they thought that was only good for animal fodder. On that New Year's day back then your ancestors had their first meal of the New Year of those simple foods. Those items kept them alive and gave them hope for years ahead.

"So that is why we still use those items as a good luck food for the coming year," Uncle Sid told me on that New Year's eve many years ago. "We have plenty of other food, but those items remind us that times do get tough and with a little determination we can always survive the hard times."

This New Year's enjoy your black-eyed peas and hog jowl. As you make your good luck wishes, remember our troops fighting in foreign lands and protecting our freedom as well as others. We all could use a little "good luck" and just maybe those black-eyed peas will do the trick.

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## School Lunches School Lunches

### Lauderdale County Schools

Thursday, Jan. 3rd

Hamburger  
Pizza  
French Fries  
Corn On The Cob  
Applesauce  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 4th

Corn Dog  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Vegetable Soup  
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Pear Halves  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Monday, Jan. 7th

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

Tuesday, Jan. 8th

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9th

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

Thursday, Jan. 10th

Menu - School's Choice

Friday, Jan. 11th

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

### Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School  
Pre-K to 3rd

Thursday, Jan. 3rd

Pizza  
French Fries  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 4th

Cheese Toast  
Vegetable Soup  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Monday, Jan. 7th

Hot Dog  
Tater Tots  
Applesauce  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 8th

Tacos w/Trimblings  
Corn Nibbles  
Grapes  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 9th

Southern Fried Chicken  
Whipped Potatoes  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Jan. 10th

Menu - School's Choice

Friday, Jan. 11th

Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
Corn On The Cob  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

BBQ On Bun

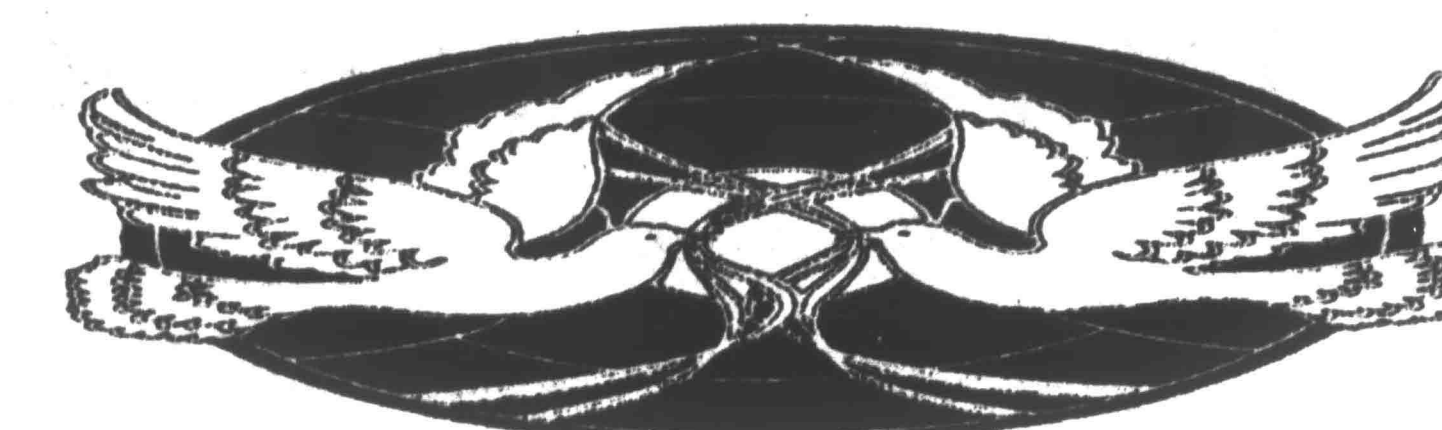
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## Land Transfers Anniversaries

Dec. 23rd-Dec. 29th

Roger D. Herron and Shari L. Herron to Paul S. Merando, Jr., and April L. Merando, Dist. 2, 2.764 acres.

David Steven Mitchell, Lisa Gwen Ragle, Glenn Henry Mitchell and Becky Uselton to Malcolm W. Moore, Dist. 2, 0.7 acre.

Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Alice F. Johnson, Dist. 6, lot.

Richard Kendall Newman and Alan Ray Newman to William Lee Hammock, Dist. 2, tract.

Tommy Griffin and Mavis Griffin to Renee G. Nelson, Dist. 11, 2.75 acres.

Jan. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Crihfield.

Jan. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. John Reece, Jr.

Jan. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Al Wofford.

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### Sheriff's Department, Circa 1938



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, from 1938 to 1940, included Austin Lassiter, left, chief deputy, and Ocie Holman Trospen, right, deputy sheriff, plus, not pictured, Charles Shoaf, sheriff. The office was located in the Lauderdale County Courthouse and the pistol pictured on the desk was known as a 'hog leg'. The photo was submitted by Mickey Trospen, Ocie's grandson.

### Anti-Science Nor Anti-Progress

Christians have been accused of being both anti-science and anti-progress. Perhaps some have been, but the same can't be said for Christianity as a faith or worldview. The Christian religion, because it acknowledges God as Sovereign Creator of the universe, looks upon nature as God's garden and human beings as the gardeners. Remember Adam and Even in the Garden of Eden?

Human beings are privileged to work the garden, are commanded to work the garden, and are accountable to God for how we work the garden. Sometimes we've been lazy. Sometimes we've worked the garden for selfish motives toward unwise ends, pillaging, harming. So we're not perfect. But a biblically Christian worldview is not at fault.

Science and progress are made possible by a worldview that believes the world is not sacred, like animistic religions do. Science and progress are possible when the world is viewed as God's gift to be developed for human benefit and God's glory. And environmental stewardship is as rooted in Christian thought as economic development. We're accountable to God for *how* we use his cattle on a thousand hills.

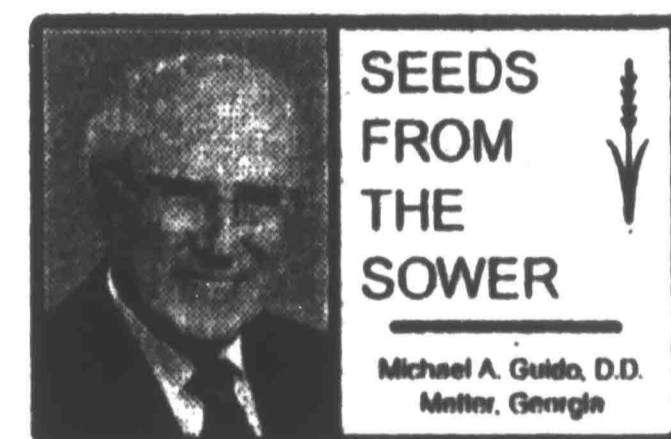
Christianity commands dignity and respect for all human beings made in the image of God. So how we define "life" is a supremely important moral consideration. Is it an embryo at conception? Is it sometime in the Third Trimester? Is it so-called "viability" sometime before birth? Is it sometime after healthy birth—wait awhile and declare the entity human?

When is "life" over? At death? At some point before death when one's "quality of life" is no longer up to par? Is it when a human being is no longer useful? Wanted? Loved? Christianity affirms the sacredness of life, and most Christians believe that means conception to natural death.

Christianity also teaches there is good and evil in the world. Promoting good science and progress and prohibiting the evil is our very human responsibility.

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A boy came to school shouting, "Teacher, I've got a baby brother. You ought to see his tiny toes, his curly hair and his bright eyes."

"What's the nicest thing about him?" she asked. "Just having him," he

answered.

I want you to know that I have the Savior. He's my Companion to cheer, my Deliverer to liberate, my Guide to direct, my Jesus to save, my Strength to empower, my Teacher to instruct.

But should you ask, "What's the nicest thing about Him?" Like the boy I'd say, "Just having Him."

Do you have Him? You may. Receive Him now, won't you?

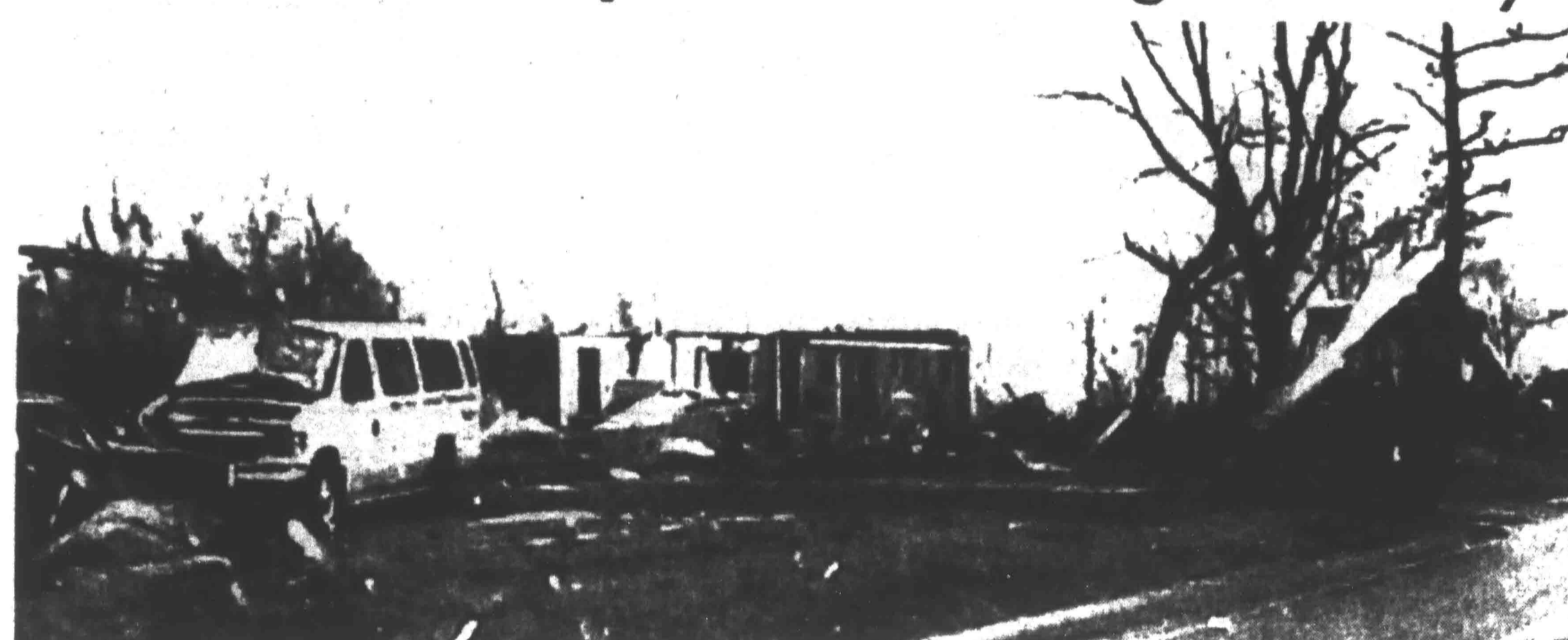


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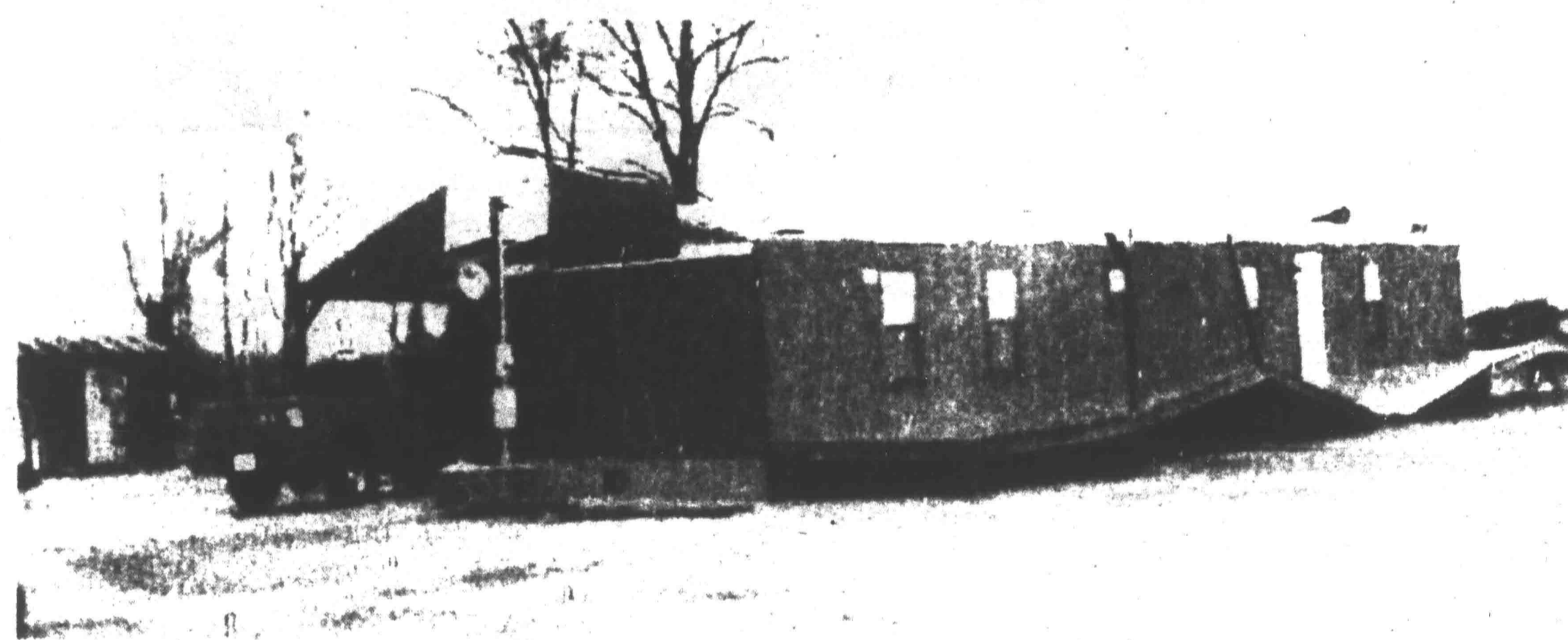
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### "Tornado" Explodes Through County



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SEVERAL HOMES, on the north end of Lauderdale County, received extensive damage at approximately 2:30 p.m. Tuesday evening when what is believed to be a tornado touched down. Lauderdale County schools kept students inside the building for their safety with the buses not running until the Tornado Warning was canceled. Homes, sheds, barns, and the roofs from several trailer houses were damaged, some totally. Trees were heavily damaged and limbs scattered, blocking roads. Forked Deer Electric Cooperative responded to repair utility poles, along with several emergency personnel to check for injuries. Approximately 10 houses were damaged, some totaled and several more with roof damage, according to Jim Jarrett, the Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency director, and Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders. According to Rich Okulski, National Weather Service spokesman, crews would be sent out Wednesday morning to determine if it was a tornado. "But according to eyewitness sightings, I believe it was a tornado," said Okulski. Sheriff Sanders stated that no injuries were caused by the storm. "One woman, in a wheelchair, narrowly escaped injury when she left her trailer home minutes before it was destroyed in the storm," said Sanders. More photos inside this issue.

### Russian Visits Museum



SERGEY BAULEVOV, right, a Russian, born in Siberia, and a United States citizen, was the first visitor to the Veterans' Museum in Halls on New Year's Day. He was on a cross-country trip, visiting interesting sites. Museum docent and curator, Sonny Higdon, left, asked where he lives and he proudly said, "I am United States citizen and I live in Washington, D.C." He is a pharmaceutical researcher for the University of Maryland. His father was in the Russian Army during World War II and he was also drafted into service. As he went through the museum, he shared his experiences and talked about how much he loves the "U.S.A." After spending approximately two and a half hours, upon leaving, he said, "This is much, much more than a museum."

### Halls Skateboard Park Completed

The Town of Halls completed its skateboard park before Christmas. The park is open and a formal grand opening is planned for sometime this month. Door prizes and an exhibition by professional skateboarders will be available. The 100-foot by 60-foot skateboard park was constructed by Skate Wave with a bid of \$42,810, after members of the Halls board rejected the company's first bid and all other bids for the project at the last meeting. Half of the funds for the project were from a parks grant and the remainder from Wiley Hutcherson, Halls resident and business owner. After a new design was presented, Halls Mayor, Trent McManus, stated several companies re-bid on the new design, but Skate Wave was the one approved.

UT ART COMPETITION  
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For more information, call the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.

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Jan. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kiestler, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Burks.

Jan. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wood.

Jan. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gabbard.

Jan. 15 - Mr. and Mrs.



One day a friend baked me a cherry cake. While enjoying the second piece, my teeth came down on something that wasn't cake. It was a cherry stone. When I reached for it, I also found a broken

tooth. Nursing the pain I thought on Living Proverbs 20:17, "Some men enjoy cheating, but the cake they buy with such ill-gotten gain will turn to gravel in their mouths." Yes, cheating pays - but the goodies turn to gravel, the thrills to ills, the paradise to perdition. Your shady deals won't bring you a sunny life here or hereafter.

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# Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I had another rough week at the old homestead. This was my first year to be with a family in a home and I have never celebrated a "New Year". Miss Pam said we had to eat special food to have good luck for the New Year. That sounded good to me. Any time she says "food" my mouth starts watering. I was really looking forward to her special black eyed peas. Well, the big meal time arrived and as I sank into a big bowl I soon realized that some one had jerked my four legger tag. Talk about UCK! I can't believe two leggers actually eat those things. They reminded me of rat dung. I sure hope my eventual bad luck won't have me out on the streets again. I am beginning to like this family thing.

My second uneventful New Year thrill was my bath. I heard the sound of water running and then I heard her yell "Zeek, do you want a Pupponi?" As I jogged toward my favorite treat I was hit from the side and pushed into the bathroom. She grabbed my new Zeek collar and held me hostage. Eventually she turned off the water and even though I struggled she put my fat butt in the tub. As she reached for the shampoo I saw my chance to leap for my freedom. My muscles tensed up and I made a sudden charge up and to my right. I almost cleared her wooden table, but as I headed to the bedroom I heard it fall and stuff shatter on the floor. I tried to hide under the bed; but after a few minutes I saw her feet, then I saw her knee, then her face, and finally that finger. As she scolded me she addressed me with some harsh words. She said "I am taking your fat butt to Dr. English and his two nurses, there will be no escaping his dunk tank." She finished with "you will be going in head first." Hey Doc, do you take bribes! I have been petrified of water ever since the bath I received just before my tutor job. As I said, it's been a rough week with his scary cloud hanging over my head.

I did have time to check in with Mr. Buddy, and his good news was that Tango, our male boxer, and Tang, our female boxer, found a home with Shannon and Misty Leek. The Memphis Police Department adopted a huge black Lab for their Drug Task force. I was told that Don Brasfield was going to reward us with some food for giving his Border Collie some warm and safe shelter. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson treated my buds with lots of puppy food and four legger food. Thanks Doc! Mel, our neighbor at the Club, brought us straw for the houses. He said he hoped that my buds would now stay in their houses instead of howling at the moon and the wild coyotes.

My extra special picks this week include five full-blooded, eight week old German Shepherds. They are beautiful and I sure hope we can find them homes. I think they will be the cheese to your macaroni. Don't miss our Husky and three beautiful Labs. Yoda is a small black wire haired lapper that looks like the movie character Yoda. He is especially sweet.

It's about time to close as I hear water running and I have hit the bedroom. So Good Bye. Zeek Out

P.S. Don't forget about that spay and neuter thing, we are running out of room for many more four leggers; and PLEASE BRING FOOD!! My buds are eating us out of house and home.

## Birthdays

Jan. 10 - Amanda Powers, Sara Pilcher, David Dunaway, Carmon Reece Belton, Robert Steelman, Sheryl Belton, Al Hamilton, James Balton, Jason Baynes, Ronnie Rickard, Amber N. Dowling, Linda Warren, Kim Douglas, Sandra Carver.

Jan. 11 - Lori K. Finney, Memory Gaines, Stephanie Etheridge, Jeff Ezekiel, Rachel Clark, Mary Bernard, Kim Sweat Patterson, Taylor Rice, Nell Miller, Rob Cherry, Lily Kate Carmack.

Jan. 12 - Greg Summar, Jeff Maclin, Crystal Land, Preston Gilliland, Tim Vincent, Wayne Alley, Kenneth Daniels, Gary Scheiblein, Melissa Stutzman, Carley Mills, Joyce Mills, Jody Murphey, Rodney McBroom, Jo Baker, Walt Nichols, Nicole Griggs.

Jan. 13 - Gloria Lake, Janet Brasch, Susan Patterson, John Whitley Francis, Cheryl Follis, Sharrion Cox, Hutch Dunavant, Charles Buckley Gooch.

Jan. 14 - Marcia Ivory, Scott White, Jr., Lisa Scott, Mark A. Brown, Tony Cannon, Maudie Gaters, R. C. Ward, April Jetton, Bob King, Lorie Lovelace Barnett, Ellis Graham, Virginia Holcomb, James Colvin, Sr., Dr. Courtney Hoffman, Thelma Williams, Bobbie Hunter, Patti Rowan, Zelma Latham.

Jan. 15 - Phillip Neal, Anita Swinford, Maurice Waninger, Mary Harrison, Michael Douglas, Scooter Hardec, Melanie Maxwell, Angie Smith, Phil Vestal, Chris Pegg, B. G. Robbins, Steve Arnold, Luanne Tillman, Louise Maners, Dr. Alice Scott.

Jan. 16 - Nina Carmack Hopkins, Rachel Taylor, Russell Langley, Jr., Bonnie Sanders, Elaine McCoy, Brian Fiedler, Krishenna Patrick, Jerry W. Colvin, Brian Woodard, Paul

## Local Cheerleaders



**CHEERLEADERS,** Madison Smith, right, and Hannah Blackwood, left, members of the Tennessee Twisters competitive cheer squad at Rainbow Gymnastics in Dyersburg, competed and placed second in competitions in Jackson and Tunica, Miss., in November and December. The squad of eight girls, ranging from 4th through 6th grade, has several more competitions in Nashville and St. Louis within the next few months. Madison, a 6th grade student, is the daughter of Randy and Amy Smith, and Hannah, a 5th grade student, is the daughter of Mike and Shannon Blackwood, all of Halls.

**UNIVERSITY HONORS**  
Amy Neal and Megan Ward, of Halls, were named to the president's list at Union University for the fall semester. The list includes full-time students who achieve a 4.0 grade point average on a four-point scale.

Kari Escue, of Gates, and Abby McBroom and Allorie Smith, of Ripley, were named to the dean's list. The list includes students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale.

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## Obituaries

### Violet Hargett

Violet Jeanette Hargett, 66, of Halls, widow of James Milton Hargett, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

She had worked for Tupperware in Halls.

She leaves children, Ronnie Hargett, Jason Nelson, Tammy Fitzpatrick, and Wanda Littles, of Ripley; Barbara Pilkington, Lorie Jackson, Peggy Grimes, Timothy Nelson, and Violet Fain, of Halls; Nancy Roberson and Gregory Nelson, of Dyersburg; and Joyce Mansfield, of Clarksville; sisters, Ruby Duval, of Ripley, and Patricia Worley, of Bartlett; 22 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Harris

Savannah Elkins Harris, 90, a grandmother of Rita (Mrs. Glen) Payne, of Halls, died Dec. 28th in Covington Care Center.

Rites were Saturday in Cedar Grove Baptist Church, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, in Tipton County.

Daughter of the late Richard and Mary Dupree Elkins, she was the widow of Samuel Harris.

Survivors include a son, Paul Palmer Harris, of Mason; and a daughter, Ruby Middlebrooks, of Indiana.

### J. T. Baldwin

John T. Baldwin, 78, retired from Hutcherson Metals in Halls, died Saturday in his home at 108 Williams Circle in Halls.

Rites were Tuesday in Family Funeral Care in Memphis, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery South.

He leaves daughters, Vicki Ayers, of Gates, and Valerie Kidd, of Bartlett; a sister, Dean Bridges, of Memphis; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### George Osteen, Air Force Pilot

George R. Osteen, Jr., 75, retired as an Air Force pilot, died Thursday of last week in his home at 5252 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., near Ripley.

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

He was a member of Lightfoot United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Doris Savillah Fullen Osteen; daughters, Beth Kiestler, of Ripley, Debbie Green, of Flippin, Ark., and Terri Kurlan, of McKinney, Tex.; step-sons, Burrell Lynn Kissell and Tim M. Kissell, of Ripley; sisters, Charlotte Shelton, of Tulsa, Okla., and Nancy Casper, of Austin, Tex.; 11 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

### Louise Weaver

Louise Thompson Weaver, 92, widow of O'Neal Weaver, who served for many years as superintendent of Ripley Power & Light, died Friday in Asbury Cove Assisted Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Dwight Weaver, Ripley pharmacist; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Willie T. Clark

Willie T. Clark, 57, of Henning, died Dec. 27th in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in London Branch Baptist Church in Haywood County, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery at Denmark, near Jackson, Currie's Funeral Home of Henning, in charge.

He leaves sons, Tronell and Willie, and a daughter, Alexa Jones, all of St. Louis, Mo.; and brothers, Johnny and Louis, and sisters, Eliza and Flora Mae Clark, all of Brownsville; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Bank Builder



Daniel Edward West, 55, of Memphis, born in Ripley Oct. 25, 1952, to Joseph Edward West and Martha Henderson Roper, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist LeBonheur Hospital in Germantown.

Rites were held Saturday in Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis.

He was the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert West and the late Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henderson, all of Ripley.

After residence in Dallas, Tex., until six, he met, in the sixth grade of Scenic Hills Elementary School in Memphis, his future wife, Amy Romelle Johnson.

After graduation from Bartlett High School, he attended State Tech Institute and took a degree in architectural engineering from the University of Memphis.

He built banks for Union Planters Bank, Regions Bank, and the C. B. Ellis and Hoar Construction Co., of Birmingham, Ala.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Memphis.

Besides his parents and his wife, he leaves a son, Daniel Alexander West.

### H. A. Harding

Herbert Arthur Harding, 77, of Henning, restaurant owner, son of Fletchie Harding and brother of Geraldine Bates, both of Henning, died Thursday, December 27th, at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m.

### J. Cecil Massey, Building Dealer

James Cecil Massey, 93, retired owner of Massey Lumber Co. in Ripley, died Saturday in his home at 144 South Jefferson in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in First United Methodist Church, where he was a member, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

He was born at Covington, Sept. 11, 1914, to the late James Walter and Madie Bishop Massey.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

As "clerk of the works," he supervised construction of Ripley Housing Authority units.

He had been a Mason and Shriner for more than 50 years.

He was the widower of Margaret Daws Massey, to whom he was married for 62 years.

He leaves a daughter, Carol (Mrs. Bill) Davis, of Ripley; three grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

### Mrs. Kirkpatrick

Reggie Carolyn Kirkpatrick, 69, of Ripley, widow of Elton Kirkpatrick, died Saturday in Belleville, Ill.

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

She leaves sons, Odell, Jeff, Parks, and Randy, a daughter, Stephanie McWherter, and a brother, James Colvin, all of Ripley; a sister, Virginia Holcomb, of Henning; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Monday, December 31st, at New Hope C.M.E. Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home had charge.

He leaves daughters, Julia Paige and Eureka Harding, both of Memphis; brothers, Chester Harding, Jr., of Gary, Ind., and Causell (C.J.) Harding, of Hobart, Ind.; other sisters, Ernestine Reece and Lettie B. Sander, both of Gary, Ind., Ruth E. Hayes, of Detroit, Mich., and Mary Harding, of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

### Sara Garner

Sara Irene Garner, 61, of Goodlettsville, formerly of Ripley, died Monday, December 31st.

Graveside services were held Friday, January 4th in Carter Cemetery, Williamson Farm, near Alamo. Ronk Funeral Home had charge.

The daughter of the late Thomas Franklin and Mary Williamson Garner, of Ripley, she leaves sisters, Alice Dew and Emily Powers.

### School Lunches

#### Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Jan. 14th

Pizza  
Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fruit Sherbet Cup  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 15th

Baked Ham  
Chicken Breast Fillet  
Garden Salad w/Dressing  
Green Beans  
Apple  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 16th

Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Pork Roast w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Banana  
Grapes  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Jan. 17th

Chili Pie  
Deli Sandwich  
Corn Nibbles  
Carrot Sticks  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Pear Halves  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 18th

Corn Dog  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Vegetable Soup  
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip  
Applesauce  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

### Wanda Cooper

Wanda D. Cooper, 45, of Dyersburg, niece of Booker Joe Nance, Sr., and Marcus Nance, of Gates, died Dec. 25th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Monday of last week in Dyersburg Christian Center, with burial in Veterans Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include sons, Richard Cooper, Jr., and Eric Cooper, daughters, Tiffany Harris and Tomeka Cannon, a brother, Melvin Watson, and sisters, Pamela Collins and Teresa Smith, all of Dyersburg; and five grandchildren.

### R. A. Cherry

Richard Algie Cherry, 75, of Ripley, a construction worker, died Saturday, January 5th, at Baptist East Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, January 12th, at El Canaan Baptist Church, Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his mother, Clonnie Hannah Cherry, of Henning; and sisters, Kathy Stanton, of Chicago, Ill., and Yvonne Draper, of Memphis.

### R. D. Childress

Ronald Dwight Childress, 51, of Ripley, heavy equipment operator, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

He leaves his wife, Mary; his step-mother, Mary Ellen Childress, of Lepanto, Ark.; sisters, Ola Ruth Williams, of Ripley, Ada Fox, of Quincy, Mich., Doris Wilkinson, of Mt. Morris, Ill., Mary Milliman, of Coldwater, Mich., and Paulette Wicker, of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; four brothers, Andy Childress, of Cummings, Ark., Jerry Childress, of Coldwater, Miss., Jimmy Childress, of Hasty, Ark., and Andrew Gregory, of Mississippi.

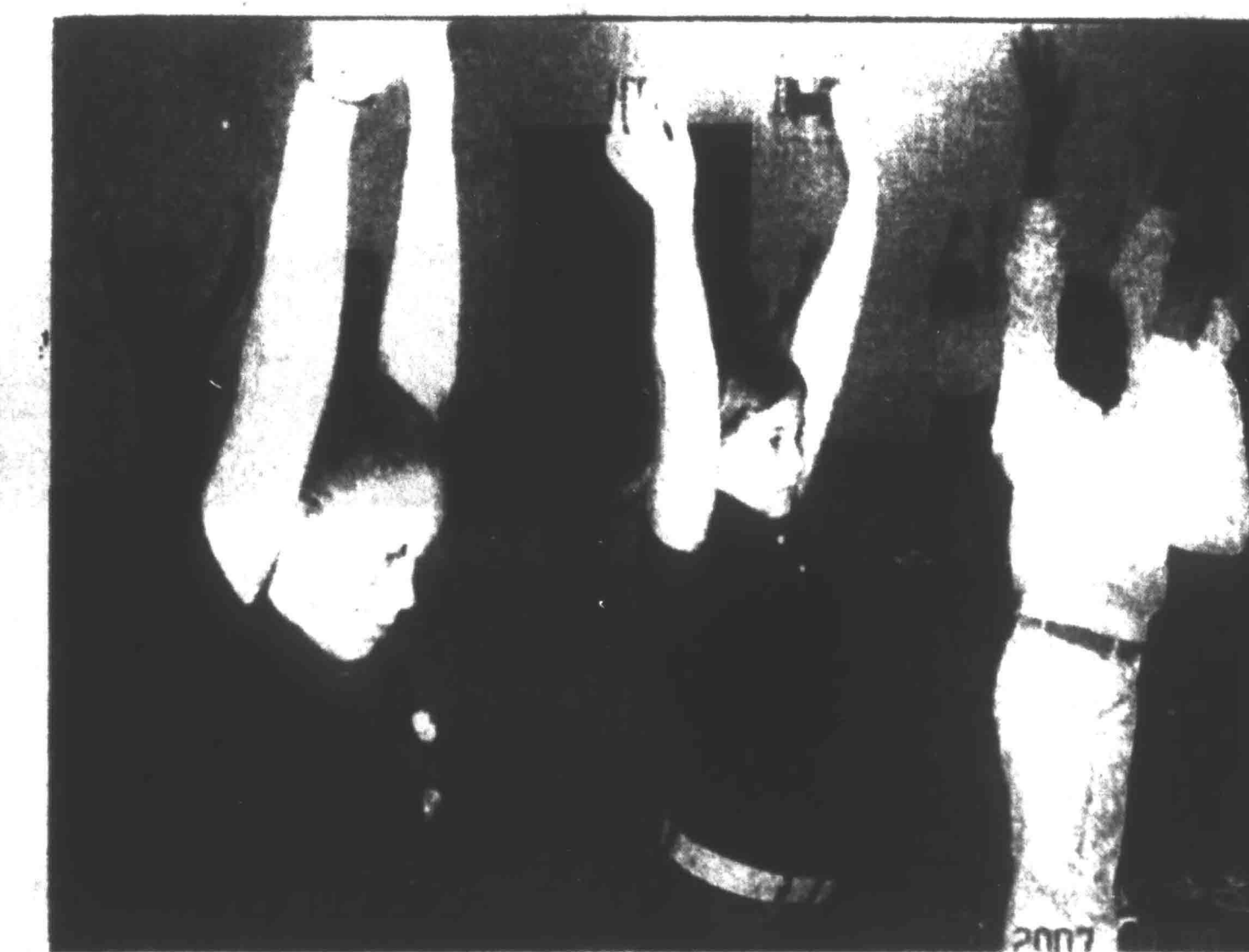
### Doris Hoskins

Doris Harrison Hoskins, 95, of Ripley, died Monday, January 7th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are still pending at press time, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She was born in Birdette,

## Power U Program Completed



STUDENTS in the fourth grade at Halls Elementary School completed the Power U Program Dec. 12th.

The 10-session program promoted health and fitness. Instructors were University of Tennessee Extension agents,

Jennifer Chandler and Rachel Erwin. The program was implemented to all fourth graders during the physical education classes. Exercise, food pyramid, portion sizes, and overall health were covered. The participants were awarded certificates.

## History Of Halls Featured Inside

Mrs. Bettie Davis, of Halls, Lauderdale County Historian, has submitted several informative articles, entitled "Yesteryear..." compiled from her research of Lauderdale County Courthouse records. She is focusing on the north end of Lauderdale County in her articles. If anyone is interested in further information or providing any additional history, she has included her email address at the end of the article.

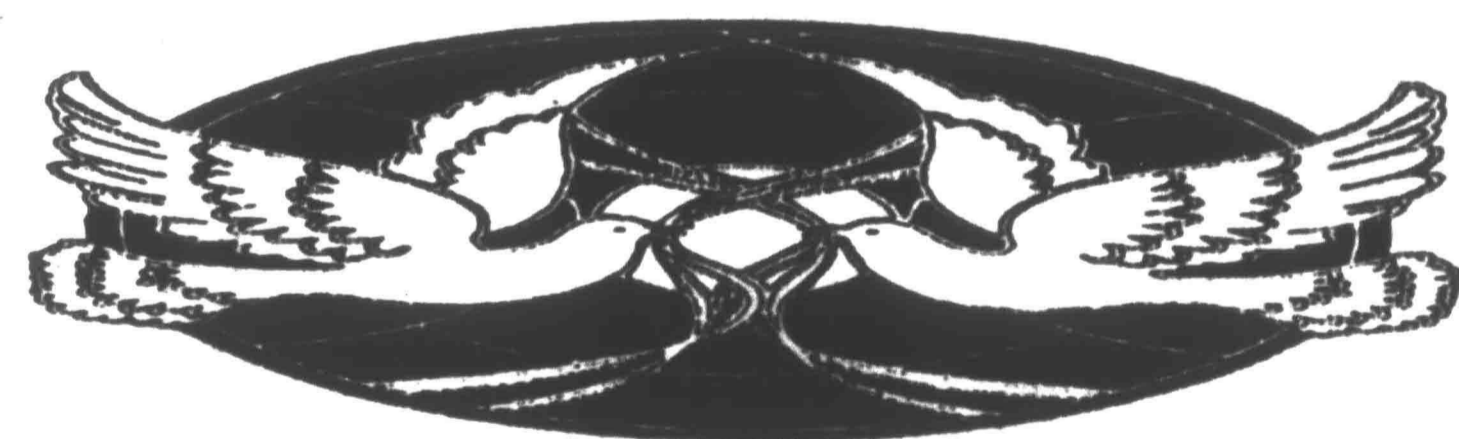
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## A-7 Corsair Completed



**JAMES PARIS, JR.**, left, of Ripley, and **Ken Smith**, right, of Henderson, are pictured with the A-7 Corsair after they applied the last stencils. Mr. Paris undertook the enormous job of repainting the airplane, on loan to the Veterans' Museum in Halls, from the Pensacola Naval Museum. Even though the Veterans' Museum paid \$3,000 for materials, the volunteers and those who discounted products made the project possible. Pensacola requires that the airplane be kept in good condition in order for a museum to keep it as an exhibit. Each year, pictures are submitted to the Pensacola curator to assure them it is being properly maintained. In 2007, upon receiving the pictures, they advised that it would have to be painted. Paris and Mr. Smith spent days, which turned into weeks, on a rather unusual paint job.

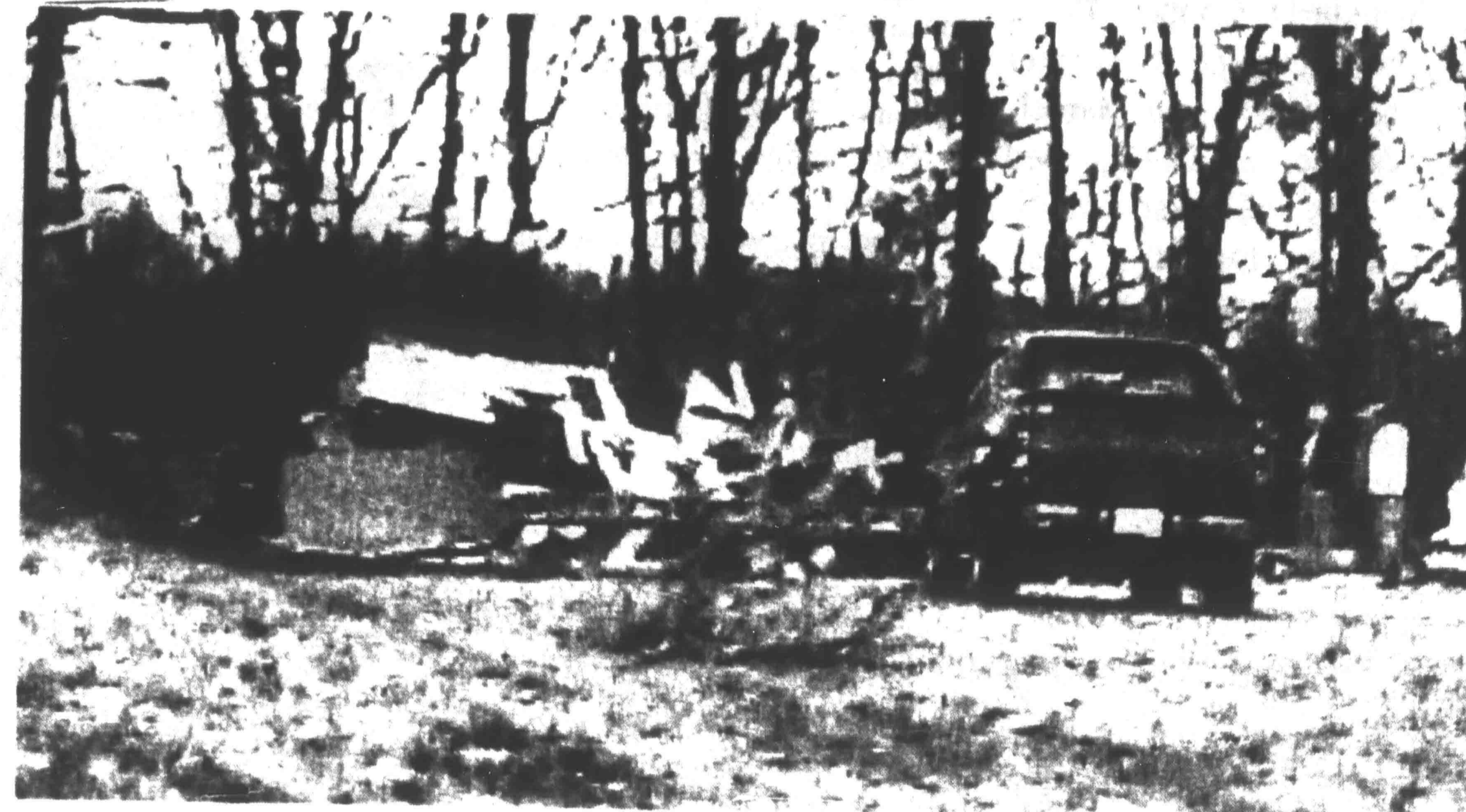


## Church Happenings

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.

Curve Baptist Church will hold an appreciation service to honor its pastor, Virgil Presley, and his wife, Martha at 2 p.m. Sun., Jan. 13th. In recognition and appreciation of their 20 years of committed Christian service, the deacons and members of the church have designated Sunday as "Virgil and Martha Presley Day". A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. The Rev. Presley began serving the church as pastor in

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**Gates Baptist Church**, 85 Wardlow and 4th St., Gates, will hold a one day revival service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., Jan. 13th with Evangelist Don Dowdy, of Covington, delivering the message. Jerrell

**Dawson**, pastor, invites the public.

**Elam Baptist Church**, 3543 Durhamville Rd., near Ripley, will host the Women of Purpose winter conference, with the theme "Who Me, Submit? Lord, You Must Be Kidding!"

from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, January 26th. Main speakers include Ellena Gooch and Johnnie Bayers. Workshop speakers for adults and teens, ages 14 and up will be provided. For more information, call 612-2717.

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 gentleman is the one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally.**  
—Oscar Wilde

## HHS Boys Nicked By Trenton, 75-73

Trenton edged Halls High School's boys Friday, 75-73, in a see-saw game in which Trenton won the first period, 16-7, lost the second, 21-14, won the third, 26-18, and lost the fourth, 27-19.

Kevan Ward led Halls points with 20, including two 3-pointers. Darius Ivory added 19, including three 3-pointers. Rodney Foster posted 17, Michael Hudson 12, Qalon Smith 4, and Nathan Smith 1.

Halls girls lost to Trenton, 56-18, and to Crockett County, Saturday, 62-40.

Halls hosts Bradford Friday, visits Madison Magnet Academic School, near Jackson, Saturday, and visits Union City Tuesday.

## Land Transfers

Dec. 30th-Jan. 5th

Covington Housing Authority to Marvin W. Land, 2 tracts.

Jerry Heathcott, Nancy H. White and W. T. Heathcott to Michael Leggett and Michelle Leggett, Dist. 17, 3.5 acres.

Federal National Home Loan Mortgage to Carter Custom Homes LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

Mary B. Miller to James Sheridan, Dist. 2, lot.

Latham Homes LLC to Harold Prater, Dist. 6, lot.

## Yesteryear.....

A sizable quantity of loose papers which have been stored for many years in vaults in the Courthouse has been sorted, cleaned, filed, and indexed. In the process of that work numerous stories of historical interest were discovered that need to be shared. It is for that reason that we have decided to launch this column. For example:

The earliest burial date recorded on a tombstone in Halls Cemetery now seems to be 1885 for Lillian Owens. That would lead one to believe the cemetery was set aside soon after the settlement of Halls. Discovery of a lawsuit of *William Jordan versus Hansford Hall and T. L. Conley*, however, has revealed that the cemetery is as much as twenty-five years older!

In late 1866 William Jordan sold to Hansford Hall and T. L. Conley 700 acres

which stretched from the corner of what we now call Mitchell Road and Tigrett Street to the very eastern end of Tigrett Street, south past Sumrow Creek, and back west to the Zachariah Mitchell property. The deed specified the purchase price of \$13,000 was to be paid in gold or its equivalent in greenbacks. After the down payment of half the agreed sum and a couple of payments, Hall and Conley reneged on further payments in gold—then at a premium—or its equivalent, because there was a cemetery at the northwest corner which they said they hadn't known about when they contracted for the property, and which detracted from its value. The site of the cemetery, they claimed, was on the best building site of a 50-acre tract, and, they pointed out, the deed didn't show any exclusion for it.

To refute their objection, Jordan insisted he had told

## Christmas Visitors From Finland



**ERKKI AHOKANGAS**, left, and **Leena Ahokangas**, right, of Kalajoki, Finland, spent Christmas in the home of the Hugh Pesnells, in Halls, during their first visit to America. The Ahokangas came to New Jersey to visit their daughter, Pia, son-in-law, Dan Pesnell, of the United States Coast Guard, along with grandchildren, Kris and Trisha. The next leg of their journey included a trip to Tennessee. Mr. Ahokangas is wearing a Tennessee souvenir.

Hall about the cemetery—in fact had shown it to him as they had walked around the property. Moreover, there was a "good wagon road" on the north and west sides of the graveyard. Robert A. Burke, Jordan's son-in-law, had written the deed the night the deal was made, but had just forgot to show that the cemetery was to be excluded.

The next day Jordan accompanied Hall to Ripley to acknowledge the deed and have it registered. On the way home, Jordan said, he remembered that the deed should have mentioned the exclusion of the cemetery. He proposed to return to Ripley to correct the omission, but, he testified, Hall insisted if they went back, it would be night before they could get back to Jordan's home, and Hall promised that he would have the error corrected the next day when he returned to Ripley for the deed. But he failed to do it.

The size of the cemetery was variously said to be one-quarter and three-quarters of an acre. Neighbors of the land, including 63-year-old Zachariah Mitchell and 61-year-old Abraham H. Mitchell, testifying for Hall, said

that a cemetery would detract from the value of the property as much as \$500 to \$600. However, Jordan's witness, Eli Lucas, who lived on a straight line, 2 1/2 miles southeast of the property, said he had a cemetery within 40 feet of his own house, and he thought it should not detract more than the value of the land it was on—as little as \$7.50. He testified that he knew of the cemetery in contention, knew of no tombstones on the property, but he knew that at least one man had been buried there, maybe more, even before Jordan had bought the land.

So who occupied the graves?

William Jordan had bought the fifty acres on which the graveyard lay at a sale on the Courthouse steps in January of 1861. It had been the property of William S. Walpole, then deceased, who had probably received it from his father, John. Mr. Jordan said when he bought

the land that he thought he had bought the grave yard, too, but learned later than the Court had decreed that a quarter acre be set apart for a cemetery, and had appointed W. B. Sawyer to lay it off.

William S. Walpole's wife, Lydia, had died unexpectedly in March of 1850, a month after one of her newborn twins had died. Then William Walpole, himself, died sometime before October of the same year. One or both of them and their child could be the person(s) buried there, or it could have been William's father, John Walpole, who died before September of 1843.

The first to be interred in the Halls Cemetery is, of course, anybody's guess, but odds are good it was one of the Walpoles who appear to be the first resident owners of the land at Mitchell Road and Tigrett Street, and that burial could have been as early as 1843 or 1850.

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## Proactive Approach To Another Year Of Drought

A few days ago, I passed a church sign that had some really good words of wisdom lettered upon it. It said, "Don't be caught leaning on the handle of a shovel while praying for a hole." If that is not profound then I don't know what is.

Last year, on Tennessee farmers, we spent a lot of time involved in very needed prayer due to cold weather, hot weather, high costs, no water, no rain, and a lot of other negatives that were way beyond our power to change. The only hope seemed to come from the heavens above and finally did in the form of needed rain in many parts of the state.

That was back in 2007 and now we are off and running in 2008 with hopes of a better year this go around. And now is not the time to be leaning on the proverbial shovel handle as mentioned in that church sign I saw while traveling Tennessee's back roads. It is time to act! The good Lord will help where He can, but it is up to us to also get involved and help ourselves.

There is a very good possibility that this year could also be another growing season without the rainfall we really need. The current drought began way back in 2004 and many professionals are predicting that we are only halfway through. There has not been normal rainfall in many parts of the state in four years, which means current groundwater levels are still low even though we have had some pretty good rains in some parts of the state. The rains seen recently in West and Middle Tennessee were not realized in the southern Cumberland Plateau, extreme southeast

counties of the state, and in northeast Tennessee east of a line from about Gatlinburg to Morristown to Sneedville.

In a recent report from the National Weather Service, Brian Boyd, senior service hydrologist in Morristown said, "Rainfall deficits remain substantial to critical. While the recent rains have been a huge help, unfortunately they are not drought busters. Droughts are not typically 'busted' but rather go away quietly over a long period."

Unfortunately, most of us tend to focus on drought problems when it is right upon us, like it was this last year. When that happens it usually ends up costing us more in the long run. Often, it also can be help coming too late with too little to do away with the problem. Maybe this early in 2008 it is time to quit leaning on the shovel handle and use it for what it is intended for. Of course, that is to dig a hole.

With spring not that far off and winter rains not currently closing in on the state's rainfall deficits, maybe we need to take a proactive approach to dealing with the possibilities of another year of drought conditions. The big question however is just what are the proactive measures we must take.

Maybe a renewed interest in how our lakes are used in the future could be a start. At one time lakes around the state were built for the prime purpose of providing flood control. They also became a source of low cost energy and today they are looked at by many as only a provider of outdoor recreation which had very little to do with the early intent of these water sources. It is time to place recreation lower on the list of lake usages and

work more toward water storage.

Since this past summer, every major waterway, lake and pond is considered as someone's water supply. It is starting to look like we may be entering an era of water wars with state against state, city against city and even state agencies against farmers. In the Bible in Matthew 5:45 it says He sends rain on the just and unjust alike and when it rains on my property I consider that moisture from above as mine. However, some of our state agencies currently are not seeing it that way and are wanting to control those few drops that splash on my and your side of the fence. If we are going to make it through another year like the last one, it will take a lot of understanding on everyone's part. That includes those going overboard on the environment as well. Especially some government regulators who for some reason no longer understand who they work for which are the people they serve.

It is time to start planning for the possibility of another dry

State Rep. Phillip Pinion, of Union City, chairman of the state House Transportation Committee, tells John Brannon, of the Union City *Daily Messenger*, that dirt could turn this summer or fall on an 18-mile, 5-phase segment of Interstate Highway 69 from Mayberry Rd, near South Fulton, to Troy.

Appraisal and purchasing of rights-of-way are in final stages, Pinion says, with many victims already planning moves.

The route, with five exits to Union City from the west of U.S. Hwy. 51, crosses 51 on an over-pass near Walker Tanner Road to run east of 51 to Troy.

Pinion says the route was chosen to disturb the smallest number of residences, and no cemeteries.

Year. Maybe it will not happen, but if it does we need to have our game plan ready. Working together and using common sense will be a good start.

We will need to continue to pray for God's help, but He

does not expect us to rest on the shovel handle while He does all the work. It is time to start digging some holes.

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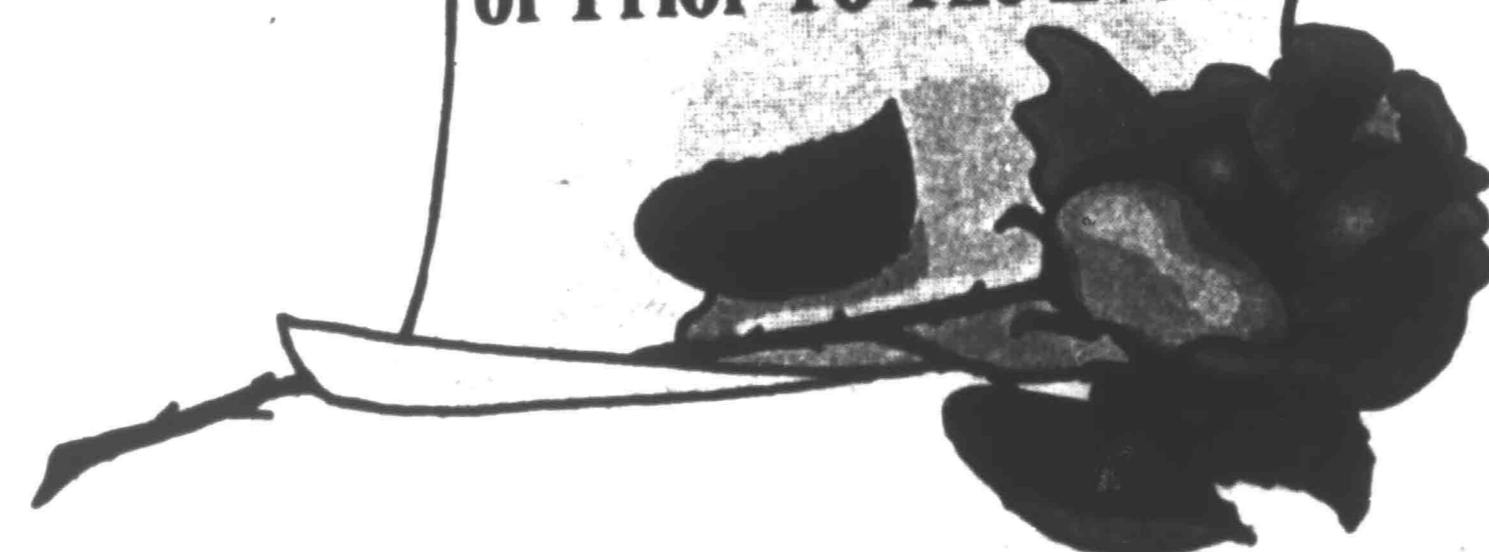
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Martin Luther King Jr.

## Siegel-Robert Seeks Million In Damages

Siegel-Robert, with two automotive parts facilities in Ripley, filed a lawsuit Nov. 29, 2007 in U.S. District Court, Memphis against UIS Polymer of Alamo seeking \$1 million for scrap materials damaged in the November 2006 fire at the former Tupperware plant in Halls.

UIS was contracted in April 2004 to receive the scrap, reprocess the material, and return it to Siegel-Robert, which maintained the ownership of the material. UIS Polymers was leasing the building when fire consumed the contents Nov. 5, 2006. Siegel-Robert claims "all or substantially all" of the materials were destroyed. UIS Polymers is alleged to have breached the contract when it failed or refused to reimburse Siegel-Robert for the damaged product.

## Halls' Disney Dreamer



PAULITA EDMONDSON, Halls High School senior, has been named the only student in Tennessee as a 'Disney Dreamer'. Approximately 3,000 students applied and only 100 high school seniors around the nation were named as a 2008 Disney Dreamers Academy winner, which were nominated and endorsed by friends, parents, guardians, church members and people in their lives who recognized extra-special qualities and the power to dream in students. She leaves Thursday for an all expense paid trip to Walt Disney World.

Her essay was chosen by nationally syndicated radio

(Continued On Page 8.)

## Moving



KEON FALKNER, administrator and CEO at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale since 2004, will transfer, effective February 1st, to Baptist Hospital DeSoto in Southaven, Miss., where he will serve as one of the assistant administrators. Falkner is a native of Olive Branch, Miss. and has served as an assistant at Baptist Hospital in Union City. Daryl Black, a 31-year Baptist Memorial Health Care employee, from Baptist Tipton in Covington, will replace Falkner.

Paul Betz, not pictured, former Baptist Hospital Lauderdale administrator and CEO, was transferred from Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington to Jonesboro, Ark., where he will serve as administrator and CEO of NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jonesboro. He began his career as an assistant administrator at Baptist Hospital in Union City before transferring to Ripley.

## HOLIDAY OBSERVED

The Dyersburg State Community College campus and its centers will be closed Monday, January 21st, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. It will resume normal operation Tuesday, January 22nd.

## Duffie, 14, Is Held In Halls Shooting

Lauderdale County Juvenile Court Judge Rachel Anthony has continued, pending mental health evaluation, a charge of voluntary manslaughter against Ledontay Duffie, 14, of Halls.

He is charged with the shooting, Dec. 27th, on Jones St. in Halls, of Army private first class Donald Jeffrey Arwood, 21, at home on Christmas leave from Iraq, and his father, Stephen Arwood.

Donald died in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis. Stephen survives.

The incident is reported to have resulted from a pack of cigarettes believed stolen.

Duffie is held in Youth Villages of Memphis.

His attorney is Robert Brannon, of Memphis.

## Advances



KEITH MCCALLISTER, 13, 139 lbs., member of the Lauderdale County Boxing Team, and son of Keith and Nancy McCallister, of Halls, won the right to participate in the National Silver Gloves in Kansas City, Mo. the first week in February. He competed Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 10th, 11th, and 12th in the Southern Regional Silver Gloves in Little Rock, Ark. for the opportunity to represent District 6 out of 8 in the United States. He is coached by Clay and Heath Conrad. The team plans to participate in the Southeastern U.S.A. tournament January 18th and 19th in Covington.

## Tanner Running For Re-Election

Congressman John Tanner (D-8th District) announced Thursday of last week his plans to run for reelection in 2008.

"Most Tennesseans I talk to think our federal government is off on the wrong track," Tanner said. "I agree with that assessment, but fortunately, we are making progress. We are making progress in our fight against additional government borrowing and overspending by enacting 'pay as you go' rules, which worked well for us in the 1990s. The huge amount of money our country borrows from foreign sources is an enormous mistake and could jeopardize the

financial and economic integrity of the United States. We will keep up this fight to balance our budget and restore fiscal accountability.

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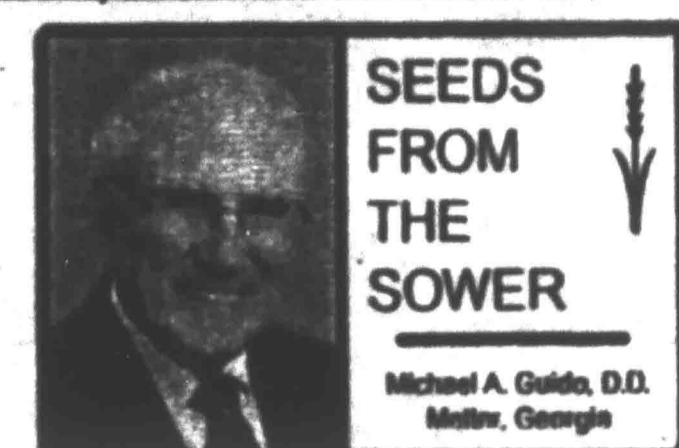
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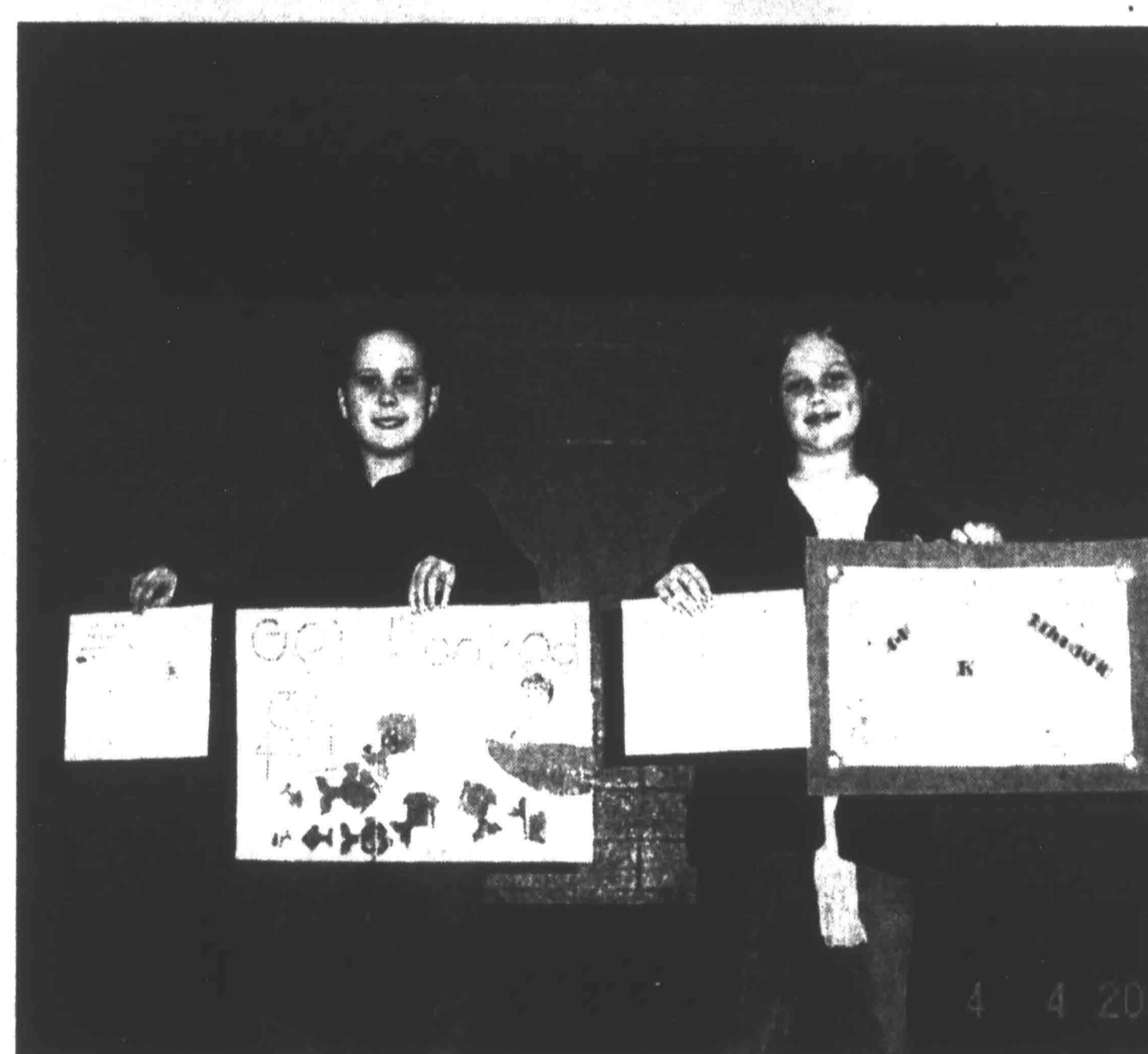
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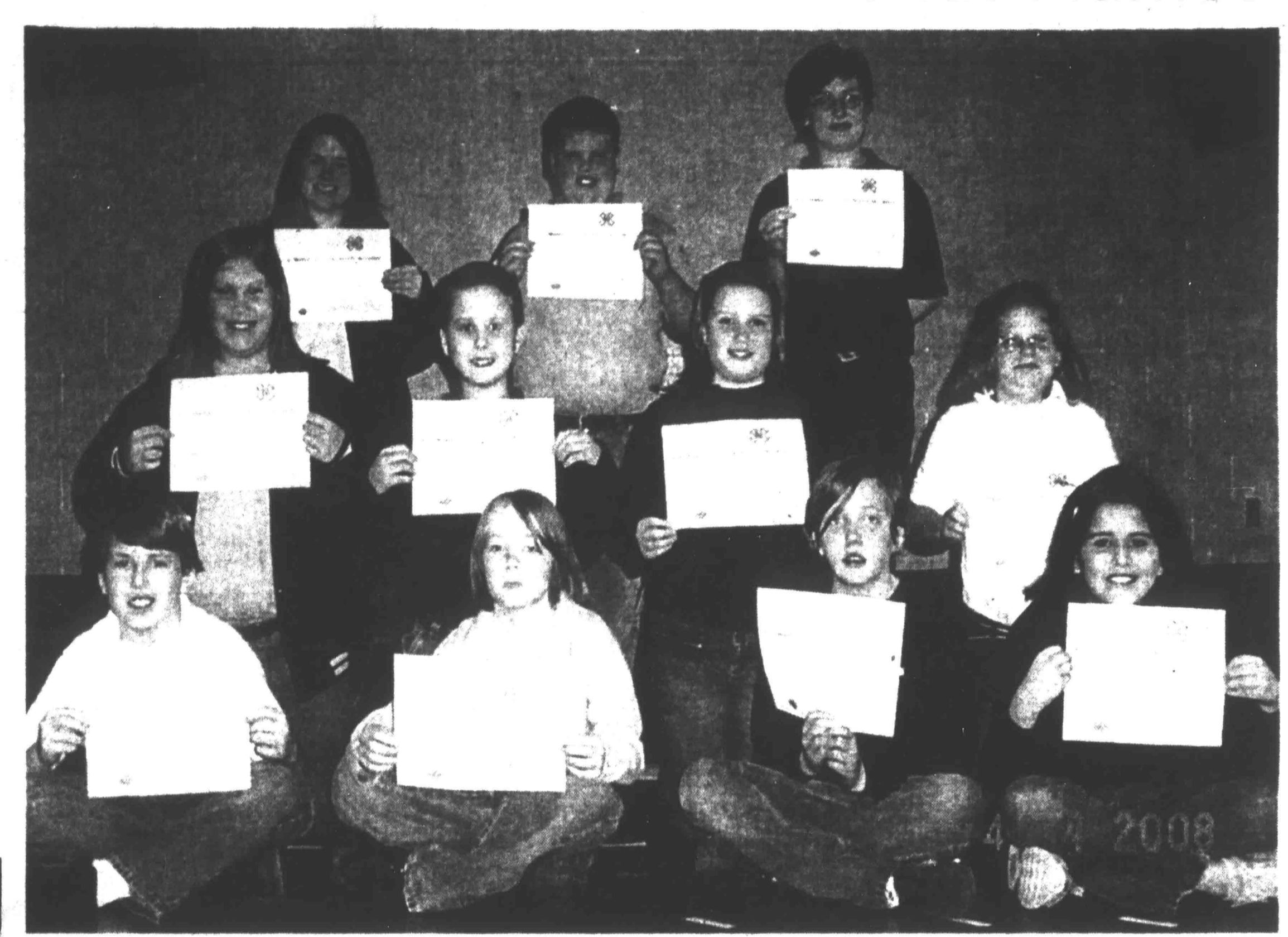
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## 4-H Poster Winners



WINNERS of the annual 4-H County Poster contest were named this month for the 2007-2008 school year. Lauderdale County had 206 4-H students to participate in the club contest and 55 in the county contest. The "Top Ten" were picked from the county contest. Winners included Madison Smith, 6th grade, Halls Elementary School, first place; Chad Lewis, 5th grade, HES, second; Abby Winters, 10th grade, home school, third place;

## 4-H Members Of The Month Named



STUDENTS, named as 4-H members of the month, include, Halls Elementary School, in front, Cameron Ward, Brandon Smith, Alison DeBoard, and Kirsten Solomon, in middle, Grayson Morris, Chad Lewis, Elizabeth Gunter, and Alissa Belton, and in rear, Katelyn Cherry, Austin Adkins, and Egypt Riggs, plus, not pictured, Brittany Wright and Hailee Wallace.

## Anniversaries

- Jan. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lankford.
- Jan. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan.
- Jan. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson.
- Jan. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pease, Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross.
- Jan. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack.

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**Obituaries**

**Mrs. English**

Mrs. Alma Morris English, 91, of Brownsville, grandmother of Dr. John English, Lauderdale County veterinarian, died Thurs., Jan. 3rd, in her home.

Rites were held Sun., Jan. 6th in the chapel of Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nutbush.

She has served as treasurer for over 50 years at Trinity United Methodist Church, of which she was a member since she was 6-years old, and a 50-year member of the Eastern Star.

The widow of Robert Rix English, she leaves a son, Robert Morris English, Sr., of Brownsville, another grandson, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church and Trinity Cemetery Association would be appropriate.

**Olivia Guerrero**

Olivia G. Guerrero, 89, mother of Santiago G. Guerrero, of 37 Ivy Lane, Ripley, died Saturday in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Rites were held Tuesday in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include other sons, Jesse and Luis; daughters, Gloria and Juanita Guerrero; and a brother, Ralph Garcia, of Arlington, Tex.

**Marion Butler**

Marion Lee Butler, 67, of Crockett County, father of Dennis Butler, of Ripley, died Dec. 22nd in Humboldt General Hospital.

Rites were Dec. 26th in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, with burial in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include a companion, Rachel Pitts, a son, Wayne Butler, a daughter, Rhonda Milstead, and a brother, Johnny Butler, of Humboldt; another son, Buddy Adams, and a sister, Jewel Faye Taylor, of Jackson; another brother, Bobby Butler, of Bells; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Dorothea Moore, Dedicated Nurse**

Dorothea Johnson Moore, 87, registered nurse who delivered thousands of babies during 12 years with the Lauderdale County Hospital in Ripley, beginning in the early 1950s, died Saturday, of cancer, in Asbury Cove Assisted Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were held Tuesday in Munford Funeral Home's Millington Chapel.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 28, 1920, she attended Columbia University in New York and published poetry before taking her R.N. degree from Kings County Nursing Training School in Brooklyn in 1941.

In that year, she met, on Staten Island, J. P. Moore, who was to be her husband for 52 years. He served 22 years in the Navy, retiring as a chief warrant officer. He died in 1993.

She gave birth to their first child while he was in combat in the Pacific in World War II.

An American Red Cross nurse during the war, she later practiced her profession wherever her husband was stationed, including nine states plus Hawaii.

In John Gaston Hospital in Memphis, she was surgical nurse for one of the first organ transplants ever performed.

She also nursed in the Naval Hospital in Millington.

The Moores were founding members of Hampton Methodist Church in Millington.

Mrs. Moore had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Millington.

She had taught in the Sumter, S. C., Technical College.

She leaves a son, John, of Austin, Tex.; a daughter, Candice (Mrs. Bob) Morgan, of Bartlett; and four grandchildren.

A nursing scholarship is being established in her name.

**Doris Hoskins**

Rites for Doris Hoskins, 95, of 7677 Asbury-Glimp Rd., whose death, Monday of last week, was reported in last week's issue, were held Friday in Asbury Cemetery, with Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

**Mourned**



**Jaden Bryant Lee Pearson**, born Nov. 25th, in Covington, to Michael Bryant Pearson and Octavia Catrice Harris, of Ripley, died Jan. 5th in Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Old Chapel Cemetery near Halls.

Survivors include his great-grandparents, Anna Sue Brown, of Halls, and Jessie Anderson and Leoard and Hazel Pearson, of Jackson; his grandparents, Lee and Toria Wright and Bobby Harris, of Ripley, Leoard "Ricky" Pearson, Jr., of Jackson, and Matthew and Shelinda Anderson, of Killeen, Tex.; brothers, Demarion Harris and Michael Pearson, and a sister, Adreayna Harris, of Ripley; and another brother, Latrell Pearson, of San Diego, Calif.

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

She was a member of First Baptist Church. She leaves sisters, Virginia Walker, of Ripley, and Christine Raye, of Marion, Ark.

**Diane Mooring**

E. Diane Mooring, 54, wife of James W. Mooring, of Apt. 32, 449 Robeson St., Ripley, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Covington Manor.

Rites are set for 2 p.m. Friday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley.

She was born in Mississippi, June 22, 1953, to the late W. M. C. Roberson and the late Mary Elizabeth Bradford Roberson.

Rites were set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He was a member of New Mitchell Grove Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Arvie "Darb" Smith. He leaves sons, Burgin, of Nankipoo, John, of Millington, and J. D., Jr., of Atwood; daughters, Glenda Sutton and Judy Turner, of Covington, Deloris Jones, of Brighton, and Geneva Russell, of Munford; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

**Ruby Johnson**

Ruby Harrison Johnson, of Jackson, sister of Pat Martin, of 1643 Curve-Nankipoo Rd., and mother of Deborah (Mrs. John) Criswell, of 139 Griggs Rd., Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Serevices were held Saturday in Conner Assembly of God, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was the widow of William Johnson.

Brothers, Bob and Jerry Harrison, and a daughter, Shirley Garrett, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Katie Johnson, of Horn Lake, Miss.; other sisters, Deloris Clanton and Gloria Pounders, of Dyersburg, and Donna Simpson, of Oakland; and two grandchildren.

**Joyce Austin**

Joyce Austin, 60, of Oakland, sister of Don Hendren, of 1855 West Dry Hill Road, Ripley, and Betty Goodwin, of Ripley, died Jan. 6th, at home, of pancreatic cancer.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel, with burial in Memory Gardens.

She had retired in August from the federal programs department of the Shelby County Board of Education.

Survivors include her husband for 41 years, Donald E. Austin; a son, Chris, of Southaven, Miss.; a daughter, Kimberley (Mrs. Jason) Delaney, of Bartlett; another brother, Joe Hendren, of Collierville; and six grandchildren.

**James A. Poole**

James A. Poole, 67, of Burlison, father of Billy J. Poole, of 171 Jefferson, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

He had retired from Covington Propane.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Louise Poole; a daughter, Debra Johnson, and brothers, Raymond and Roy Otis Poole, of Covington; one sister, Dottie Jean Kellum, of Burlison; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Jewell Cheek**

Jewell Lorine Cheek, 95, widow of J. Vester Cheek, who operated a convenience store at Lafayette and Chickasaw in Ripley, died Sunday in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

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

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She leaves sisters, Virginia Walker, of Ripley, and Christine Raye, of Marion, Ark.

**J. D. Smith**

J. D. Smith, 92, of Barr, farmer and commercial fisherman, died Tuesday in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

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**Dry Hill Dog News**



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! Well, Miss Pam kept her promise from last week. Her tactics were underhanded and I didn't have a sporting chance. It started when she said "Zeek, get in the car we are going to the Club." I was excited to go see my buds, but instead we ended up parked in front of Doc English's building. Miss Pam goes in and leaves me in the car. After a few minutes here comes Holly and Tracy out to the car and they treat me like I am some kind of star or something. They started making a fuss over me, rubbing my back and ears and making me feel extra special. Like a typical old male, the challenge of two pretty females coaxing me inside the building was not a difficult task. Once inside I remembered that smell, so I hesitated; and then they really turned on the charm. Holly pulled an extra large Puperoni sausage out of her coat. Needless to say they knew my weak points—females and food.

I saw some four leggers in cages inside the room but my attention was on the aroma of the sausage and the sweet sounds of their voices. I followed the allusive treat up five stairs and out onto a platform. At that very moment, the floor went out from under my feet and I fell to the bottom of a tub of soapy water. As I surfaced sneezing and spitting water, three female faces appeared and yelled "got ya". In a flash I had six hands trying to hold me at bay. I gave a violent struggle but with each effort they would put my head below the water. I eventually lost my fight; so I just stood there and pouted. They tried turning on the charm again but it didn't work. Besides, I could barely hear their murmurs through all the water that flowed into my big old ear holes. After about ten minutes of being rubbed on by three females, I have to admit this bath routine was not as bad as I had imagined. After the towel dry I hit the floor, rolled onto my back and squirmed like a fish while trying to clear the water from my ears. Finally my ears cleared and I jumped up on all fours. I then saw ten female four leggers laughing, as they had witnessed the bath and my belly dance. I have never been so embarrassed. I ran from the room and started looking for Doc., I needed some male companionship. I never thought I would friend-up with the hands that tutored me, but it was a bad moment. After a couple of minutes Miss Pam appeared doing that baby talk routine. I finally had heard all I could stand so I stood, turned my head, and let her snap on my Zeek collar. The whole time, I was devising a plan for my next trip to the Club. I know where the smelly stuff is and I do plan on getting even.

Miss Pam returned home from a meeting last Saturday very happy. She said that her Club volunteers had joined up with the Lauderdale County Humane Society group and that I will get to see some good improvements this spring at the Club. She must have been happy because she even fixed supper for Mr. Pam.

Leslie Platzke took home a beautiful German Shepherd puppy and Stephanie Bolton adopted a Cocker Spaniel. A beautiful brindle and white puppy found a home with Joyce Mount and big hearted, Virginia Tate adopted two of my buds. Melinda Vaughn and Betty Clark adopted cats and

Jackie and Ann Webb donated us some much needed food.

I have a special friend at the Club. If anyone wants a great four legger ask for Hitchcock. He is a smart, friendly, outside two year old Golden Retriever. We also have three quality big boned Labs, a nice female Husky and two very friendly Silver German Shepherd.

In closing, Miss Pam said to thank the past members of the Lauderdale County Humane Society for caring about all four leggers. She hopes to have the longevity that you have demonstrated.

Zeek Out!

P.S. We still need food!

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- Tuesday, Jan. 22nd**  
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Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle  
Apple  
Fruit Mix  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 23rd**  
Spaghetti  
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Green Beans  
Corn Nibbles  
Banana  
Grapes  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 24th**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Peaches  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk
- Friday, Jan. 25th**  
Pimento Cheese Sandwich  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Carrot Sticks  
Orange Sections  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

**Juvenile Hunter**



**CHASE WARD**, 10, son of Robbie and Teresa Ward, of Halls, killed a three-point buck and a doe, while on a juvenile hunt Saturday in Whiteville. Both deer were shot from approximately 200 yards. He also shot and killed a coyote the same day.

**School Lunches**

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## Rep. Fitzhugh Hits Ground Running With First Week Of Session

### Committees Immediately Convene To Talk About Important Issues

It was all business for the state House of Representatives as the second session of the 105th General Assembly got underway on Tuesday. The House Finance, Ways & Means Committee immediately went to work, receiving an update from Finance and Administration Commissioner, Dave Goetz, and Treasurer, Dale Sims, on the potential shortfall in this year's state revenues.

"Our first priority as state legislators is to be good stewards of the people's money," said Rep. Craig Fitzhugh (D-Ripley), the Chairman of the important committee, House Finance, Ways, and Means.

Commissioner Goetz informed House Members that projected revenues are slated to be short by approximately \$150 million. Commissioner Goetz attributed the shortfall, in large part, to Franchise & Excise Taxes that were refunded due to "mortgage backed securities" directly connected to the sub-prime mortgage crisis. Treasurer Sims added that the "corporate profit outlook is not what it was a year ago." More specific numbers from the fourth quarter of 2007, including revenues generated during the holiday season, are expected to be released later this month.

Legislators will now have to take a hard look at the upcoming fiscal budget, as well as the revised expectations of revenues, and decide what actions will need to be taken in order to produce a balanced budget.

"Unlike Congress, we are required to pass a balanced budget each year and we have consistently passed a balanced budget," said Fitzhugh. "Last year was an unusually good year in terms of revenues, and thankfully we put \$250 million in our Rainy Day Fund, raising it to the highest total in Tennessee's history. I don't believe we'll need to tap into our fund this year, but it should give Tennesseans peace-of-mind knowing we're prepared for hard times."

"Education is the key to a child's success in life," said Fitzhugh. "Last year we passed important legislation that increased education funding for K-12 schools across this state. With over \$347 million in new funding, including \$1,073,000 for Crockett County, \$2,240,000 for Lauderdale County and, \$2,945,000 for Dyer County we are taking strong steps to help improve our state's education system."

In addition to BEP funding, House Democrats will be looking for ways to expand opportunities for more Tennesseans to achieve the dream of a college degree. Currently the HOPE Scholarship Lottery Fund has a surplus of over \$400 million.

"With a \$400 million surplus in lottery funds, we must take a look at how those dollars can give more students the chance to succeed in college. Non-traditional students, returning veterans, and many more can benefit from tuition assistance, and it's our job to make that happen," said Fitzhugh.

In addition to the budget and education, the House Democratic Caucus is expected to meet later this month and finalize its agenda for the year, Fitzhugh said.

## Lauderdale Chamber Coffee



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD and the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging held a Chamber Coffee Friday at the Commission on Aging center, on Airport St., in Halls, with coffee, refreshments and networking with chamber members.

## Madison Defeats Halls Hoopsters

Visiting Madison Academic Magnet School near Jackson, Saturday, Halls' male cagers lost, 64-55.

Halls' girls, off a 53-20 loss to Bradford Tuesday, also lost, 74-32.

Halls boys were 5-7 (2-5 in District 14-A) before Tuesday's game in Union City (score too late for this issue).

The girls were 0-17.

## Camp Prepares Retreat Center

Officials with the New Life Youth Camp, which provides programs to the youth ministry of the Dyersburg-Dyer County Union Mission and based in the Porters Gap Community in the Halls area, are planning for a new stage of growth, a 5,000 square foot, retreat center.

Mission executive director, Jim Edmundson, started work at the mission in the early 1970's with a dream

for an at-risk youth camp. With the help of board member, Jim Ewell, and his wife, Donna, the camp was established on their property. The Mission Youth Center opened in 1997.

Mrs. Ewell credits God's blessings for the volunteers from Dyer and Lauderdale counties through the years to help reach the hearts and minds of the participants.

In 2006, the Ewells gave almost 52 acres of camp property to the Mission through a lease allowing it to be used for the purpose of a camp for up to 100 years. A portion of that acreage, including the retreat center,

was deeded to the Mission.

The 5,000 sq. ft. center will have its own road and parking lot, meeting area, nurse's office, camp office, laundry facilities, storage room, screened in porch, bath and shower facilities, and sleeping quarters for 36 people. It will allow officials the opportunity to work with children and teens on a more regular basis. Weather permitting, groundwork will begin in the coming weeks.

The summer camp, scheduled to begin the middle of June and conclude in early July, is expecting approximately 160 first through 12th grade students from Dyersburg City and Halls schools.

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House Ways and Means Committee, which deals with economic matters. He currently leads the Congressional delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and is a founding member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of 47 moderate to conservative House Democrats.

**Dreamer xxx**

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personality Steve Harvey and his panel of judges for participation in the first-ever Disney Dreamers Academy. She also has the opportunity to be on Harvey's radio broadcast Friday. The event is scheduled to take place during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. The academy is a part of the Year of a Million Dreams celebration.

During Disney's Dreamers Academy, young dreamers will have unprecedented access to the magic behind Walt Disney World Resort. Students will participate in interactive workshops focusing on a variety of subjects including Walt Disney World Imagineering techniques, entertainment, culinary arts and the business of sports. Disney cast members, executives and celebrities like actress Monique Coleman will share their blueprints for success. The lucky participants will explore Disney's theme parks before a graduation ceremony where a special guest will deliver a motivational address.

Upon graduating in May, Edmondson plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University and pursue a major in law with a minor in music. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America and the Halls Golden Tiger Marching and Concert bands. She has been named on the National Honor Roll as well as the Who's Who Among High School Students during her sophomore year. A Tennessee Scholar, Edmondson is active in the Upward Bound Program sponsored by Dyersburg State Community College, and is credit-recovery tutor in a program sponsored by the Workforce Development Board. In 2007, she partici-

pated in the Debutante Cotillion sponsored by Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and was the West Tennessee recipient of the traditional scholarship sponsored by the Tennessee Women's Economic Council Foundation. Other activities include dancing with the Community Praise Dance Team, singing in her church choir and gospel group, One Fifty.

Each candidate was asked to define the word "dreamer" in a questionnaire. Edmondson defined a dreamer as "someone always thinking of the impossible."

"Someone who is well in touch with reality but doesn't dwell on it because in your dreams you can conquer all," said Edmondson. "A dreamer is one who doesn't worry about disappointments because it all goes his/her way because it's their dream."

**Birthdays**

Jan. 17 - George Rose, Leatha Nelson, Lucy Mullins, Alice Meeks, Connie Hutcherson, Reid Hilliard, Terry Troutt, Lloyd Bernard, Drew Wright, James R. Weir, Barbara Savage, Melanie Jones, Tony Dew, Suzanne Hamby, Jon Ashton Welch, Rachel Criner, Faye Stokes.

Jan. 18 - Mary Nell Chisholm, Matthew Cutlip, Kenny Pilcher, Debbie Lloyd, Matthew Moore, Mary Jo Stanley, Pam Jones, Shelia Jurdak, Calvin Cooper, Kendrek Stowe, Parker Webster, Gayle Cooper, Pam Sumrow.

Jan. 19 - Deborah Deferis, Dianne Yarbrough, John James, Lynette Currie, Annie Louise Adams, Martha H. Kirkpatrick, Frank Evans, Joyce Lee, Ann Lazure, Carolyn Horner, Gloria Burrough, Krista Hardy, Verma Alexander, Leona Herron, Holly Crews, Joe Brown Barfield, Jr., Gannon Davis, Ken Tyler, Steven Brogdon, Kate Conner, Perrilyn Cherry, Walter Smith, Kaleb Northcott, Cliff Fox.

Jan. 20 - Jamie Gray, Jamie Maples, Jerry Sellers, Krista White, Joyce Dunaway, Jay Jordan, Deteria Wilder, Linda Daum, Jason L. Jones, Brittany Bing, LaTasha Taniel Wright, Dwayne Dixon, A. J. Watkins.

Jan. 21 - Gayle Miller, Elizabeth M. Brogdon, Barbara G. Ward, Allison Garner, Kevin

**D.U.I. School To Be Scheduled**

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**Land Transfers**

Jan. 6th-Jan. 12th

Paula W. Young to Morgan T. Steelman and Beverly Steelman, Dist. 16, tract.

Angela Bowden and Lynda Climer to Sanford Hutcherson, lot.

Thomas L. Henning to Zannie Harris-Houston, 1.5 acres.

Lowell Tillman to Melville Methodist Church Trustees, Dist. 16, 0.1621 acre.

Carolyn H. Pilcher to Johnny E. Stephens, Dist. 6, 40.1 acres.

Matthew Brady Henderson and Jennifer Hartwell Henderson to Patricia A. Savage, Dist. 12, tract.

William W. Martin to Cynthia R. Tims, William W. Martin and Steven Thomas Martin, Dist. 12, lot.

Hardy, Velma Baker, Sylvia M. Todd, Wayne Woodard, Pat Watson, Stephanie McCaslin, Jimmy Garrett, Karen Duvall, Melissa Escue, Corey Gesford, Rabbit Buckner, Andrea Ammons.

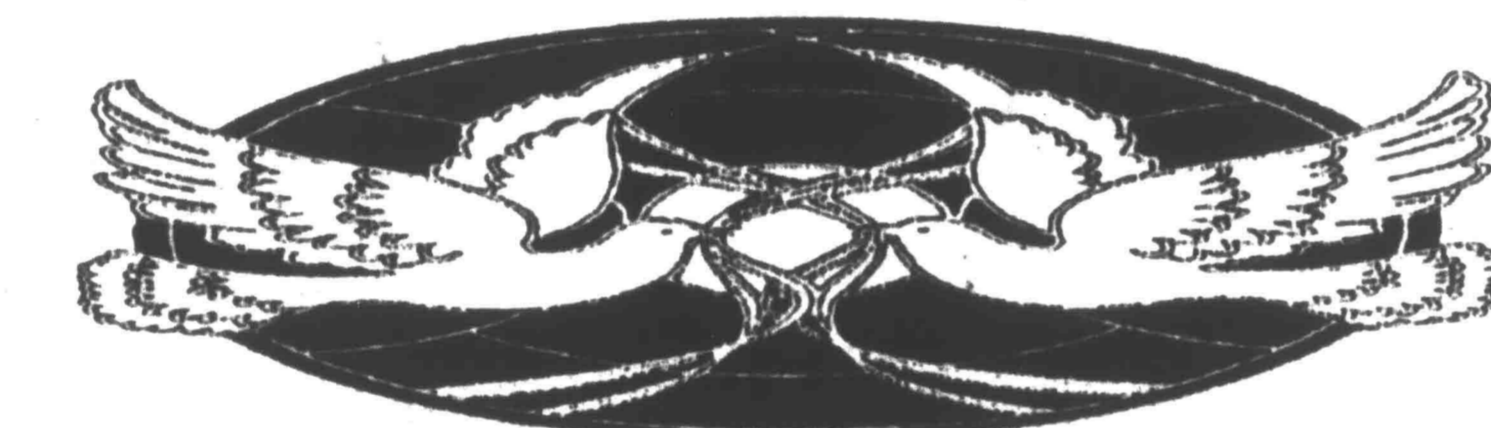
Jan. 22 - Terry Ford, Brenda Moore Williams, Burnie Norman, Kamryn Lee Gitchell, Lindsay Harris, Tracy Davis, Traci Hurt, Billie Chapman, Dolly Harrison, Kristin Scalions, Ayricka Moore, Jay Hopper, Rachel Durham, Andrew Adkins.

Jan. 23 - Oliver Nelson, Cassidy Brummett, Amy Sonderoth Fisher, Levi Thompson, Allan Kiestler, Billy Lynch, Pamela Martin, Ree Cates, Jerry Tolene, Trevor Reece Belton, Austin Powell, Hailee Edwards, Crayton Rose, Colton Rose, Angela Duncan Smith, Laura Duncan Bivens, Billy Joe Heron, Barbara Bain, Suzanne

Hogue.

**Tomato Cookbook**

**MEMBERS** of the Family and Community Education Clubs, including, from left, Rachel Erwin, Carolyn Simpson, Johnnie Matthews, and Martha Reed, met January 7th to discuss preparations for their 25th anniversary Tomato Tasting Cookbook to debut this summer during the annual Tomato Festival. The public is invited to submit their favorite recipes to be added into the cookbook. Recipes must contain tomatoes to be eligible. All entries should be submitted by March 1st to any FCE member or mail entries to Rachel Erwin, UT Extension Agent, 200 Crain St., Ripley.

**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.

Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., near Ripley, will host the Women of Purpose winter conference, with the theme "Who Me, Submit? Lord, You Must Be Kidding!" from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, January 26th. Main speakers include Ellena Gooch and Johnnie Bayes. Workshop speakers for adults and teens, ages 14 and up will be provided. For more information, call 612-2717.

The Rev. J. E. Sullen, pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church, will be honored at 3 p.m. Sun., January 20th with a program as he plans to retire after 42 years of dedicated service to the church and community. 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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**Volunteers Paint Center In Pageant**

**VOLUNTEERS** from the Halls Church of Christ, from left, Corey Clevenger, Jeff Lents, Cody Peery, students at Halls High School; Carl Perkins Center board member and Halls Mayor, Trent McManus; and Wendell McManus, worked several hours Monday of last week removing wallpaper from the walls of the Carl Perkins Center, the former Dr. Wong office building in Ripley. Other volunteers included Linda Hallock, Chris White, Johnnie Matthews, Lisa Hankins, Susan Todd, and County Mayor Rod Schuh. Volunteers, either individuals or groups, are needed to help with the renovation. The new heating units have been installed and the building is comfortable to work in. Call Mayor Schuh, 635-3500, or Johnnie Matthews, 635-1582, to volunteer.

**MedSouth May Combine Forces**

MedSouth Healthcare, with an office in Halls, and Jackson-based health care giant, West Tennessee Healthcare, may join forces if an agreement is reached, according to an article in Dyersburg's *State Gazette*. Dr. Stevens Melton, MedSouth president, declined to comment citing a confidentiality agreement between the companies. MedSouth currently has 17 doctors and specialized nurses on staff and provides services in Dyersburg, Newbern, Dyer and Halls. West Tennessee Healthcare has approximately 5,000 employees at locations in 18 counties in rural West Tennessee.

**Tennessee Education Ranked In Nation**

Tennessee's public education system was ranked 16th in the nation by Education Week's 2008 Quality Counts report. Each year this report ranks all states on a comprehensive range of education policies and outcomes. Tennessee's educational system improved in nearly every category evaluated by the researchers.

Tennessee received an A on the report and was ranked second in the nation for providing good transitions to education and alignment of standards. Tennessee's nationally ranked pre-K program and statewide career (Continued On Page 8.)

**Attends Conference**

**MEMBERS** of the Future Business Leaders of America, in front, from left, Barbara Joyner, Phylcia Richmond, and Clarissa Starks, and in rear, Shelby Capell, Dalton Gean, Krista Hardy, Michael Hudson, Candace McKinney, and Paulita Edmondson, attended the Region 2 Conference at Union University Wednesday of last week. The Halls High students competed and won awards in entrepreneurship, introduction to business communication, job interviewing, public speaking, and word processing. Six of the nine students competing were advanced to the state competition to be held in Chattanooga April 10th through 12th. They were accompanied by their instructor and advisor, Mrs. Cynthia Lacy-Janes.

After high school, she attended the College of Charleston in South Carolina for two years before transferring to the University of Mississippi, where she received a bachelors of science degree in communicative disorders. Grace spent the summer semester of 2005 studying at Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, Italy.

Throughout her year as Miss Tennessee, Grace has been employed by the State Department of Education as the official spokesperson for the Governor's Safe and Drug Free Tennessee Program. She has traveled to public schools across the state, speaking to children about the importance of healthy lifestyles and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. She is also the spokesperson for an anti-tobacco campaign where she presents school children with facts about the consequences of

She is currently a second year doctoral student of Audiology at Vanderbilt Uni-

**Society Inducts New Members**

Alpha Epsilon Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Dyersburg State Community College selected Tonya Ward Medford, of Gates, and Steven Kyle Ray, of Ripley, as new members. This is one of the highest honors a DSCC student can achieve. The society focuses on service, scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. Members are typically among the most successful and outgoing students and alumni.

As an ambassador for Children's Miracle Network, Grace is working with the five participating hospitals in Ten-

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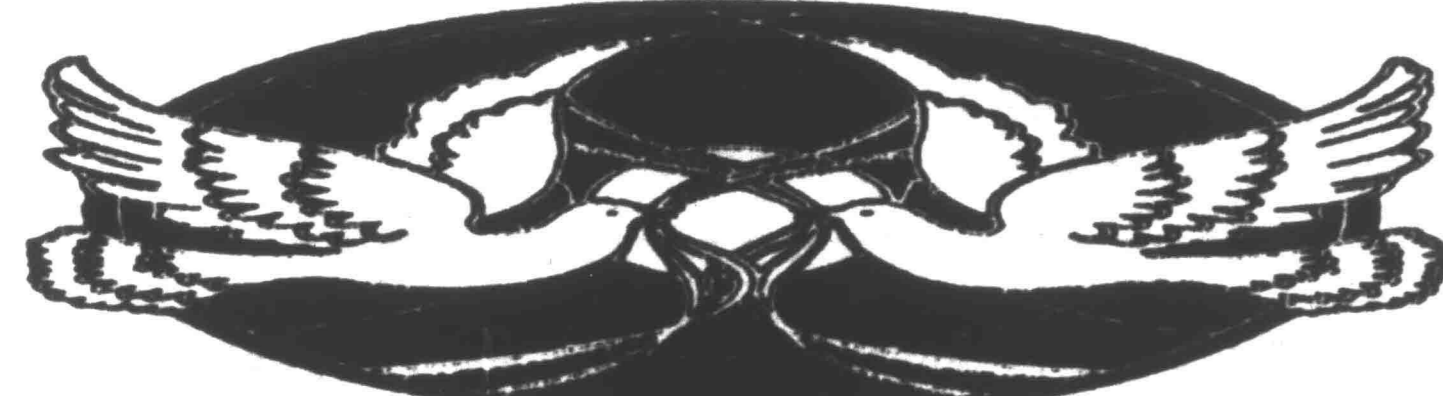
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Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, in the Frog Jump community, near Halls, will host the Glovers, of Hopkinsville, Ky., at 5 p.m. Sun., January 27th. A love offering will be received during the service. For more information, call Caren, 656-4306. The public is invited.

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## Halls Church Delivers Cookies



MEMBERS and friends of Halls First United Methodist Church spent the first day of winter break, December 19th, baking and decorating cookies and delivered them to residents. They also sang Christmas carols. Delivering cookies were, in front, Ally Cherry, Hayley McManic, Brecken Beasley, Hayden Cherry, Grant Ream, Alex Wilson, Joseph Meeks, and Julie Hill, and in rear, Kennedy Crihfield, Kynlee Reynolds, Rachel Hill, Grant Crihfield, Zack Wilson, Tanner Ream, and Addison Meeks.

## Halls Scouts Recognized Birthdays



TANNER REAM, center, was recognized December 18th at the Halls Cub Scout Pack 167 meeting as the top seller of popcorn by selling \$804 during the annual popcorn sale, September through October 16th, for the Halls scouts. Lane Klutts, left, placed second and Chase Ward, right, third.

son, Clay Dew, Donna Ewell, Marcia Kelly, Shareese Jones, Mary Younger, Eddie Rayner, Butch Eskridge, Kassie Barnett, Billie Jean Northcott, Emma Gesford, James Grimes, David Mills, Linda McBride, Emma Bonds, Jason Latham.

Jan. 28 - Koralee Langley, Bumpus, Keely Marrow, Evelyn Andrews, Jimmy Seeley, Ray Clark, Wardell Parish, Pam Tillman, Wendell Wiley, Bobby Nelson, Lulu Latham, Dave Sondgeroth, Warren Lee Grammer, Justin Robert Davis, Alyssa Mota, Bimbo Pennington, Mack McBride, Buddy Cary Wright, Wyatt Jones, Escue.

Jennifer Carroll. Jan. 30 - Janie Little, Martha Crites, Mary Roy, Sherry Don Meadows, Kenneth Neal, Vaden Brown, Virgie Belton, Hilton Vaughn, John Anthony, Elizabeth Buffalo, Carolyn Vernon McBride III, Robert Ammons, Elizabeth Vaden, Hargett, Gary Ingle, Mary Glenda Ward, Charles Stephens, Bain, Martha Abbott.

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**Obituaries**

**Buddy Baggett**

Buddy Elsworth Baggett, 66, of Troy, who was born in this county, Oct. 23, 1941, to the late Leonard ("L. B.") and Lodus Jewell Champion Baggett, died Jan. 8th, in his home.

Rites were Jan. 10th in White & Mahon Funeral Home in Troy, with burial in Mt. Ararat Cemetery near Troy.

An independent truck driver, he was an elder in Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

He leaves his wife, Carrie Tidwell Baggett, whom he married Oct. 7, 1963; sons, David, of Union City, and Donald, of Obion; daughters, Carolyn (Mrs. Don) King, of Troy, and Jennifer (Mrs. Grady) Cox, of Paducah, Ky.; a brother, Dwight, of Rives; sisters, Jane (Mrs. Bobby) Dugger, of Troy, and Linda Sue Killingsworth, of Palmersville; and seven grandchildren.

**Donald Merritt**

Rites Sunday In Edith Cemetery mourned Donald Grey Merritt, 71, of Brownsville, who died Friday in Regional Hospital of Jackson.

The Brownsville-Bells Funeral Homes were in charge.

He leaves his former wife, Katherine Merritt, of Brownsville.

**Jane Ward**

Jane Conyers Ward, 70, of Alamo, retired waitress, died Thursday of last week in Jackson.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Lebanon Cemetery.

She was the widow of "Tootie" Ward.

She leaves daughters, Jeanetta Edwards and Judy Miller, a brother, Mack Conyers, and a sister, Barbara Gilliland, of Halls; a son, James Forrest Williams, of Dukedom, Ky.; another daughter, Janie Hughes, of Alamo; another brother, Asa Conyers, of Campton, Ky.; another sister, Helen Larson, of Arlington, Tex.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert E. Klutts**

Robert Earl Klutts, 77, of 1010 Walters, Covington, who was born in Ripley, June 14, 1930, to the late T. H. and Earline Temple Klutts, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were Friday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

He had retired as operator of the U-Cum-Inn restaurant.

He had been a member of the National Guard.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, for 46 years, Janet Shinault Klutts, and a sister, Ina Ashley, of Dyersburg.

**Andy Nelson**

Andy Eugene Nelson, 53, of Halls, truck driver, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg.

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

He leaves his mother, Norma Nelson; his wife, Sharon Owens Nelson; sons, Mike and Raymond, of Kansas City, Kans.; a step-son, William Mathenia, of Dyersburg; sisters, Shirley Shands and Teresa Nelson, of Halls; and five grandchildren.

**Walter Straubie**

Walter Straubie, Jr., 77, of 650 S. Main, Henning, retired from Great Dane Trailers, died Sunday, after long illness, in Crittenden Regional Hospital in West Memphis, Ark.

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

A Korean War veteran, he was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was the widower of Agnes V. Rose Straubie.

Survivors include sons, Danny, of Henning, and Mike, of Marion, Ark.; a daughter, Cathy Pitts, of West Memphis; brothers, Billy and Cecil, of Munford; a sister, Barbara Parsons, of Caseyville, Ill.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Dwight Peet**

Dwight Eliot Peet, 43, of Ripley, fork-lift driver, died Tuesday of last week, of lung failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in the cemetery of Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, east of Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Beside his wife, Thelma, of Ripley, and a sister, Tammy Peet, of Henning, he leaves his parents and step-father, Eric Peet, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Emma and Lowell Tapp, of Brownsville; sons, Marcus Peet, of Covington, Jason Sanders, of Cordova, and DeShun Peet, of Milwaukee; two daughters, DaTasha Peet and DaTisha Trammell, two brothers, Darren and Rodney Peet, and another sister, Jennifer Peet, all of Milwaukee; and a step-brother, Lowell Tapp, Jr., of Brownsville.

**Tricie Mitchell**

Tricie Messer Mitchell, 75, of Burlison, was buried Wednesday in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Henning.

Rites had been held in Munford Funeral Home's Munford Chapel.

She attended Calvary Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, Bobby Mitchell, and a daughter, Vickie Brown, both of Burlison; a son, William, of Mason; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Joyce Decker**

Joyce June Decker, 69, of Browder, Ky., mother of Roger D. Herron, of Jackson, formerly of Ripley, died Monday, January 14th at her home after a long illness.

Rites were held Thursday of last week in Tucker Funeral Home in Beechmont, Ky., with burial in Union Ridge Cemetery.

A member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, she also leaves her husband, Mike, of Browder; a daughter, Teresa Garrett, of Beechmont; brothers, Larry Graham, of Browder, and Jerry Graham, of Wheatfield, Ind.; a sister, Linda Graham, of New Mexico; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Willie Rogers**

Willie Rogers, 68, of Henning, a laborer, died January 19th at Baptist Memorial East Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, January 26th, at Rice Park Church of Christ in Ripley, with burial in Morrow Cemetery in Henning. Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Mattie Rogers, a son, Tommie Rogers, and a daughter, Brenda Lee, all of Henning; three other sons, Michael, Donald and Louis Rogers, other daughters, Francine Smith and Mary Rouser, and a sister, Emma Hutcherson, all of Ripley; another son, Willie Rogers, Jr., and a brother, Earnest Rogers, of Decatur, Ill.; 25 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Evelyn Jones**

Evelyn Jones, 86, of 165 Highland, Ripley, retired factory worker, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She leaves two sons, Oneal Jones, of Ripley, and Claude Jones, of Brownsville; daughters, Theresa Jones and Becky Uselton, of Ripley; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**School Lunches**

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

**Monday, Jan. 28th**

- Hot Dog
- Tater Tots
- Applesauce
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 29th**

- Tacos w/Trimings
- Corn Nibbles
- Grapes
- Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 30th**

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Whipped Potatoes
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 31st**  
Menu - School's Choice

**Friday, Feb. 1st**

- Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- Corn On The Cob
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Lauderdale County Schools**

**Monday, Jan. 28th**

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 29th**

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 30th**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 31st**  
Menu - School's Choice

**Friday, Feb. 1st**

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

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**Union City, Lake Top HHS Cagers**

Halls High School's Tigers lost Dist. 14-A games last week to Union City, 93-53, and to Lake County, 70-52, to stand 6-8 for the season and 3-6 in the district.

In Union City, the Tornados lost no time in posting a 20-0 season record, their fifth season of such a record under coach Shane Sisco.

Less than two minutes were left in the first period when the Tornados went ahead for good, leading, by periods, 30-22 (on a 10-0 run with two 3-pointers by Tony Wilkins), 33-15, and 26-11. Halls led the final period, 5-4.

Kevan Ward led Halls with 15 points. Darius Ivory had 14; Michael Hudson 9; Reginald Glass and Rodney Foster, 6 each; Cedric James 2; and

**Tahj Barlow, 1. Second Bow For Girls**

Halls girls were 0-14 after their loss to Union City, 62-23.

They trailed, by periods, 12-7, 18-6, 14-5, and 18-5, their last five points scored in the final 90 seconds.

Christi Meeks scored 9 points for Halls; Keyawna Parker 5; Sharda McKinney 3; Cassidy Hardee, Kelsey Layne, and Tori Pease, 2 each.

Halls girls had lost to Union City, Nov. 30th, 60-36.

Union City's only two district wins have been from Halls.



-Union City Daily Messenger Photo

**CHRISTI MEEKS, left, Halls High School player, was cornered in the backcourt by Paige Fisher in Union City's win Tuesday of last week, 62-23.**

**Anniversaries**

Jan. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rob Reviere, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crowder, Sr.

Jan. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gibson.

Jan. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gatlin.

Jan. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McWherter.

**Marriages**

January 11 - Ronnie Dewitt Lowery, 50, to Kimberly Gayle Cogdell Henson, 43, by Rod Schuh.

January 18 - Mickey Anthony Littles, 40, to Ann Jeannette Smith Littles, 42, by Baris Douglas.

**DISCOVER NURSING**

West Tennessee Healthcare is offering a glimpse at a nursing career at Discover Nursing Careers. This day-and-a-half event is for people age 21 and older who have always wanted to be a nurse but have not started. This

experience provides educational information on job-shadowing to assist in making the decision to become a nurse. The session will be February 7th and 8th.

For more information or to register, call Jan Williams at 731-265-1116 or email Jan.Williams@wth.org.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen at 6:45 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2008, at City Hall on a proposed ordinance relating to the volume, pressure standards and color coding for all fire hydrants in the Town of Halls Water System.

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

The public is invited to attend.

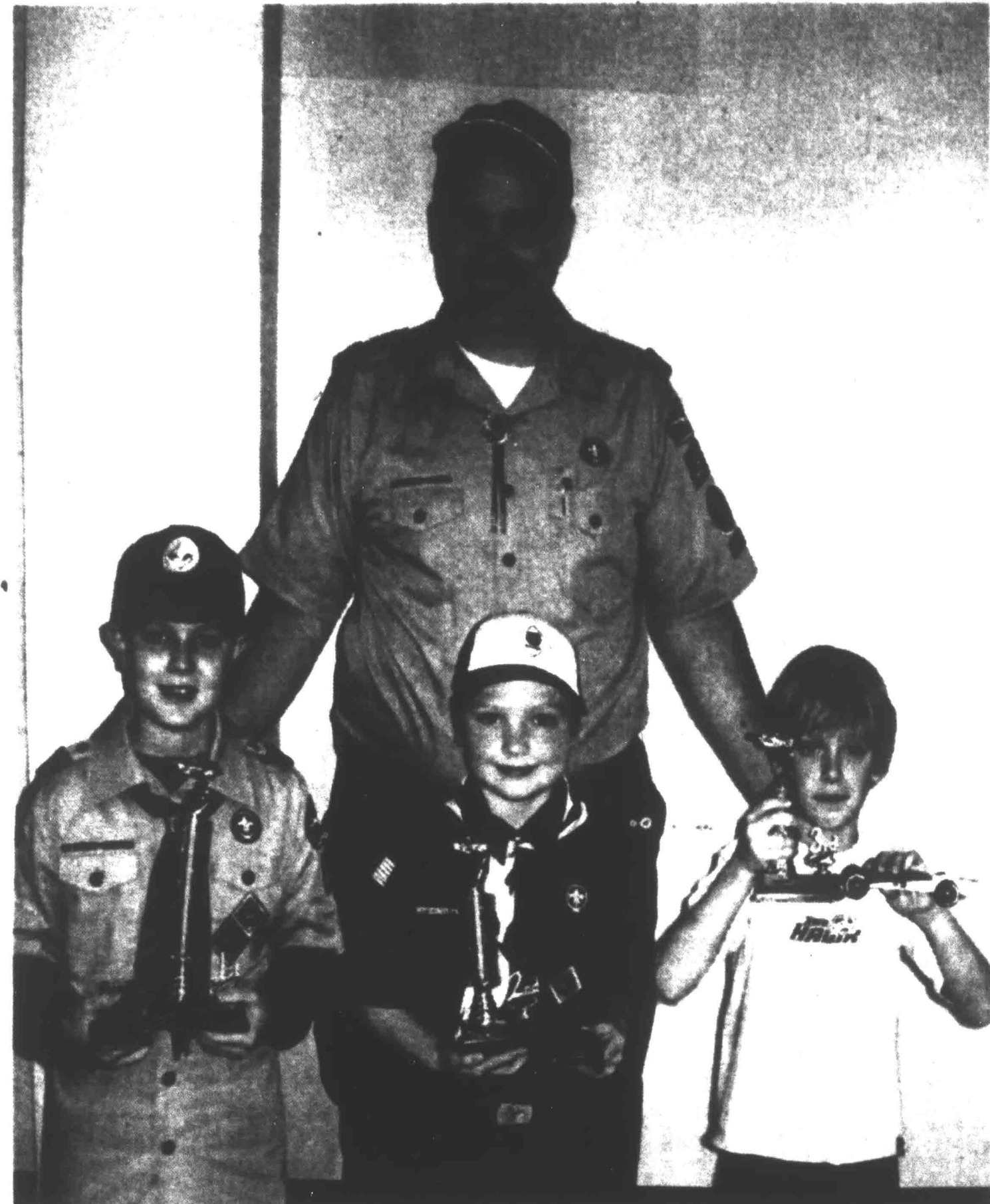
**Town of Halls  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

**Divorces**

William Don Crowder vs. Deborah Ann Crowder

## Pinewood Derby Winners

## Yesteryear



Many senior citizens remember when Halls had two hotels—one on West Main, west of the "picture show," and the other just east of the railroad track on East Main. The one by the theater was the Massingill Hotel, once run by Mrs. Alice Massingill, wife of Dr. A. P. Massingill, and last run by Mrs. Mary Perry. We knew the other as the Hanna Hotel, once operated by Mrs. Effie Hanna, wife of William Hanna, who had a store. In 1951 Mrs. Ruth Hallman told her Halls High School students that in her youth each hotel sent an employee to meet the trains every day to call out the day's noon-time "dinner" menu in hopes of enticing the drummers (traveling salesmen) who alighted to come to their hostelry.

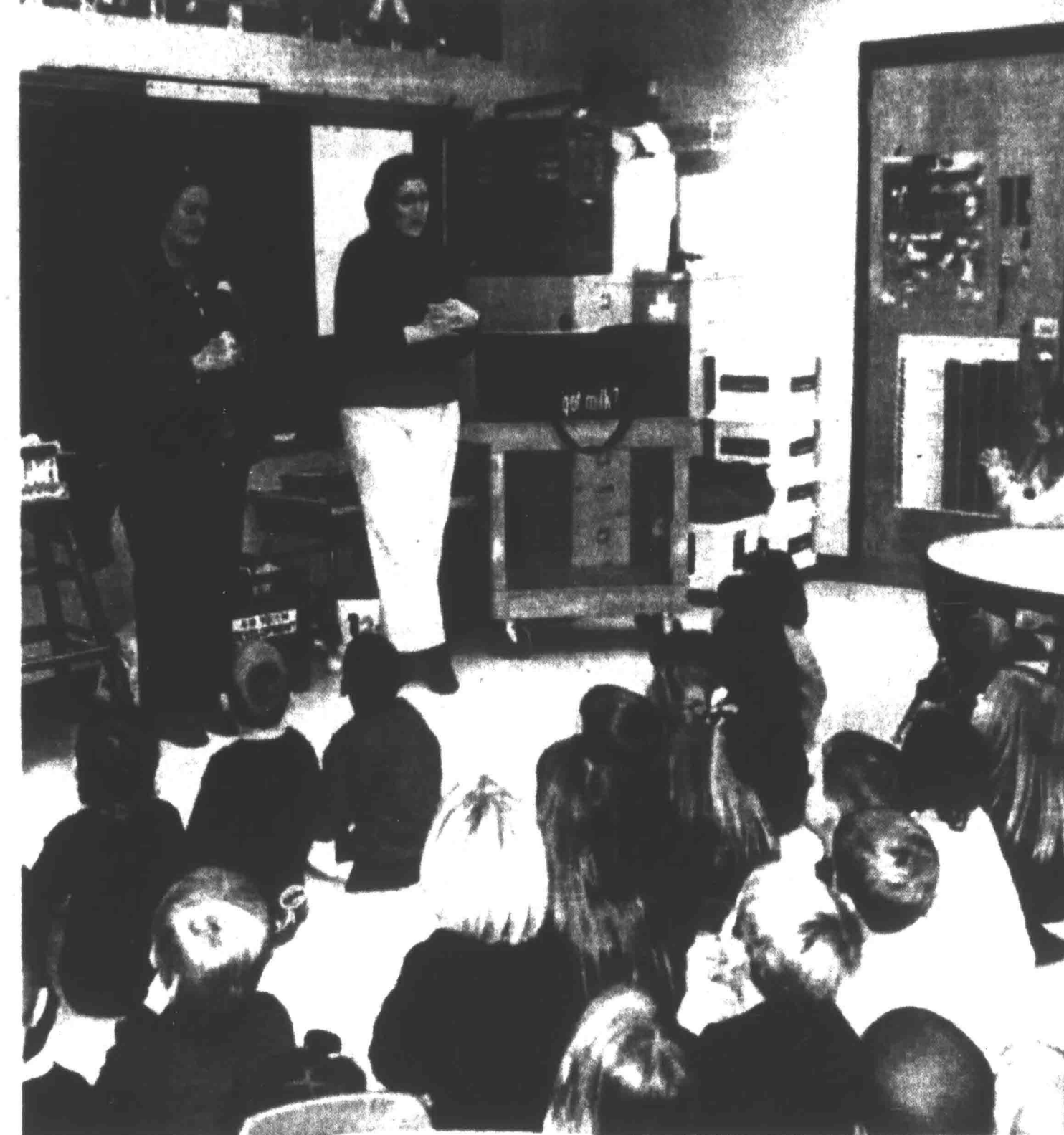
From the files of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise*, we learn that in 1911 there was a Hotel Harrell in Halls at which a group from Gates attended a dance, but an earlier hotel at or near the spot occupied by the Hanna Hotel east of the railroad, was merely called "the Hotel" in 1887 when Hansford "Hanse" Hall and his wife, Orpha, leased it for a year to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shoffner. They rented it for \$22.50 a month and the Halls were to do some spiffing up around the property. They were to put quarter round strips in all the rooms that needed it, build a plank walkway from the Hotel to the railroad platform, build a fence around the place, and *repaper* the rooms that needed it, which sounds as though it wasn't newly built.

The agreement allowed the Shoffners to build anything else they thought necessary, and they could take it with them when they gave up their lease. One of the things they added was a son-in-law. T. L. "Tolly" Stephens, grandson of Hansford and Orpha Hall, roomed with the Shoffners and married their daughter, Matilda on May 24 in the year of their lease. His lodgings were convenient to his work, the dry goods/grocery store of his brother, William, which was at the corner of Front and Depot Streets (probably the street we now call Main).

Bettie B. Davis  
bbdavis@ctn.com

WINNERS in the annual Halls Cub Scouts Pack 167 Pinewood Derby, held January 19th, include, in upper photo, speed, first place, Chase Ward, 3.3276 seconds; second place, Drew White, 3.4128 seconds; and third place, Tyler Barnes, 3.4130 seconds. In lower photo, design winners include, Lane Klutts, "Kid's Choice"; Jacob Hartsfield, "Most Original"; and Chase Ward, "Best In Show". Cubmaster Jason Klutts is pictured with the scouts.

## Visiting HES Students



KERRI CARMACK, right, and Rachel Erwin, left, visited kindergarten students at Halls Elementary School Friday, January 18th. Mrs. Erwin, of the UT Extension office, prepared and distributed healthy snack mix and low-fat milk to all students. Mrs. Carmack, Food Service Director for Lauderdale County Schools, read a story about nutrition and discussed making healthy food choices.

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## Chitterling Supper Gives New Meaning To The Term Biohazard Odors

As the weather turns somewhat colder, I am often reminded of the annual chitlin supper that used to occur every January at my community school. It was held to raise funds for the school and often became the location for an evening of political campaigning during election years. It was sort of like the New Hampshire primary and the Iowa caucus all rolled into one large gathering for county candidates. Anyway you looked at it, pork was involved one way or another. And it also took a lot of "guts" to eat or hold the event each year. The aroma was something to behold.

About two years after I graduated high school, our county got involved in school consolidation and my community school along with the chitlin supper went out of existence. That was over 35 years ago and now everyone is moving away and going back to more community schools. However, there must be those who still remember the smells involved in preparing the main ingredient for a chitlin supper and have not attempted to return to those days of swine intestinum ingestion.

The other night I was reminded of those annual suppers while attending a community meeting in another city. During a local civic club meeting, a group of men were excited about and discussing the details of an upcoming chitlin supper to be held in a neighboring community. They could hardly wait for the doors to open on the community center for the Saturday night event. I have personally attended these hog intestine eating suppers and never have developed a taste or smell for their consumption. However, there are many folks who do and if that is what they enjoy doing, more power to them.

Whether you call them chitlins or chitterlings, the aroma is still the same. When you drive in the parking lot you immediately know you have arrived as the smell of cooked hog intestines drifts through the night air. The important thing to remember is never stand down-wind from cooking chitlins.

This "fabulous" food can be consumed either fried or boiled. Fried looks sort of like breaded chicken or fish. Boiled looks like boiled intestines. This in itself should tell you something.

The one thing I have noticed at these suppers is the large consumption of hot sauce. I guess it helps with the taste or burns your taste

buds so badly you really can't realize what you are eating. And believe me, chitlins do not taste like chicken. Maybe more like a by-product of chickens, but not a thing like chicken.

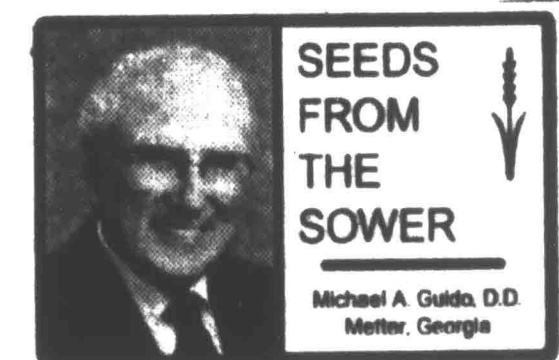
But, these affairs can be fun at times if you take the fun in the right spirit of the occasion. During one of the suppers I attended as a kid, I watched our county judge slip a few grains of shelled corn on the plate of his competition for his office next election day. His fellow candidate for judge was not much of a chitlin eater to begin with and was only there to prove to folks he was worth their effort to vote for. When he turned around and saw that yellow corn laying next to those chitlins, his interest in country eating went astray. The odor, the food's presentation and now the corn's suggestion of the product's cleanliness, caused that candidate to express his regrets and head for the nearest door. And he lost the race that year for judge as well.

There are just some odors you never forget. Like the smell of a polecat on a frosty night, your gym locker at the end of school full of gym clothes you never carried home, Blue Waltz perfume and cooked chitlins. I would have to put Blue Waltz right up there with the smell of a dead horse and a pole-

cat, but chitlins are in a category of their own.

I never see Blue Waltz anymore, thank goodness. But, chitlin suppers are still around. All you need to eat a good batch is a bottle of hot sauce, a very bad cold that stops up your head as tight as cheap underwear and a buddy claiming that eating them will make a man out of you and you are on your way.

It is amazing how certain things stay with us. Maybe I'm different than others by remembering odors, but once you have lived them, it is hard to forget them. Chitlins and Blue Waltz I will never forget.



An artist had an etching of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in his New York Studio.

Even though he straightened it every morning, it was always crooked.

One day he mentioned it to the janitress. She explained, "I have to hang it crooked, to make the tower hang straight."

Like that person, many twist the Bible to justify their crookedness.

But we should adjust ourselves to the Bible, and not try to adjust the Bible to ourselves.

Saint Paul said, "The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right."



**Education xxx**  
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and technical education program provide much needed opportunities for families to prepare their children for the future. Additionally, Tennessee received an A- for its standards, assessments, and accountability system. Tennessee was recognized as well for linking teacher performance to student achievement with the TVAAS system, good working conditions and professional development for teachers, and school leadership policies.

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nessee assisting with radiothons, telethons, and other fundraisers to ensure that Tennessee's children are receiving the medical care they need regardless of their financial ability.

She is also founder and president of Graceful Sounds, Inc., an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization, that is an extension of her hearing healthcare philanthropic platform.

Graceful Sounds, Inc. works to provide the needed hearing aids and audiology services to children with hearing loss, and to ensure that these children, as well as children with normal hearing, have access to the healing benefits of music therapy in Tennessee's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In partnership with the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, the music therapy program is supported by the Julian T. Fouce Fund.

Grace states she has enjoyed working with the Ear Foundation, whose national headquarters is in Nashville, to promote "Graceful Sounds" hearing healthcare issues of conservation, rehabilitation, and awareness. With over 28 million people in the U.S. suffering from hearing impairment, she recognizes the importance of maximizing communication ability in order to improve the quality of life for the hearing impaired. With the Ear Foundation,

**Country Music Dance Scheduled**

A country music dance is scheduled from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. every Friday beginning January 25th at the Halls Community Center, located at N. College St. in Halls.

For more information, call 731-414-6988.

**Land Transfers**

Jan. 13th-Jan. 19th

Sherry Spencer to Joey Beavers and Alisha Beavers, Dist. 16, 3 tracts.

Sheila White to Billy Jo White and Sheila White, Dist. 6, lot.

John V. Snead and Rose S. Snead to Cecile N. Licauco and Ralph A. Nicassio, Dist. 17, 4 lots; Dist. 6, 2 tracts; Dist. 2, 7 lots; Dist. 2, tract; Dist. 2, 4 tracts; Dist. 2, lot; Dist. 2, tract; Dist. 2, lot; Dist. 2, lot; Dist. 2, tract; and Dist. 6, 4 lots.

Tommy Balentine and Doris Balentine to Thomas M. Scott and Judy W. Scott, Dist. 2, lot.

Deborah O. Jennings to Doana O. Benjamin and Frank D. Benjamin, Dist. 14, 4 tracts.

Jennie Sue Young, Joan Byars, Joyce Carpenter and Jeanette (Dailey) Koop to Franklin Winston Carmack and Kelly Crowder Carmack, Dist. 7, lot.

Jack Scoggins and Christine Scoggins to David Aton and Melissa Aton, Dist. 3, 1.2 acres.

Norman P. Hendren and Lisa C. Hendren to Thomas M. Scott and Judy W. Scott, Dist. 2, lot.

Willie Mae Conrad Jenkins and Peggy Jenkins Boaz to Rodney Fitzpatrick and Tammy Fitzpatrick, Dist. 2, lot.

Chris Fleming to Barbara Blaylock, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

Grace has distributed free hearing protection devices at Nashville Super Speedway car races and has collected survey data about public per-

**Youth Leadership 2008 Class**



**PARTICIPANTS** of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Youth Leadership Lauderdale Program include, juniors from Halls and Ripley High Schools, Todd Aitken, Kasie Barnett, Devin Blankenship, Jenifer Brewster, Laurn Caldwell, Megan Caldwell, Holly Crook, Heather Davis, Gracie Ferrell, Jeana Greaves, Madison Hamlet, Charlie Hammond, Greg Hankins, Karly Hines, Hayley Jankovsky, Brooke Mays, Andy McBroom, Anna Mills, Nicole Pipkin, Amanda Reed, Kelli Reynolds, Austin Rorie, Rachel Savage, Abby Sherriff, Nathan Smith, Hope Westall, Adrian Wilson, Alex Wilson, and Jessi Worlds.

Youth Leadership Lauderdale is a program that offers participants the opportunity to better understand Lauderdale County and the many challenges it faces as it moves into the future as well as learn about the numerous job opportunities that are available. The largest drain on a community is the loss of its young people as they go off to school and graduate. This program helps to show the kids that there are good jobs available in Lauderdale County and to return after they complete their education. The greatest wealth of a community lies not in the amount of its treasure but in the quality of its leadership.

The program began with a welcome reception for the students and their parents Thursday, January 10th at the Tennessee Technology Center. The first session was Sunday, January 20th and Monday, January 21st where they participated in an overnight team building retreat at Camp Mack Morris. The group went through a variety of exercises aimed at teaching them to work as a team, communicate and build trust for each other.

The Youth Leadership program will teach participants new leadership skills, help develop strategies for assisting the community in problem solving and maximizing their potential. At the end of the program, it is hoped that participants will take the skills and knowledge they have acquired and get involved, which is the key to making change and change is what the future is all about.

For more information on this program or adult leadership, contact the chamber at (731) 635-9541.

ceptions of loudness. Because developmental delays are prevalent in children with hearing loss, she has provided early intervention by performing Auditory Brainstem Testing in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She has also worked in hearing screening programs in Nashville metro area Head Start Centers to identify the need for further diagnostic testing.

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**High Schools: More Work For Diploma**

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**Named**



**DARYL BLALACK**, former assistant administrator of ancillary services at Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington, will replace Keon Falkner as CEO and administrator at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, effective Friday. A 31-year Baptist Memorial Health Care employee, Blalack also served as coordinator of system laboratory services with Baptist Clinical Corporate Services. He has also worked in pathology services at Baptist Memorial Hospital Medical Center and Baptist Hospital Memphis. Blalack earned undergraduate degrees in biology and medical technology at the University of Tennessee at Martin and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. He completed his graduate studies at the University of Memphis.

**New Officers Elected**



**NEW OFFICERS** for the Lauderdale County Humane Society, from left, Pam Drumwright, president; Angie Phillips, vice-president; Judy Smith, secretary; and Lisa Greco, treasurer, were elected January 12th at a meeting at Olympic Steak House, to combine the Lauderdale County Animal Shelter volunteers and the Humane Society. Twenty members attended.

**Emergency Communications District Board Meeting Held**

Members of the Lauderdale County Emergency Communications District Board held a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, January 28th, in the conference room at 132 Dodge Drive to address a 911 call, January 17th, that was not received by the Ambulance Authority. New board members, Eric Newman and Sheriff Steve Sanders, were in attendance. The dispatcher used the radio twice to notify emergency personnel. When a response was not received after the second try, she called the hospital by telephone to check on the location of the ambulance due to the confusion. Jonathan Gay implemented a protocol to avoid a delayed response in the future.

An agreement between the City of Ripley, Ripley Fire Department and the Lauderdale Count Emergency Communications District Board, specifically, E-911 Communications Center, was established to coordinate the dispatching of the fire department and its first responders, medical care and agreed upon radio frequencies.

The mileage reimbursement was increased from \$0.42 to \$0.46 per mile.

**State Gets Rid Of Gateway Exams**

The state Board of Education approved new and tougher standards for Tennessee students as well as did away with the Gateway exams, a series of tests required for students to get a diploma. The tougher standards include math all four

**Leadership Lauderdale**



**MEMBERS** of The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Leadership Lauderdale Class held the annual session focusing on Living Well in Lauderdale County January 15th. The class began at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley then continued to Asbury Cove where the group spoke with

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## Birthdays

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Feb. 1 - Hillary Bailey Hogue, Amanda Conrad, Judy Mills, Laura Thompson, Lisa Oates, Christy Adkins, Tammy

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Wright, Sheila Hubbard.

Feb. 2 - Natalie Carpenter, Matt Berkley, Kaylyn Charles, Jimmy Patterson, Lauren Neal, Martha Miller, Brian Brodgon, Trent Liggeons II, Shirley G. Bryant, William Hopkins, Patsy

Whitson, Stacy Unger, Amy Morris, Justin Hayles, Dianna Beard.

Feb. 3 - Susan White, Ivan Criner, Paul Douglas Spoon, Jr., Beau Simpson, James Hemby, Mary Ellen Ractliffe, Rev. Lyle Larson, Jason Butner, Bryan McAlister, Jr.

Feb. 4 - Jennifer H Caffey, Jerry Crichfield, Brittany Buckner, Rob Henry, Tommy White, Terry White, Tina White, Lee Cannon, Maddison Webb, Drew Hearnberger, Bill Myrick, Billy Ables, Charlotte Bryant, Quenton Reed, Nellie Ward

Harrison, Clyde Garrett, Mark Dillard, Sr., William Herron.

Feb. 5 - Ned Poynter, J. F. (Jay) Chipman, Marley Sigman, Dabney Maxwell, Prichard Norman, Jean Criner, Alice McCoy, Danny Simpson, Shea Lea Harris, Johnny Williams, Angela Kent, Jane Coulston, Orville Van Duesen, Elizabeth W. Holdeman, Rob Wilder, Frances Crihfield, Will Coley, Ronnie Moore, Janet Houston.

Feb. 6 - Nancy Weaver, Page Box, Jr., Dee Pilant, Lori Wilburn, Leslie Sigman, Corrine Herron, Rosanderlan Reed,

Tina Barnett, Mary Ann Jarrett, Wesley Baker, S. N. Anthony, IV, Nancy Kiestler, Dorris C. Ungerecht, Dennis McCaslin, Linda McWilliams, Evelyn Margaret Nichols, Addison Hansford, Hank Thurmond, Jean Crawford, Crystal Buckner, Ava Grace Young, Alyssa Hayles.

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# Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! It was a lazy week and I found myself sleeping much more than usual. My dreams must have interfered with my rest. Do two leggers dream? I had one bloody dream and when I woke up my tongue was bleeding. I faintly remember jumping on a coyote that was attacking my little buddy, Yoda, at the Club. In another dream, I was chasing Sugar, one of our cats. She went up the tree and in this dream I had claws and I scampered right up behind her. About half way up the oak, my claws retracted and I started falling. I hit four or five branches before that final painful thud of hitting the ground. I was startled awake and discovered that Mr. Pam had accidentally dropped a book on my head. Not only did my head hurt but mysteriously my ribs hurt too. I saw a cartoon once where Wiley Coyote ran off a cliff, he floated a second or two and then, zing, down he went. Well, I dreamed that happened to me. I was so scared my body must have let off a little gas. I found myself waking up to a kick in the rump from Mr. Pam and some bad words yelled in my direction. My best dream of the week was that all of my buds visited Doc English and had a tutor job. Then they were adopted by caring two leggers who loved them.

I have learned so much since being the top four legger at the club. I wish two leggers would stop abandoning their best friends. I wish the puppies they leave at the club didn't get sick. I wish that two leggers understood that one, untutored-female four legger and her descendants will grow to 324 offspring in five years and 4,372 offspring in seven years, what a needless waste of life. One cat can generate to 1,728 offspring in three years, and over 10,000 in four years. Since only a few two leggers will listen to Zeek, I know that I had better wish for an abundant supply of food and shelter. I also hope the two leggers that have been caring for us will continue to do so and not get overwhelmed with this burden.

Thank you's this week go to Julie Kennedy and Ronald Linn for your food and blanket donations. Silver, the Shepherd, found a home with Sandy Goodman. Sissy, the hunting Beagle, left with Robert Wells and Christie Hammond took home Lillie, a fuzzy brown and white puppy, while Ronald Linn adopted two mousers. Our two blue-blood specials from last week also found homes in Memphis with two rescue groups.

Daga is my new friend. He is a handsome, well-built, eight-month old male Chocolate Lab with papers. He is

friendly and loves kids. He has two black Lab friends with the same credentials. Two beautiful and friendly Walker Coonhounds and one Red Bone finish the Sporting class. Moving on to the Terrier class, you will find they are a bold, handsome, loving group devoted to their owners. You can choose from eight tri-color spotted young adults. Yoda is a one of a kind short, long-bodied, wire haired Welsh Corgi and Terrier mix with pointed ears. Barney, a calm loving pet, is built like a Basset hound; but has a black and tan coat. We have many to choose from.

I will close with a prayer. "Please Lord, make the two leggers stop treating my buds like the litter they throw on their roads. Both are disgraceful, and if they don't stop,

## Corker Appointed To Banking Committee

U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) was appointed to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. The announcement was made by Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY). The Banking Committee has broad jurisdiction over the operation of the country's financial institutions, housing, and mass transit programs.

The committee shift comes with the appointment of Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), who filled the Senate seat left by Senator Trent Lott's (R-MS) December retirement.

With this appointment, Corker will move off of the Senate Armed Services Committee which he was appointed to in July. Under Senate Republican rules, a member cannot serve on both the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, but Corker was granted a special waiver to temporarily serve on both through the end of 2008. Corker will continue serving on the Foreign Relations, Energy and Natural Resources, and Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committees as well as the Special Committee on Aging.

## Marriages

January 19 - Dennis Wade Gray, 39, to Sandra Kaye Jackson Wyrick, 46, by Tracy Henson.

please put their names in that bad book".

Zeek Out!  
P.S. Miss Pam said you could drop off food or donations at the Hwy 51 Antique Store,, across from the Blue and White Restaurant or at the Harmon Book Store.

## BOOK FESTIVAL

Dyersburg State Community College is presenting the 17th annual book festival February 25th through 29th in the DSCC Learning Resource Center on the Dyersburg campus. Two scholars with national reputations in Holocaust studies will be the featured speakers. The festival also will include a screening and discussion of the film "Transported Lives," a documentary about 14 Memphians who survived the Holocaust.

Area residents also may participate in the Voices of West Tennessee Essay Contest, which DSCC conducts in association with the festival. Organizers are asking entrants to respond to specially-selected, age-appropriate readings about the Holocaust and to answer several specific questions.

DSCC officials will present awards in a variety of age divisions. Entries are due February 10th. For more information, call or email festival director Mary Jane Farley at 731-286-3298 or [farley@dsc.edu](mailto:farley@dsc.edu).

## Land Transfers

Jan. 20th-Jan. 26th  
Nancy Jane Riley to Michael R. Russell, Dist. 2, lot. Mike Grear and Lori Grear to Ray Grear and Mary Grear, Dist. 14, 44.75 acres.

Earl Green, Jr., Joyce Murchison, Linda Duvall, Betty McNeal, Peggy Wright and Thelma Green to Joyce Murchison, Dist. 6, lot.

Earl Green, Jr., Joyce Murchison, Linda Duvall, Betty McNeal, Peggy Wright and Thelma Green to Earl Green, Jr., Dist. 6, lot.

Jerry L. Golden and Zerile C. Golden to Danny Ray Tillman and Pam Tillman, Dist. 10, tract and 0.3196 acre.

William O. Terry, Sr., and Sandra D. Terry to Marty J. Wright, Dist. 17, tract.

## FAFSA SESSION

The University of Tennessee at Martin office of student financial assistance will sponsor a session from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Monday, February 4th, at the U.T. Martin Ripley Center, 315 South Washington St., room 119, in Ripley, on how to fill out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA). The session will provide assistance to fill out the FAFSA form online, answers to financial aid questions and information regarding the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship. Participants need to take completed 2007 tax returns and W2 forms from 2007 for both the student and parents and, if available, their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for electronic signature.

For more information, call 731-221-8778.

## DSCC CAMPUS DAYS

Anyone interested in attending Dyersburg State Community College is invited to attend DSCC's upcoming Campus Days. There will be two sessions held, the first at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at noon, Saturday, February 9th; the second will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 1st on the Dyersburg campus. Along with the opportunity to talk to admissions representatives, financial aid counselors, faculty, staff, students and alumni, all in attendance will be treated to free pizza.

For more information, contact DSCC's Office of Admissions and Records at 731-286-3330, the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100 or the DSCC Gibson County Center at 731-855-1419. You may also email [Enroll@DSCC.edu](mailto:Enroll@DSCC.edu).

## Obituaries

### Cavnar Leggett

Graves Cavnar Leggett, 85, of Rosemark, born at Ripley, Jan. 5, 1923, and widower of Frances Morris Leggett, Ripley High School basketball star in the Class of 1945, died Friday, in his home, of kidney cancer.

Rites were Sunday in Memphis Funeral Home in Bartlett.

After service in World War II as a private first class in the infantry of the 45th Division, he opened Shelby County's first pick-your-own strawberry farm, near Rosemark; ran a real estate business; and served as a director of the Barretville (later, re-named Peoples) Bank, and of Somerville Bank & Trust.

He was a member of Bartlett Hills Baptist Church.

He leaves a son, Greg; daughters, Janis (Mrs. John) Kimbrough and Ruth (Mrs. Ken) Martin; and five grandchildren.

### 'Chuck' Mount

Charles Edward "Chuck" Mount, 57, of 272 Craig Rd., Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home.

He had been employed by Siegel Robert Automotive in Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Mary Lou Stephens Mount, a son, C.E., Jr., a daughter, Rose Mary Mount, and a sister, Mary Jo Mounts, all of Ripley.

### Clarence Smith

Clarence M. Smith, 60, died Monday in his home at Gates.

Rites were held Wednesday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Zion Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Peggy L. Bryant Smith; a son, Randy Allen Bryant, and a daughter, Cherry L. Drake, of Gates; other daughters, Judy Troy Ann Bauer and Tammy J. Harmon, brothers, Danny, Donnie, Douglas, and Ricky Smith, and a sister, Emma Swain, all of Brownsville; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Delong Miller

Delong "Honey" Miller, 75, of Ripley, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Hospital.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Canaan Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Widow of Ezell Miller, she leaves sons, Bryan, Darry, Emmett, John, Robert, and Ronald, and daughters, Corinna and Novella Miller, and Nancy and Teresa Rogers, all of Ripley; brothers, Isaiah Joiner and Sam Winbush, of Memphis, and Donald Ray Winbush, of Elyria, Ohio; sisters, Violet Jean Peyton, of Henning, Johnnie Mae Adams, of Elyria, and Mary Louise Winbush, of Los Angeles, Calif.; 27 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

### Jannette Farrell

Jannette Farrell, 64, of 322 Locust, Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with remains sent to the Genesis Donor Program in Memphis.

She leaves a son, Scott, of Cape Coral, Fla., and a brother, Billy Caldwell, and a sister, Doris Caldwell, both of Ripley.

### Edwin Ireland

Rites Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Woodville Cemetery, mourned Edwin A. Ireland, 78, of Southaven, Miss., who died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital DeSoto.

He had retired, as a first sergeant, from the Marine Corps, after 25 years of service.

He then served for 23 years as a security guard for Rhodes College in Memphis.

Survivors include his wife for 42 years, Elise Stanley Ireland; a son, James, of Gaithersburg, Md.; daughters, Freida McClellan, of Southaven, Miss., and Sandra Hoover, of Hernando, Miss.; brothers, Paul and Teddy, of Maine, and Vernon, of Florida; a sister, Charlene Ireland, of Maine; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### Maggie Purvis

Maggie Marie Purvis, 70, of Troy, mother of Gary Lynn Purvis, of 939 Parchman Rd., Ripley, died Friday in her home.

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

She was born at Adamsville, Feb. 7, 1937, to the late Earl William and Hazel Dixon Sweat.

She had been employed by Dyersburg Fabrics, HECO, and Dover, and had been a care-giver.

A member of the Sunswep Baptist Church in Union City, she was the widow of Paul B. Purvis.

Survivors include other sons, Randy Joe Purvis, of Dyersburg, and Paul C. "Beaver" Purvis, of Trenton; a daughter, Vickie Robinson, of Troy; brothers, Ricky Allen Sweat and Terry Wayne Sweat, and a sister, Paula Hatch, of Dyersburg; another brother, Billy Joe Sweat, of Sterling, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Charles Friend

Charles Jones Friend, 77, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Henning, brother of Abraham and C. J. Friend and Elverina Alston, of Henning, died Wednesday of last week in the Roseland Community Hospital in Chicago.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Alpha Temple Baptist Church in Chicago, Evans Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Maudine; three sons, two daughters, seven other brothers, and eight other sisters.

Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, assisted locally.

### Billy Scallions

Billy Don Scallions, 58, of 325 Kirkpatrick Drive, Ripley, a service technician, died Monday, in his home.

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

He leaves his wife, Evelyn Kissell Scallions; daughters, Angie Choat and Billie Jo Crowder, a brother, David, and a sister, Earline Cooper, all of Ripley; another sister, Mary Scallions, of Bristol; another brother, James, of Sioux City, Iowa; and six grandchildren.

### School Lunches

#### Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 4th

Pizza  
Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fruit Sherbet Cup  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 5th

Baked Ham  
Chicken Breast Fillet  
Garden Salad w/Dressing  
Green Beans  
Pear  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 6th

School's Choice Entrée  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Banana  
Apple  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 7th

Chili Pie  
Deli Wrap  
Corn Nibbles  
Carrot Sticks  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Pear Halves  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 8th

Corn Dog  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Vegetable Soup

### School Lunches

#### Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School  
Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, Feb. 4th

Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Fruit Sherbet Cup  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 5th

Baked Ham  
Green Beans  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 6th

Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Banana  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 7th

Chili Pie  
Corn Nibbles  
Pear Halves  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 8th

Corn Dog  
Vegetable Soup  
Applesauce  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip

Applesauce  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

# Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau

## I Tried Change Once And Really Didn't Like It

It's time for a change! At least that seems to be the verbiage that most of our candidates for president of these United States wants to use every time they find an open mic and someone to listen to their stump presentations. The word change may have been used more often in the recent presidential debates than the words me, I, and myself. Change has even been discussed more than the candidates qualifications for the job, which is still a pretty big question for most of America's public.

Well, I tried change once and really didn't like it. In fact, it was only at the beginning of this year I decided to change for the better and it liked to have killed me. My new life change began with a visit to the doctor and almost ended with another visit to the doctor to fix what I was trying to change.

Back in the fall I had the usual doctor checkup and his suggestion was to lose a few pounds and get some exercise. The weight he wanted me to lose represented a government issue of a barrel of pork and a small child. It seems I have been spending too much time with the chicken and

dumplings special at a local restaurant and need to cut back on the sweet tea as well.

I took most of his advice and lost several pounds, but the exercise has been a tough one to accomplish. Plus, the idea of walking somewhere without actually having a reason to be going there is something I am trying to overcome. This walking business is great if you live in town or in a subdivision with lots of blacktop and no traffic. But, I live 15 miles from the city on a farm fronted by a rural road where the traffic has increased so much from people moving from town to subdivisions so they can enjoy the "good life" that it is almost impossible to take a daily walk. I spend most of my time jumping in the ditch dodging folks in SUVs who think because they moved to the country they should drive like a NASCAR racer.

I gave up trying to walk on the roadway and retreated to my driveway. Going in circles didn't work either. I started to develop one leg more than the other from always going to the left.

The next possibility was to hook up with a health club. That didn't work. They were all located 15 miles from the house and I really don't enjoy falling off exercise equipment in front of perfect strangers.

Then I came up with the

idea of buying my own treadmill. Walking when I want to, come rain or shine, in the privacy of my home seemed to appeal to me. Plus, I'm the only one sweating on the handlebars and no one is around to place judgement on how fast I go or at what percentage I have the incline set. Three miles per hour and a .5 percent incline can work over a period of time.

After checking out several models, I chose the T5000 Walking Like The Wind model. The salesman told me it was made for us "athletic" types and it was real easy to assemble. After I paid for it, he brought it out to my truck in a box that weighed over 200 pounds and was the size of a coffin. That should have been my first sign that this thing could kill me.

I took it home and unloaded it in the garage. After a week I got up enough courage to assemble my T5000. Inside the box were enough parts to build an Edsel automobile and a set of instructions that required aeronautical training. But, I did get it put together and, not to brag, did a pretty good job with only one part left over.

One problem. It was too large and heavy to go through the door from the garage. So, in a cold winter rain I pushed it around the house to the back porch, and with the help of my very strong son, I moved

it into the house. During the move I pulled every muscle I had and many I didn't even know I had in the first place. It took me a week to get to the point of being able to "walk like the wind" on my T5000. I've had this thing for a month and I still don't walk like the wind. My stride is more like strolling during a muggy day.

The T5000 does have a computer in it that keeps up with how well I'm doing and even a place for an MP3 player. I don't have an MP3 player and don't even know what MP3 stands for, but if I ever get one, I have a place to plug it in.

Change is just around the corner for me and I have had no help doing it from any of the presidential candidates. But, if I see one of them "walking like the wind" on a T5000, they have my vote.

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## COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Country Club building). College Goal Sunday offers those completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) expert help from hundreds of professionals in the financial aid, admissions, secondary and higher education communities. Volunteers will provide a presentation outlining the FAFSA line by line, one-on-one information, and question and answer sessions to benefit students and

parents in different stages of the financial aid process. Along with being the application for federal aid, the FAFSA form also serves as the application for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship and the Tennessee Student Assistance Award programs, making it important to the financial aid process in the state.

For complete information on College Goal Sunday Tennessee and the participating

sites, visit [www.CollegeGoalSundayTN.org](http://www.CollegeGoalSundayTN.org). Students are encouraged to review the information on the website before arriving to make sure they bring all of the necessary documentation, including each individual's 2007 federal tax information in order to fill out their FAFSA forms completely. For more information about the DSCC event, call the DSCC financial aid office at 731-286-3263.

## Divorces

Cedric Louis Sanders vs. Osaur Haley Sanders.

Michael David Newman vs. Tammy Newman.

Tonya Renee (Patrick) Gregory vs. Chad Michael Gregory.

Susan Marie Gay vs. Jonathan Alan Gay.

## Yesteryear

In March of 1893, Halls Station was indicted by the Grand Jury for failure to keep one of its roads in good repair. The indictment read:

*Halls station, an incorporated town under the laws of said state, on the 1st day of December 1892 in [Lauderdale County, Tennessee] unlawfully and wilfully did neglect, refuse and fail to keep in good repair a certain public road within the Corporate limits of said town, said road leading in a southerly direction in said town toward and near Farmer's Mill, in the direction of the town of Gates by suffering and allowing mud holes and the small bridge near Farmer's Mill to get in a dangerous and impassable condition contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the state.*

The case continued through July on into November during which time D. C. Mitchell, D. H. Cherry, and S. S. Williams were subpoenaed to testify for the State, and J. A. Wells, G. A. Walk, Tom Yarbrough, Henry Stewart, and O. C. Ferrell were to testify for Halls Station. Possibly among the defense witnesses were Halls' Mayor and Aldermen.

Farmer's Mill, in the vicinity of the mud holes and dangerous bridge, was owned by John H. Farmer who, as early as 1886 had a saw mill and grist mill and cotton gin at Halls Station (or Hansford, as it was often called). In 1887 he and his wife, Sarah, moved to Halls from Chestnut Bluff where Farmer had been a merchant.

The road out of repair "in the direction of the town of Gates" must surely have been beside the railroad although not the current "old Highway 51."

We learned from a suit, *John H. Farmer and others versus William Stephens and others*, filed in 1889 that Farmer had no office at his business, and often met people whose cotton he had bought at Stephens' store at Front and Depot Streets to settle up. Stephens had the only safe in town, and he agreed to keep Farmer's cash for the benefit of the additional traffic to his store and the opportunity to collect unpaid accounts from Farmer's clients when they were flush with cotton money.

Farmer died in 1893 at about the time the indictment for failure to keep the road in repair was returned. It is he who is interred in the old mausoleum on the west side of Halls Cemetery. Although it would appear that his widow, Sarah, is also entombed there, she is not. She remarried to J. B. Parker, and at her death her remains were sent to Niles, Illinois, whence she had originally come.

Bettie B. Davis  
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## MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

## For Real: Reality TV Goes Mobile

(NAPS)—There's a giant market for pocket-sized games! According to BusinessWeek, with nearly 2 billion cell phones capable of playing games by the year 2010, this emerging industry may reach as high as \$18 billion, making it bigger than music ringtones or text messaging.

New trends in mobile gaming are turning reality TV fans into active participants. The multibillion-dollar gaming industry is exploding in part because creative gaming companies like Artificial Life, Inc., have developed innovative ways to extend people's favorite entertainment experiences into interactive, on-the-go fun. These mobile games make it possible not just to watch your favorite reality TV program, but join the action; not just listen to a favorite band's music, but experience life on the road with it in a "virtual" tour bus.

Mobile games from this company include ones based on popular reality TV shows such as "America's Next Top Model," "Big Brother All-Stars" and "Bad Girls Club." Several of these games synchronize in real time with the TV shows on which they're based. For example, when a contestant is voted off "America's Next Top Model" each week, a user playing the mobile game version of the show will see the corresponding avatar disappear from his or her handheld device. The games also incorporate voice technologies that allow for prerecorded voice



Get Real! New types of mobile games link players to popular reality shows.

calls, text messages, and updates from the real participants of the show.

Branching out into the music world, the company has recently signed an exclusive worldwide deal to produce mobile games for European sensation Tokio Hotel. Other titles include: "Poli—the Bear," a game with a strong environmental message, with proceeds benefiting the World Wildlife Fund; and "V-Boy" and "V-Girl," games that invite players to take virtual dates to the hottest clubs and restaurants and impress ideal boyfriend and girlfriend avatars with their charms.

With a world of entertainment options just a cell phone ring away, this company is turning television dreams into entertainment reality.

For more information on the games or the company, visit [www.artificial-life.com](http://www.artificial-life.com).

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years of high school and taking chemistry or physics in addition to biology. These requirements will go into effect in the 2009-10 school year and will affect current 7th graders. Other changes include aligning language arts and math standards for students in kindergarten through 12th grade with national standards.

The state board will replace the Gateway exams with statewide end-of-the-year course exams, which will account for 25 percent of a student's overall course grade. "The goal is to have the exams in 10 courses — English 1, 2, and 3; algebra 1 and 2, geometry; U.S. history; biology, chemistry and physics," according to Gary Nixon, executive director of the state board. The exams have yet to be developed. "Gateways, however, will be given this year and next," stated Mr. Nixon.

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Stephanie Etheridge, administrator, and received a tour of the facility. The group then visited Garner Funeral Home, where Hannah Smith provided a tour of the facility and spoke to the group about her profession. The next stop was Ripley Chiropractic Clinic, where Dr. Sam Poisal spoke to the group and allowed participants to tour the facility. The group then traveled to the Helen Tucker Center, where they received a tour of the facility and Camille Wayne, director, spoke to the group about the various types of programs available at the facility. During a visit to Brooks Harris Family Optometry, Dr. Harris spoke to the group and explained to them about different services and treatments offered at his clinic. The group then traveled to Dr. Tracy Schneider's Dental Clinic. Dr. Schneider dis-

Free Session Offered  
Dealing With Grief

Hospice of West Tennessee is offering a free session for dealing with grief at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 21st, at the West Tennessee Healthcare Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, in Jackson, to assist people who are experiencing the loss of a loved one.

To register or for more information, call 731-664-4220.

## Anniversaries

Jan. 31 — Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley.

Feb. 2 — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCaslin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Caldwell.

Feb. 3 — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Haley.

Feb. 5 — Mr. and Mrs. Finley Green.

Feb. 6 — Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freeman.

Donations Received  
By Cancer Society

Donations received for the American Cancer Society, in memory or in honor of loved ones, include:

In memory of Grayson Taylor by Bobbie Ann and Will Douglas.

In memory of Frances Dailley by James and Louise Reviere.

In memory of Bill Roberson by Janice Craig.

In memory of Everette (Junior) Cartwright by Bank of Ripley.

In memory of Jeroline Tims, James Robert Wade, and Bill Roberson by Louis and Marilyn Craig.

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In memory of Violet John-

## TTC's Building Trades Program



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS have the opportunity to obtain basic carpentry skills including shop safety, use of hand and power tools, wood and wood products, along with basic plumbing and electrical skills with the Building Trades program at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. Dennis Matthews, building trades instructor, is pictured with students, who enrolled January 3rd and will continue until the end of the school year. They are able to obtain dual credits from the high school and TTC. For more information on the program, call the center, 635-3368.

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Eligible Voters  
Need To Attend

Democratic residents, who are eligible to vote in Lauderdale County, should attend a meeting scheduled for noon Saturday, February 9th, in the Armour Center at the Lauderdale County Bank, 331 Cleveland St., in Ripley, to elect delegates that will attend the Congressional District Conventions February 23rd. This is the first-step in a two-step process for selecting delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Delegates will be apportioned to each Democratic presidential candidate based on their performance in the February 5th Presidential Preference Primary.

For more information, call Gladys Crain at 836-7592, the Tennessee Democratic Party at 615-327-9979 or visit [www.tndp.org](http://www.tndp.org).

Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

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or Prior To The Event.**

