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## River Cresting, Drought Nears

This year's second Mississippi River flood crested Monday at St. Louis, Mo., just under nine feet above flood stage.

The crest at Cape Girardeau, Mo., was predicted at 42.5, 12.5 feet above flood stage.

Flooding of more than 8,000 acres in this county is expected to crest late this week.

But the U.S. Drought Monitor web site Sunday classified northwest Lauderdale County as "abnormally dry."

Early forecasts for rain in this area are 30% for July 4th, 40% for July 6th.

## Halls 4th Of July Parade Planned

For the past nine years, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, of Halls, have sponsored a children's parade on the 4th of July. Participants are invited to assemble at the Taylor home on College St. at 8:30 a.m. for the parade line-up. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. after Mayor Trent McManus addresses the crowd. For the safety of the children, no 4-wheelers or motorcycles are permitted. Battery operated cars and trucks only, as well as bicycles, scooters, wagons, small floats powered by people and decorated in red, white, and blue.

The first parade consisted of only eight or ten children walking around one block beat-

## Local Tomatoes Cleared By FDA

The Federal Drug Administration issued a statement Wednesday of last week stating tomatoes grown and harvested in Tennessee are safe to eat, since locally grown tomatoes have not been associated with the Salmonella outbreak.

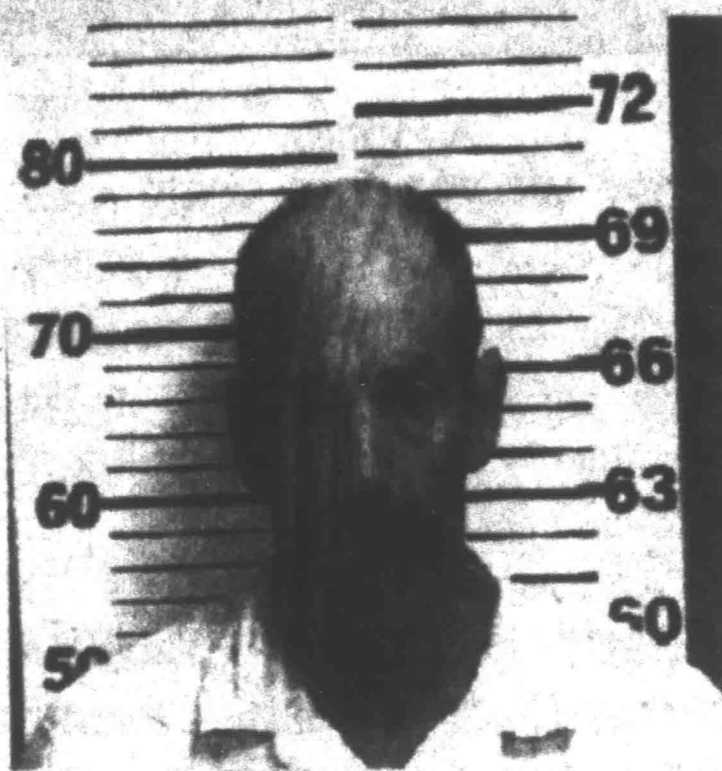
## Gates' Library Holds Storytime

The Gates Library, Second St., (old Highway 51), will hold a story-time for children, ages 3 to 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, July 7th. The public is invited.

ing pots and pans with wooden spoons and carrying a flag from the Taylor's front porch. The following year, the parade grew to over 65 children dressed in red, white, and blue, riding, pushing, or pulling decorated trikes, wagons, and bikes. This past year, close to 130 children and their parents participated as well as the local police and fire departments.

The parade has always been open to all children in the Halls community. In the past, families from Nashville, Franklin, Louisiana, and Las Vegas, Nev., have traveled home to visit with family and friends to participate in the annual event.

## Bank Robber?



Dennis James Davis, 53, of Halls, turned himself in, about 3:45 p.m. Friday, as the robber of the Bank of Halls, about 11 a.m.

A bank teller was handed a note asking for \$10 and \$20 bills. As the robber left, tellers noted his vehicle's license number.

He's held for robbery.

## Law Officers To Hold Checkpoint

Officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's, Ripley Police and Henning Police Departments will conduct a sobriety checkpoint July 5th in Lauderdale County. The project is funded by the governor's Highway Safety Office, Tennessee Department of Transportation, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Troopers Crack Down On Drivers

Thursday of last week kicked off the first wave of "100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T." by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. H.E.A.T. stands for "Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic." Throughout the summer-long enforcement campaign, Troopers will be targeting drivers who do not

## Grand Champion Horse



WILLIE CLARK, of Gates, and his horse, The Honk Tonk Kid, won Grand Champion Amateur Gelding at the American Quarterhorse show held in Martin June 21st and 22nd. The two accumulated AQHA points and a grand champion trophy.

use their safety belts, speed or drive while impaired.

"Troopers will be looking for and ticketing drivers who speed, drink and drive, and fail to wear their safety belts or buckle up their children," said Colonel Mike Walker. "We want these high-risk drivers to feel the heat because we know that speed, impaired driving and unrestrained driving are the top three causes of fatal crashes."

Thanks to a grant through the Governor's Highway Safety Office, nearly 500 overtime hours will be utilized over the next three months for the enforcement program.

"Our strong relationship with the Tennessee Highway Patrol has resulted in a substantial decrease in roadway fatalities over the past 18 months," stated Governor's Highway Safety Office Director Kendall Poole. "We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners in campaigns just like 100 Days of Summer Heat to ensure that our roads remain safe."

## Summer Break Party Planned

A Summer Break party will be held Thursday, July 3rd at the Halls Community Center for a 4th of July special event for high school and college age students. Door will open at 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by Da'Solo Wreckcords, based in Halls. Performing will be Young-Stacks 901, Stacks, Royal Dynasty, and Breadboy, who is the son of Bobby O' Jay, program director and DJ at K-97 and WDIA radio station.

Robert J. Mosby, of Da'Solo Wreckcords, stated he was attempting to give the young people something to do and somewhere to go where they will stay out of trouble. "If they arrive in peace, have fun in peace and leave the building in peace then I have succeeded. I believe if the adults will support our kids now, they will support us later in their adult lives. I would rather see the youth of today together enjoying a party full of fun, instead of hanging out on the street corners selling drugs and carrying guns," said Mosby. The public is invited.



## Obituaries

### Ada Leora King

Ada Leora King, 86, of Union City, sister of Wilma Bonds, of 605 Barfield, Henning, died June 18th, in her home.

Rites were Monday of last week in Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Union City, where she had taught Sunday School, sung in the choir, served on the Mothers' Board, and been president of the Patsy McCord Mission Circle. Burial was in East View Cemetery.

She was born at Henning, Feb. 6, 1922, to the late Beacher and Berda Bonds Snow.

She was a beautician for half a century.

Survivors include a son, Henry Moses, Jr., of Union City; another brother, Lonzo Bonds, of Indianapolis, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

### Minnie Jackson

Minnie Marie Jackson, 83, mother of Dick, Leon, Mike, and Patty Jackson and Rita Arthur and Kathy Phillips, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Wesley of Dyersburg.

Rites were held Saturday in the Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Survivors include 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

### Eddie Cook

Eddie Bruce Cook, 67, of Brandon, Fla., formerly of Henning, died June 24th.

Rites are set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5th, at First Baptist Church, of Progress Village where he was a deacon, with burial in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, Ray Williams Funeral Home in Tampa, Fla., in charge.

He leaves his wife, Juanita Jefferson Cook, a son, four daughters, his mother, a brother, two sisters, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

### Evelyn Buckner

Evelyn Rose Buckner, 78, mother of David Earl Buckner and Rickey Lynn Buckner, of Ripley, died June 22nd in Crestview Healthcare in Brownsville.

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

Daughter of the late Mattie Lee Wilson Rogers, she was the widow of J. D. Buckner.

Survivors include other sons, Roger Dale Buckner, of Brownsville, and Ronnie O'Neal Buckner, of Germantown; daughters, Barbara Jane (Mrs. Wayne) Eubanks, of Brownsville, and Rosemary (Mrs. Paul) Unger, of Biloxi, Miss.; brothers, Finis and Jerry Wilson, of Brownsville; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### James Beard

James P. Beard, 65, of Covington, retired Corporal at West Tennessee State Penitentiary in Henning and brother of Mary Maness, of Ripley, died Tuesday, July 1st, at his home.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd, at Covington Funeral Home.

He leaves his wife, Deborah; a son, Brandon Beard, of Columbus, Ga.; two daughters, Renne Lewis and Nicole Beard, both of Perry, Ga.; two step-daughters, Michelle Larson and Melinda Tiffner, both of Covington; and 10 grandchildren.

### Eva Edwards

Eva Virginia Edwards, 88, of Ripley, widow of Thomas Woodrow Edwards, died Sunday, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

Survivors include daughters, Frances Butterworth, Valerie Ammons and Bennie Sue Fain, of Ripley, and Judy Brown, of Pilot Oak, Ky.; a brother, Thomas Long, of Shawnee, Kans.; a sister, Katie Fuller, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

### Geneva Moses

Geneva Brantley Moses, 84, of 3809 Chicken George Tr., Henning, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Sunday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in the Bluff Cemetery west of Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves daughters, Joyce Jones, Shirley Barbee, and Martha Yanders, of Ripley; sons, Bruce Yanders, of Henning, The Rev. Jeff Brantley, of Halls, and Joe Adams, of Buffalo, N.Y.; a brother, The Rev. Reuben Brantley, of Detroit, Mich.; 25 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-great-grandchildren.

### Billy Jackson

Billy Neal "Billy Jack" Jackson, 60, of Ripley, owner of Jackson Septic Service, died Sunday, in his residence.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Kathy Flagg Jackson; a son, Jason, of California; a brother, Ronnie Jackson, and sisters, Linda Edwards and Martha Drumwright, of Ripley; other brothers, Jimmy, of Memphis, and Wilson, of Beaver Dam, Ky.; other sisters, Teresa Rankin, of Murfreesboro, and Donna Hogan, of Roscoe, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

### David Heath

David Herschel Heath, 94, of 803 Park Meadows, Halls, retired from maintenance for Lauderdale County schools, died Wednesday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Lebanon United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Kaye Tinkle, of Rosemark; two grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.



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.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett, will hold two special services Sunday, July 6th celebrating the Independence Day weekend. The morning worship will include a video presentation and recognition of veterans at 11 a.m. and the sanctuary choir will present the patriotic musical and video presentation Stars and Stripes Forever at 6 p.m., which tells the history of the American flag and the legacy on which it was founded. For more information, call the church office, 836-7116. The public is invited.

Rice Park Church of Christ, 134 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its 10th annual ladies' day at 10 a.m. July 19th with Sister Jane Maynard as guest speaker. The theme will be "The Bag Lady", taken from Hebrews 12:1-3. Ovelta West, minister, invites the public.

Concord United Methodist Church, near Gates, will hold homecoming services beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 20th and a potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Gospel singing will be held at 1:30 p.m. with the Finchers and the Frog Jump Boys. The public is invited.

El Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Henning, will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 28th through August 1st with the Rev. Leonard Dawson, Cane Creek Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. J. E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Cross View Baptist Church will host a Christian Heritage Seminar through the summer. Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 and a fellowship meal each Sunday at noon to be followed by afternoon Bible study and worship from 1 to 2 p.m. No night services will be held. The Sunday afternoon study will be led by Bible teacher and pastor, Dr. Roy Harkness, Sr., featuring "Discovering the Bible" and "The Apostle Paul and the Early Churches". Other future months will include presentations of "The 12 Disciples" and "The Apostles' Creed". The public is invited.

Faith United Methodist Church, 8301 Hwy 87 W., Henning, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. nightly July 9th through 11th, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12th. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. each night for ages infants to sixth grade. The theme is "The Amazing Praise Band". The public is invited.

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

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

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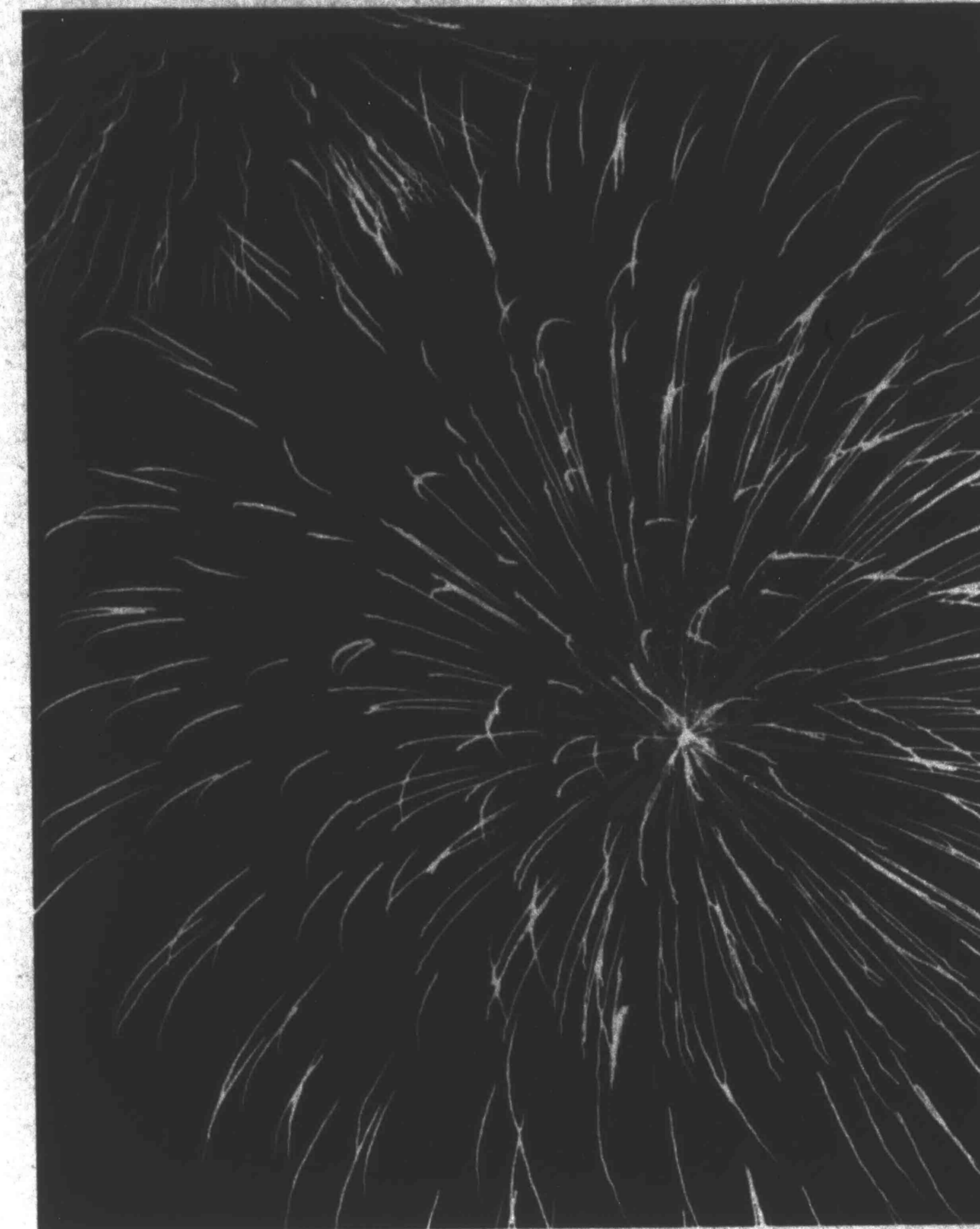
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## Fireworks Safety



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Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest. Be respectful of others. Do not shoot fireworks off for a long duration into the wee hours of the night. Neighbors may be trying to get some sleep.

By being safe, you can ensure that this summer fireworks season will be enjoyable and a delight to behold.

### Birthdays

July 3 - Jimmy Best, Jerry Best, Jane Snell, Rod Maples, Jennifer Osteen, Gaylon Smith, Angie Winkler, Ainsley Crawford, Shelia Newman, Loudean

Cross, Robbie Ward, Chase Castellaw, Donald Ward, Barry Bates, Rachel Seigler, Shayne McKee, Hannah Day, Joe Bridges, Bobby Turnage, Sr.  
July 4 - Ellen Jackson, Shannon Little, Memory Crain,

Theresa Green, Kelley Hensley, Dr. Elaine McNally, Leanne Fisher, Jeff Donaldson, April Ward, Jana Elmore, Noah Bing, Cathy Cherry, James Reese, Phylliss Wallace.

July 5 - Melissa Daniels, Elaine Parker, Hannah Richards Smith, Dan Henderson, Debbie Snipes, Ginny Hankins, Bree Burns, Brandy Layne, Robin Wyrick, J. C. Trobaugh, Deleene Spray, Mickey Cribfield, Anne Sherrod, Thelma Agee, Demetra Carmack, Denise McLemore.

July 6 - Janice Rose, Roger Herron, Anita Ward, Kelly Crook, Elisabeth Ray, Raven Smith, Jacee Rose.

July 7 - Chase Tillman, Julie Neal, Kerry Carmack, Ricky

Horvath, Shania Rogers, Polly A. Dziedzic, James Cannon, Barbara Blakely, Brad Haynes, Robin Ward Taylor, Stephen Taylor, Cindy Teetzen, Elizabeth Ingle.

July 8 - Jen Hassell, Rachel Nelson, Buddy Bates, Lynn Gay, Amy Taylor, Carmen Barnett, Rhea Swims, Deavin Bradley Kent, Debbie Sumrow,

Sauyna Richmond, Charlene Pilcher, Stacy Drew.

July 9 - Ross Steelman, Justin Ivey, Cade Crawford, Jill Jackson Odom, Emery Rogers, Melissa Nanney, Erin Nanney, Nancy Moore, Kelly Stanley, Barry Lee Britt, Jr., Shirley Smith, Ann Marie Henson, Camryn Kelley Mullins, Keith Hamlin, Sarah McCormick.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008-2009

The Lauderdale County Board of Education approved the following school calendar during its regular monthly meeting, March 13th. Following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. Parent/Teacher Conferences, Oct. 23rd and 24th, and March 26th and 27th, will be split between two days, Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Graduation for Ripley and Halls seniors is tentatively set for May 14th and 15th, respectively. TCAP dates are scheduled for April 13th through 17th.

Aug. 4-5  
Aug. 6  
Aug. 7-8  
Aug. 11-29  
Sept. 1  
Sept. 2-30  
Sept. 26  
Oct. 1-10  
Oct. 13-17  
Oct. 20-23  
Oct. 23-24  
Oct. 27-31  
Nov. 3-25  
Nov. 26-28  
Dec. 1-19  
Dec. 22-Jan. 2  
Jan. 5  
Jan. 6-16  
Jan. 19  
Jan. 20-30  
Feb. 2-13  
Feb. 16  
Feb. 17-27  
March 2-13  
March 16-20  
March 23-26  
March 26-27  
March 30-31  
Apr. 1-9  
April 10  
April 13-30  
May 1-22  
May 25  
May 26-29

In-service  
Registration  
In-service  
Student Days  
Labor Day Holiday  
Student Days  
Abbreviated Day-Fair  
Student Days  
Fall Break  
Student Days  
Family/Teacher Conference  
Student Days  
Student Days  
Thanksgiving Holidays  
Student Days  
Winter Break  
In-service  
Student Days  
Martin Luther King Day  
Student Days  
Student Days  
President's Day  
Student Days  
Student Days  
Spring Break  
Student Days  
Family/Teacher Conference  
Student Days  
Student Days  
Good Friday  
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Memorial Day  
Student Days

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## Yesteryear

### Confederate Veterans Tried for War Activity

A case filed in Haywood County in May of 1865 gives us an idea of some of the experiences of former Confederate soldiers. On that date summons were issued to the sheriffs of Haywood, Lauderdale, Dyer, and Madison Counties to have Robert Haywood, B. D. Henley, E. G. Anderson, William Stallins, John Dugan, J. A. Smith, Sam Puryear, John Wells, E. G. Suggs, S. A. Jordan, Stephen Jordan, Jr. (probably the nephew of the elder Jordan), Wiley Suggs, A. Carter, William Campbell, J. Watkins, Bruce Sanders, and J. L. Ward appear at Circuit Court in Haywood County in September 25 of that year. There they were to answer John Brown for damages of \$5,000. Benjamin Jordan was security for Brown, and D. A. Nunn and George C. Porter were his attorneys. Of the two Jordans, the two Suggs, Puryear, Wells, Carter, Campbell, Watkins, Sanders, and Ward—and maybe others—some definitely, others most likely, were from Lauderdale County. Totten and Raines were attorneys for the defense.

John Brown, the plaintiff, charged that the defendants had in September 1862 taken from him \$1700 in gold coin of the United States, a horse worth \$300, a saddle worth \$50, and a bridle worth \$10. The defendants pled that they were not guilty of the charges because at the time of the alleged grievances a state of war existed between the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, and that both sides had armies in the field "conducting the war with belligerent rights recognized by both." They said they were a part of the army of the Confederate States subject to the orders and instructions of their officers and superior officers, and that they had seized the property under orders to prevent Brown from "carrying on an illegal intercourse, trade & traffic of a friendly nature with the said enemy...who had invaded in a hostile manner, and were in the State of Tennessee..."

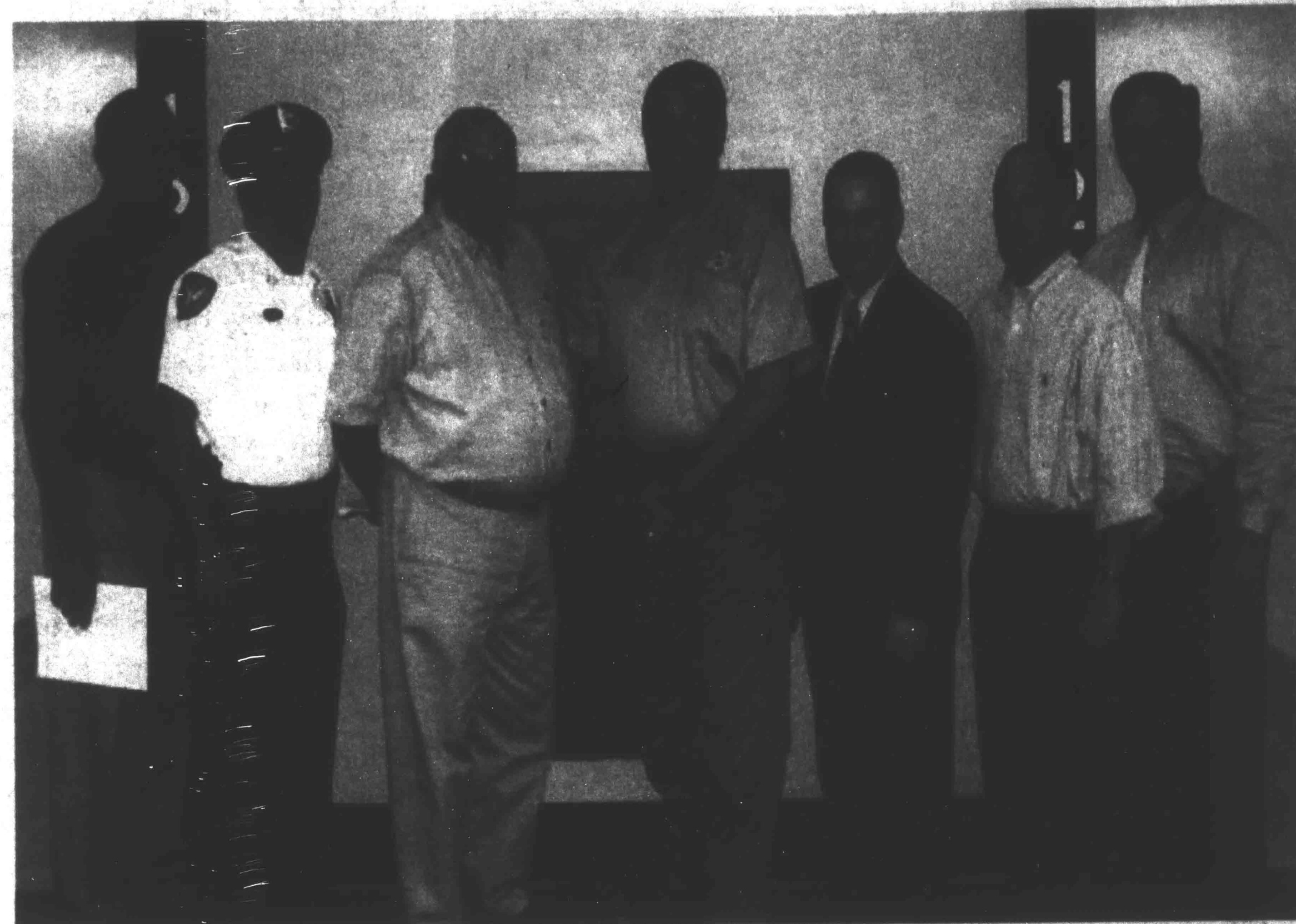
Brown countered the defendants' argument with the charge that the "organization called the Confederate States of America was illegal, unconstitutional, rebellious, & void," that at the time of the seizure he "was a citizen of the United States, owing allegiance and obedience to the same & protected by its laws and Constitution; & had a right to carry on trade with the people of the said United States."

At the Circuit Court's term of September 1866 in Brownsville, the Court ruled that John Brown was right, and the defendants made exception to the Court's opinion. At the next term of Court in January of 1867 the Confederate veterans filed for a change of venue. They were supported by the affidavit of Champ C. Conner, J. D. Greaves, Thomas Shepherd, Asa Deaw (Dew?), O. R. Henley, and A. J. Greaves, and the case was removed to the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County.

An omnibus bill passed by the Tennessee legislature in 1867 allowed that on the affidavit of "three unconditional Union men of the county where the suit was originally brought," the case could be moved back to the county where it was first filed. P. M. Neal, James McCumber, Joseph F. Speed, and G. P. Warren filed such an affidavit as citizens of Haywood County, and the case was moved back to Brownsville! On October 4, 1867, the defendants moved to dismiss the cause, the Court overruled, and the defendants again filed an exception.

At the January 1868 term Brown released R. B. Sanders from prosecution, and was required to pay the costs incurred by Sand-

## Drug Task Force Meeting



**MEMBERS** of the 25th Judicial District Drug Task Force, from left, Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders, Covington Police Chief Bennie Carver, Fayette County Sheriff Bobby Riles, Tipton County Sheriff J.T. "Pancho" Chumley, District Attorney General Mike Dunavant, 25th Judicial District Drug Task Force Director John Thompson, and District Attorney Criminal Investigator Tommy White, held the fourth quarter board meeting June 24th at the Fayette County Sheriff's Department. DTF Director Thompson reported on a successful first year of the task force, including the renewal of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding from the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) in the amount of \$78,000 to continue to operate the task force, which began July 1, 2007.

During the meeting, new members of the board of directors, as well as those who faithfully served during the first year, were recognized. Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders and Whiteville Police Chief John Doolen rotated off the board, and Covington Police Chief Bennie Carver and Oakland Police Chief Bob Tisdale were added to the five-member board. Other board members include Tipton County Sheriff J.T. "Pancho" Chumley, chairman, Fayette County Sheriff Bobby Riles, and Bolivar Police Chief Bill Irons. The task force is comprised of fourteen law enforcement agencies in five counties, Lauderdale County Sheriff, Tipton County Sheriff, Fayette County Sheriff, Hardeman County Sheriff, McNairy County Sheriff, Ripley Police, Covington Police, Munford Police, Atoka Police, Somerville Police, Oakland Police, Bolivar Police, Whiteville Police, and Selmer Police departments.

ers. On January 26, 1870, the defendants' attorney moved to strike the case from the docket for lack of jurisdiction of the Court. The motion was allowed by the Court, and stricken from the docket. The next month Brown filed an appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court; John L. Poston was security for Brown in his appeal.

On July 25, 1871—six years after the case began—in a scathing criticism of the Act that permitted "the affidavit of three unconditional Union men" to move a case back to

the original venue, the Supreme Court upheld the decision to dismiss the case. Chief Justice A.O.P. Nicholson wrote the opinion.

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## Reelfoot Quota Deer Hunt Set

Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge System has announced the dates and application procedures for the 2008 deer quota hunts to

be held on the federal refuge November 7th through 9th. A computer drawing will be used in August to randomly select 200 applicants for the Grassy Island and Long Point units with 100 drawn for each area. A permit fee per hunter is payable upon notification of selection. All applications must be received by the refuge officer or postmarked within July, only one card per applicant. Contact the office, 731-538-2481, for details and how to submit an application.

## Halls Elementary Project L.E.A.D.



**STUDENTS** at Halls Elementary School wrapped up a three week session of Project L.E.A.D. summer school. On the final day, groups presented slide shows that were created by the students. They also enjoyed a game of kickball and water games.

## Caring Heart Ministry



**JANE AND WENDEL WILEY**, of Halls, organizers of Caring Heart Ministry, met June 27th with Jan Moore, center, activities director at Lauderdale Community Living Center to present magnifying glass. They work with different organizations to help residents with reading materials. Lutheran Braille workers is one of many groups that they work with to help residents with needs.

## Choices For Today's Seniors



**STEPHANIE MICHAEL**, Community Outreach Coordinator for Asbury Cove, explained to Seniors June 19th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, in Halls, the long term care choices available for a more independent and gratifying lifestyle for today's Seniors. She touched on the pros and cons of in-home care, nursing home care and assisted living care. If anyone has questions on any of these topics call the center, 731- 836-5444 for more information.

## Gates Puppet Show



**PARTICIPANTS** enjoyed the puppet show, sponsored each year by the Forked Deer Regional Library for the Gates Summer Reading Program. This year marked a record turnout with kids from the Antioch Curve Baptist Church. The children and volunteers, Zaylee Brown, Ayiden Brown, Noah Blackwood, Izac Blackwood, Cristian Doop, Quayla Dewalt, Srivelle Dewalt, Jaliyah Payne, Khandi Gooch, Kalyan Gooch, Tamarcus Gooch, Damarco Gooch, Farrelle Gooch, Stephanie Gooch, Peggy Doop, Cassandra Dewalt, Cathy Hughes, Pastor John Payne and wife, and Lorreta Blackwood, plus helpers, Barbara Layne and Caitlyn Binkley, were treated with refreshments after the show.

## Land Transfers

June 22nd-June 28th

James Nelson Young, Opal N. Young, Opal East Young and Nelson Young to Alan W. Dupree, Sr., and Bridgette Dupree, Dist. 12, 10 lots.

Clara Jean Blackwell to Fred Davis and Debbie Davis, Dist. 3, lot.

Chastity L. Joyce to Kelly Rothbauer, Dist. 2, lot.

Virgil Thomas North and Peggy Jane North to James H. Parmenter and Donna Parmenter, Dist. 10, tract.

Donna S. Peerenboom to Kimberly Ann Reece, Dist. 17, 1.0 acre.

William Bradley Rose and Jessica Rose to Felicia B. Hargett and Mark W. Hargett, Jr., Dist. 15, 1.0 acre.

Household Financial Center, Inc., to Ryan Whiteside,

lot. William J. Carmack and Patsy J. Carmack to J. Larry Kiestler and Beth Kiestler, Dist. 7, 0.17 acre.

Tennessee Housing Development Agency to David Restor and Chad Smith, Dist. 2, 2 parcels.

Bobby R. Hathcock, Sylvia H. Smith and Shirley H. Elder to Ronnie Elder and Mary Elder, Dist. 2, 0.5 acre.

L. M. Kirkpatrick III to Chris Fleming, Dist. 2, 26.22 acres.

Jeremy Helton to Larry Smith and Rochelle Smith, Dist. 3, lot.

A.O. Smith Corporation to Allied Properties, LP, Dist. 2, tract.

Federal National Mortgage Association and Fannie Mae to Andrew Melton and Rick Nelson, lot.

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# Halls Westside's Vacation Bible School



**PARTICIPANTS** of the Halls Westside Baptist Church Son World Adventure Park Vacation Bible School, held last week, enjoyed amusement park themed games, snacks and crafts. Approximately 100 kids attended. The main lesson was to "CHOOSE JESUS" to guide their paths.

## FFA In Washington D.C.



**MEMBERS** of the Halls High School Future Farmers of America, from left, Kirby Cherry, Katye Cherry, Skye Isom, pictured with Congressman John Tanner and advisor Windy Willette, traveled to Washington D. C. June 9th to attend the annual Washington Leadership Conference, sponsored by the National FFA. They visited sites such as the Vietnam, Korean, two Jima and Lincoln Memorials, the White House grounds, Arlington National Cemetery and the Capital.

## LCCOA Line Dancers



**SENIORS** were the hit of the Halls Summerfest June 21st by performing the Electric Slide, Rock 'n' Roll Waltz and the Cowgirl Twist. Lauderdale County Commission on Aging line dancers keep in shape at a weekly line dance class under the direction of Rosie Lemons. If anyone is interested in line dance classes, call the center 836-5444.

## Silly Photography



**STUDENTS** at the Halls Elementary Project L.E.A.D. summer program share a silly moment during photography class.



**Have Lots of Fun!**

### NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2008, in the Conference Room at Halls City Hall, 208 N. Church St., Halls, Tennessee.

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### NOTICE

## TOWN OF HALLS

Beginning July 14, 2008, the office hours will be changed from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to the hours of 7:30 a.m. To 4 p.m. for the office of Halls City Halls, 208 N. Church St., Halls, Tennessee.

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**THE LADIES** of Westside Baptist Prayer Group presented "God & Country" June 27th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. Betsy Ross, portrayed by Janet Compere, shared her moving story of the creation of the first flag. Callie Leggett shared stories of the trials our ancestors endured for freedom. Vocals were performed by Mrs. Judy Viar and Scott Nelson. The program reminded everyone of the importance of America's Freedom.

## Rocket Burns Alamo Firm

Authorities say a bottle rocket, a type of firework, ignited a blaze which consumed Partners Pallets, at 170 S. Burns in Alamo, Tuesday of last week.

## The Peacemakers Live In Concert

The Peacemakers, of the Memphis Police Department, will perform live in concert from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 9th, at the Halls Community Center for the mayor's concert series.

### TO SIGN BOOKS

Cassandra Harrell, formerly of Lauderdale County, will be on hand at the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival to sign copies of her cookbook, "Soul Food Lovers' Cookbook". The book is in its second printing and features recipes for soul food that appeal to all and have been passed down from three generations.

## 2008-2009 School Meal Guidelines

The Tennessee Department of Education has announced the 2008-2009 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy for free and reduced price meals for the children in Tennessee schools. The school meals programs help ensure all students have access to a nutritious diet. Applications for this program will be available at school registration.

Families of eight or more, making less than \$1,267.00 per week, will qualify for reduced lunches and those making less than approximately \$880.00 per week will qualify for free meals. If your household receives assistance under the food stamp program or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF), your children will be notified of their eligibility and will be provided free benefits unless you notify

the school that you choose to decline benefits. Most foster children will be eligible for benefits regardless of income.

## Sheriff Reports On Traffic Stops

Sheriff Steve Sanders stated that with the number of fatal traffic accidents in the county it is necessary for the department to hold sobriety and seatbelt checkpoints. During the years of 2003 through 2006 Lauderdale County reported 1,810 traffic crashes, 28 of which were fatal; 700 had injuries; 1,082 involved property damage over \$400; 144 were alcohol related with 14 of those fatal; 149 crashes involved speeding; 4 involved driving too slow; and 34 where children were not restrained.

From 2002 to 2005, 437 drivers, under the age of 21, were involved in traffic crashes; 285 with drivers, age 60 to 99, and 11 motorcycles

crashes.

In 2006, six fatal accidents were reported and in 2007, 13 people were killed. Lauderdale County is ranked among the top three counties in Tennessee for traffic accidents.

"These numbers are unacceptable and that is why Lauderdale County law enforcement agencies are enforcing traffic laws and conducting sobriety and seatbelt checkpoints. We are writing tickets for traffic violations in an effort to reduce the number of traffic crashes occurring in Lauderdale County. Many of these projects are funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Office, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Continue on page 8.

## Candidate



**ROBERT M. HARRIS**, of Halls, has announced his intention to seek the office of Lauderdale County School Board Representative for District 8. He issued the following statement.

"I am asking for your vote on August 7th to be your Lauderdale County School Board Representative from the 8th District. My wife, Rhonda, and I both graduated from Halls High School in 1989.

We have three children, Zach, entering the 7th grade at Halls Junior High School and Andrew, 3rd grade, and Ben, 1st grade, both at Halls Elementary School. I am employed at Hurt Seed Company, involved with sales and seed production. Rhonda is employed at the Bank of Halls as a bank teller. We are members of the First Baptist Church in Halls.

"Having confidence in the public school system, I would consider it an honor to represent you in the capacity of school board member. If elected, I will represent the people with an open mind and would encourage you to pass along your thoughts and ideas as we work together to educate our children.

"In the fast-paced life, in which we are living, it is im-

## County Cannery Operating Hours

The Lauderdale County Cannery, located on Commerce St., Ripley, opened Monday, July 7th and will remain open through September. The cannery will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 7 a.m. until noon.

All Lauderdale County citizens are encouraged and welcome to use the facility for home food processing. There are onsite supervisors to see that equipment is used properly and safely. All necessary equipment for the process of canning is available. The supervisors cannot help with the canning or food preparation. Bring your own produce and all necessary ingredients for the recipes, including canning jars and lids. Be prepared to start early to finish, including clean-up, by 12:30 p.m.

perative that we do not overlook what is most important to us. I believe in giving our children the opportunity to receive an education, but we can only guarantee that education if they are willing to set goals for themselves. An educational system that pushes children through, for no more reason than to get high graduation rates, is a recipe for disaster, not only for the society of which these children will be a part, but especially for the children themselves.

"I would like to be a part of a system that provides teachers and administrators with the resources that they need in order to do the job that they were hired to do. One teacher once told me,

"Give me a book and I can

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## Yesteryear Murder on Court Square

The name of Simmons D. Alsobrook might well be added to the monument in the Courtyard memorializing Lauderdale County's lawmen who have died in the service of the County. He was killed November 1, 1873, on the east side of the Courthouse soon after his election to the office of sheriff.

He had arrested Thomas J. Baker, probably for drunkenness, and was taking him to the jail. Samuel C. Miller, who was standing in front of John Felsenthal's store on the east side of the Square, saw Baker "raise his hand with a pistol in it and heard the pistol explode, saw the smoke arise from near his hand that had the pistol, and saw about the moment of the explosion, Simmons D. Alsobrook, the present sheriff of the County, fall. Alsobrook was carried away and the prisoner arrested."

J. R. Osteen testified the day of the incident that he "was sitting on a box in front of John Felsenthal's storehouse, (when) Alsobrook, the sheriff, came by with the prisoner Baker, they moved towards the Court House, Alsobrook being a short distance behind the prisoner, and the prisoner said go away and let (me) alone, (I) was not pestering anybody, in 1/2 minute or a minute (I) saw the prisoner raise his hand with a pistol in it and fire at Alsobrook, saw Alsobrook fall. (I am) certain that the prisoner, Baker, is the man who did the killing with a pistol similar to the one, if not the one, now in Court." The testimony of Alfred Ledbetter, who was also sitting on a "goods box" in front of Felsenthal's store, was the same as that of Osteen.

J. D. Baxter testified that he did not see the firing of the pistol, but saw it picked up near where the body of Alsobrook was resting on the lap of John Felsenthal, and saw Baker nearby under arrest.

J. L. Hearing, acting as Coroner, held an inquest on the fallen sheriff's body at the Olive Branch Hotel in Ripley right away. Other members of the Coroner's jury were E. P. Strickland, T. G. Gause, H. H. Lewis, Terrell Thompson, C. H. \_\_\_\_\_, John McIntyre, John M. Blankenship, M. D. Webb, Jr., and B. F. Lackey, surgeon. They determined that Alsobrook "came to his death by a ball fired from a pistol in the hand of T. J. Baker in the Town of Ripley on the 1st day of November 1873 and that said shooting was willful maliciously and unlawfully done."

The next day F. Barfield, Coroner, held an inquest "on the road leading from Ripley to Dyersburg on the body of T. J. Baker who "had come to his death by being taken from the County jail by force and violence by parties unknown to us, and by being hung and shot by said parties, and that said hanging and shooting was done maliciously, feloniously, and unlawfully." W. R. Neighbours, W. W. Wickersham, P. Boydston, M. L. Davenport, W. H. Jobs, W. R. Powell, and F. D. Ruffin made up the jury.

The short biography of Simmons D. Alsobrook in the edition of The Goodspeed History of Tennessee that contains information about Lauderdale County and some of its citizens says he was born in North Carolina in 1830, son of Micajah and Chloe Simmons Alsobrook, that he had served in the Confederate Army, and that he left his wife, the former Susan Soward, and seven children. His remains lie in Elon Cemetery at Double Bridges.

Bettie B. Davis  
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## Celebrating



**SYBLE R. WIGGINS,** of Halls, will be honored with a reception for her 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., July 13th at Bethesda United Methodist Church, Hwy. 88 West of Halls. Please bring old photos and memories to share. No gifts and casual attire are requested.

## Birthdays

July 10 - Kate Grammar, W. G. Hendren, Sherry Rose, Cayce Winkler, Cody Burks, Pam Lewis, Sylvia Humphries, Denisha Graves, Laurie Burnham, Steven Belton, Hazel Warren, Lindsay Simpson, Loreta Blackwood, Rodney McCurry.

July 11 - Caitlin Tillman, Debbie Prater, Ashley White, Jerrod Sanders, Dorean Ward, Stan Paige, Luise Jones, Mary Martha Dyer, Chris Thurmond, Blake Bobo, Clay Criner, Sarah Williams.

July 12 - Seeley Ashton Layne, Billie Joy Douglas, Tina Jennings, Jimmie Lee Grooms, Burford A. Ward, Enesta Olds, Mary Jane Belton, Steve McCaslin, Irene Fisher, Jason J. Jacox, Kellyn Griffin, Jack Kent.

July 13 - Blake Ford, Ben Wilder, Gloria Hawks, Frank Alley, Kyle Ray, Leah Eva Hill, C. W. Brown, Sam Sloan, Rachel Hammond, Nicholas Curtis, Keishaun Hubbard, Garrett Morris, Hayley Jankovsky.

July 14 - Tonya Watson,

## Anniversaries

July 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hansford, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Vestal, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dew.

July 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Keistler.

July 12 - Mr. and Mrs. David Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Magruder.

July 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis King, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Pharris Wright.

July 14 - Mr. and Mrs. David Jones.

July 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Brad Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Avery, Jr.

July 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Castellow.

Vicki Talley, Mark Hargett, Jr., Preston Brady, Carthell Ross, Johnny Little, Dawn Nottage, Allison Connor, Elana Dale Willis, Donna Hairston, J. D. Green, Madelyne Kate Fain, Larry Tucker, Belinda Gibson, David Rose, Sr., Randy Castleman.

July 15 - Bill Davis, Elizabeth Garrett, Kim Kolb, Laura Keller, Brittany Nicole Goodwin, Brad Brown, Crystal Vincent, Justin Baker, Jerri Kay Ward, Becky Jones, Jean Garrett, Shirley E. Weir, Christy Coulston, Seth Sumrow, Myles Clark, Kim Grantland, Lila Sinclair, Nathan Mitchell, Greg Kirby, Bryant Ward.

## Marriages

June 28 - Bubba James Land, 20, to Kimberly Michelle Bentley, 20, by Jerrell Dawson.

June 29 - Wallace Wayne Gibson, 49, to Nelzy Marie Ragland Knight, 49, by William H. Bell, Jr.

June 30 - Jackie Eugene Barnes, Jr., 53, to Laura Ellen Box, 49, by Rod Schuh.

July 1 - Stephen Scott Smith, 32, to Stephanie Marie Callison, 23, by Rod Schuh. Sharrod Lanell Calhoun, 34, to Valerie Ann Morgan Bernard, 36, by Rod Schuh.

July 3 - Louis C. Williams III, 35, to Keri Shavonne Ivory, 24, by Jon Pavletic.

## Divorces

Billy Bishop vs. Kim Bishop. Rebekah Hilliard Fain vs. Jeffrey Lynn Fain.

Leslie Dee-Anna Arender vs. Michael Devane Arender.

Timothy G. Burton vs. Lavonne Mannis Burton.

Crihfield, Asia Gingery.

July 16 - Amber Kirby, Rachel Freeman, Steven Alford, Addison Carmack, Jo Ann Jennings, Elizabeth McClellan, Bryant Ward, Bobby Mann, Judy Bailey, Wade Privett, Erin Steelman, Norman Layne, Amy Smith, Kyle Harrell, Rusty Kirby, Bryant Ward.

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Obituaries

Calvin Harris

Calvin Lee "Slick" Harris, 64, of Halls, employed by Goodyear, in Union City, for 30 years, died Tuesday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Womack Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Dyersburg, where he was a member, burial in Memorial Cemetery.

He was born in Dyersburg, Oct. 14, 1943, to the late Elijah and Icy Lee Crayton Harris.

He was a Mason.

He married Laverne Campbell, May 13, 1973. She died Sept. 15, 2005.

Survivors include sons, Calvin, Jr. and Courtney Harris, and a daughter, Monica Madison, of Halls; brothers, J. C. Harris, of Chicago, Ill., and Richard Harris, of Kansas City, Mo.; sisters, Iris Halliburton and Judith Lewis, of Dyersburg, and Edith Mays, of Kansas City; and five grandchildren.

Carolyn Mitchell

Carolyn Mitchell, 70, of Dyersburg, grandmother of Kris Smith, of 130 Church, Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

She had been employed by Dyersburg Fabrics.

Daughter of the late Edward Woodrow Chumley and Margrette Elnora Powers Colvett, she was the widow of Leroy Warden.

Survivors include her husband, Franklin Wayne Mitchell; a daughter, Phyllis Warden, of Newbern; a step-daughter, Regina (Mrs. Tony) Murray, of Dyersburg; brothers, Jerry Chumley, of Covington, and Lajier Chumley, of Drummonds; sisters, Alma Rose, Barbara Daugherty, and Diane Whittimore, of Covington, Dorothy Jean (Mrs. Fred) Hanks, of Dyersburg, and Rebecca (Mrs. Randy) Gray, of Dickson; two other grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Leggett

Dorothy Elizabeth Leggett, 92, widow of William Bernard Leggett, died Tuesday of last week in Applingwood Health Care in Cordova.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Woodville Cemetery.

She was born May 8, 1916, to the late Rudolph Odell Culp and the late Georgia Haley Cupp.

Two sisters, Carolyn and Mary Lee, and a daughter, Carolyn Gray, preceded her in death.

Survivors include daughters, Dorothy Townsend and Ruth Anne Dean, of Memphis; a sister, Margaret Timpson, of Dallas, Tex.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

J. W. Pipkin

J. W. Pipkin, 80, of 397 Smithville Road, Ripley, a truck driver, died Saturday, in his home.

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

He leaves his wife, Jane Becker Pipkin; a son, James Pipkin, of Gates; a daughter, Mary Myers, of Jackson; brothers, Robert and Roger Pipkin, and sisters, Helen Hester and Robbie Bailey, of Ripley; and four grandchildren.

Emogene Hankins

Emogene Hankins, 71, of 3881 Forked Deer Rd., widow of Kenneth Hankins, died Sunday in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

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

She was a member of Henning's First Assembly of God.

Survivors include sons, Bobby, of Gates, Tommy, of Ripley, Donald and Vincent, of Covington, and Kenneth, Jr., of Dyersburg; daughters, Linda Climer, of Brownsville, and Wanda Stump, of Missouri; a brother, James Adams, and sisters, Agnes Brett, Juanita Ingram, and Nadine McCarey, of Florence, Ala.; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Robert K. Ellis

Robert K. Ellis, 64, of Henning, electrician, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday, July 11th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Myrna Beasley Ellis; a son, Marty Ellis, of Gates; two daughters, Laura Ellis, of Collierville, and Beth Solocinski, of Gulf Port, Miss.; a brother, Richard Ellis, of Washington; two sisters, Marion Dale Dunavant, of Ripley, and Frances Johnson, of Selmer; and three grandchildren.

Wm. Blankenship

William Blankenship, 78, of Bolingbrook, Ill., died June 29th, in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

Survivors include his wife, Robbie Sue Blankenship; a son, William Michael Blankenship, of Normandy, southeast of Murfreesboro; a daughter, Kimberly Dawn Ward, of Plainfield, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

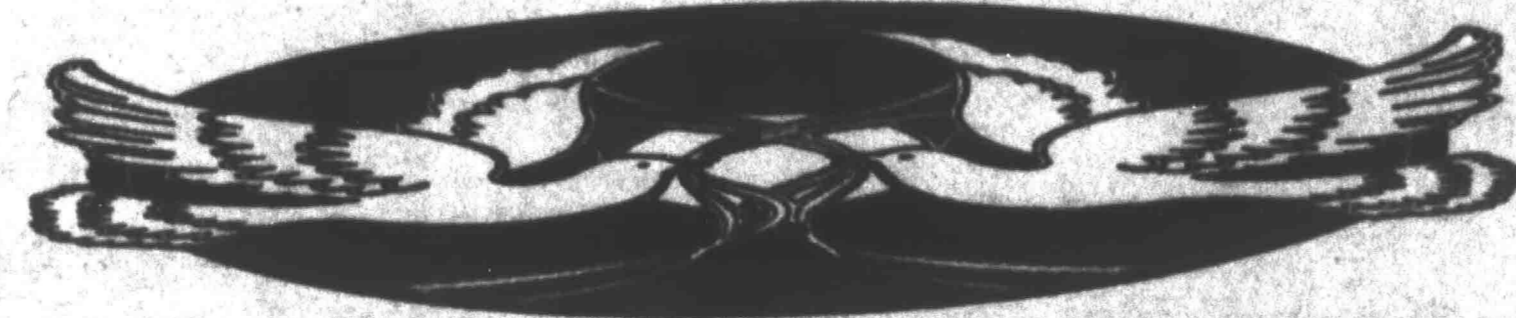
W. E. McDaniel

Willie Earl McDaniel, 57, of Memphis, died Tuesday, July 1st.

Services were Tuesday, July 8th, at Jefferson Mortuary in Millington.

He was born August 21, 1950 to the late Harrison McDaniel and Phyllie Meade.

He leaves a son, Zachary McDaniel, of Memphis; a brother, Clinton McDaniel, and sister, Pearl Reed, both of Henning; another sister, Ruth Fleming, of Atoka; and a grandson.



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.

Grace Baptist Church in the Central Community will hold a Vacation Bible School beach party, for ages 4 through 6th grade, from 6 to 8 p.m. July 16th through July 18th. The theme is "Surfin' through the Scriptures".

Truth and Faith Baptist Church, 170 Oakhill Subdivision, will hold its annual choir day program at 2:30 p.m. July 13th with several choirs invited. C. J. Peat, pastor, invites the public.

Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will hold its annual Mother's Board ministry at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 13th with Pastor Jerry Alston and the Paradise Baptist Church family, of Covington, as special guests. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

Rice Park Church of Christ, 134 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its 10th annual ladies' day at 10 a.m. July 19th with Sister Jane Maynard as guest speaker. The theme will be "The Bag Lady", taken from Hebrews 12:1-3. Ovelta West, minister, invites the public.

Concord United Methodist Church, near Gates, will hold homecoming services beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 20th and a potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Gospel singing will be held at 1:30 p.m. with the Finchers and the Frog Jump Boys. The public is invited.

El Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Henning, will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 28th through August 1st with the Rev. Leonard Dawson, Cane Creek Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. J. E. Sullen, pastor, invites the public.

Cross View Baptist Church will host a Christian Heritage Seminar through the summer. Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 and a fellowship meal each Sunday at noon to be followed by afternoon Bible study and worship from 1 to 2 p.m. No night services will be held. The Sunday afternoon study will be led by Bible teacher and pastor, Dr. Roy Harkness, Sr., featuring "Discovering the Bible" and "The Apostle Paul and the Early Churches". Other future months will include presentations of "The 12 Disciples" and "The Apostles' Creed". The public is invited.

Ripley Church of Christ will hold a gospel meeting beginning at 10 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 20th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through the 23rd with Roy Sharp, of Henderson, as guest speaker. David Snell, of Ripley, is song director. The public is invited.

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SENIORS at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging enjoyed a day in the garden of Joe and Jeanne Tidwell June 26th. The garden was a burst of color with daylilies, hydrangeas, bee balm, and much, much more in full bloom. Jeanne and granddaughter, Emily Ruth Moore, shared their knowledge and hybridizing techniques of daylilies while the Seniors enjoyed refreshments under the shade of the large pecan trees. If anyone is interested in taking part in the gardening programs, call LCCOA at (731) 836-5444.

License Required For Technicians

Tattoo artists, body piercing technicians and operators are required to complete an infection control course followed by an examination and inspection of the facility by the Tennessee Department of Health in order to operate. A course and an update on laws regulating tattoo establishments is scheduled from 1 until 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 18th, at the West Tennessee Regional Health office, located at 295 Summar Ave. in Jackson.

Technicians and operators may meet licensure requirements by attending this course or by attending an approved course offered by The Alliance of Professional Tattoo Artists or the United Tattoo Artists of Tennessee and by passing a facility inspection by the Tennessee

Department of Health.

For more information and to register, contact Debbie Jones at 731-421-6790.

SOAR DATES SET

Incoming freshmen who plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the fall semester can get prepared for college life by attending a Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program. The final SOAR date has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 18th and 19th. Check-in is set for 3 p.m., at Boling University Center.

Students will get the opportunity to meet with academic advisers and register for classes; tour the campus, residence halls and University Village; receive information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and hear detailed information about First-Year

Initiative (an orientation for freshmen the week before classes).

They should plan to attend both SOAR and First-Year Initiative prior to the fall semester.

Students and their parents will participate in a variety of informational sessions such as those on financial aid, student health services, public safety, bookstore, student employment and other topics. Additional concurrent sessions also are scheduled for students and parents with topics including student activities, Greek life, housing and meal plans.

Administrative offices will be open and students and parents will get additional time to tour the campus and visit with UT Martin personnel in housing, admissions and financial aid. In order to attend SOAR, students must have applied for admission and received a tentative or final acceptance letter. Advance SOAR registration is

Health Techniques



CATHY ROBINSON, right, in rear, Public Health Educator with the Lauderdale County Health Department, shared information June 24th with Lauderdale County Commission on Aging Homemakers and Staff on the risk and preventive measure concerning HIV/AIDS/ Blood Borne Pathogens. She stressed the importance of proper hand washing techniques and first-aid precautions: If you need information concerning this subject call LCCOA at (731) 836-5444. Participants included, in front, LaTwana Cooper and Demetria Smith; in middle, Jean Garrison, Jeanette Payton, LCCOA Program Director, and Inez Crews, and in rear, Pam Rose, Debra Crowder, and Gloria Theus-Jones.

required. For more information at 1-800-829-UTMI or (731) 881-7027. Online registration is available at www.utm.edu

NOTICE

Town of Halls  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Special called meeting  
7 p.m. Monday, July 28th  
City Hall Board Room

Agenda  
Award Bid-Fire Pumper  
Cross Connection Program  
2008-2009 Property Tax Ordinance  
2008-2009 Proposed Budget Ordinance

Public Hearing  
6:30 p.m. Property Tax Ordinance  
6:45 p.m. Proposed Budget Ordinance

Trent McManus, Mayor

# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello! Zeek Here! I had a rough weekend. First of all I thought I was being shot at when I heard large bangs in the neighborhood. Those sounds brought back bad memories of when I was homeless. Yes, I used to be a rascal that turned over garbage cans looking for food. Two leggers used to shout at me, throw rocks and even sometimes shoot a gun in my direction. I will never forget that piercing sound when a bullet hits near your feet. The sound and the thud of the bullet has a way of motivating you to run a lot harder and faster. That's the reason I am leery of two leggers with objects in their hands. Thank goodness, I found Mr. Buddy and Miss Pam, they have changed my life. After the first thirty or forty firecrackers, over the weekend, I finally got used to the noise but I was still nervous. I had to have a stiff upper lip so I could sooth my brothers and sisters and reassure them that everything was going to be fine.

I don't understand all the shooting off of fireworks and I don't understand when Miss Pam says she's going to the Flea Market. Why would a market have fleas? She has fleas at home and if she wants a bunch of fleas she can go to the Club. Before Mr. Buddy and I got tight, he even used to call me his old Flea Bag, which he said was a term of endearment. I was fine with it, since I don't know what endearment means.

Mr. Pam has gone to New York to see a Yankee play ball. Miss Pam said he will bring back a bunch of stuff that she will eventually sell at the flea market. Those New York fleas must be more valuable than the Tennessee fleas. They

can have my fleas if they can catch them little buggers.

This week a big "Thank You" goes to Lisa and Clay Leggett for their cash donation along with Kay Steelman's gift of food. Special recognition goes to Lisa Vowell who adopted Rusty, whose name tells you his color. In addition, Gingerbread, a brown and white Wire Terrier, was adopted by Tyler, Cassidy and Jaycie Beal.

We are still looking for construction people to bid on the new concrete work at the Club. The plans can be picked up in the Mayor's office in the Court House. If you can assist our volunteer group with a donation, the address is: Lauderdale County Humane Society, P. O. Box 172, Ripley, TN 38063.

The selection of four leggers at the Club is good. They are eager for some loving attention and very worthy of a good home. Please find it in your hearts to choose one of our homeless four leggers to rescue. The phone number is 836-7387 and we are located on the Curve-Nankipoo Road next to the Landfill. Oh! Yes, Mr. Pam's Yankee Stadium souvenir money was made possible through my sweat, since he sold all those white balls that I have been retrieving the last six weeks. I think I need a present, what do you think?

Zeek Out!

## Readers Speak

Editor:

The following is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the Ameri-

can Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He has been striped of his judgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama! The judge's poem sums it up quite well:

America the beautiful, or so you used to be.

Land of the Pilgrims' pride; I'm glad they'll never see babies piled in dumpsters, aborted on demand.

Oh, sweet land of liberty; your house is on the sand.

Our children wander aimlessly poisoned by cocaine choosing to indulge their lusts, when God has said abstain.

From sea to shining sea, our Nation turns away from the teaching of God's love and a need to always pray.

We've kept God in our temples, how callous we have grown, when earth is but His footstool and heaven is His throne.

We've voted in a government that's rotting at the core, appointing Godless judges; who throw reason

out the door.

Too soft to place a killer in a well deserved tomb, but brave enough to kill a baby before he leaves the womb.

You think that God's not angry that our land's a moral slum?

How much longer will he wait before His judgement comes?

How are we to face our God from whom we cannot hide?

What then is left for us to do, but stem this evil tide?

If we who are his children will humbly turn and pray, seek his holy face and mend our evil way; then God will hear from heaven and forgive us of our sins.

He'll heal our sickly land and those who live within.

But, America the Beautiful, if you don't -then you will see a sad but Holy God, withdraw his hand from thee.

Judge Roy Moore  
Submitted by  
Jerry Hickson,  
pastor of Grace Bible  
Baptist Church  
Halls, TN

## NOTICE

### TOWN OF HALLS

Beginning July 14, 2008, the office hours will be changed from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to the hours of 7:30 a.m. To 4 p.m. for the office of Halls City Halls, 208 N. Church St., Halls, Tennessee.

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# READ ALL ABOUT IT

by Pettus L. Read

## Rural Children Face More Danger of Drowning Than City

As summer's soaring temperatures bring out water-lovers to cool themselves by splashing about in local swimming holes, concern also increases about water safety.

I can remember as a child, heading to the creek with my favorite inner tube to spend an afternoon floating during the "dog days" of summer. My swimming ability was not the best, so I floated mainly in areas where the water was only waist deep, but at times that was even dangerous if a water snake decided to join me.

Water can be fun, but also should be respected. It only takes a few moments for an unattended child or a non-swimmer to drown in the shallowest body of water. The National Center for Health Statistics reports that over 300 children in the United States in an eight-year period lost their lives to drowning accidents. This alarming statistic puts drowning as one of the leading causes of unintentional injury-related deaths among children less than 15 years of age.

As I read these statistics, it brought back the bad memories of the two-day search my family went through several years ago looking for a six-year-old cousin of mine who had wandered off from the family farm. His body was found late in the afternoon in the farm pond, where he had accidentally slipped.

My wish is that no family should go through that ordeal and the only way to prevent it is to follow safety practices everyday around water. Rural children face the highest danger of drowning at three times the rate of urban children, due to the availability in the country of farm ponds, irrigation ditches, rivers and lakes. Children under the age of four and those between 15 and 19 years of age face the most risk of drowning.

The National Farm Medicine Center reports that for every child who dies as a result of drowning, there are three to four children who are hospitalized in near-drowning incidents. Boys seem to be the ones who need extra care when it comes to dangers around water. Among children under the age of 20, one in every 1098 males will drown and one in 301 will be hospitalized for a near drowning; while one in 3333 females will drown and one in 913 will be hospitalized for a water-related injury.

It is very important to supervise children around bodies of water. That includes everything from lakes to bathtubs. Most children who drown are out of sight of supervision for less than five minutes. It is important to always know where your children are.

Although the statistics are pretty frightening, parents can help ensure the safety of their chil-



dren with common sense and by following water safety guidelines.

Use barriers/fences around pools, ponds and other hazards, such as manure storage structures, to prevent unsupervised child access.

Supervise children near wa-

ter and other drowning hazards. Avoid other activities, such as reading or talking on the telephone, when you are supervising.

Teach your children to swim and learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Avoid swimming in natural bodies of water after dark. Also, use the buddy system when swimming or boating.

Growing up, I was told a poem about some children asking their mother if they could go swimming. It seems the mother knew the ability of her children and after saying yes they could go, the last line of the poem quoted the mother as saying, "Leave your clothes on a hickory limb, but don't go near the water." That's the best advice in the world if you can't swim.

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**Sheriff xxx**

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and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to reduce traffic crashes statewide and nationwide. We want these numbers to come down. We want motorists in Lauderdale County to be safe on the roads. Our goal is not to create revenue, but to save lives," said Sanders.

**Candidate xxx**

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teach a child". We wouldn't send a soldier off to war without a weapon; nor should we send teachers into the classroom without the provisions that they need to educate the future of our country.

"Please vote to elect Robert Harris, School Board of the 8th District," said Harris.

**Sports Class Plan Churns**

The Board of Control of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletics Association voted 5-4, June 11th, to replace, for 2009-12, the current five classifications for high school football with six, with complicated computations not yet fully understood.

Press reports said that the plan would also apply to baseball, basketball, softball, and volleyball.

Reports now say that application to those sports hasn't been decided.

They play now in three classes, each advancing eight teams to state play.

A 6-class plan would have each class send four teams to state play, for the same number of state contenders, but for six state crowns instead of three.

Ted Young, boys' basketball coach at Clarks-ville High School, admits the plan would narrow the enrollment limits per class and give smaller

**Halls Astros' Undefeated Season**



**MEMBERS** of the Halls Astros, 11-12 year olds, in front, from left, Morgan Dewalt, Trevor Belton, Alex Broglin, Cody Hostetler, Jeremy Lents, and Clayton Dew, and in rear, Zach Harris, Colton Dew, Keasean Gooch, Coach Stephen Belton, Demarcus Gooch, and Coach Terry Lents, won the regular season with an impressive 16-0 season and were also City League Tournament Champions, June 17th.

**T-Ball Friends**



**FRIENDS** and cousins, Paris Taylor, left, and Mollie Ozment, right, spent most Blue Jays T-Ball games side by side. They would get excited when a ball came their way. They also like sitting on the ground and throwing dirt into the wind as we all did at one time. Their mothers were also close friends as young children and remain so today. Paris is the daughter of April Ward and Dale Taylor and her team number was 11. Mollie is the daughter of Melissa and Scott Ozment and her number was 5. The coaches were Danny Terry, with Dale as assistant coach and Josh Sills and Jason Buckner also assisting. "The smiles on their faces when they hit a ball or ran home was more than any parent could ask for," said April.

schools a better opportunity to make state play, but he dislikes "dilution" of state crowns. David Climer, Nashville

**Land Transfers**

June 29th-July 5th

Corey Kissell to Anna Tette-ton, Dist. 16, lot.

Russell Qualls and Jean Qualls to Raymond J. Malotte and Sarah Dianne Malotte, Dist. 2, 30.45 acres.

Shawn E. Kissell and Billie J. Kissell to Misty Silva, 2.0 acres.

Dorothy H. Gooch to Donald M. Gooch and Debra Gooch, Dist. 8, tract.

J. N. Young, James Nelson Young, Opal East Young and Opal N. Young to Alan W. Dupree, Sr., and Bridgette Dupree, Dist. 12, 3 tracts.

Homesales, Inc., to Myra D. Barbee, Dist. 2, lot.

sion."

And there are other problems—

With teams playing different numbers of games, tie-breaking rules become difficult.

The TSSAA is grappling with schools whose enrollment varies from 32, at Carroll Academy, in Huntingdon, to 2,500 at McGavock High School in Nashville.

Tennessean columnist, imagines a team soon boasting of winning the state crown in "Class 2-1/2 ABC Sub-Divi-

**Child Support Control Shifts**

July 1st, D. Michael Dunavant, of Ripley, attorney general for the 25th Judicial District (Lauderdale, Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman, and McNairy Counties), assumed direction of child support services provided, in the district, for the last five years, by a private firm, Maximus Child Support Services, Inc.

For child support, Dunavant will employ 29 in Covington and Bolivar. Covington's office, at 101 Mueller Brass Rd., will serve Tipton and Lauderdale Counties.

Since Dunavant's election in 2006, he has obtained two additional assistant district attorneys and seeks a grant for an alcohol/drug prosecutor and co-ordinator for Tipton and Fayette Counties.

He has re-organized his district's Drug Task Force and has participated in a pilot Drug Court program in Fayette County.

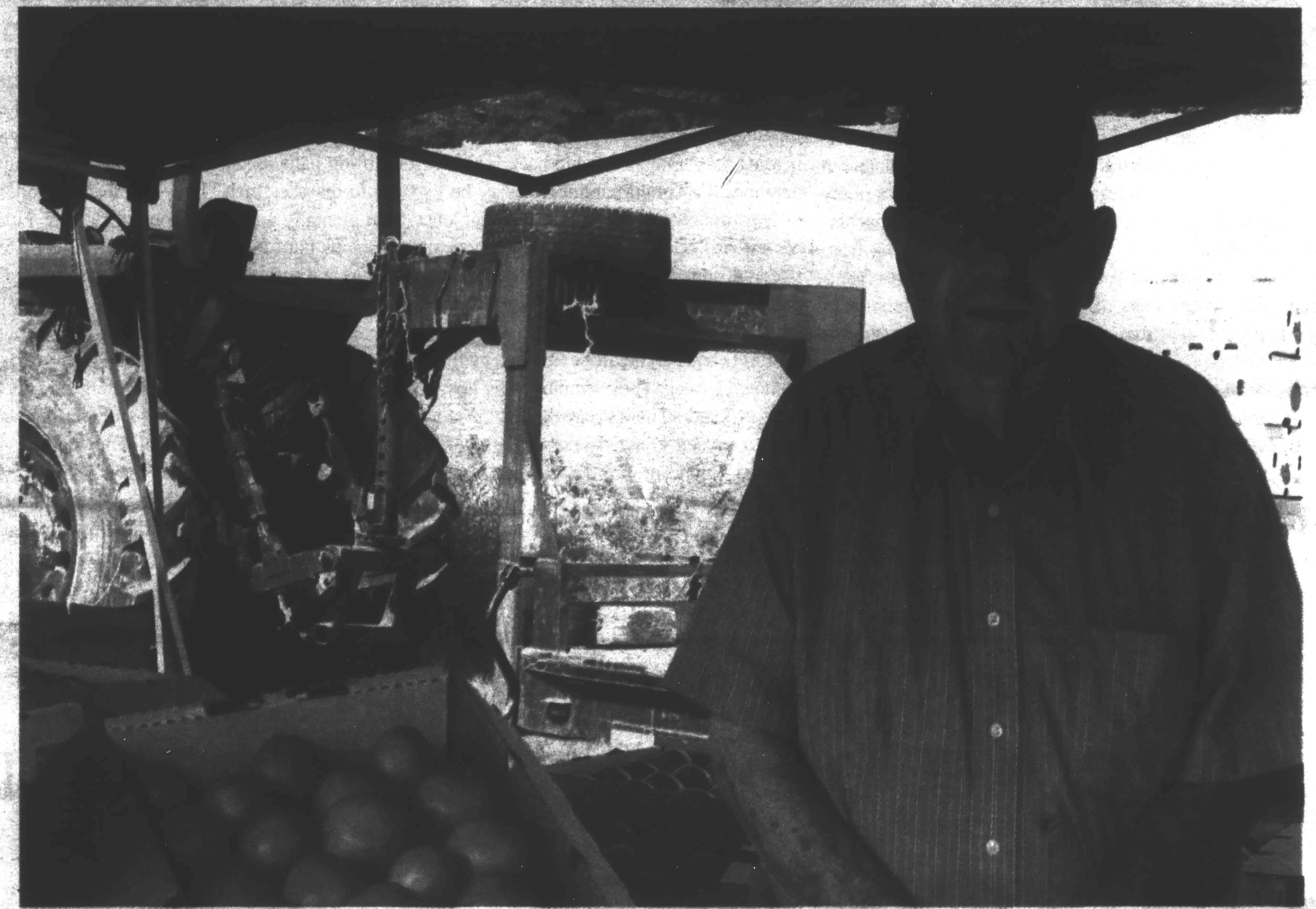
He has worked closely with Perkins Child Advocacy Centers in his district, to prosecute child abusers.

He serves on the executive and legislative committees of the Tenn. District Attorneys General Conference and on the Tenn. Public Safety Coalition.

**Enjoy**



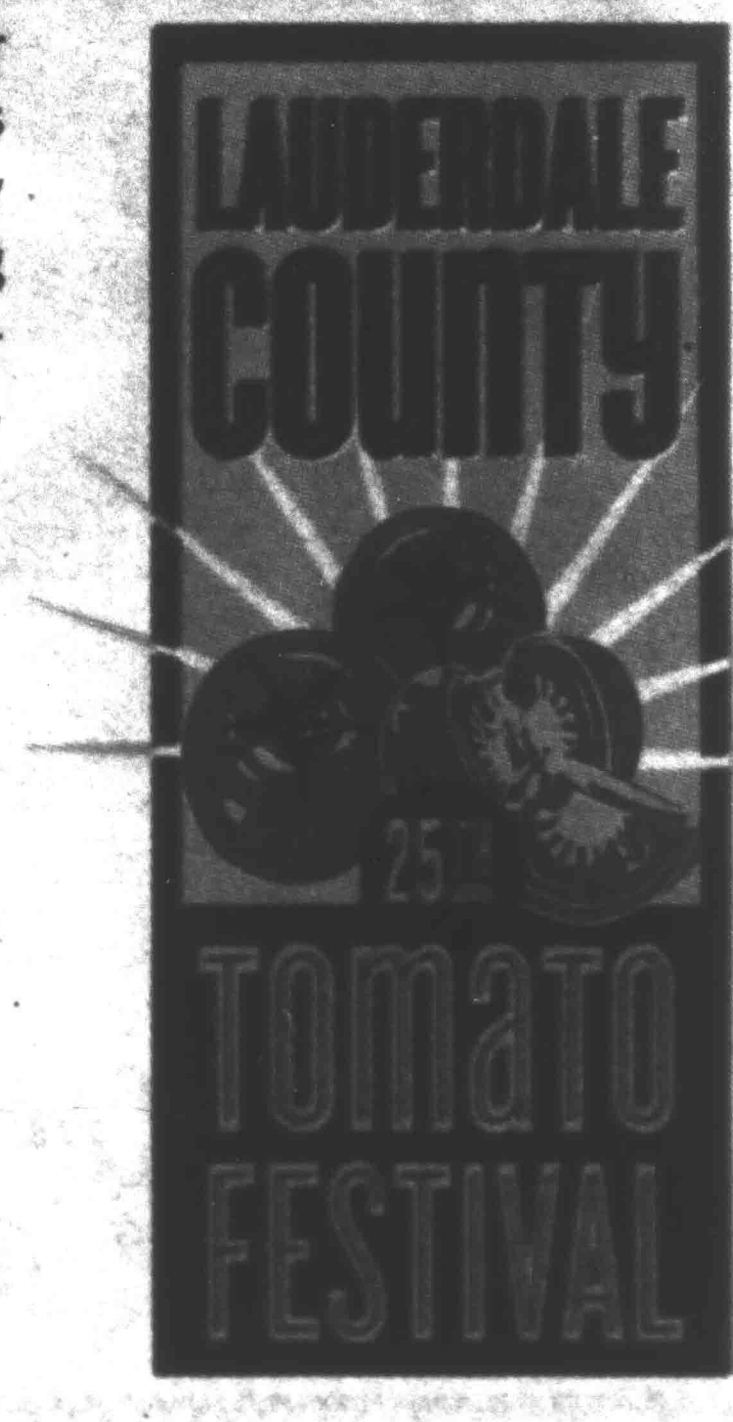
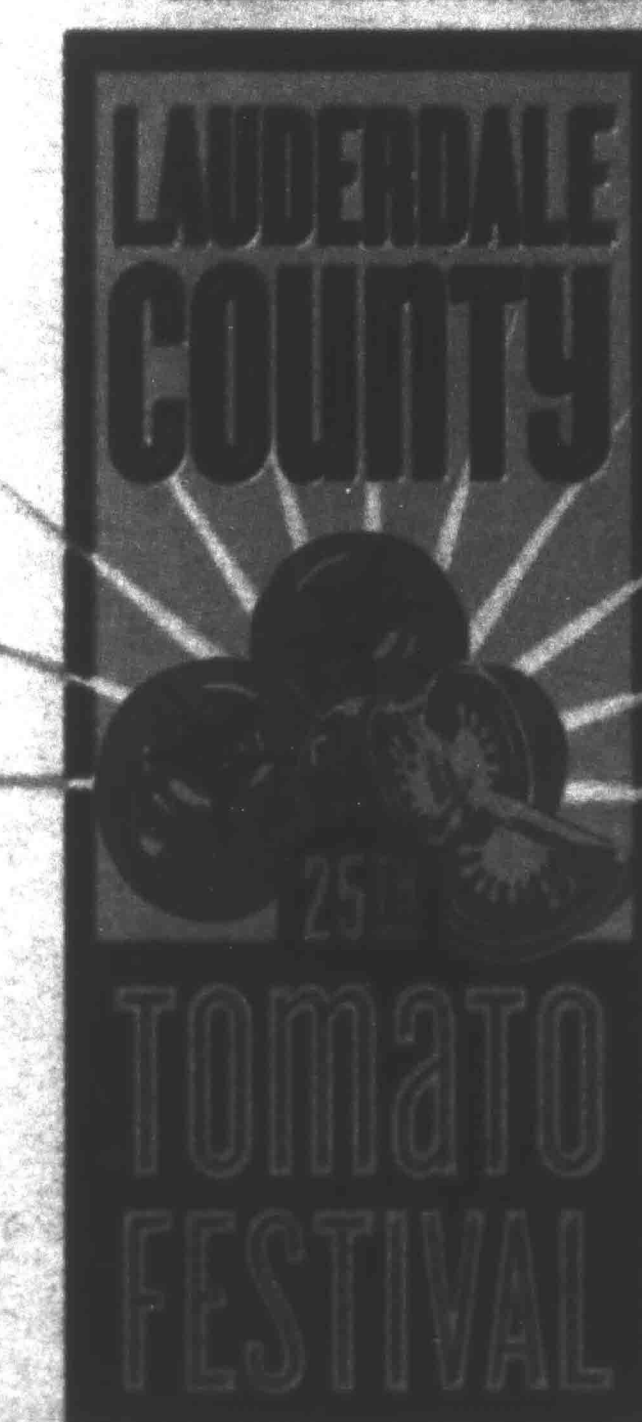
**Ripley Tomatoes!**



**BILLY HALL LANKFORD**, and son, Chris, were selected as Tomato Farmers of the Year for 2008. They ship tomatoes to Kroger in Memphis six days a week. Chris stated the tomatoes were slow this year, due to the cool weather, but by the weekend, should be coming in pretty good. The Lankfords are packing in the fields this year attempting to eliminate the bruising caused by over handling. They farm in the Woodville Community and have been in the tomato business for approximately 35 years. The Lankfords are visited daily from customers, some making special trips from out-of-town, just for Lauderdale County Tomatoes.

Supplement to  
**The Lauderdale County Enterprise**  
And **The Halls Graphic**  
July 10, 2008

*In Recognition Of Those Who Feed, Serve, & Protect!*



## Perserving And Protecting Our Way Of Life

*Give a man something to eat and you feed him for today....Teach a man to farm and he feeds the world!*

In this issue, we wish to recognize those who put their lives on the line each and every day to protect, serve and feed us. In previous issues, we have focused on our century farms, our churches, our schools, our history in photographs, a patriotic salute to military personnel, the history of the tomato, and of course, the famous Lauderdale County Tomato Recipes. This year, we would like to focus on those behind the scene, protecting our way of life and our freedom.

Our farmers toil day in and day out trying to coax seed, fertilizer, soil and sun into produce and praying the rain comes when needed and floods do not wash it away. The farmer could never perform the tasks needed to provide food for our tables if not for the protection he receives from those involved in the day to day service of others. A farmer's work can be very hard. Hours are long, often sunrise to sunset. During planting and harvesting seasons, crop farmers rarely have days off. The rest of the year, they sell their crops, fix machinery, and plan for the next year. Many people learn farming from growing up on a family farm. Young people also learn in organizations such as Future Farmers of America and 4-H. Incomes of farmers and ranchers vary from year to year. A farm may show a profit one year and a loss the next. Many farmers have been forced to take other jobs to make money to support their family and farming habit. There were about 1.3 million farmers, ranchers, and agricultural managers in 2006. About 80 percent were self-employed. While most farm output is sold directly to food-processing companies, some farmers—particularly operators of smaller farms—may choose to sell their goods directly to consumers through farmers' markets.

Low prices for agricultural goods have caused some farms to go out of business. The number of farmers and ranchers who own their

own farms is expected to go down through 2016. There is expected to be little or no change in the number of agricultural workers who work for other people. Organic farms, farmers' markets, and fish farms are finding more customers.

Firefighters, law enforcement, and ambulance personnel put their lives at risk every day, every minute, responding to your call. People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, slips and falls, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital service as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility. Emergency services function 24 hours a day so emergency medical technicians and paramedics have irregular working hours.

In an emergency, EMTs and paramedics are typically dispatched by a 911 operator to the scene, where they often work with police and fire fighters. EMTs and paramedics work both indoors and out, in all types of weather. They are required to do considerable kneeling, bending, and heavy lifting. These workers risk noise-induced hearing loss from sirens and back injuries from lifting patients. In addition, EMTs and paramedics may be exposed to diseases such as hepatitis-B and AIDS, as well as violence from mentally unstable patients. The work is not only physically strenuous but can be stressful, sometimes involving life-or-death situations and suffering patients. Nonetheless, many people find the work exciting and challenging and enjoy the opportunity to help others.

EMTs and paramedics employed by fire departments work about 50 hours a week. Those employed by hospitals frequently work between 45 and 60 hours a week, and those in private ambulance services, between 45 and 50 hours. Some of these workers, especially those in police and fire departments, are on call for extended periods. Because emergency services function 24 hours a day, EMTs and paramedics have irregular working hours.

It is becoming increasing difficult for emergency medical services to recruit and retain unpaid volunteers, as a result, more paid EMTs and paramedics are needed. Furthermore, as a large segment

of the population—aging members of the baby boom generation—becomes more likely to have medical emergencies, demand will increase for EMTs and paramedics. There also will still be demand for part-time, volunteer EMTs and paramedics in rural areas and smaller metropolitan areas.

Fire fighting involves hazardous conditions and long, irregular hours. About 9 out of 10 fire fighting workers were employed by local governments. Applicants for city fire fighting jobs generally must pass written, physical, and medical examinations. Every year, fires and other emergencies take thousands of lives and destroy property worth billions of dollars. Fire fighters help protect the public against these dangers by responding to fires and a variety of other emergencies. In addition to putting out fires, they are frequently the first emergency personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency and may be called upon to treat injuries or perform other vital functions.

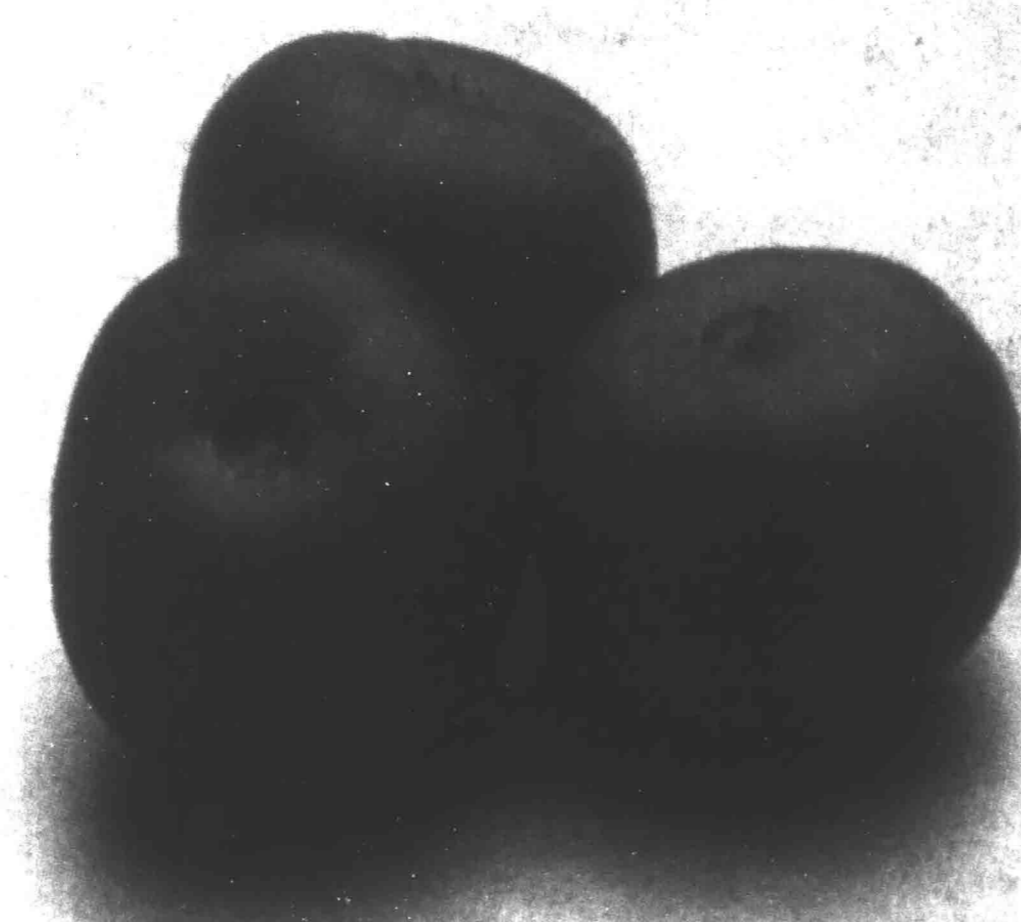
During duty hours, fire fighters must be prepared to respond immediately to a fire or others

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emergency. Fighting fires is dangerous and complex, therefore requires organization and teamwork. At every emergency scene, fire fighters perform specific duties assigned by a superior officer. At fires, they connect hose lines to hydrants and operate a pump to send water to high-pressure hoses. Some carry hoses, climb ladders, and enter burning buildings—using systematic and careful procedures—to put out fires. At times, they may need to use tools, like an ax, to make their way through doors, walls, and debris, sometimes with the aid of information about a building's floor plan. Some find and rescue occupants who are unable to safely leave the building without assistance. They also provide emergency medical attention, ventilate smoke-filled areas, and attempt to salvage the contents of buildings. Fire fighters' duties may change several times while the company is in action. Sometimes they remain at the site of a disaster for days at a time, rescuing trapped survivors, and assisting with medical treatment.

Work hours of fire fighters are longer and more varied than the hours of most other workers. Many fire fighters work more than 50 hours a week, and sometimes they may work longer. In addition, fire fighters often work extra hours at fires and other emergencies and are regularly assigned to work on holidays. Fire lieutenants and fire captains often work the same hours as the fire fighters they supervise.

Maintaining a strong national defense requires workers who can do such diverse tasks as run a hospital, command a tank, program a computer system, operate a nuclear reactor, or repair and maintain a helicopter. The military provides training and work experience in these and many other fields for more than 2.6 million people. More than 1.4 million people serve in the active Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, and more than 1.2 million serve in their Reserve components and the Air and Army National Guard. Enlisted personnel, who make up about 84 percent of the Armed Forces, carry out the fundamen-



THE LATE W. G. JENNINGS, pictured with his tomatoes.

tal operations of the military in combat, administration, construction, engineering, health care, human services, and other areas. Officers, who make up the remaining 16 percent of the Armed Forces, are the leaders of the military, supervising and managing activities in every occupational specialty.

If it were not for our military personnel, America would not be

what it is today. Those men and women who fought and gave their lives for our freedom and those who are still fighting today deserve to be recognized.

People thinking about enlisting in the military should learn as much as they can about military life before making a decision. Doing so is especially important if you are thinking about making the military a career. Find out

what the military can offer you and what it will expect in return.

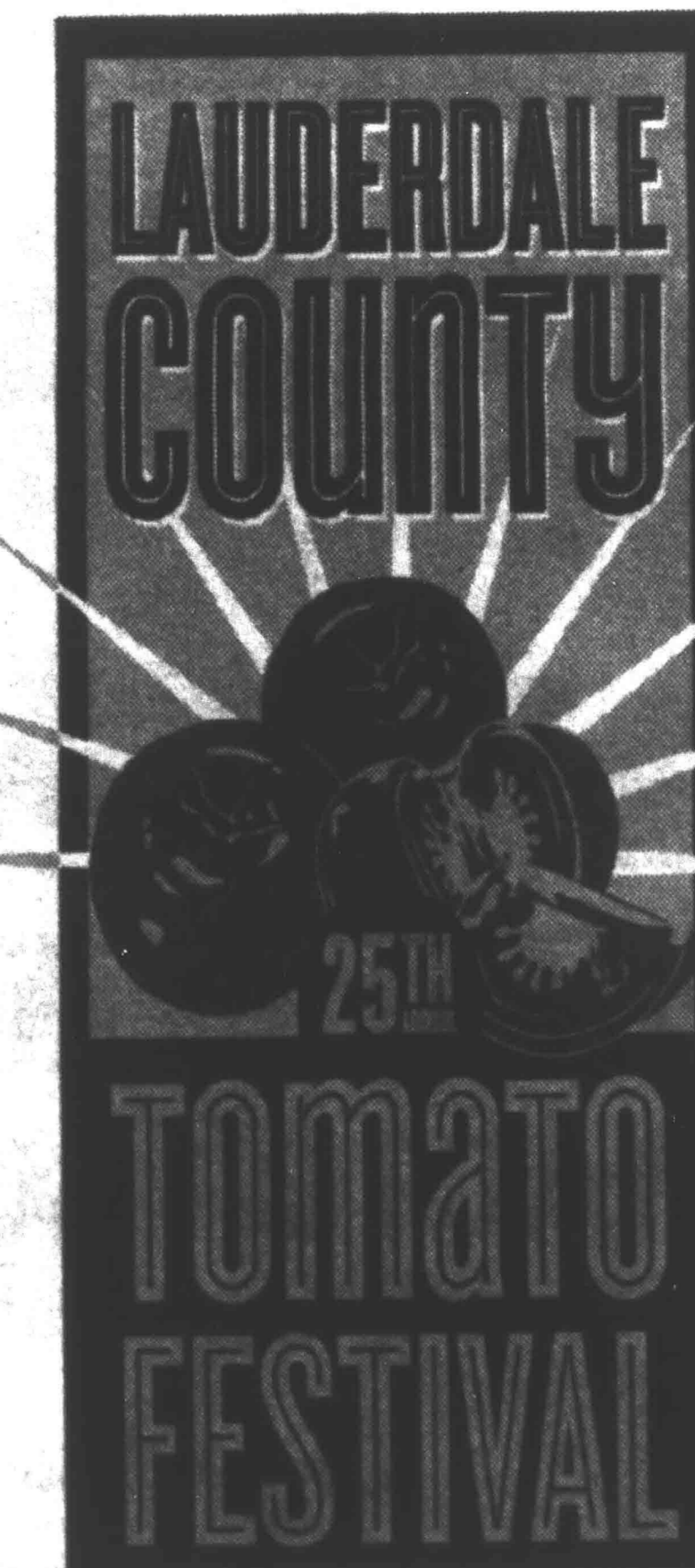
Police work can be dangerous and stressful. People depend on police officers and detectives to protect their lives and property. Law enforcement officers, some of whom are state or federal special agents or inspectors, perform these duties in a variety of ways depending on the size

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The City Of



Ripley



Down Home Delicious!

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and type of their organization. In most jurisdictions, they are expected to exercise authority when necessary, whether on or off duty.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated in 1991 by President George H. W. Bush, honors the fallen officers killed in the line of duty. It honors all of America's federal, state, and local law enforcers. More than 17,500 names are inscribed on the marble walls. It sits on three acres of federal park land, called Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. Approximately 7400,000 sworn law enforcement officers are now serving in the United States, 10% of them are female. Each year, there are approximately 33 million crimes committed, an average of one crime every two seconds. Since the first recorded police death in 1794, there have been more than 14,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. A total of 1,533 law enforcement

officers died in the line of duty during the last 10 years, an average of one death every 58 hours. More than 65,000 law enforcement officers are assaulted each year and some 23,000 injured. The deadliest day in law enforcement history was Sept. 11, 2001, when 72 officers were killed responding to the terrorist attacks on America. Approximately 61% of the officers killed this past century were feloniously assaulted by criminals. Nearly 1,000 officers were struck and killed by passing motorist while outside their own vehicle, about 315 were caused by drunk drivers.

Each May, the local Fraternal Order of Police holds a memorial ceremony at the monument on the Lauderdale County Courthouse lawn, honoring our fallen heroes. Officers read the wording on the plaque at the base of the memorial and remember the officers who gave their life. The names inscribed are of those officers who gave their most pre-



COY SUMMAR was named Tomato Farmer of the Year in 2000.

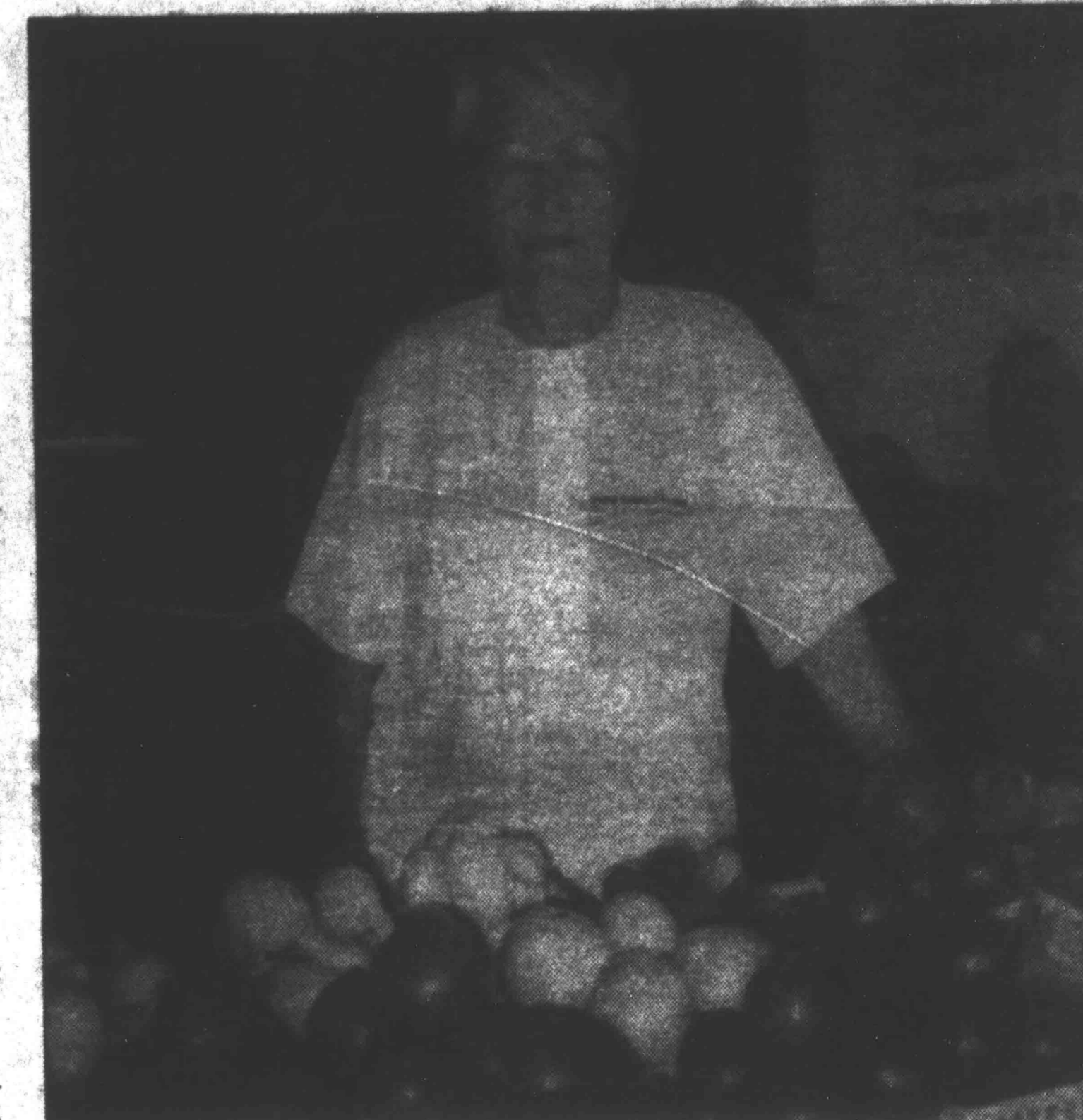
*cious possession, their lives, in the performance of their duties. An inscription on the National Memorial states: In Valor, There Is Hope.*

We hope that all who serve, protect, and feed us know their sacrifice is noticed and appreci-

ated. Our thanks to Mrs. Liz Craft for her hard work gathering the information, some of which was used in this issue, for her book, "It Happened Here". Other information was obtained from various sites on the internet and supplied by officials with the different departments we contacted. Sadly we were unable to use all the photographs and information supplied. We appreciate all the assistance provided in putting this issue together.



DAVID AND BARBARA HOLCOMB, pictured with their grandchildren, Hailey and Chase, children of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Holcomb, were named Tomato Farmers of the Year for 2004. He began farming with his father, James Wilbert Holcomb.



MRS. J. A. TIMS was named Tomato Farmer of the Year for 2005. She was the first woman selected for the honor. She and her late husband had farmed together for approximately 35 years.

### Tomato Variations Of Shapes And Colors

A selection of tomato cultivars showing the variation in shape and color available. The tomato is now grown world-wide for its edible fruits, with thousands of cultivars having been selected with varying fruit types, and for optimum

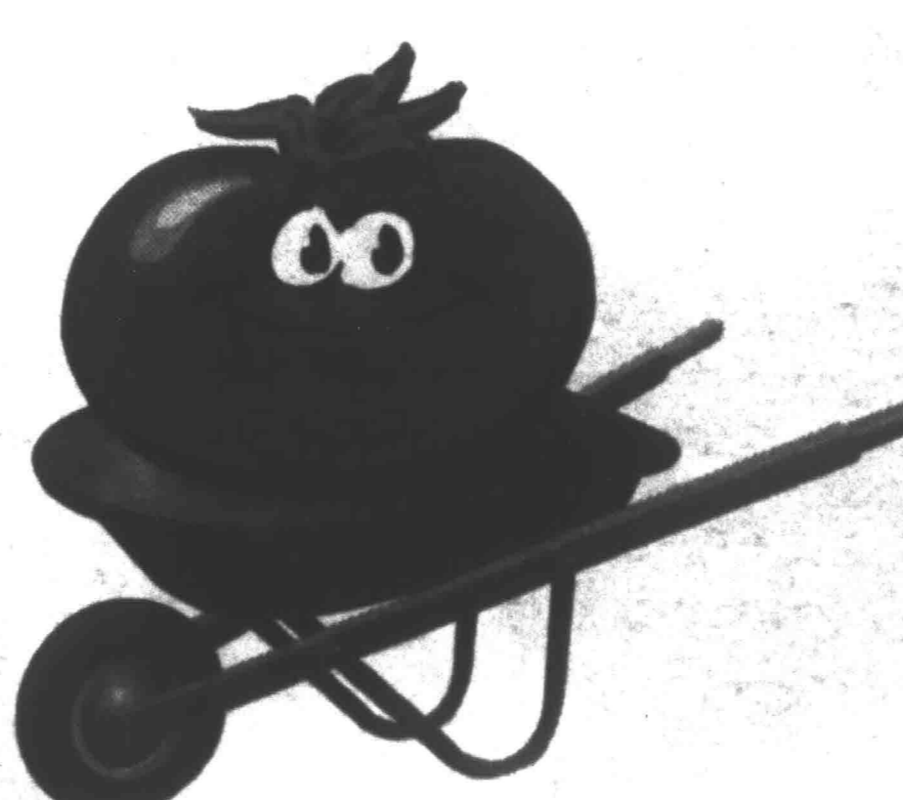
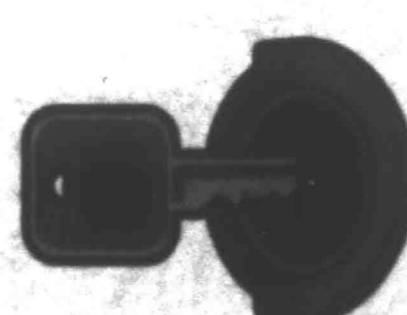
growth in differing growing conditions. Cultivated tomatoes vary in size from cherry tomatoes, about the same 1-2 cm size as the wild tomato, up to 'beefsteak' tomatoes 10 cm or more in diameter. The most widely grown commercial tomatoes tend to be in the 5-6 cm diameter range. Most cultivars produce red fruit, but a number of cultivars with yellow, orange, pink, purple, green, or white fruit

are also available. Multicolored and striped fruit can also be quite striking. Tomatoes grown for canning are often elongated, 7-9 cm long and 4-5 cm diameter; these are known as plum tomatoes. Tomatoes are one of the most common garden vegetables in the United States, and, along with zucchini, have a reputation for outproducing the needs of the grower. As in most sectors of agricul-

ture, there is increasing demand in developed countries for organic tomatoes, as well as heirloom tomatoes to make up for flavor and texture faults in commercial tomatoes. Quite a few seed merchants and banks provide a large selection of heirloom seeds. Tomato seeds are occasionally organically produced as well, but only a small percentage of organic crop acreage is grown with organic seed.

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### Halls Veterans' Museum History

In 1985, a homecoming of those stationed at the Dyersburg Army Air Base was selected as the project for the Town of Halls for "Homecoming '86." As project coordinator, I became very interested in the history of the Base and researched it extensively through visits to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., Maxwell Air Force Base, and oral histories. World War II aircraft--B-17, P-51, P-40, TBM, T-34, and a T-6-- were brought in to welcome the veterans to their first reunion since the Base closed in 1945.

Thereafter, DAAB veterans from all over the nation started sending me memorabilia of their Base experience. I would put some of the artifacts in the trunk of the car and show them during speaking engagements at Book Clubs, Historical Meetings, Rotaries, Exchange Clubs, etc. within a 100-mile radius of Halls. Also, I changed my teaching field from Business Education and Economics to American History and Government. In the History classes I taught a unit on the History of the Base, which concluded in a field trip each year.

In 1992, Martha Crites and I co-founded The Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Assoc., Inc. The officers were Pat Higdon, President; Roger Charest, Vice President; and Martha Crites, Treasurer. The office was in my home.

Meanwhile, memorabilia kept coming in. Finally, with my car full, my house full, my schoolroom full, and my husband's garage full, we moved some of it to the 600 sq. ft. airport office that had been the office for Huey Bros. Lumber Company. I continued the speaking engagements and once a year my Halls High Close Up students would help exhibit some of the materials to the public.

Still, the memorabilia came. Finally, I knew we had to build a museum to share these relics with the public year around. The Board of Directors and event volunteers agreed with the concept. Warren Nunn was one of the first local businessmen who could see this vision. Thankfully, once the building process began, we had many supporters who helped us retire the debt on the 4,000 sq. ft. building, which was built in 1997.

My husband, Sonny, was (and still is) critical in developing and building the exhibits. He also taught me the WWII aircraft information needed for air shows as well as the Museum. Although Tim Bivens works extensively with veterans for his personal collection and shares pictures and information with the Museum, it is Sonny who keeps me abreast of anything I need to know about military history.

Still, the memorabilia came in. So, in 2003 the Board of Directors voted to more than double the size of our structure. With a Small Museums Grant secured by Congressman John Tanner, the seeds for the addition were planted. In 1994, we completed the Edith Tanner Addition and still have an indebtedness we would like to retire.

The enthusiastic, knowledgeable docents who assist us in showing the Museum; Sonny Higdon, the Curator; present and past Boards of Directors; the Board of Visitors; Halls High Students and Faculty, and a host of volunteers present the Base History as well as the service History and memorabilia of local veterans from WWI through present day to the public. Those groups mentioned should consider themselves as stepping stones to the success of this facility.

Still, the memorabilia keeps coming in ----- (Pat Higdon, 836-7400)

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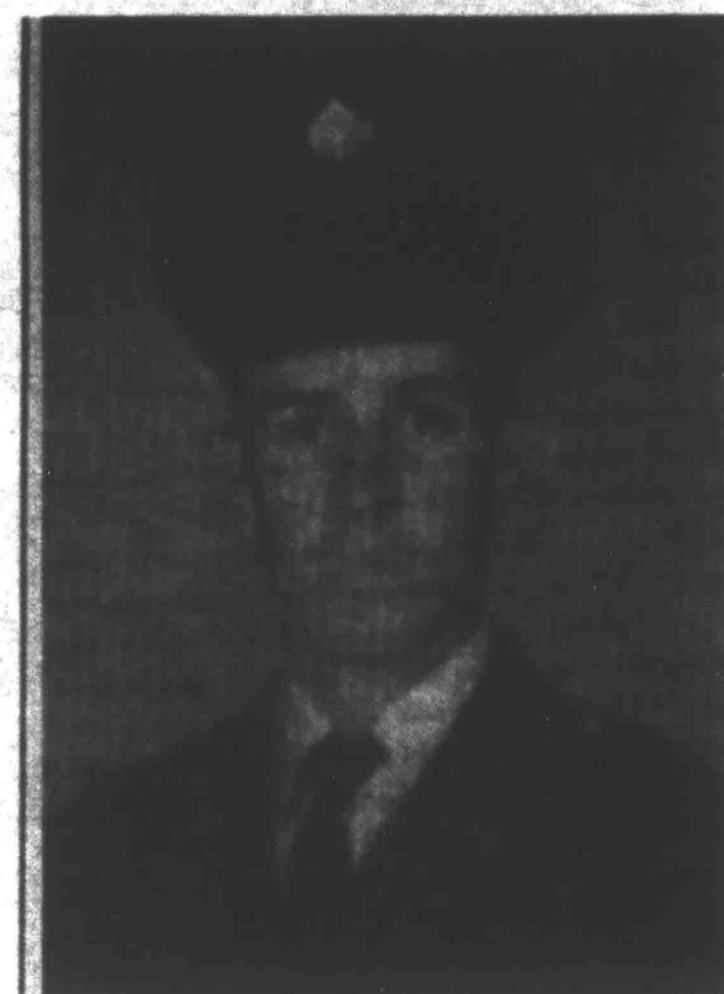
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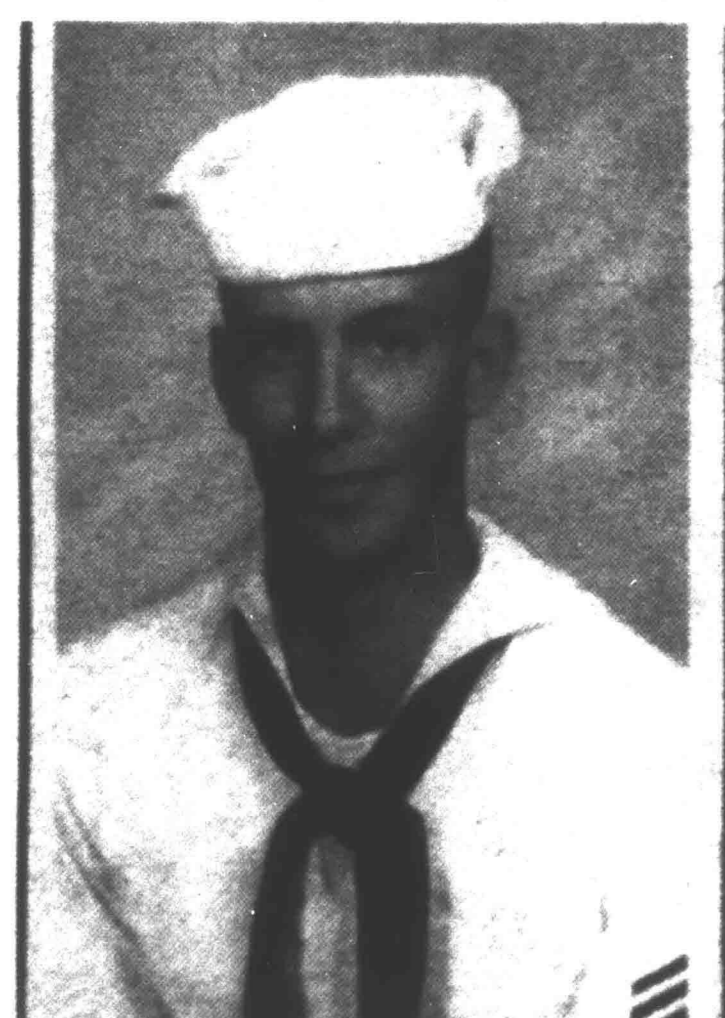
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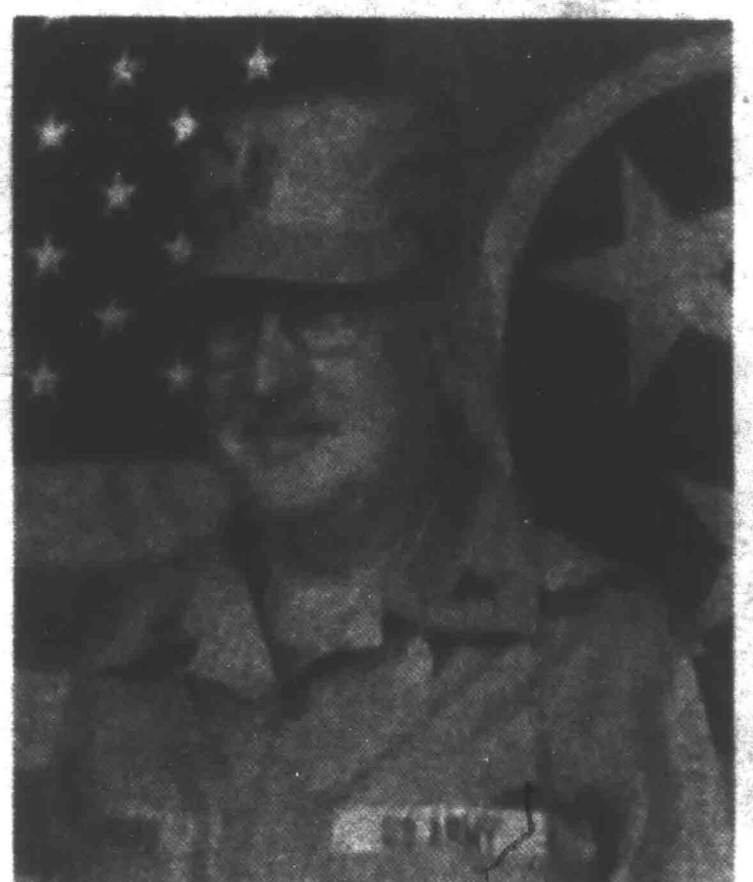
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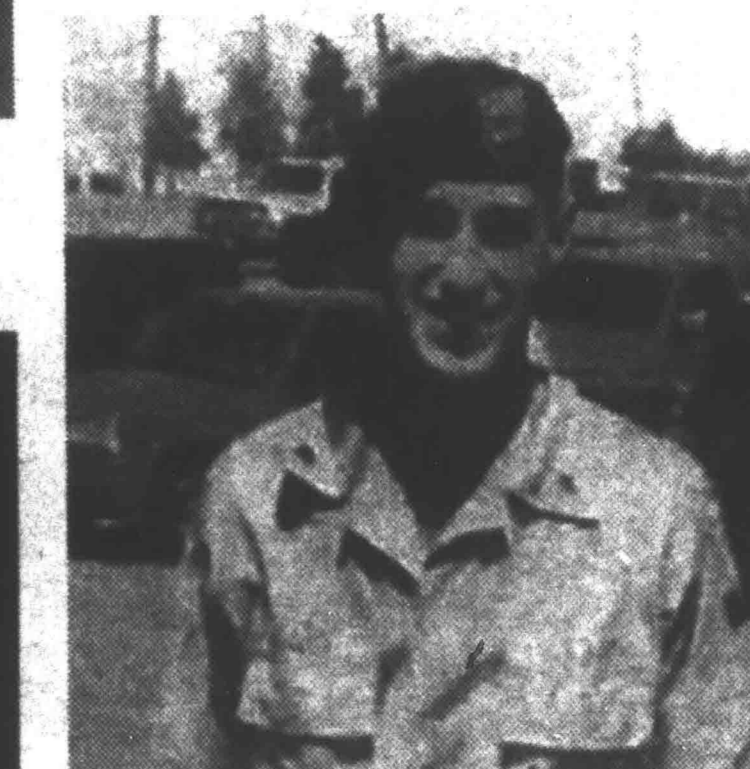
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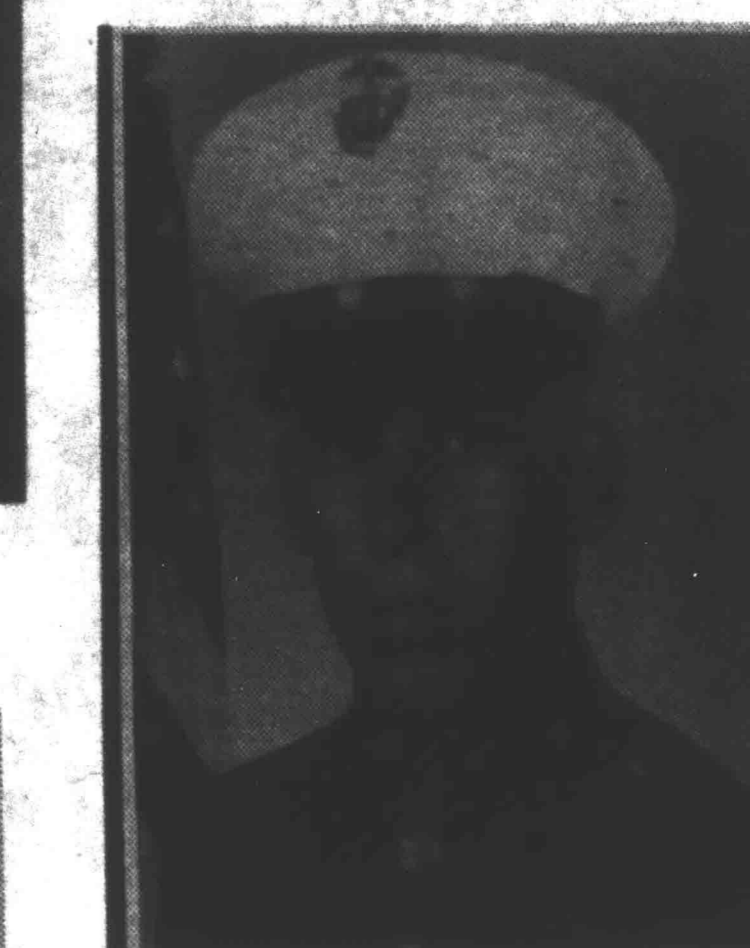
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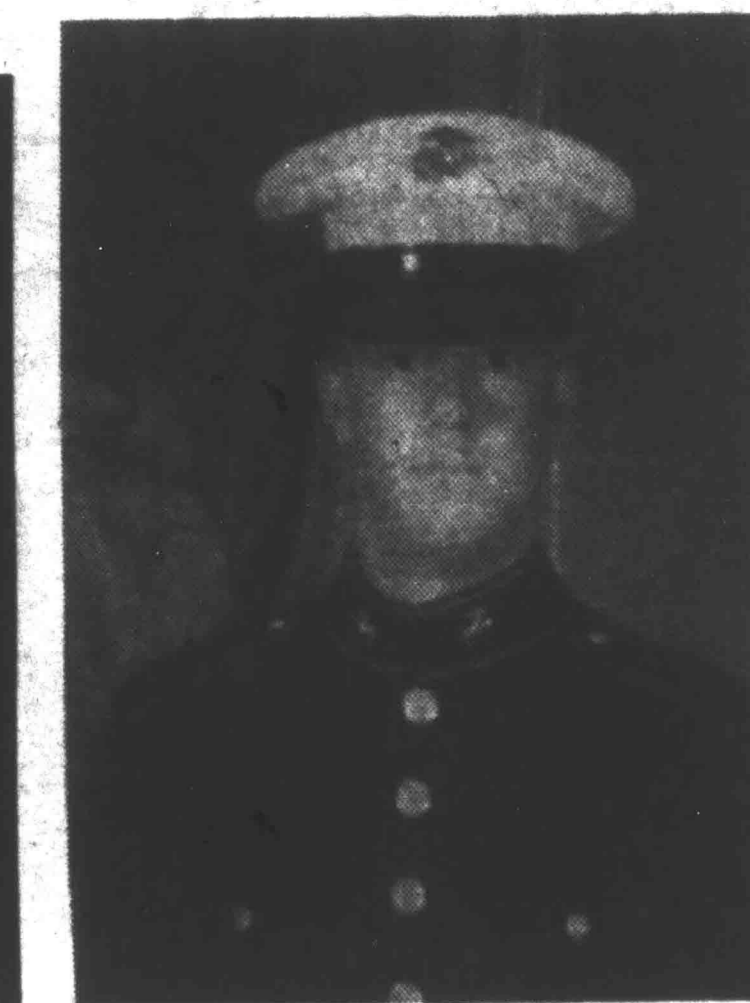
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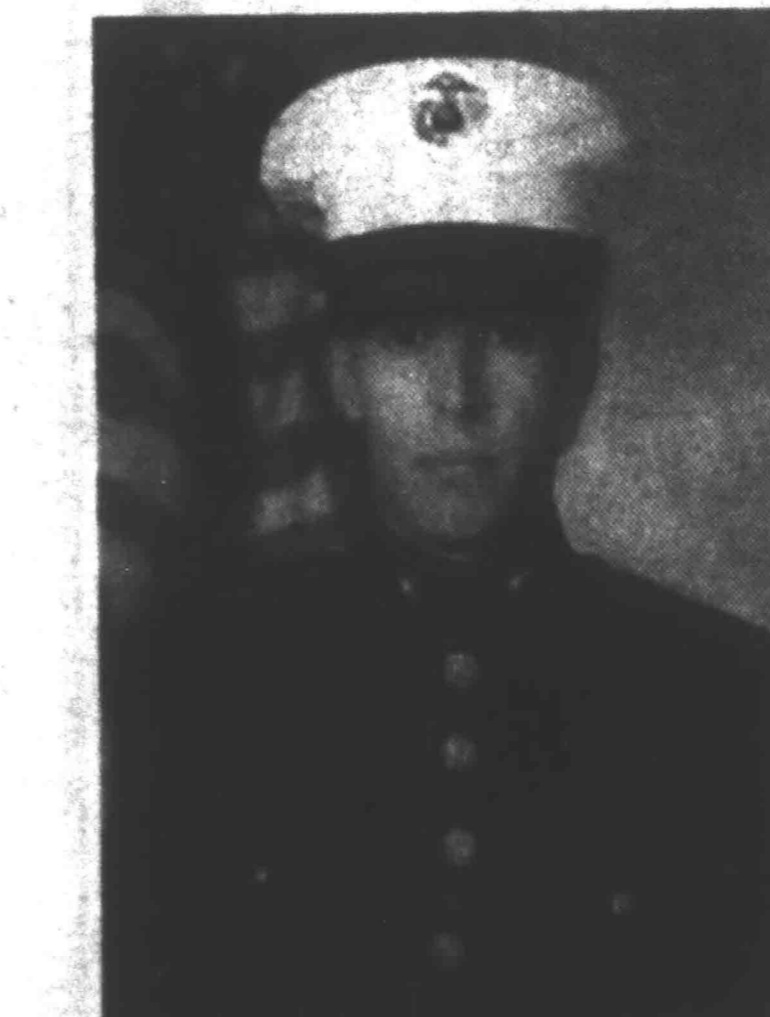
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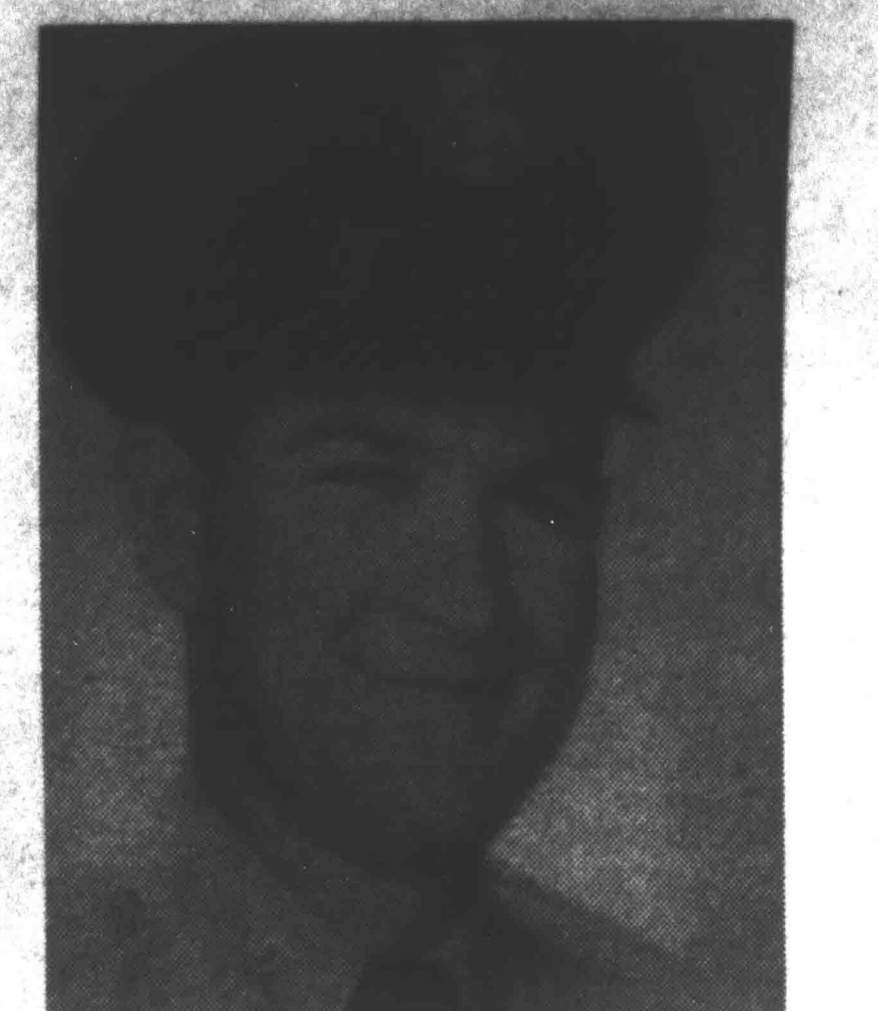
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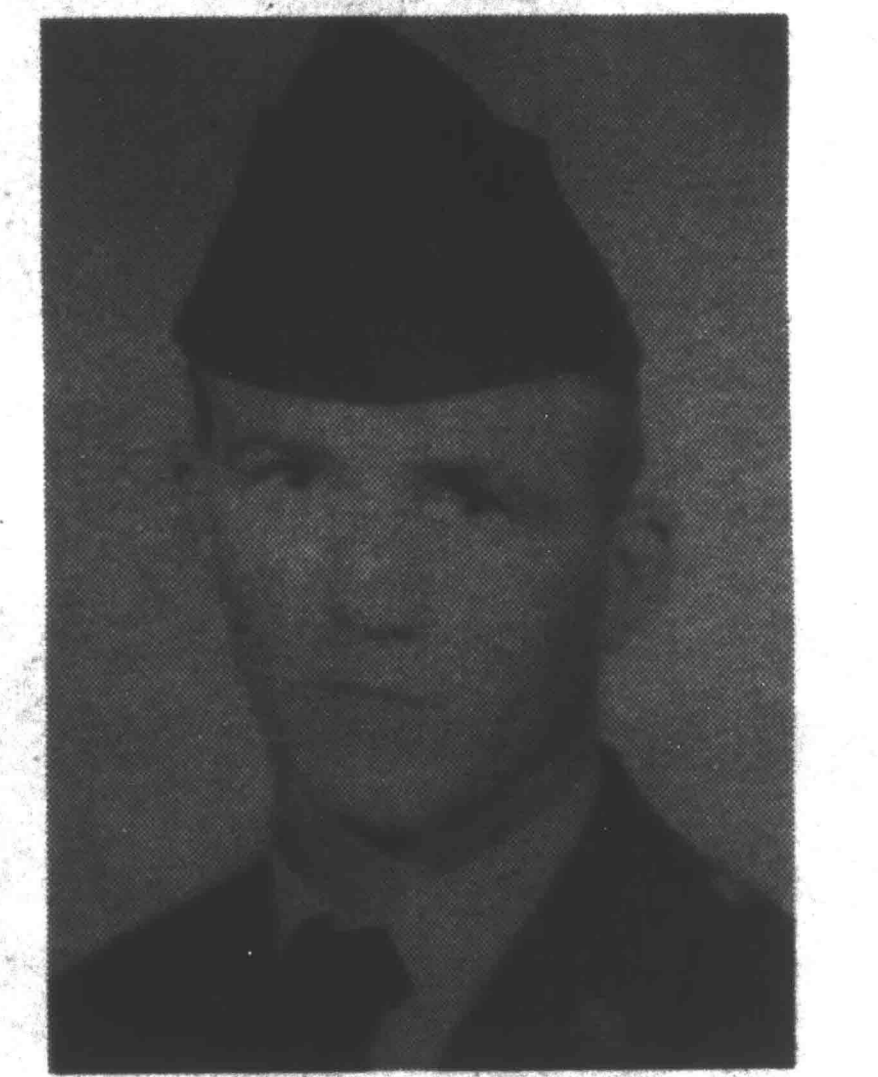
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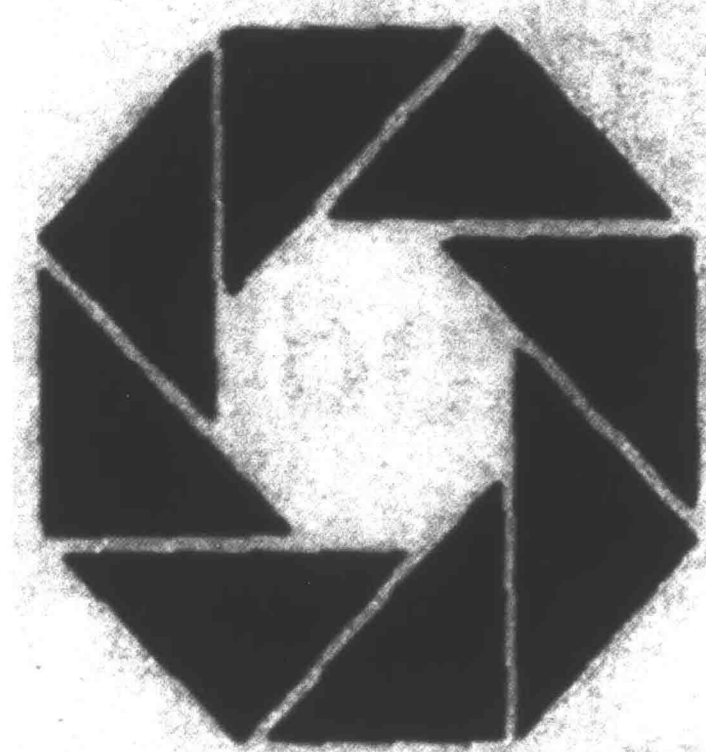
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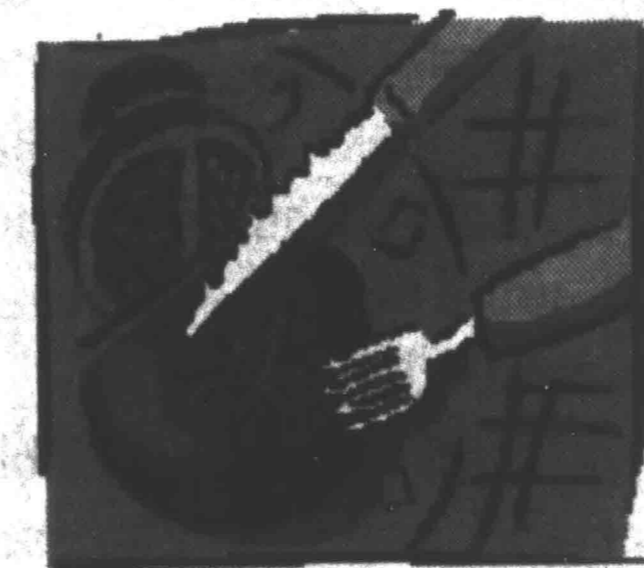


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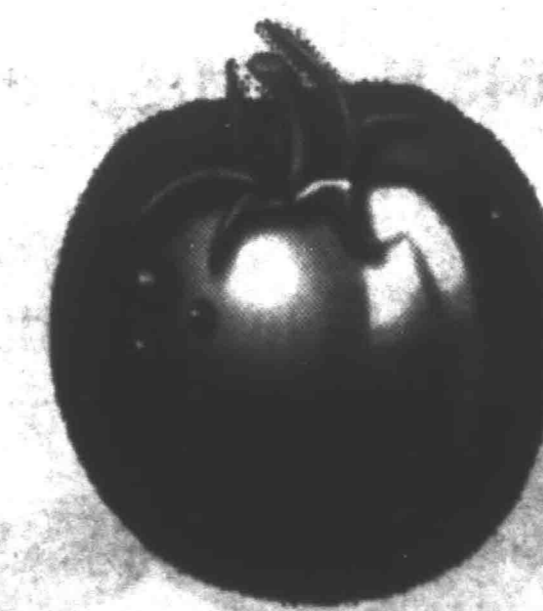
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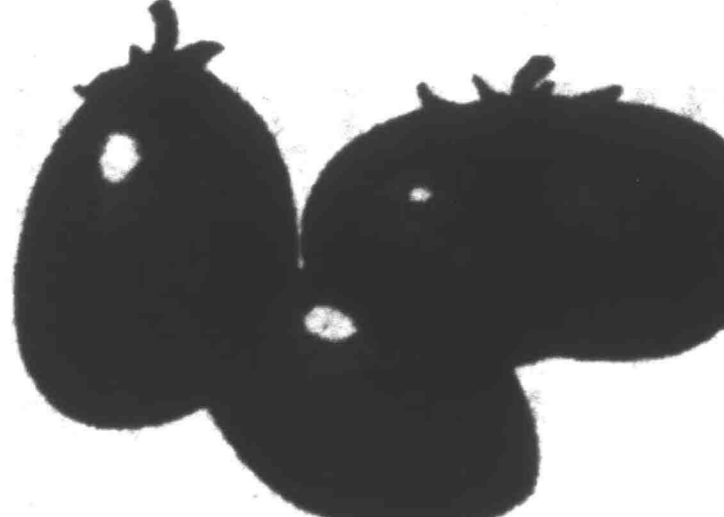


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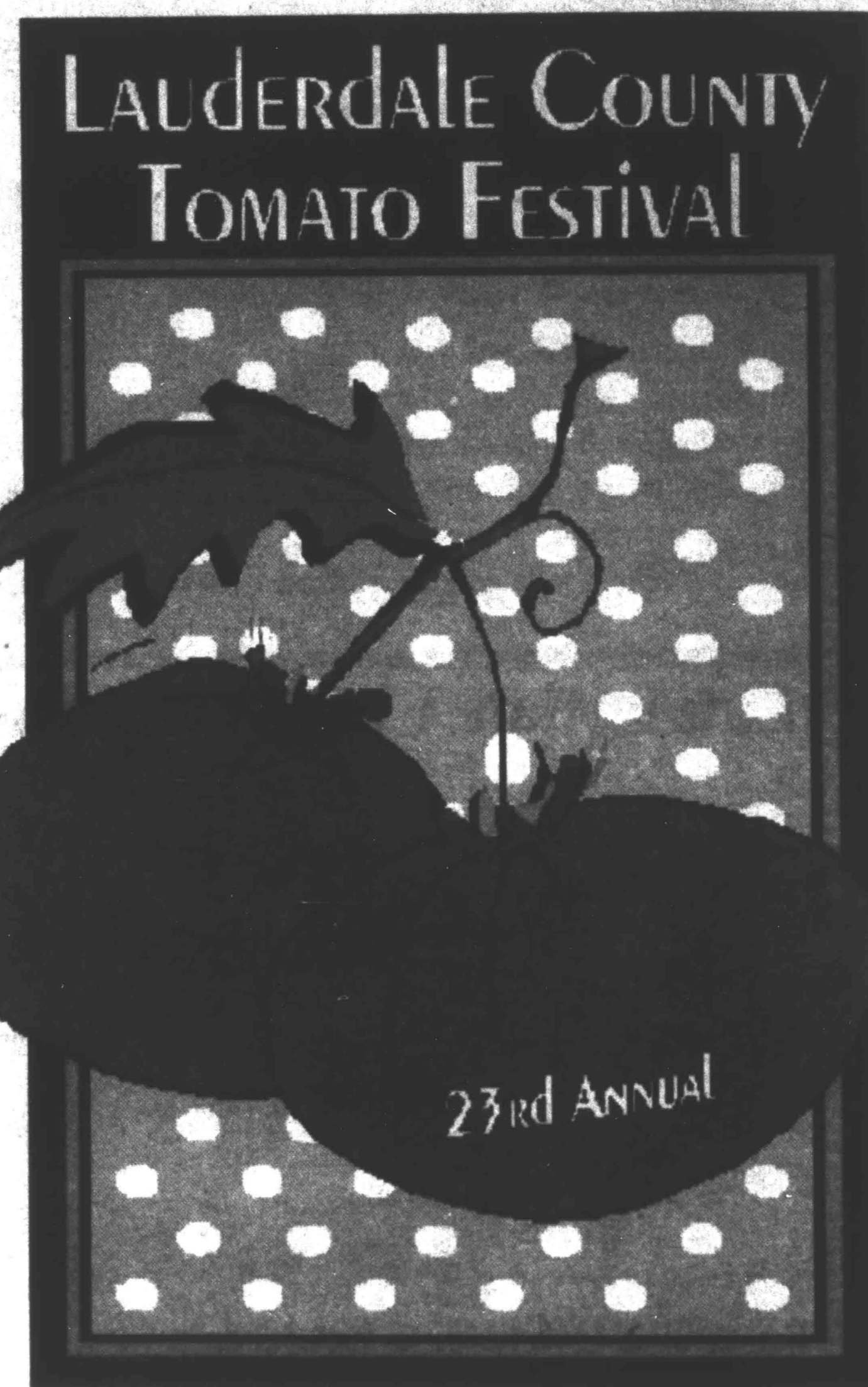
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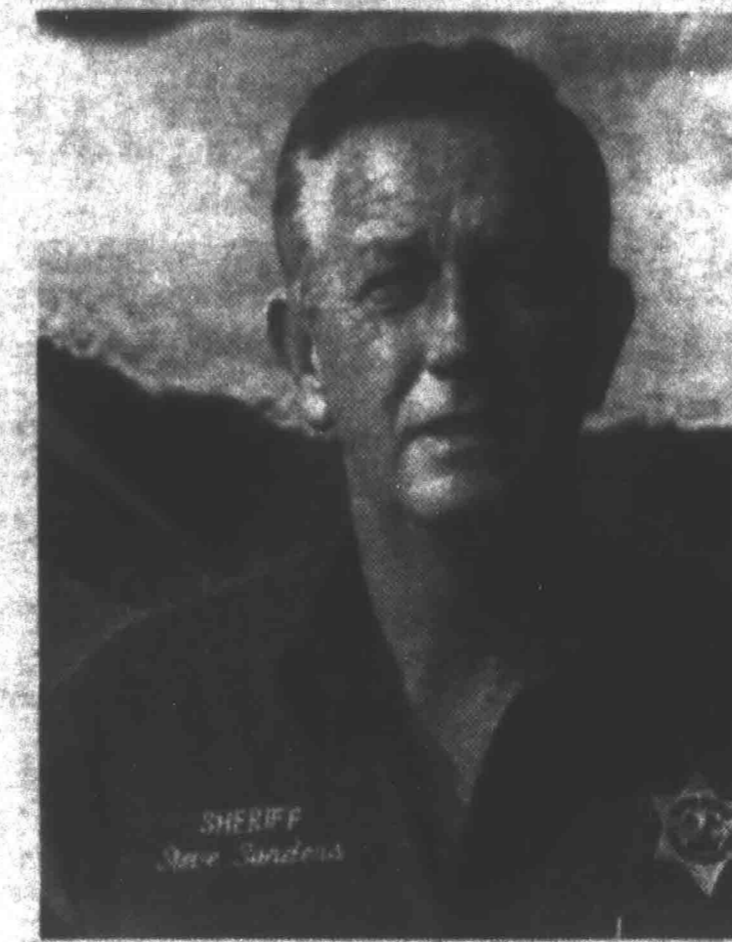
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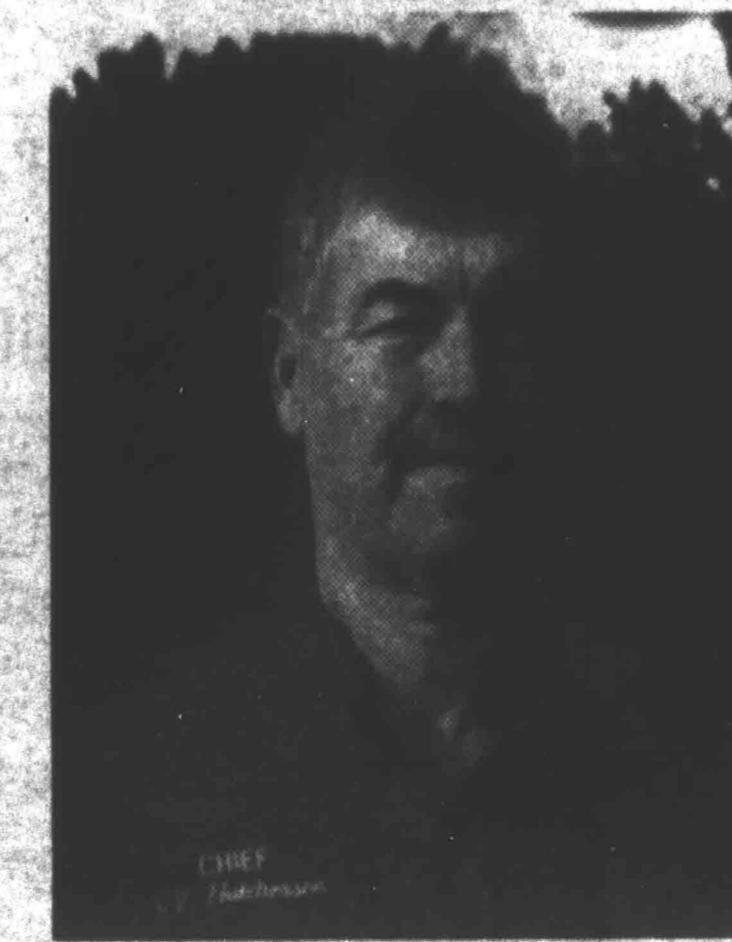
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 John C. Barnes, 1838-1840  
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 Ivey Chandler, 1858 - Dec., 1858

Ira G. Barfield, Jan. 3, 1859 - 1862  
 Joseph H. Wardlaw, 1862 - 1870  
 C.C. Griggs, 1870 - Oct. 6, 1873  
 Simmons D. Alsobrook, Oct. 6, 1873 - 1876  
 Frederick Barfield, Jan. 4, 1874 - 1876  
 W.J. Woodard, Sept. 5, 1876  
 T.J. Cobb, Sept. 5, 1876 - 1880  
 Andrew Crockett, 1880 - 1886  
 W.R. Miller, 1886 - 1890

B. Richardson, 1890 - 1892  
 R.W. Wood, 1892 - 1894  
 W.B. Campbell, 1894 - 1896  
 R.W. Wood, 1896 - 1898  
 Joseph Crockett, 1898 - 1904  
 J.R. Pennington, 1904 - 1910  
 Joseph Crockett, 1910 - 1916  
 J.T. Coughlan, 1916 - 1922  
 Andrew H. Craig, 1922 - 1928  
 John T. Coughlan, 1928 - 1932  
 Andrew H. Craig, 1932 - 1936  
 J.T. Hamil, 1936 - 1938  
 Charles C. Shoaf, 1938 - 1942  
 Oscar F. Griggs, 1942 - 1948  
 Willard Norvell, 1948 - 1954

Oscar Griggs, 1954-1956  
 Willard Norvell, 1956-1962  
 H. Gwinn Matthews, 1962 - 1968  
 Lewis Gitchell, 1968 - 1974  
 Louis Craig, 1974 - 1976  
 Joe B. Osteen, 1976 - 1982

Milford Durham, 1982 - 1990  
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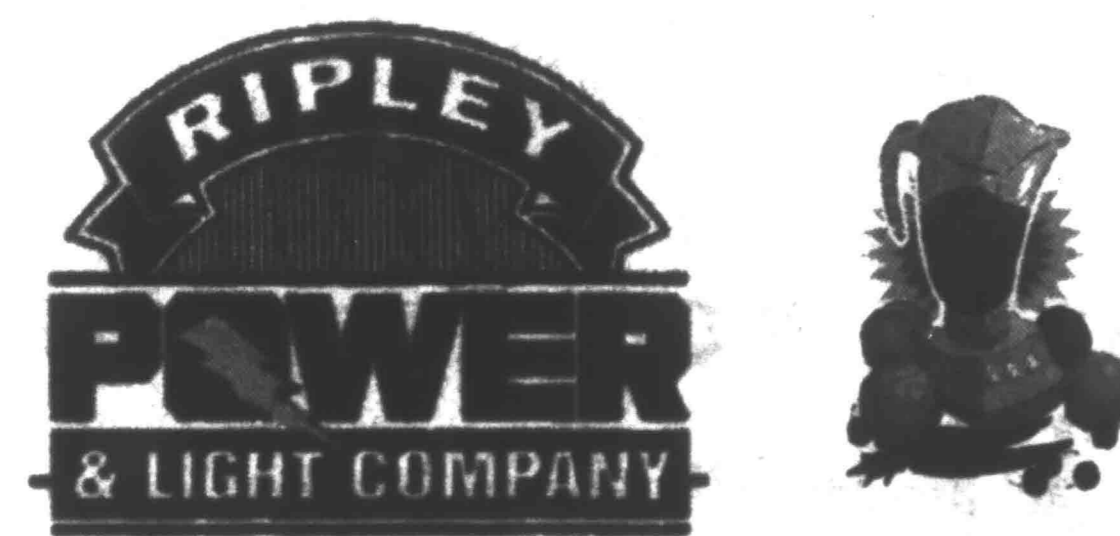


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- J.W. Lunsford, Sheriff's Dept., Aug. 11, 1931
- Will H. Evans, Sheriff's Dept., Oct. 15, 1935
- Charlie W.M. Gaines, Sheriff's Dept., Jan. 23, 1942
- Bobby J. Nolen, Sheriff's Dept., Jan. 2, 1990
- Kevan M. Ward, Sheriff's Dept., Jan. 2, 1990
- Sylvester V. Dew, Henning Police, Jan. 4, 1914
- J.A. Yarbrough, Constable, March 18, 1919
- Safley Henderson, Sheriff's Dept., Oct. 29, 1906

## Deputy B. J. Nolen Constable W.D. Turner And Kevan Ward And Marvin Durham

Bobby Joe Nolen, 55, and Kevan Maurice Ward, 29, both sheriff's deputies, were shot and killed January 2, 1990, when they gave a ride to an 82 year old man whose car had broken down. Unknown to the deputies, the man had a revolver hidden in his jacket. As they entered the city limits of Ripley the man shot both deputies in the back of the head. Their patrol car crossed the median, climbed up an embankment and crashed into a field. A policeman found both deputies sitting upright with their seatbelts on, dead. The suspect was in the back seat, unconscious from the impact.

The suspect had a criminal history that dated back to 1927. He had been convicted of assaults, weapons violations and various other crimes. He was committed to a mental institution where he died September 1995.

### Lauderdale Sheriff Alsobrook

Simmons D. Alsobrook, 43, sheriff, was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a tramp on a city street.

Sheriff Alsobrook had served as a deputy with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department for two years and had just been elected sheriff when he was killed.

W.D. Turner, constable, and Marvin Durham, deputy constable, were shot and killed January 9, 1900, while attempting to transport an inmate from the Durhamville town jail to the county jail.

The inmate had been arrested earlier in the day for refusing to comply with a county health ordinance to be vaccinated. The city judge ordered the inmate to pay a fine. When he refused to pay, the judge ordered that he be moved to the Lauderdale County Jail in Ripley, Tennessee.

Constable Turner deputized Marvin Durham to assist him with moving the prisoner. As they were about one-mile away from Durhamville two brothers of the inmate ambushed the constables and shot both of them. Their bodies were found lying in the street by Turner's wife. The inmate was also shot and later lynched by an angry mob, along with another one of his brothers.

Both suspects fled the scene.

### Deputy Sheriff Will H. Evans

Will Hudson Evans, 57, deputy sheriff, was shot and killed October 15, 1935, while attempting to serve a warrant. Deputy Evans had served with the agency 12 years.

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- 1 c. green peppers, chopped
- 1 c. green onions, chopped
- 1 c. sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 pkg. Doritos

Blend the cream cheese, sour cream, taco mix and lemon juice. Put in refrigerator for a couple of hours. Spread mix on large platter. Top with chopped ingredients, first lettuce, second tomatoes, third peppers and fourth onions. Sprinkle cheese on top. Dip with Doritos chips.

Verna Thompson Variety

#### FRESH SALSA

- 2 c. finely chopped tomato
- 1/4 c. chopped green onions
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp. fresh jalapeno pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl; stir well. Cover and chill at least 3 hours. Serve with chicken or turkey or as a dip with no oil baked tortilla chips. Yield: 2 cups.

Mae Dunaway Town & Country FCII

#### TOMATOES IN A SKILLET

- 4 large tomatoes, halved
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. chopped basil
- 1/2 tsp. chopped parsley
- 1/2 tsp. chopped mint leaves

Place tomatoes in large greased skillet, cut side up. Sprinkle with oil, salt, pepper, sugar, basil, parsley and mint leaves and cook slowly 10 minutes. Cover skillet and cook 5 minutes longer. Serves 4.

Margaret C. Coppersale Do Saw

#### TOMATO ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

- 1 lb. fresh tomatoes, sliced
- 3 c. sliced zucchini
- 1/4 c. bread crumbs
- 1 Tbsp. oil (or margarine)
- 1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- Parmesan cheese (optional)
- 1/4 tsp. thyme
- 1/4 tsp. lemon herb seasoning

Combine all seasonings in a small bowl. Place half of zucchini slices in a lightly greased casserole dish. Add layer of tomato slice a sprinkle of chopped onion and half of seasoning mixture. Repeat layers of zucchini, tomatoes, onion and rest of seasoning mixture. Combine oil and parsley flakes and sprinkle over vegetables. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over all and bake at 350° until vegetables are tend (45 to 60 minutes).

Edna Meadows Town & Country

#### DISEASES AND PESTS

Tomato cultivars vary widely in their resistance to disease. Modern hybrids focus on improving disease resistance over the heirloom plants. One common tomato disease is tobacco mosaic virus, and for this reason smoking or use of tobacco products should be avoided around tomatoes[citation needed]. Various forms of mildew and blight are also common tomato afflictions, which is why tomato varieties are usually marked with letters like VFN, which refers to disease resistance to verticillium wilt, fusarium fungus, and nematodes.

Some common tomato pests are cutworms, tomato hornworms, aphids, cabbage loopers, whiteflies, tomato fruitworms, flea beetles, and Colorado potato beetles.

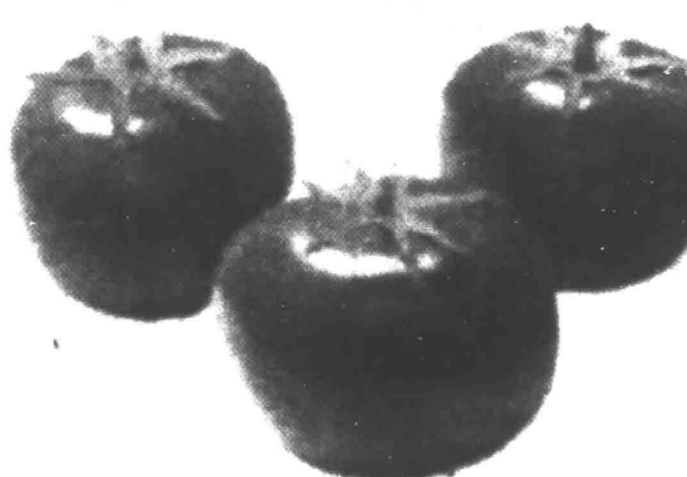


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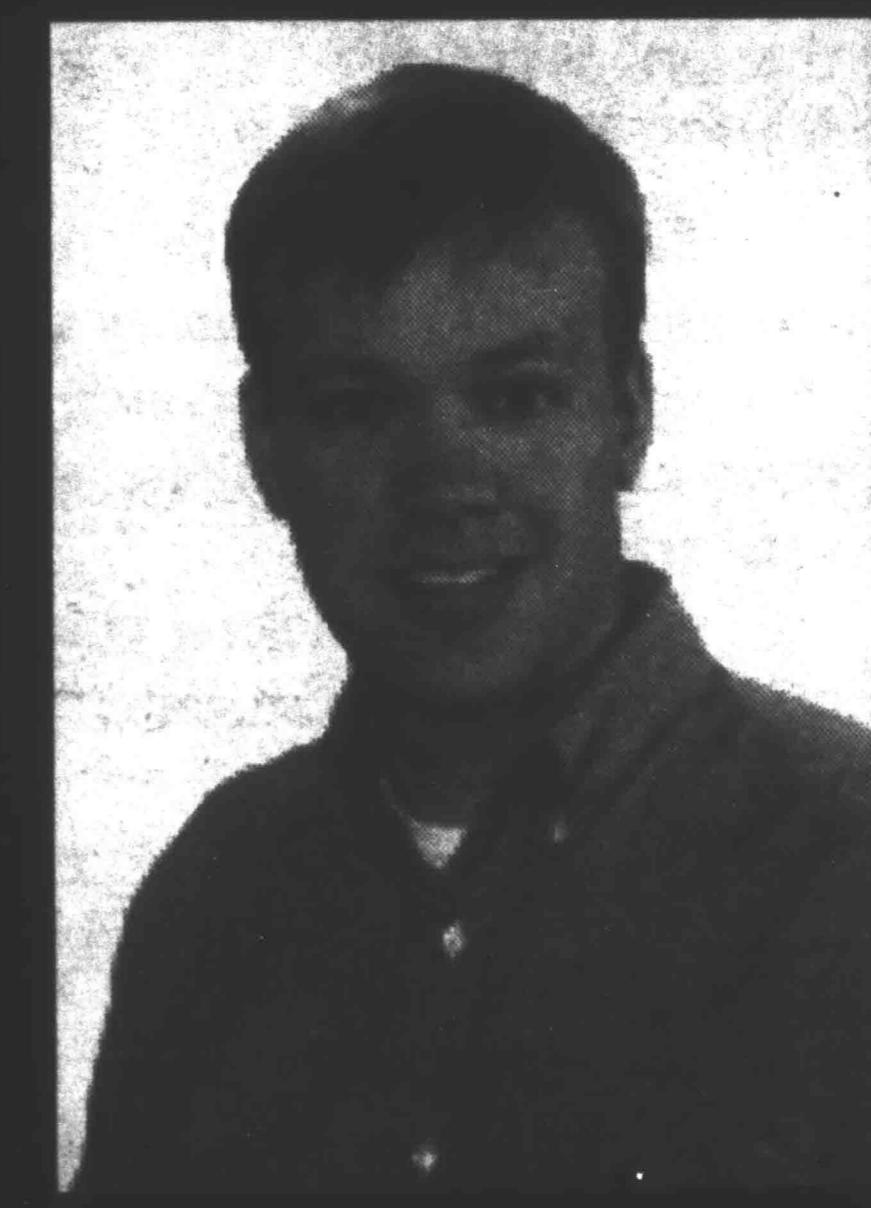
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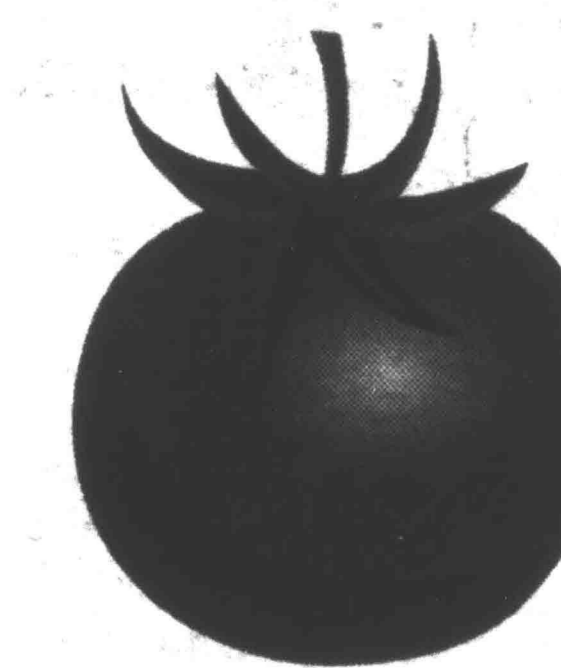
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**COUNTRY CAPTAIN**

(President Roosevelt's Favorite, from Warm Springs, Georgia)

1 (3 lb.) hen or larger	½ tsp. pepper
2 medium onions, diced	1 tsp. powdered thyme
1 large green pepper, diced	1 tsp. curry powder
1 clove garlic, minced	4 oz. silvered almonds, blanched and toasted
2 Tbsp. butter	½ c. raisins or currants
6 large ripe tomatoes, peeled	
1 tsp. salt	

Stew hen in seasoned water; remove meat from bone and cut into bite-size pieces. Sauté onions, green pepper and garlic in butter. Add tomatoes and cook 10 minutes. Add salt, pepper, thyme and curry powder. Cook five minutes longer. Pour sauce over chicken and bake 45 minutes at 325°. When ready to serve, add almonds and raisins. May be prepared ahead. Freezes well. Serve with brown or white rice. Serves 12.

**NOVELIST'S NAVY BEANS**

2 lb. dried navy beans	1 onion
water	1 big tomato
black pepper	1 ham bone or pkg. bacon
3 cloves garlic	

You get your two sacks of dried navy beans and put 'em in the biggest pot you can find and run hot water over 'em till they are good and drowned. Cover 'em with pepper until they are about half-choked. Cut up garlic, onion and tomato. Add to pot with more pepper. (Most people don't add enough pepper.) Then find you a ham bone or at least a package of bacon and cook it 'till grease is out. You can throw grease out, but it is better if you dump the whole thing in the pot and add more pepper. Bring pot to a boil, then turn the stove down low for about two or three hours. Now you got you some navy beans to eat on for two or three days while you write all the nonsense you want.

*Dan Jenkins  
Sports Writer and Author  
of Best Selling Novel "Semi-Tough"*

**COTTAGE CHEESE SUN-DRIED TOMATO DIP**

2 c. creamed cottage cheese	2 Tbsp. fresh basil
3 green onions, cut up	2 tsp. lemon juice
¼ c. chopped green pepper	¼ tsp. cracked black pepper
2 Tbsp. chopped sun-dried tomatoes	

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Process until smooth, stopping once to scrape down sides. Serve with fresh vegetables. Yields 2 cups.

*Celia Ricks  
Key Corner FCE*

**OLD-TIME GREEN TOMATO PIE**

1 ½ c. sugar	5 Tbsp. lemon juice
¼ tsp. salt	2 Tbsp. real butter
5 tsp. lemon rind, grated	3 c. tomatoes (green), washed and sliced thin
¼ tsp. cinnamon	

Mix together ingredients, except tomatoes. Arrange tomatoes in layers, sprinkling each layer with mixture in an unbaked pie shell. Add a crust to the top. Bake 35 to 40 minutes in 350° oven.

*Brenda Roberts  
Key Corner*

**WHITE BEAN DIP OR SPREAD**

2 c. cooked white beans, drained (reserve liquid)	½ tsp. salt
1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced	½ tsp. ground white pepper
½ tsp. dried rubbed sage	dash of Tabasco
½ c. extra virgin olive oil	½ c. chopped sun-dried tomatoes
	½ c. chopped fresh parsley

Combine first 3 ingredients. Blend ¼ of mixture at a time in blender until smooth, slowly pouring olive oil into mixture each time. If necessary, add reserved bean liquid for consistency. Pour into a saucepan and heat. Fold in remainder of ingredients and serve warm. Yields 2 ½ cups.

*Celia Ricks  
Key Corner FCE*

**GREEN TOMATO PIE**

2 recipes cornmeal pastry for a 9-inch 2-crust pie	¼ tsp. ground red pepper
1 c. sugar	6 large green tomatoes, sliced ½-inch thick (do not use stem ends)
½ c. flour	½ c. golden raisins
¼ tsp. salt	2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
¼ tsp. ground cloves	3 Tbsp. butter
½ tsp. cinnamon	

Preheat the oven to 425°. Roll out half the dough and fit it into a 9-inch pie pan. Roll out the remaining dough and set it aside on waxed paper or a lightly floured surface. Cover with waxed paper to avoid drying out. Put in sugar, flour, salt, cloves, cinnamon and red pepper together in a shallow bowl. Stir with a fork to mix.

Take ½ of the tomato slices at a time. Toss and turn them in the sugar mixture so they are evenly coated on all sides. Spread the sugared tomato slices evenly over the dough in the pan and sprinkle the raisins over all along with any remaining sugar mixture. Drizzle on the vinegar, then dot with the butter. Place the top crust on tomato slices. Crimp the edges and cut vents in the top. Bake for about 40 minutes or until the crust is lightly covered and juices are bubbling around the edges of the pie. Remove and serve at room temperature.

*Terry Ford*

**CANDIED CHERRY TOMATOES**

3 Tbsp. butter	½ c. brown sugar or honey
¼ c. chopped onion	¼ tsp. salt
4 c. cherry tomatoes	1 ½ c. buttered bread crumbs

Sauté onion in butter. Add washed cherry tomatoes, 6 tablespoons brown sugar or honey and salt. Cook very slowly to prevent sticking until liquid evaporates. Put mixture in baking dish. Top with bread crumbs and remaining sugar or honey and bake in 350° oven until crumbs are brown.

Another way to serve cherry tomatoes is sautéed in butter with garlic, chives, dill or shallots.

*Mary Harrison  
Curve-Woodville FCE*

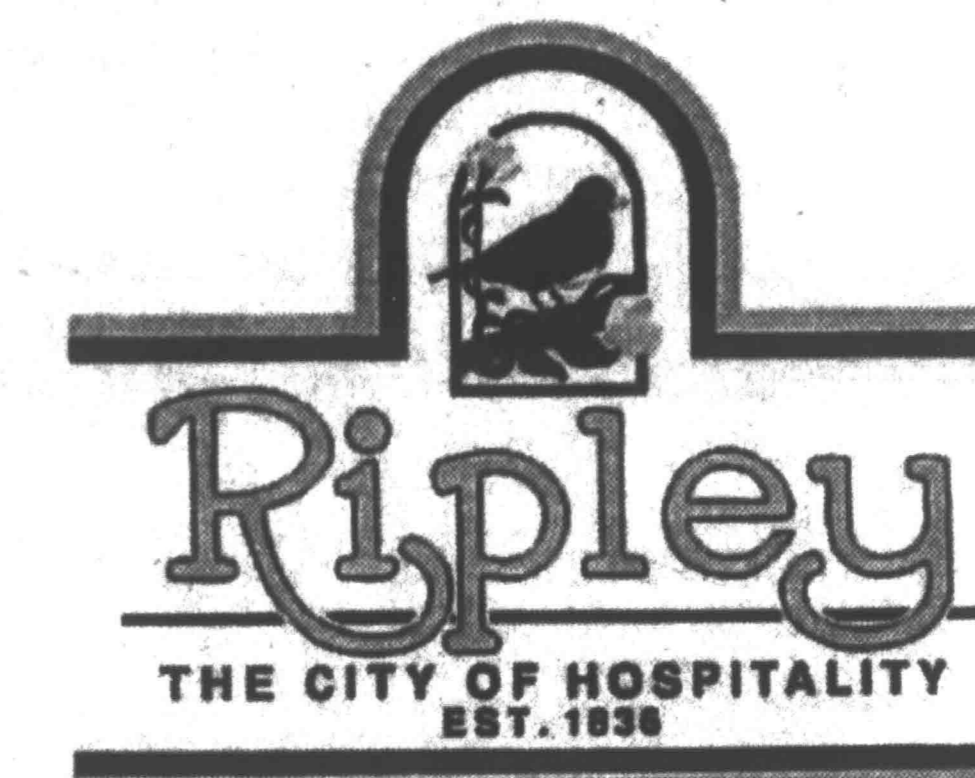
**TOMATO DUMPLIN'**

1 qt. whole peeled tomatoes	¼ c. sugar
2 Tbsp. butter	¼ tsp. cinnamon
4 slices French bread, toasted	

Mash tomatoes in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a slow boil and reduce heat. Break up 2 pieces of French bread into tomatoes; add sugar and continue cooking. Add cinnamon; cover and cook the mixture slowly for 30 minutes. Tomatoes should be broken up and the mixture should be as a soft pudding. After 30 minutes, you may want to crumble the other 2 pieces of bread into the tomatoes and add more sugar and cinnamon to taste.

*Jewel Johnston  
Variety FCE*

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July 7, 2008

Welcome Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome visitors to the 25th annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> located this year at the Ripley City Park on Mary Robert Drive.

The City of Ripley is honored to be the Host City for this annual event. Our tomato growers are known throughout the United States as "Ripley is the Best". The City joins the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce in supporting agriculture in Lauderdale County. We are proud of our local tomato farmers.

The festival offers good food, fun and entertainment. Come celebrate in Ripley, Tennessee and enjoy the local hospitality and the small town atmosphere.

Sincerely,

*Jon Pavletic*

Jon Pavletic  
Mayor

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# The 25th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival

## Wednesday, July 9

5th Annual TF Golf Tournament.....1:00pm  
4-Man Scramble @ RHCC, sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD

## Friday, July 11

Chamber Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am  
TKS Fitness Center - 200 Knee St. Hosted by Lauderdale Chamber/ECD & the City of Ripley

Exhibits Open.....9:00am  
Carnival Rides, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - in the Ripley City Park, 200 Mary Roberts Dr., Ripley

25th Annual Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony.....10:00am  
Main Stage: Tomato Farmer of the Yr.

Celebrating 25 years of the Lauderdale County Tomato Exhibition.....8:00am-5:00pm  
Bank of Ripley Lobby, Court Square - exhibit runs thru 7/31

Tomato Tasting (tickets \$5.00) .....11:00am-1:00pm  
1st Baptist Church Family Life Center, Sponsor: FCE Clubs of Lauderdale County

Tomato Contest (entry deadline is 12noon on July 11th) .....1:00pm  
Regions Bank Hwy. 51, Judging: biggest, oddest, shape, color, taste. Bring entries to Regions anytime between Wednesday July 9 and 12 noon July 11.

Tribute to Elvis/Oldies (Scott & Ronnie Nelson).....5:30-6:30pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Wild Hearts (Ben Pruitt).....6:30-7:30pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

MAGI.....8:00-11:00pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

## Saturday, July 12

5K Run/Walk.....7:00am  
Race begins at BMH Lauderdale, Sponsor: BMH Lauderdale & First Citizens Nat'l. Bank

Action Shooting Pistol Contest...(registration 7am).....7:30am  
Awards for Fastest Individual Round, Fastest Revolver, & Fastest Overall; FOP Building, Ripley, Sponsor: Crain's Pharmacy

Exhibits Open.....9:00am  
Carnival Rides, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Arts, Crafts, Food, General Vendors - In the Ripley City Park, 200 Mary Roberts Dr., Ripley

Baby Crawling Contest (6-18 mos., \$3.00 entry).....9:30am  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park, Sponsor: Lauderdale Chamber/ECD

Celebrating 25 years of the Lauderdale Co. Tomato Exhibition.....9:00am-12:00noon  
Bank of Ripley Lobby, Court Square - exhibit runs thru 7/31

Tennessee T's Exhibition (old model T Ford Cars).....10:00am-10:00pm  
Ripley City Park

Methodist Market .....10:30am-1:00pm  
First United Methodist Church Activities Building, downtown (Shuttle available)

David Smith (Gospel/Singing Fireman).....10:00am-11:00am  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Steppers/PAPI .....11:00am-12:00pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Tomato Festival Saturday Salad (\$6.00/plate).....11:00am-1:00pm  
First United Methodist Church Activities Building, downtown (Shuttle available)

Mason ATA Black Belt Academy.....12:00pm-12:30pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

TLC Wrestling Super Summer Showdown Part I.....12:30-1:30pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park - Tatt 2, Dustin Starr, Derrick King, Stan Lee, Chris Oneal, Golden Boy, Flash and More!!!

ATC (At The Cross) [www.myspace.com/atthecross33](http://www.myspace.com/atthecross33).....2:00-3:00pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

TNT (The New Testimonies) [www.thenewtestimonies.com](http://www.thenewtestimonies.com).....3:30-4:30pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

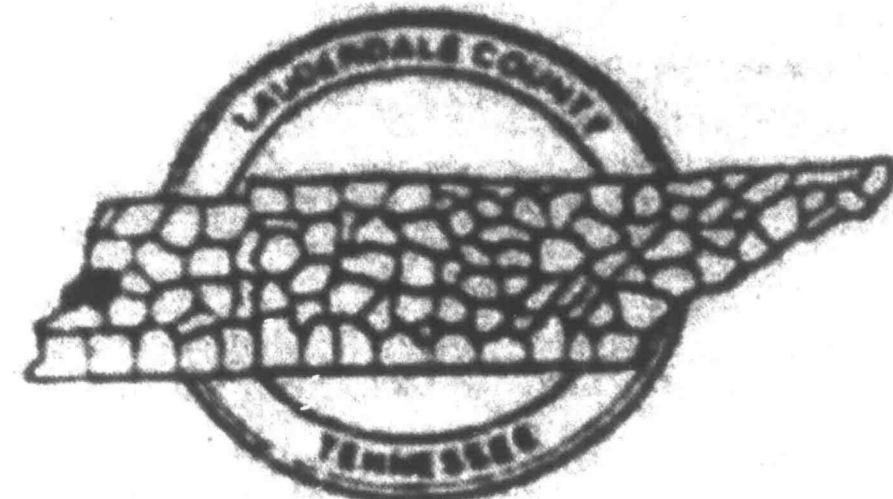
Break - Set Up for Main Stage Entertainment.....4:30-5:30p.m.  
Remnant [www.remnantmusic.org](http://www.remnantmusic.org).....5:30-6:30pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Presentation by TLC Wrestling .....6:45pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Burning Las Vegas [www.burninglasvegas.com](http://www.burninglasvegas.com).....7:00-11:00pm  
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

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### TO THE CITIZENS OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY

We all live in a unique County with good agricultural land and a heritage of hard working farmers. We are especially blessed in our soils ability to produce the best tasting tomatoes in the tri-state region.

We use the Tomato as a symbol to thank our dedicated farmers for conserving and improving our land. Their actions continue to enhance the beauty and pastoral environment which make Lauderdale County distinctive and nostalgic. Our friendly and generous citizens along with secure surroundings and slowed down pace complete our formula in making Lauderdale County a great place to live.

The Lauderdale County Commission is proud of the Tomato Festival and the positive image it brings to Lauderdale County. We want to thank everyone who has helped put this festival together this year and in years past. We ask you as citizens of Lauderdale County to support the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival with your promotion and participation in it.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival.

Sincerely,

Rod Schuh  
County Mayor



Bring taste, bright color to the table with organic tomatoes

#### FAMILY FEATURES

Impress your guests and family by serving these delicious dishes featuring deep red, vine-ripened organic tomatoes. The rustic pizza and fire roasted tomato and fruit salsa recipes are perfect for special seasonal gatherings, while the soup and tomato-basil pasta recipes can make your everyday family meals more memorable.

The secret to these recipes is to combine pure organic tomatoes with other premium ingredients to bring fabulous creations to your table, explains Jennifer Kalinowski, organic test kitchen expert and recipe developer. "These ideas start with tomatoes that have a bright, balanced taste. You can capture guests' attention with the tempting aromas and vibrant colors, and then impress them with true-to-nature flavors," she said. Hungry for more? Take your pick of dozens of delicious tomato recipes at [www.muirglen.com](http://www.muirglen.com).

#### Clabatta Pizza

Rustic and robust, Clabatta Pizza earned culinary student Max Mong first place in a recent recipe contest. Expert judges deemed Mong's entry the best because it combines versatile, great-tasting ingredients in a contemporary way — something home cooks who want amazing flavor can embrace. Makes 8 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen organic diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 cups rapini (broccoli rabe) leaves
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 small red onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large loaf clabatta bread, split horizontally (1 to 1 1/2 lb.)
- 8 oz mozzarella or fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 oz very thinly sliced prosciutto (Parmesan)

1. In 2-quart saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until softened but not browned. Add tomatoes and sugar; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer about 25 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, in medium microwaveable bowl, place rapini leaves and water. Cover with microwaveable plastic wrap. Microwave on High 4 to 6 minutes or until tender. Cool slightly; drain. Cut up leaves.
3. Set oven control to broil. Line 2 cookie sheets with foil. In medium bowl, place onion and 1 tablespoon olive oil; toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft and begins to brown. Set aside.
4. Place clabatta halves on second cookie sheet, cut side up. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat about 1 minute or until very lightly browned. Spread tomato sauce evenly on clabatta halves. Layer with mozzarella, rapini and onion. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil 2 to 3 minutes or until cheeses are melted.
5. Arrange prosciutto over cheese; sprinkle with crushed red pepper.

**Tip:** Substitute 2 cups fresh spinach leaves for the cooked rapini if it's unavailable at your local market.



Fiery Fruit Salsa



Tomato and Roasted Sweet Pepper Soup



Tomato-Basil Pasta with Fresh Mozzarella

#### Fiery Fruit Salsa

You're only 15 minutes away from a flavorful salsa that offers equal amounts of vibrant color and versatility. The canned fire roasted tomatoes add a distinct smoky flavor.

Makes 6 servings (1/3 cup each)

- 1 can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen organic fire roasted diced tomatoes, drained
- 1/2 ripe medium mango, peeled, diced (3/4 cup)
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions (4 medium)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped chipotle chile in adobo sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)

1. In food processor, place drained tomatoes. Cover and process until coarsely chopped. Place in medium bowl.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients.
3. Serve with meat or fish, or with tortilla chips as desired.

#### Tomato and Roasted Sweet Pepper Soup

Warm up to a bowl of this comforting tomato-based soup.

Makes 5 servings (1 1/3 cups each)

- 2 large yellow or red bell peppers
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 1 can (28 oz) Muir Glen organic crushed tomatoes with basil
  - 2 cans (14 oz each) reduced-sodium chicken broth or vegetable broth
  - 1 teaspoon sugar
  - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper or black pepper
  - 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)
1. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with foil. Set oven control to broil. Cut peppers into quarters, removing membranes and seeds. Place skin sides up in pan; press down to flatten.
  2. Broil peppers 4 to 6 inches from heat about 10 minutes or until blackened. Wrap foil around peppers; let stand 20 minutes. Remove skin from peppers; discard. Cut peppers into 1/2-inch pieces. Set aside.
  3. Meanwhile, in 4-quart saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook onion and garlic in oil 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly, until crisp-tender.
  4. Stir in tomatoes, broth, sugar, crushed red pepper and salt. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer 15 minutes. Stir in roasted peppers; heat until hot.

**Tip:** If time is tight, substitute 1 1/2 cups jarred roasted sweet peppers rather than roasting your own.

#### Tomato-Basil Pasta with Fresh Mozzarella

Fresh mozzarella and basil complement the rich, sweet tomato flavor found in this Italian-inspired pasta dish.

Makes 4 servings (1 1/2 cups each)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 can (28 oz) Muir Glen organic whole peeled tomatoes, undrained, cut up
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 3 cups uncooked rigatoni, penne or ziti pasta (8 oz)
- 8 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted

1. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic in oil 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until onion is crisp-tender. Stir in tomatoes. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer 20 to 25 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Stir in basil.
2. While sauce is simmering, cook and drain pasta as directed on box. Stir pasta into sauce. Heat through.
3. Into large serving bowl, pour pasta and sauce. Gently stir in cheese and pine nuts.

### Ambulance Authority

The Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority was created January 11, 1971, by the Lauderdale County Quarterly Court of Magistrates. Magistrate Roland Henderson made a motion to provide \$25,000 made available from a capital outlay note, to purchase two ambulances, equipment, and operation costs for the Lauderdale County ambulance Authority. The motion was seconded by Magistrate Anthony and upon roll call vote, all magistrates voted aye.

When created, the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority was determined to be governed by an ambulance board. The board was granted the authority to provide ambulance service, both emergency and regular, throughout Lauderdale county, Tennessee, on a non-profit basis. In furtherance of its responsibility of providing ambulance service in Lauderdale County, said board is vested with the power and authority to contract with any persons, corporations or organizations, including other agencies of Lauderdale County, or any agencies thereof. Said board was further granted the authority to charge fees for its services in providing ambulance service, said fees are to be reasonable, but shall be determined by the board. All funds received from such fees together with such other funds as are made available by Lauderdale County shall be used solely to pay the expenses of operating the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority.

Since 1971, the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority has progressed from two ambulances with ambulance drivers to four EMS units licensed as Advance Life Support transport vehicles containing emergency medical technicians and paramedics trained and licensed to provide emergency medical care and transport. The first ambulance director for Lauderdale County was Mr. Lindell Blackwood. His successor Mr. Myron Kissell held the position for 32 years and brought forth many progressive changes for the ambulance authority. No longer were ambulances staffed with 'drivers', but 'technicians' trained to provide treatment en route to the emergency departments.

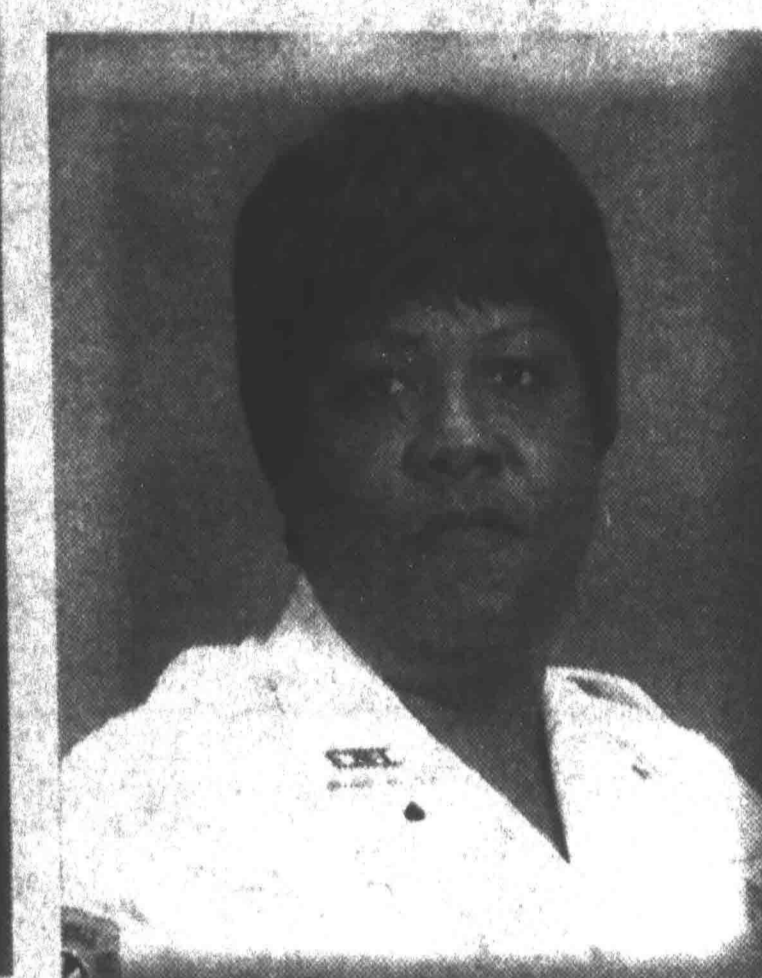
The purpose and mission of the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority is to provide rapid emergency medical response to the citizens of Lauderdale County. Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority will provide qualified professionals to assess, treat, and transport all patients to the nearest appropriate medical facility for continued care. Further missions include inter-facility transportation of patients from the local hospital to appropriate hospitals for higher level of care. The Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority is committed to providing the highest level of pre-hospital care possible for all persons in need.

The Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority currently has four ambulance units and one rapid response vehicle. Each ambulance unit is equipped with advanced life support medications, supplies, and defibrillator device with the capabilities of cardiac monitoring, pacing and defibrillation. The rapid response vehicle is staffed with the department's supervisor paramedic and is equipped with advanced life support medications, supplies, and one defibrillator device with the same capabilities as previously described.

### Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority 2008



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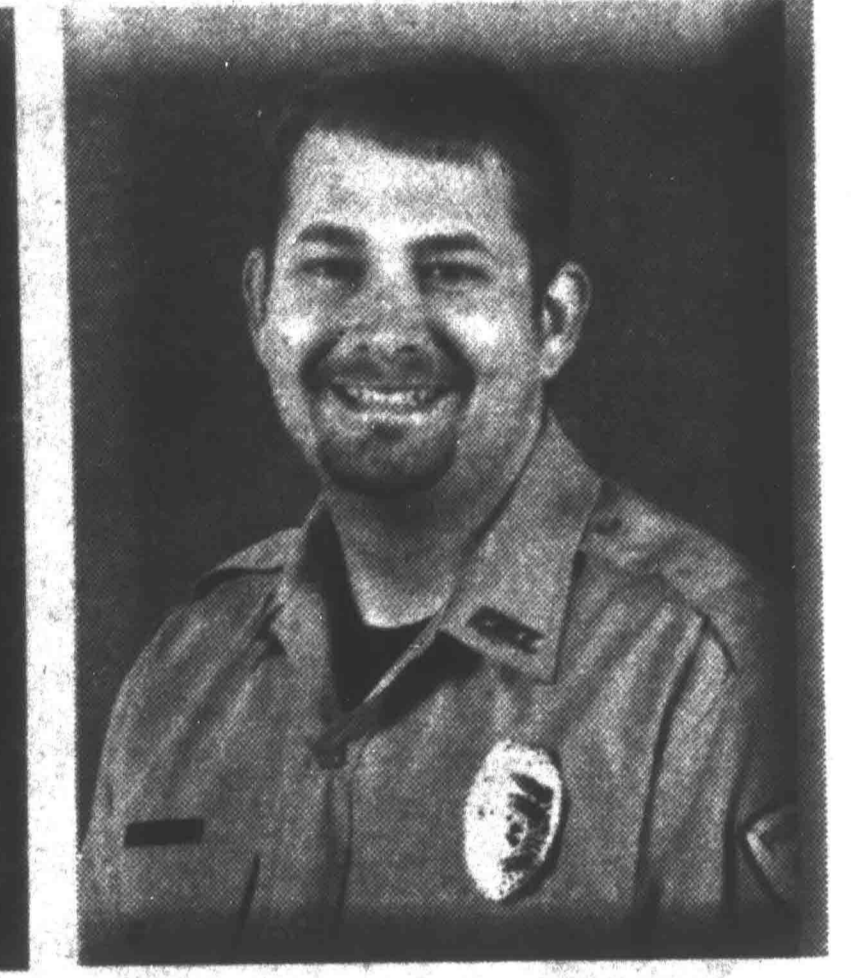
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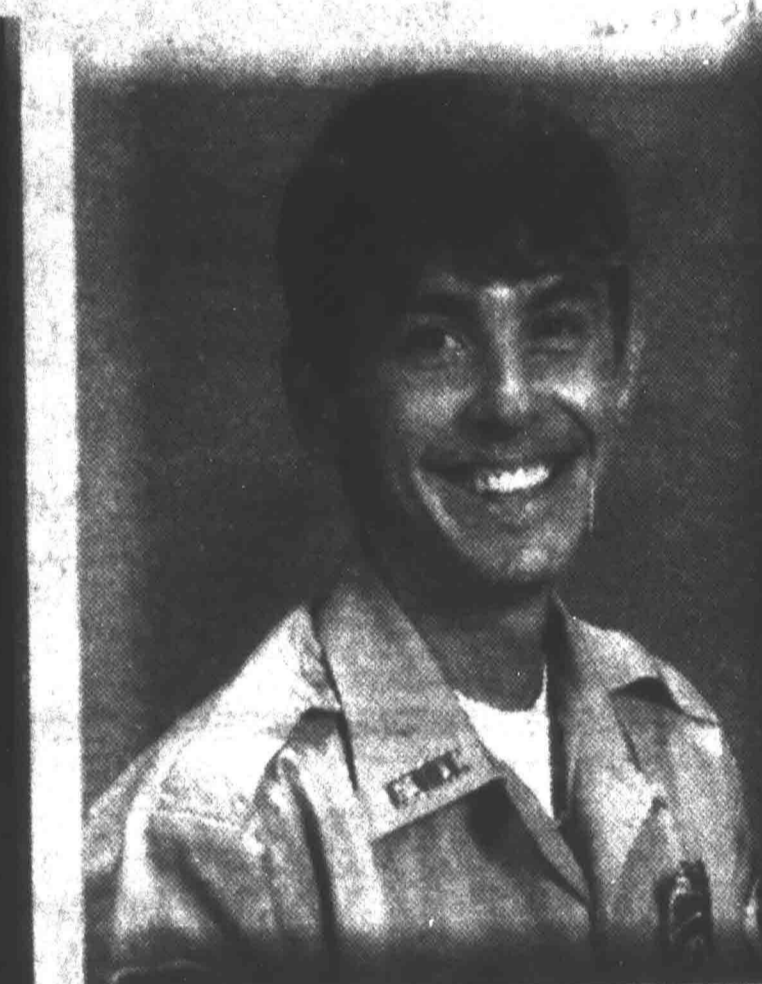
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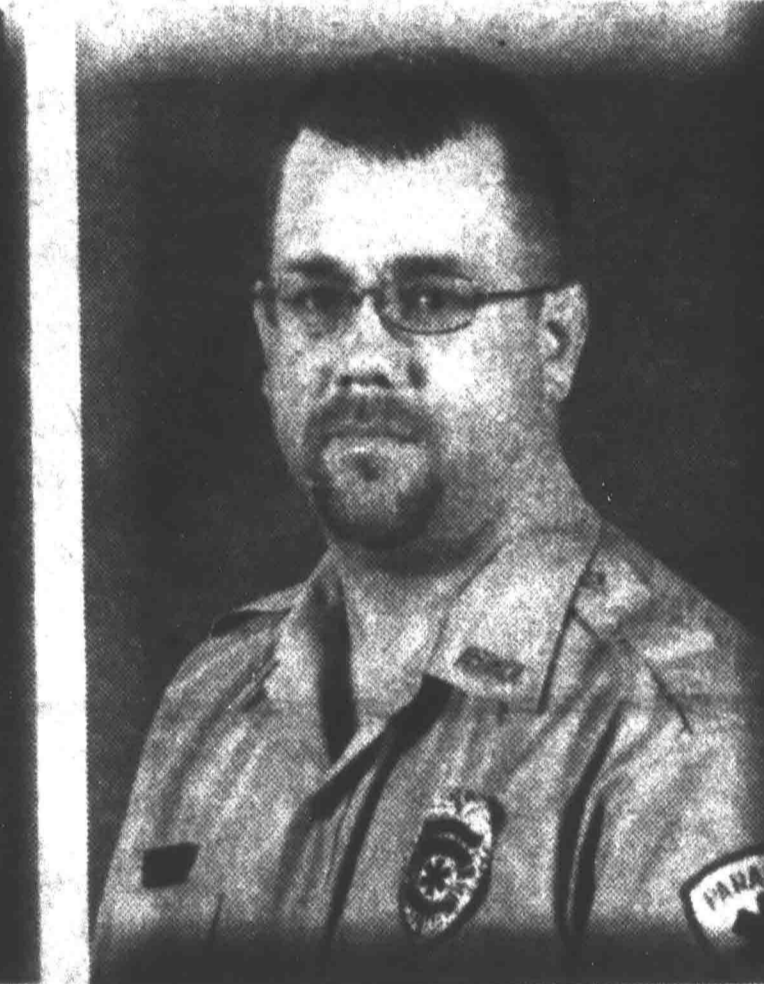
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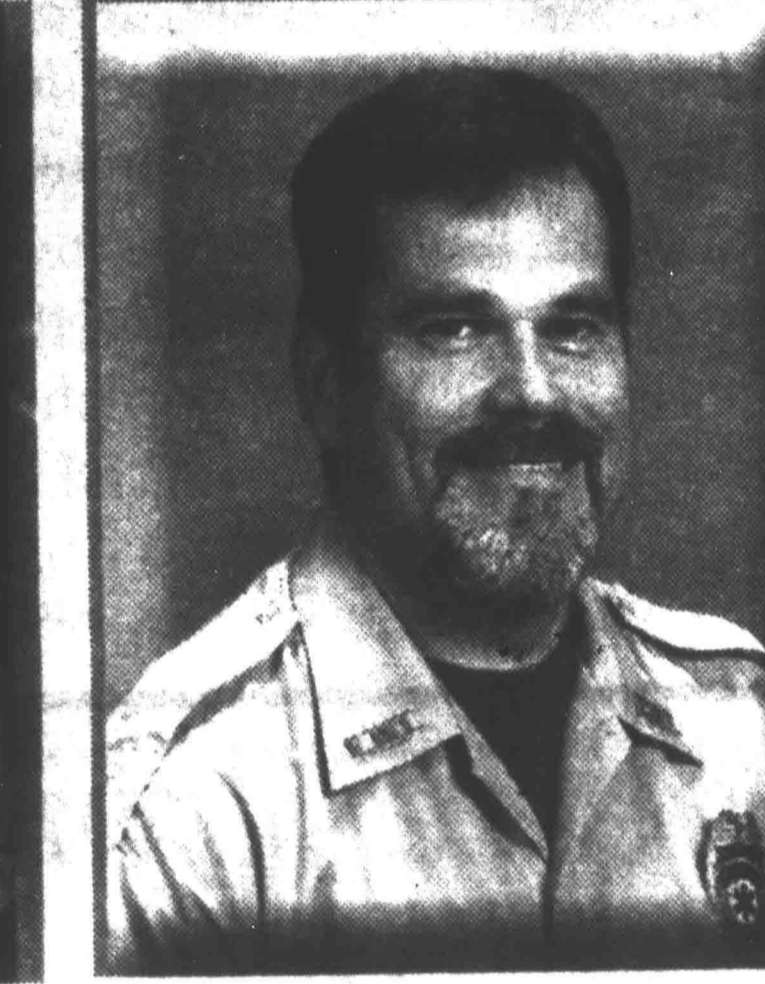
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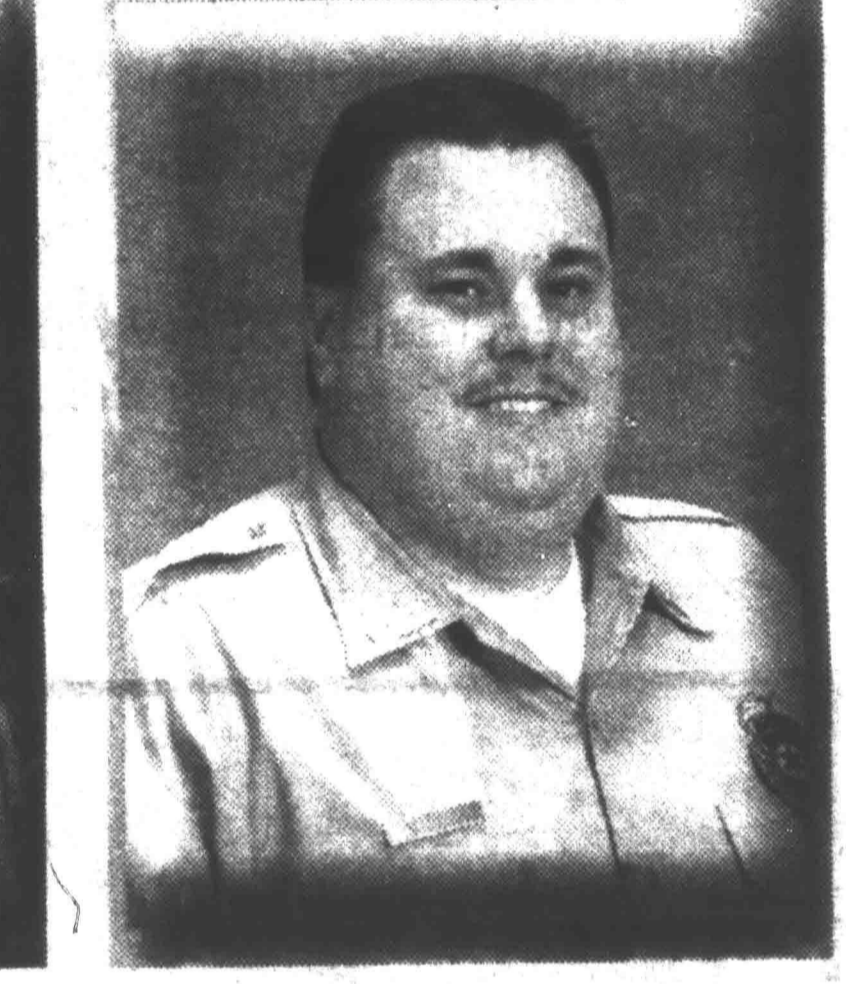
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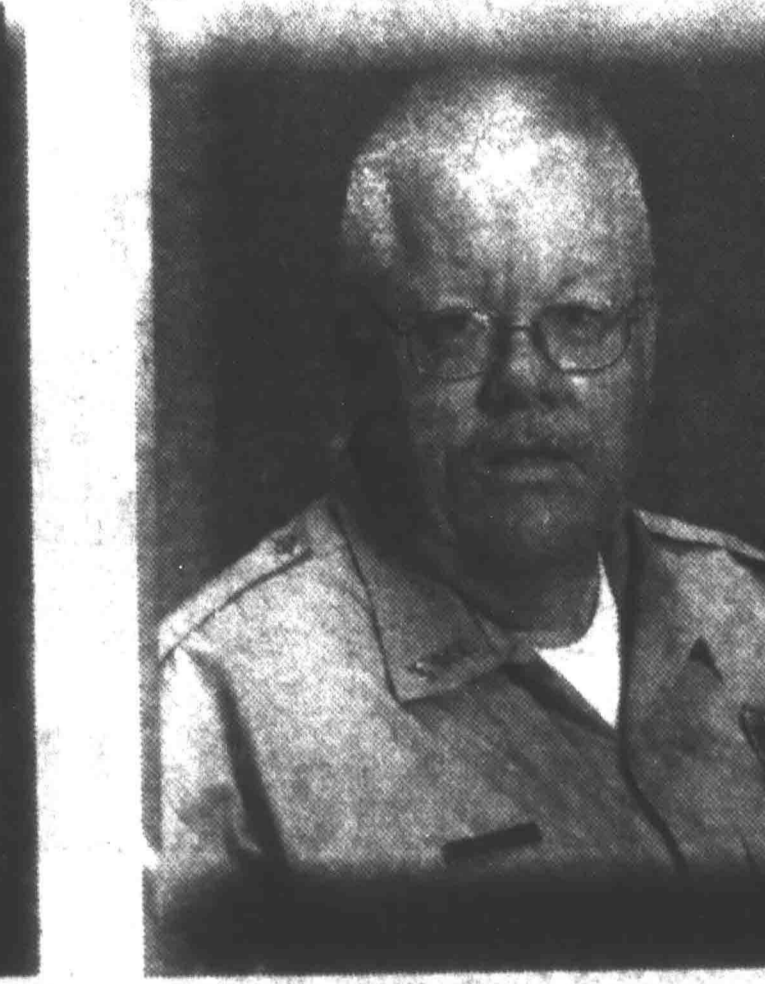
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# Ripley Police Department



**MEMBERS OF THE RIPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT** include, from left, Inv. Louis Ruff, Sgt. Mark Crook, Ptl. Sam Ozment, Lt. Terry Jordan, Disp. Lorraine Carroll, Disp. Debbie Bricco, Ptl. Marilyn Johnson, Ptl. Jimmy Drake, Ptl. Warrick Parker, Ptl. (Res) Sue McLemore, Ptl. Donald Bonds, Lt. Buddy Smith, Lt. Jay King, Ptl. Jeremy Hardee, Sgt. Chris Bailey, former chief Milford Durham, Disp. Ollie Roberson, Disp. Sandy Coss, records clerk Gail Griffin, Sgt. Jerry Temple, Lt. Donnell Baltimore, court clerk Mary Barnett, and Ptl. Greg Medford. Members not pictured include Lt. Lynn Gould, Sgt. Rita Burnett, Sgt. Gregg Land, Inv. Joey Rhea, Ptl. Don Mullins, Ptl. Joseph Bennett, Ptl. James Treadway, Ptl. Mike Kirkpatrick, Ptl. Vincent Tyus, Ptl. Andrew Criner, Ptl. Brent Hill, Ptl. Charles Readus, Ptl. (Res) Ben Colvin, Ptl. (Res) Logan Davis, Ptl. (Res) Paul Merando, Ptl. (Res) Eric Newman, Ptl. (Res) Jason Paris, Ptl. (Res) Barry Ray, Ptl. (Res) David Richmond, Ptl. (Res) Chad Smith, Ptl. (Res) James Todd, Ptl. (Res) Tamri Todd, Ptl. (Res) Susan Wakefield, and Ptl. (Res) Tracey Worlds.



**LANDIS GARRISON** is the new Ripley Police Chief. He took office June 2008.



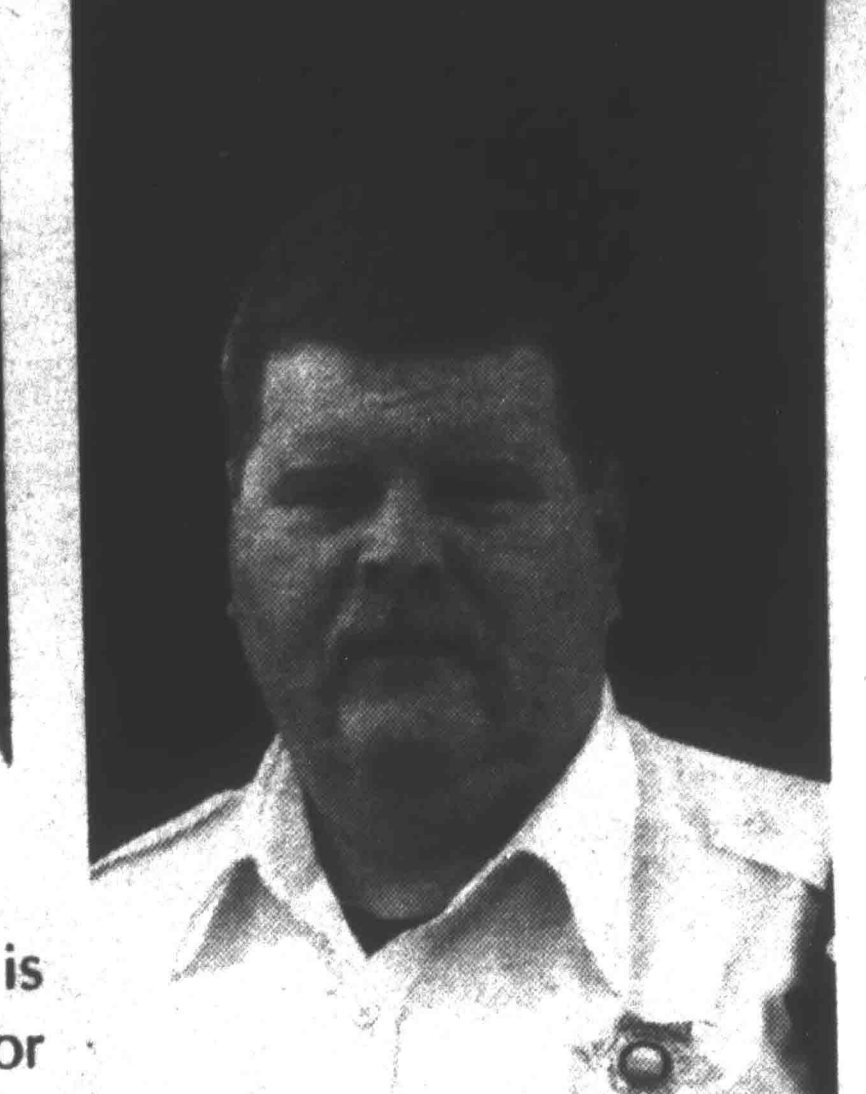
**BOB WHITE**, Ripley Police Chief, April 1964-April 1992.



**JIM 'JIMBO' JARRETT** is the director of the Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency.



**SAMMY GRANTLAND** is the animal control officer for Lauderdale County.



**JEFF CROWDER** is Gates Police Chief.

## Ripley City Chief Of Police Histroy

These law enforcement officers were first known as Town Constables, then Town Marshalls, and lastly Chief of Police.

- James M. Scott**  
Oct. 26, 1837 - Nov. 1, 1837
- S.A. Thompson**  
April, 1898 - April, 1900
- Currie Wood**  
April, 1900 - April, 1912
- Harry Mohon**  
April, 1912 - April, 1914
- Currie Wood**  
April, 1914 - April, 1916
- C.W. Wood**  
April, 1916 - April, 1918
- L.W. Lawrence**  
April, 1918 - April, 1932
- C.T. "Shorty" Williams**  
April, 1932 - April, 1934
- C.T. Williams**  
April, 1934 - April, 1936
- L.W. Lawrence**  
April, 1936 - April, 1942
- Jarome Craig**  
April, 1942 - April, 1944
- L.W. Lawrence**  
April, 1944 - April, 1946
- Jarome Craig**  
April, 1946 - April, 1948
- Aubrey Given**  
April, 1948 - April, 1950
- Russell Lightfoot**  
April, 1950 - April, 1952

- Russell "Wimpy" Reviere**  
April, 1954 - Jan., 1956
- Bill Tichenor**  
April, 1956 - April, 1958
- Jack Duvall**  
April, 1958 - April, 1962
- Bob White**  
April, 1964 - April 1992
- Dennis King**  
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### Halls Police Department



OFFICERS of the Halls Police Department include, seated, from left, Tracy Jones, sergeant, Rod Ward, chief of police, and Ralph Newman, assistant chief of police, and back, from left, Terry Williams, patrolman, Shane Hodges, patrolman, Anthony Davis, K-9 officer, Marvin Brown, patrolman, and Richard Mauppins, investigator, not pictured, include, Derrick Hundley, narcotics investigator, and Kenny Lockett, patrolman.

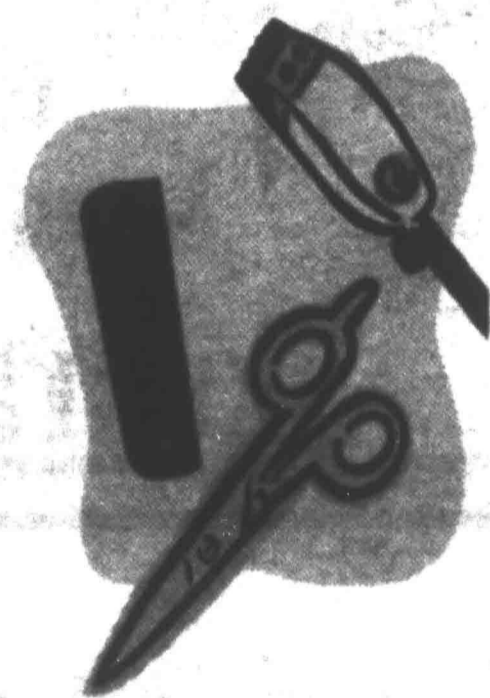
### Henning Police Department



MEMBERS OF THE HENNING POLICE DEPARTMENT include Chief Bobby Hart, Sergeant Clarence Delk, James Morris, Micah Middlebrook, Berry Collier, Hubert Jones, James Bond, and Kevin Woods.

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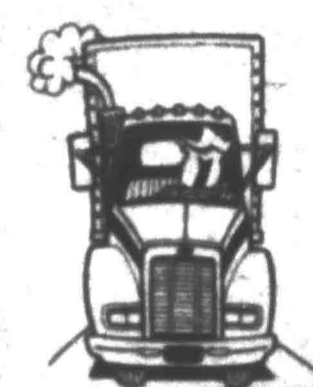


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## Halls Fire Department



MEMBERS OF THE HALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT include, from left, Daniel Webb, Patrick Burse, Kenny Lussier, Jason Winchester, Bradley Adams, Tony Riley, and Donald Gooch, plus, not pictured, Wayne Belton, Steven Belton, Bobby Turnage, Steven Brewster, Stephine Butner, Vergie Belton, Rick Moore, James Vaden, William Turnbow, David Garret, Matt Moore, Terry Janda, Joseph Adkerson, Micheal Long, Alex Walden, and Billy White.



DISPATCHERS, pictured, in upper photo, right, include Brenda Sutton along with Frank Currie. In lower photo Linda Turner, Rene' Quinn and Steve Baynes, of E-911, Lorraine Carroll and Tamri Todd, of Ripley Police Department, and Philip Kerlec and Dana Moore, of Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department.

## East Lauderdale Fire Department



MEMBERS OF THE EAST LAUDERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT include, Douglas Matthews, David Newman, Billy White and Jeffrey Harrell; not pictured, include, Johnny Smith, Sr., Johnny Smith, Jr., Alvin Slaughter, Randy Tims, Josh Tims, Jim Jarrett and Gene Marshall.

### APPETIZERS, BEVERAGES & BREADS

#### CHEESE AND TOMATO QUESADILLAS

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| ¼ c. seeded, sliced tomatoes        | 6 (8-inch) fat-free flour tortillas                    |
| ¼ c. thinly sliced green onions     | ¼ c. (3 oz.) shredded reduced-fat sharp Cheddar cheese |
| 2 pickled jalapeno peppers, chopped | ¼ c. no-salt added tomato salsa                        |

Divide first 3 ingredients evenly among tortillas, arranging just off center of each. Top each evenly with cheese. Coat a medium-size nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray; place over medium heat until hot. Place one tortilla in skillet. Cook 1 minute or until bottom of tortilla is golden. Fold tortilla in half; cook 30 seconds or until cheese melts. Repeat procedure. Cut each Quesadilla into 4 wedges. Top wedges with salsa. Yields 2 dozen appetizers.

Mae Dunaway  
 Town & Country PCE

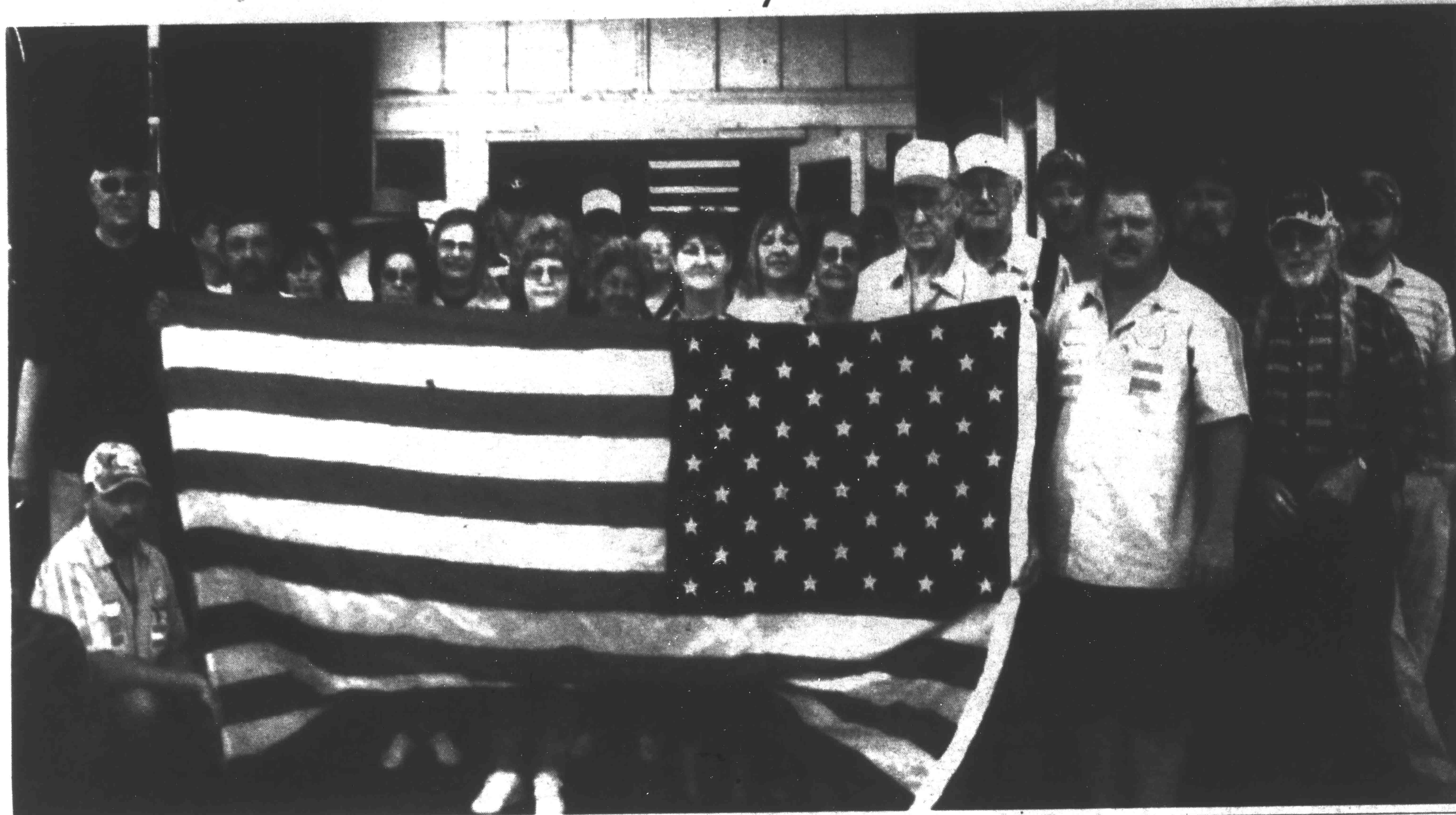
#### EGGPLANT CAVIAR

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 medium eggplant              | 2 tsp. salt                 |
| 1 large onion, chopped         | 1 tsp. pepper               |
| 1 green pepper, chopped        | ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper       |
| 2 large cloves garlic, crushed | 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| ½ c. olive oil                 | 1 tsp. Accent               |
| 2 tomatoes, peeled             | 2 Tbsp. dry white wine      |

Punch several holes in eggplant and place in a shallow pan with a small amount of water. Bake at 400° until soft (about 1 hour). Sauté onion, green pepper and garlic in olive oil until tender, but not brown. Peel and chop eggplant and tomatoes. Add to sauteed mixture. Add salt, pepper, cayenne pepper, Worcestershire sauce and Accent. Add wine. Mix everything thoroughly and continue to cook gently until the mixture is fairly thick. Cool, then place in refrigerator. Serve chilled with rye crackers.

Celia Ficks  
 Key Corner PCE

# Lauderdale County Rescue Squad



**MEMBERS** of the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad include, Ronnie Moore, Nancy Ward, Gina Flowers, Ronnie Flowers, Paula Moore, Rodney Ward, Lois Ward, Ricky Ward, Jerry Best, Robbie Ward, Ashley Flowers, Bubba Blakely, Jim Miller, Jean Ward, Suzie Blakely, Ernest Bell, Sandra Billings, Robert Beard, Angela Littles, Kenneth Blakely, Shawn Clem, Bobby E. Ward, Tilford Brown, Billy Bates, Sharmin Bates, Gyneal Buckner, Kevin Blakely, Freddie Haislip, Chris Latham, Bradley Olds, Alice Daniels, Brenda McGruder, Phyllis Meade, Letha Nelson, Betty Luckett, Brenda Blakely, James Murphy, Angie Murphy, Carl Myrick, Shawn Kissell, Linda Haynes, Brandy Ward Turnbow, Jason Osborne, Brian Arwood, Janet Arwood, Cecil Crowder, Sr., Martha Crowder, Billy Crowder, Johnny Littles,

Dennis Littles, Dennis Henson, Paulette Maness, Dan Day, Bobby D. Ward, Tera Ward, Scottie Buckner, Jeff Gillon, Gordon Jackson, Ronnie Lynn Ward, Jr., Ken Beasley, Johnny Waller, and Chris Ellis. The Lauderdale County Board of Education met October 17, 1976, when the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad and 'C.B.' Club addressed the board for its approval to use the Nankipoo School building as a meeting place. It was agreed that the rescue squad and other civic groups and clubs of the Nankipoo area be allowed to use the Nankipoo School building and be responsible for utilities and other costs involved in the use of the building. The rescue squad commander would be in charge of working out a schedule for the various group meetings. It was stipulated that should the several groups be unable to work out a schedule for use of building the whole matter will be reverted back to Lauderdale County Board of Education.

## CHAMPION CASSEROLE

- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen spinach
- 4 oz. green noodles
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 onions, chopped and divided
- 1 tomato, peeled and chopped
- 1 can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 3 Tbsp. milk
- 1/2 c. grated Cheddar cheese

Cook spinach according to package directions. Drain and set aside. Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain and set aside. Brown meat in a skillet with 1 chopped onion. Remove as much of grease as possible. Add tomato. Cook until it breaks down. Add mushrooms, cooked noodles, tomato sauce, garlic salt and pepper. Stir to combine well and bring to a simmer. In another bowl, combine cream cheese, sour cream, milk and remaining onion. Stir until well blended. In a 2-quart casserole, layer half the meat noodle mixture, half cream cheese mixture, all the spinach, remainder of meat noodle mixture. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes, uncovered. Remove and spread remainder of cream cheese mixture on top. Sprinkle with cheese and bake for 10 minutes more.

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## TOMATO AND POTATO SOUP

- 1 1/2 lb. fresh tomatoes (about 4 medium)
- 1 Tbsp. olive or vegetable oil
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 tsp. minced fresh garlic
- 2 c. chicken broth
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/2 tsp. fennel seed
- 1/4 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1 1/2 c. sliced, peeled tomatoes

Use tomatoes held at room temperature until fully ripe. Dice tomatoes (makes about 3 cups); set aside. In a medium saucepan, heat oil until hot. Add onion and garlic; saute until onion is transparent, about 5 minutes. Add chicken broth, paprika, thyme, fennel and orange peel. Bring to a boil. Add potatoes and 1 1/2 cups of the reserved tomatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Place half of vegetables and liquid in the container of an electric blender; whirl until smooth. Repeat with remaining mixture. Return all soup to saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add remaining 1 1/2 cups tomatoes. Simmer, covered, until tomatoes are soft, about 5 minutes. Add additional liquid, if needed.

Janette Kirby  
De Soto

## TOMATO ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

- 1 lb. fresh tomatoes, sliced
- 3 c. sliced zucchini
- 1/4 c. bread crumbs
- 1 Tbsp. oil (or margarine)
- 1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- Parmesan cheese (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1/4 tsp. lemon herb seasoning

Combine all seasonings in a small bowl. Place half of zucchini slices in a lightly greased casserole dish. Add layer of tomato slices, a sprinkle of chopped onion and half of seasoning mixture. Repeat layers of zucchini, tomatoes, onion and rest of seasoning mixture. Combine oil and parsley flakes and sprinkle over vegetables. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over all and bake at 350° until vegetables are tender (45 to 60 minutes).

Edna Meadows  
Town & Country

MICHAEL ARGUELLO  
DARE Officer  
for Lauderdale County



LOGOS for the 2008 Tomato Festival include, the original logo, left, selected in April 2008 and the later version, right, selected in June. Both celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival and are used throughout this issue.

## 2008 Tomato Festival Pageant Winners



**JENNA GARRETT**, second from left, was crown queen in the Miss Lauderdale County pageant Saturday. She will represent the county during the annual Tomato Festival in July. She is the daughter of Gaston Garrett and Ellen Harber. Her court included Robin Greaves, first maid, daughter of Tom and Cindy Greaves; Brandy Latham, second maid, daughter of Dennis and Beth Latham; and Adrian Wilson, third maid, daughter of Barry and Connie Wilson.



**CHELSEA PRUITT**, second from left, daughter of Ben and Leigh Ann Pruitt, was crowned Miss Lauderdale County Teen in the 2008 Tomato Festival pageant. Her court included Mallory Gaines, first maid, daughter of Keith and Melissa Davidson and Michael and Stacy Gaines; Kacie Michelle Land, second maid, daughter of Mike Land and Kathy Land; and Shayla Sanders, third maid, daughter of Tommy and Donna Sanders.



**ALEXIS MICHELLE BOLDEN**, second from left, daughter of Christy and Michael Woodard, was crowned queen in the Lauderdale County Junior Miss pageant. Her court included Madison Walker, first maid, daughter of Tommy Walker and Stephanie Smith; Chloe Nipp, second maid, daughter of Lisa Nipp and Travis and Genia Nipp; and Chandler Bolton, third maid, daughter of Marty and Stephanie Bolton.



**OSCAR CRISTANO FLORES AND ABBIE LAUREN SONDGEROTH**, center, were crowned king and queen in the Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County. He is the son of Jose and Christy Flores and she is the daughter of Aaron and Kristy Sondgeroth. Their court included Noe Flores, prince, son of Jose and Christy Flores; Maddie Grace Peyton, princess, daughter of Chris and Stacy Peyton; Braden Eastep, page, son of Steven and Marissa Eastep; Caleb Pittman, page, son of Savannah Crowder and Brandon Pittman; and Hannah Lee Chalk, maid, daughter of Lanny and Dawn Chalk.



**COLTON ROSE AND KAYLEE ADKERSON**, center, were crowned junior king and queen in the 2008 Lauderdale County Tomato Festival pageant. He is the son of Joseph and Melissa Rose and she is the daughter of John Adkerson and Kelli Adkerson. Their court included Jose Flores, Jr., prince, son of Jose and Christy Flores; Ailee Elizabeth Adkerson, princess, daughter of John Adkerson and Kelli Adkerson; and Delaney Grace Mann, maid, daughter of Bobby and Barbara Mann.



**JARED BELL AND MAGGIE CLAIRE CRINER**, center, were crowned king and queen in the Little Mr. and Miss Tomato Babes for the 2008 Tomato Festival Pageant Saturday. Jared is the son of Curtis and Elizabeth Bell and Maggie is the daughter of Andrew and Rachel Criner. Their court included Jaxon Richard Tillman, prince, son of Brantley and Amanda Tillman; Olivia Ann Garrett, princess, daughter of Greg and Melissa Garrett; Talon McBroom, page, son of Amanda Russell and Michael McBroom; and Alaina Paris, maid, daughter of Randy and Kim Paris.

### 2008 Tomato Tasting

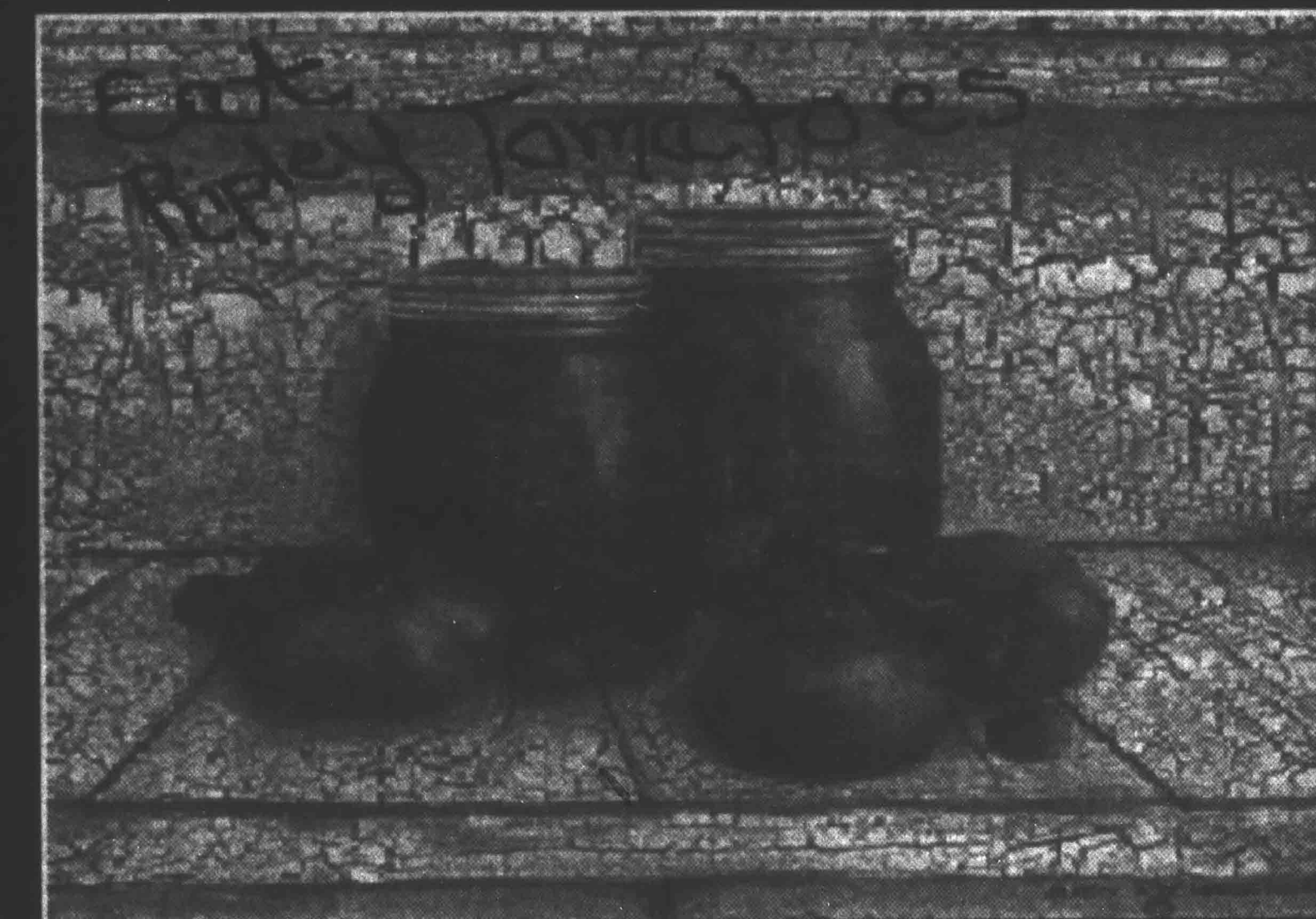
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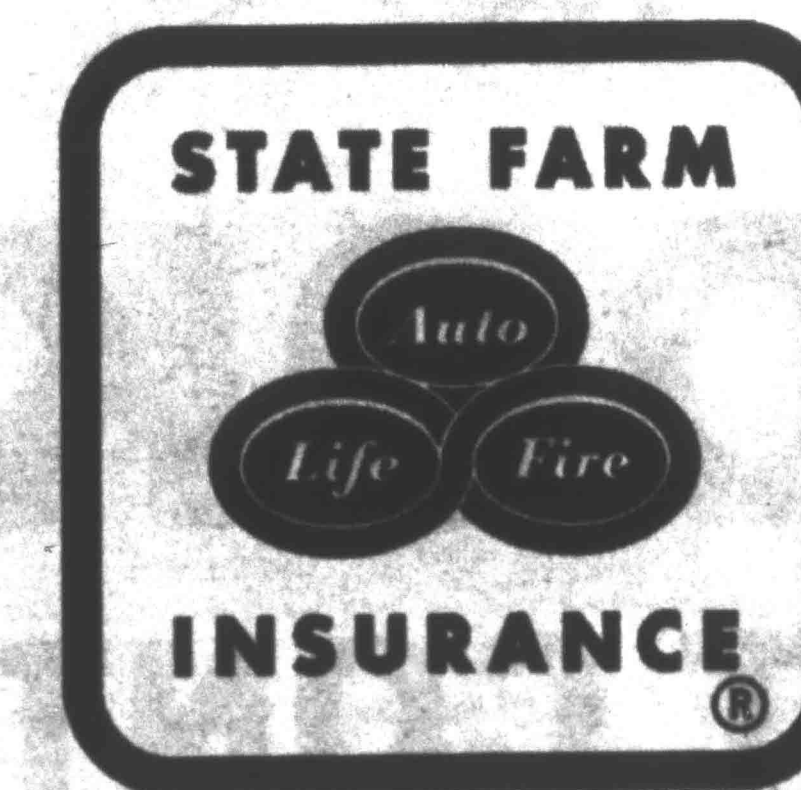
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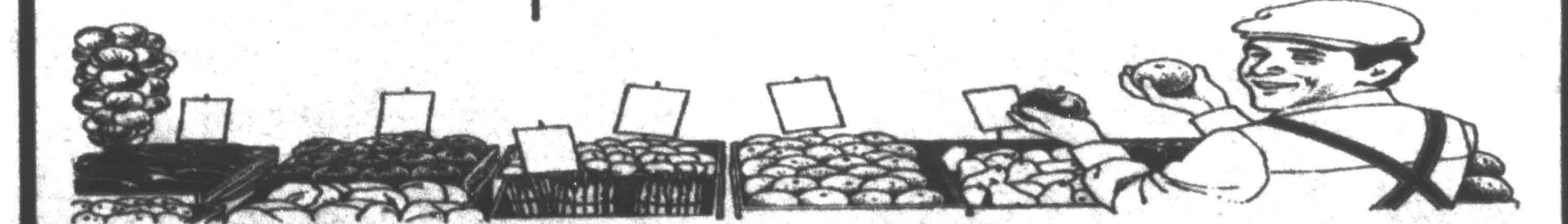
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 ½ c. diced green pepper  
 ¼ c. diced purple onion  
 1 Tbsp. seeded, minced chili pepper  
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2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice  
 1 Tbsp. olive oil  
 1 tsp. sugar  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 ¼ tsp. coarsely ground pepper  
 1 clove garlic, minced

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl; stir well. Cover and let chill at least 3 hours. Serve with chicken or fish or as a dip with tortilla chips. Yield: 3 ½ cups.

Mae Dunaway  
 Town & Country FCE

**CHICKEN AVOCADO DIP**

1 c. finely chopped cooked chicken  
 1 ripe avocado, seeded, peeled and chopped  
 1 ripe tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped  
 ¼ c. chopped onion  
 2 Tbsp. chopped pickled jalapenos

1 clove garlic, minced  
 ½ c. sour cream  
 ¼ c. milk  
 2 Tbsp. mayonnaise  
 2 tsp. lemon juice  
 ¼ tsp. dried oregano, crushed  
 ¼ tsp. salt  
 avocado slices (optional)  
 tortilla chips

In a mixing bowl, stir together the chopped chicken, avocado, tomato, onion, jalapeno and garlic. Stir in the sour cream, milk, mayonnaise, lemon juice, oregano and salt. Stir until ingredients are thoroughly combined. Cover and chill until serving time. Garnish with avocado slices if desired. Serve with corn or tortilla chips. Makes about 2 ¾ cups dip.

Celia Ricks  
 Key Corner FCE



**PASTA GARDENA**

8 oz. pasta (your choice)  
 ½ c. vegetable oil  
 ¼ c. white vinegar  
 2 c. cherry tomatoes, halved

½ c. chopped fresh parsley  
 ¼ c. chopped fresh basil or 2 Tbsp. dried basil  
 ½ c. grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta following package directions and drain well. Meanwhile, combine oil and vinegar. Cover and shake well. In a large skillet, combine cooked pasta, oil and vinegar mixture and tomatoes. Heat over low heat, tossing gently; add parsley, basil, salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly. Sprinkle each serving with Parmesan cheese.

Janette Kirby  
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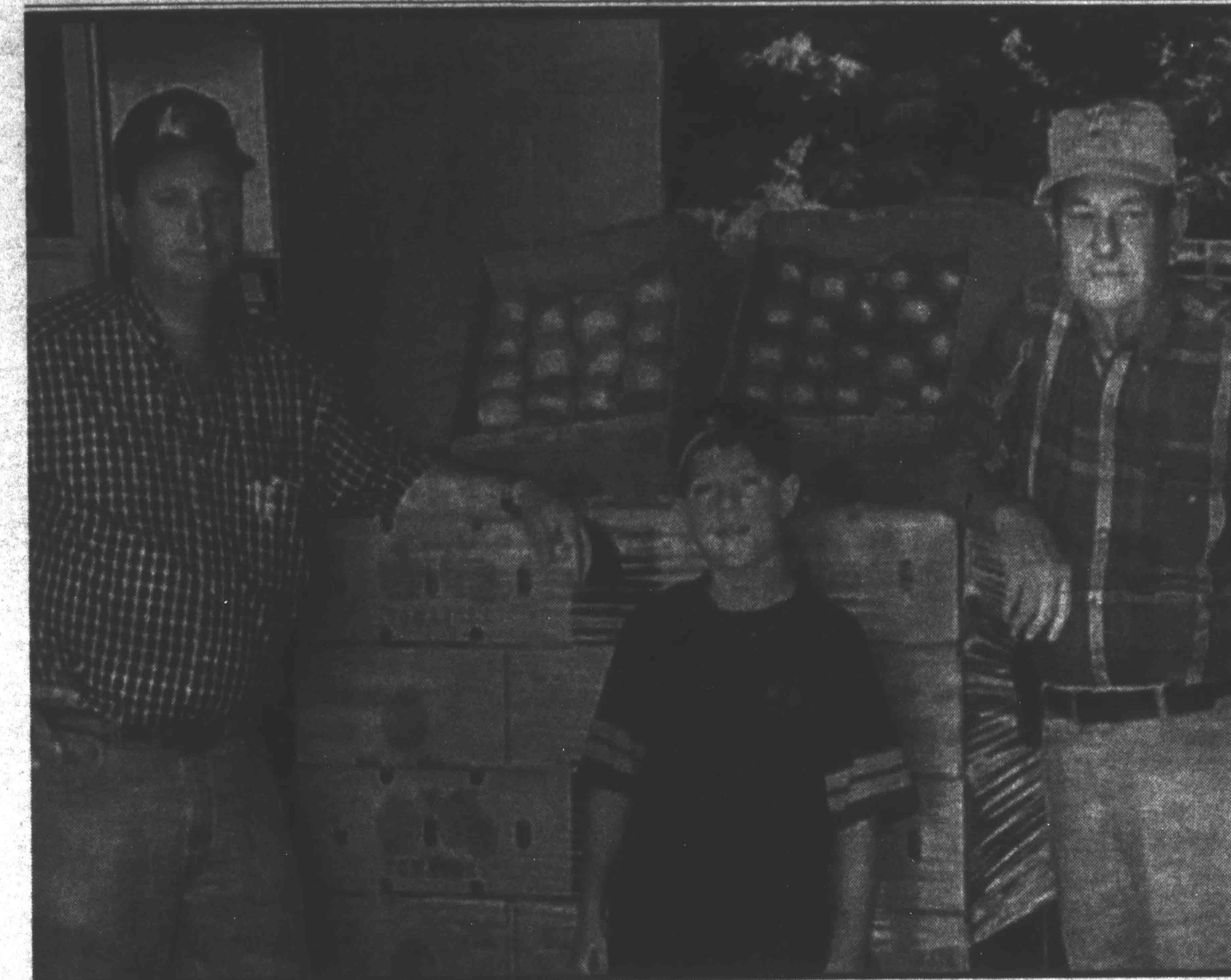
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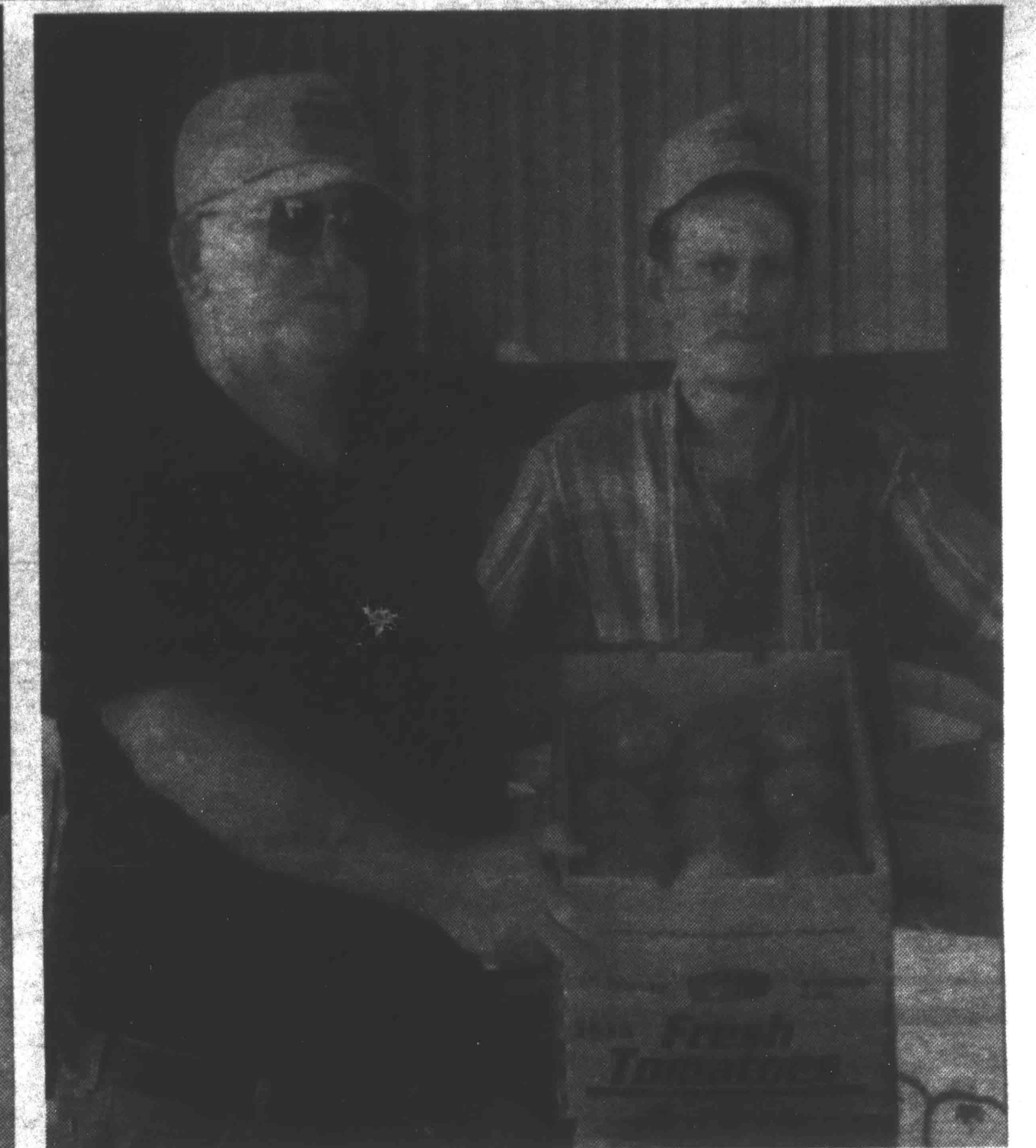
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CHRIS LANKFORD, left, and his father, Billy Hall Lankford, were named Tomato Farmers of the Year in 2002. They are pictured with Chris' son, Zachary.



RUSSELL KIESTLER, left, and his brother, Lynn Kiestler, right, were named Tomato Farmers of the Year in 2003.



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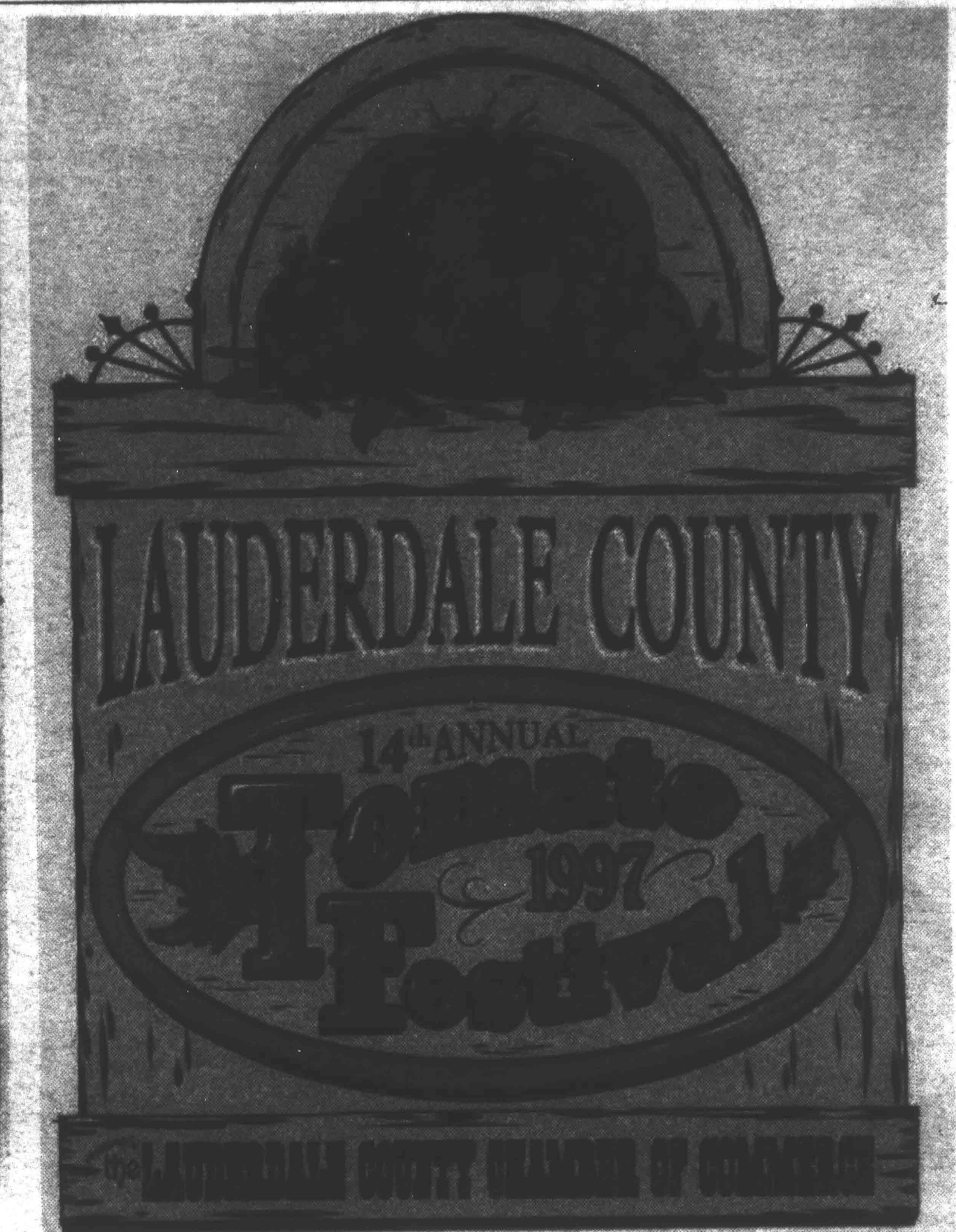
STEVE WATSON, right, of Curve, was named Tomato Farmers of the Year in 1999. He is pictured with his grandson, Steven.



DON JOHNSON, left, pictured with his son, Nathan, was named Tomato Farmer of the Year for 2006. He stated he had farmed "all his life" first with his father and then on his own.



THE LATE JOHNIE FORD was named Tomato Farmer of the Year in 1998.



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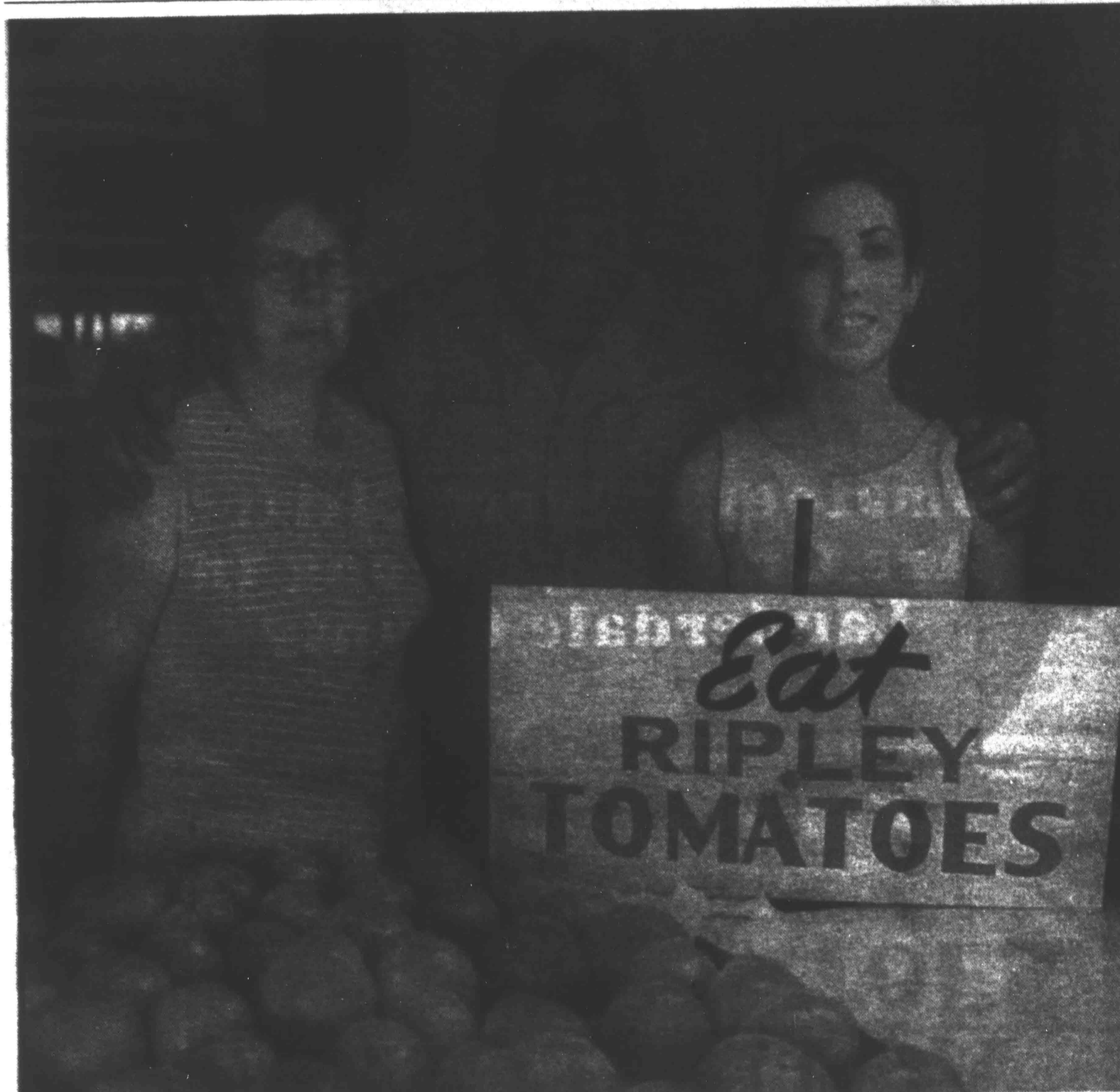
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JIMMY 'HUT' SUMMAR, center, with employees, from left, Dorothy Maness and Kelly Haislip, was named Tomato Farmer of the Year in 2001.



### Tomato Farmers Of The Year

The following is a list of Tomato Farmers named as Tomato Farmer of the Year, since the beginning of the festival.

- 1984 - Unknown
- 1985 - Unknown
- 1986 - Bruce Little
- 1987 - H. M. Tims & Neal Crain
- 1988 - Don Holcomb
- 1989 - Johnie Ford & Steve Watson
- 1990 - Bruce Little
- 1991 - Neal Crain
- 1992 - Barry Connell
- 1993 - Unknown
- 1994 - Unknown
- 1995 - Unknown

- 1996 - Herman and Neal Simpson
- 1997 - Mike Voss
- 1998 - Johnie Ford
- 1999 - Steve Watson
- 2000 - Coy Summar
- 2001 - Jimmie "Hut" Summar
- 2002 - Chris and Billy Hall Lankford
- 2003 - Russell and Lynn Kiestler
- 2004 - David & Barbara Holcomb
- 2005 - Mrs. J. A. Tims
- 2006 - Don Johnson
- 2007 - Mike and Deb Voss
- 2008 - Chris and Billy Hall Lankford

If anyone knows the name of a tomato farmer not listed, for the unknown years, please call the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

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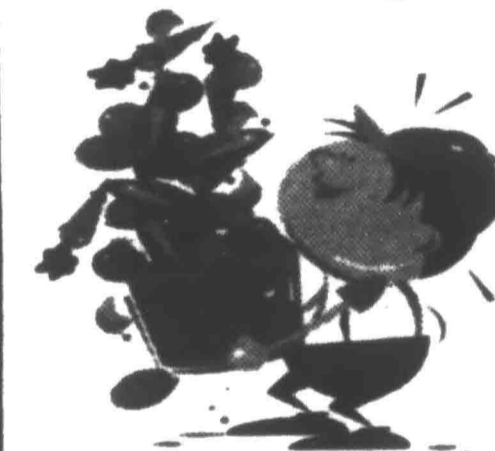
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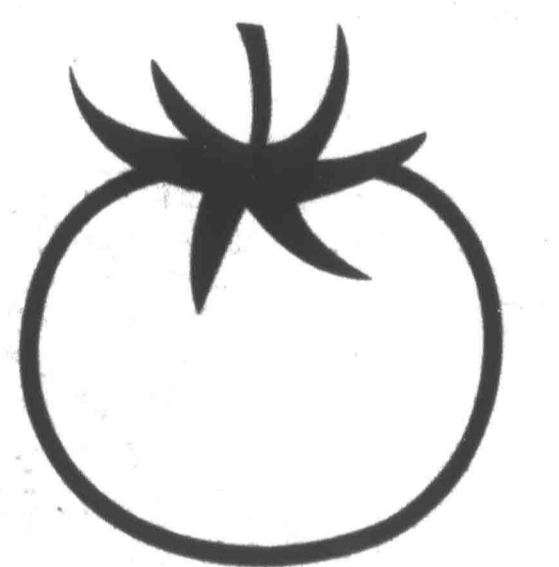
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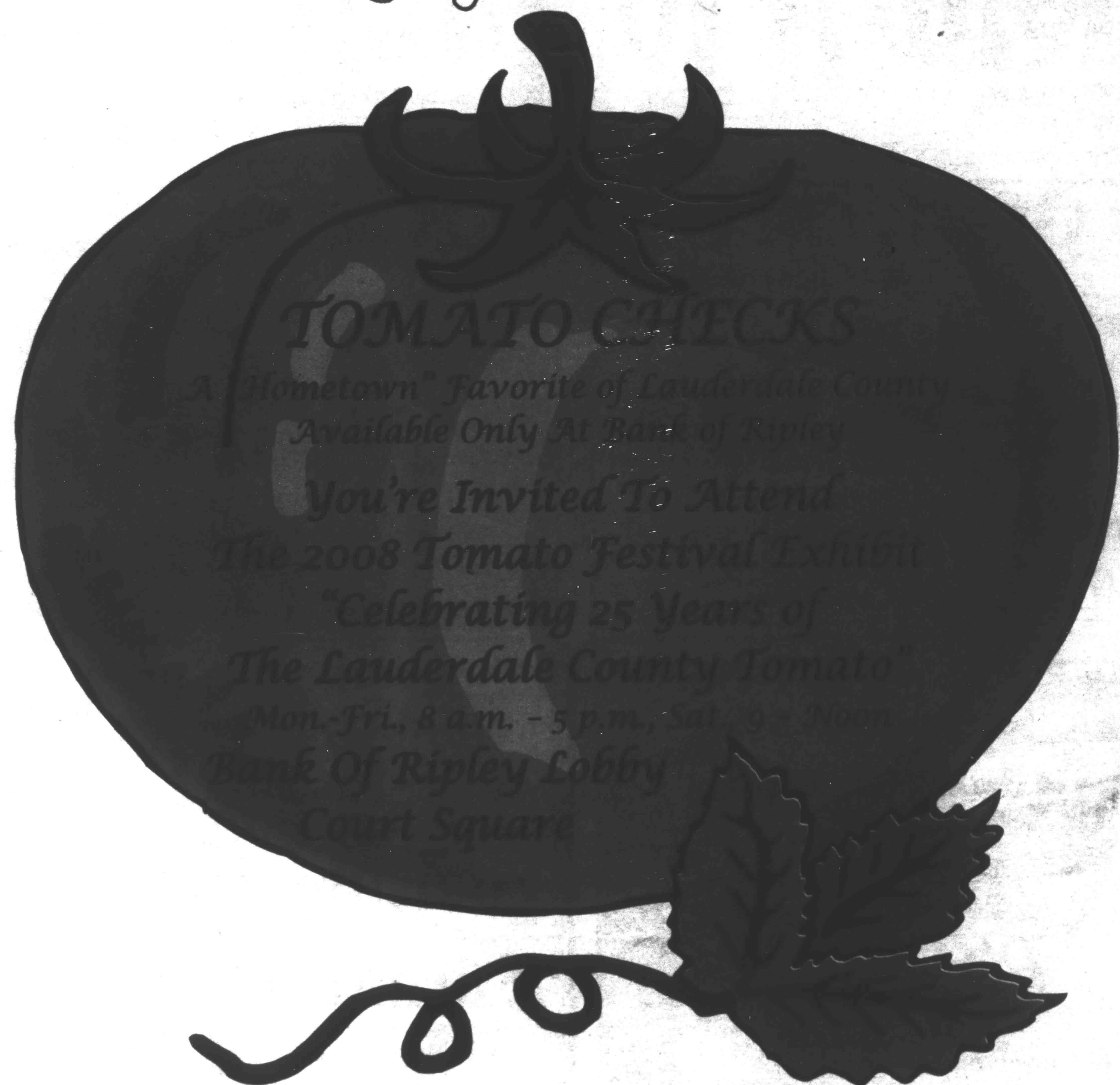
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## Generations Volunteer



CAROL YOUNG, second from left, and members of her family, from left, daughter, Vicky Smith, granddaughter, Hannah Smith, daughter, Janet Savley, and grandson, Dustin Savley, volunteered to brighten the walls in the exercise room July 2nd at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in Halls. They worked three days to create an under-the-sea and beach scene.

## Receives Scholarship



KAYLA CHESSOR, Halls High School graduate, was named the recipient of the 2008-2009 Karen A. Bowyer Scholarship from Dyersburg State Community College. Named for DSCC President Karen Bowyer, the award is given by

## Craig Davis, McAdams On All-State List

The Tenn. Sports Writers Assn. has listed Halls High School junior Craig Davis at shortstop on its Class A All-State team.

Cole McAdams, of Huntingdon, son of former Ripley High School football coach Johnny McAdams, is listed as a pitcher.

The list includes 21 players in Class A.

Other shortstops listed are Clint Gobbell, of Summertown, and Lance Rorex, of Lookout Valley.

Other pitchers listed are Josh Brown, of Cascade, Zach Breazeale, of Rockwood, Chris Carrington, of Summertown, Brandon O'Dell, of Lookout Valley, and Patrick Taggart, of Jackson Christian School's state champs.

The University of Memphis as part of its Community College Presidential Scholarship program. Recipients must be nominated for the scholarship by the president of a Tennessee community college and will receive \$5,500 in scholarship funds per school year. The annually recurring award is dependent upon enrollment at The University of Memphis and the maintenance of a 3.0 GPA.

Chessor plans to continue her pursuit of an education degree at U of M in the fall. Active in the community and at DSCC, Kayla was instrumental in establishing the local chapter of the

## Hero



OFFICER STEVE JACKSON, with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, was first on the scene at 10:39 p.m. Friday after an ambulance was dispatched to Conner Whitefield Rd., according to Sheriff Steve Sanders. A 2-month old child was reported not breathing and Officer Jackson performed CPR and revived the infant before ambulance authority arrived.

## SUMMER PICNIC

Members of the Halls High School Class of 1998 will hold a summer picnic from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 26th at the Ripley City park pavilion.

Attendees must respond by July 18th 731-635-3674.

Tennessee Student Teacher Association and served as its first president for the 2007-2008 academic year. She also served as an ambassador for the college.

"I know the importance of giving back to the community," said Chessor. "The education this scholarship will give me would allow me to educate the future leaders of our community," she added.

## Gates Library Has Activities

The Gates Public Library will be open two days a week, from 1 to 2 p.m. on Mondays and 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. Children, ages 4 to 12, are invited to a story and craft time on Mondays.

## Program Held At Resource Office

Delta Human Resource will host a contractor's meeting at 2 p.m. Friday, July 18th, at the Delta Human Resource Agency central office, 915 Hwy. 51, in Covington for contractors interested in participating in its Weatherization Assistance Program.

For more information contact Gloria Williams or Jerry Holland at 901-476-5226.

## Scholarship For Women Lawyers

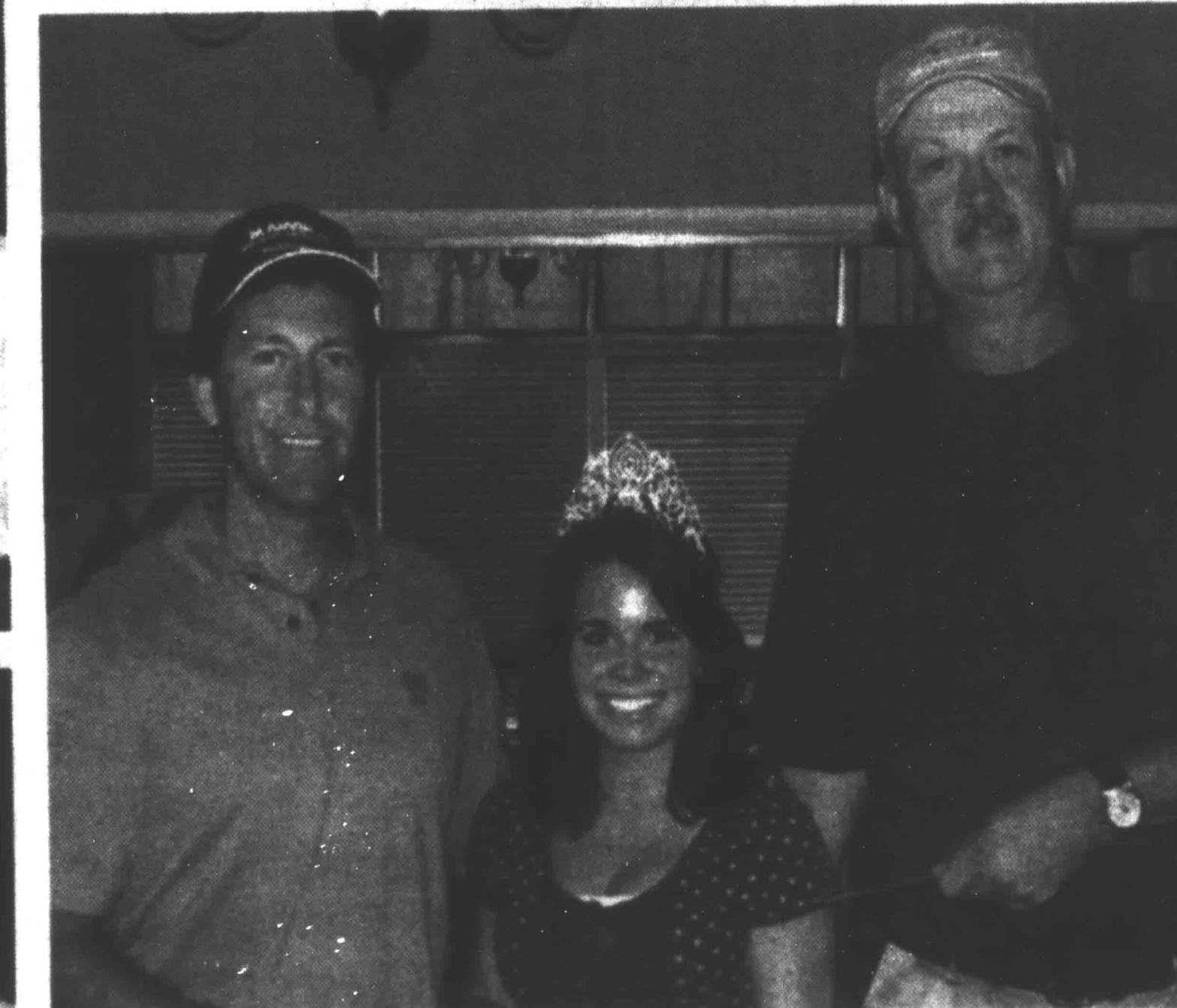
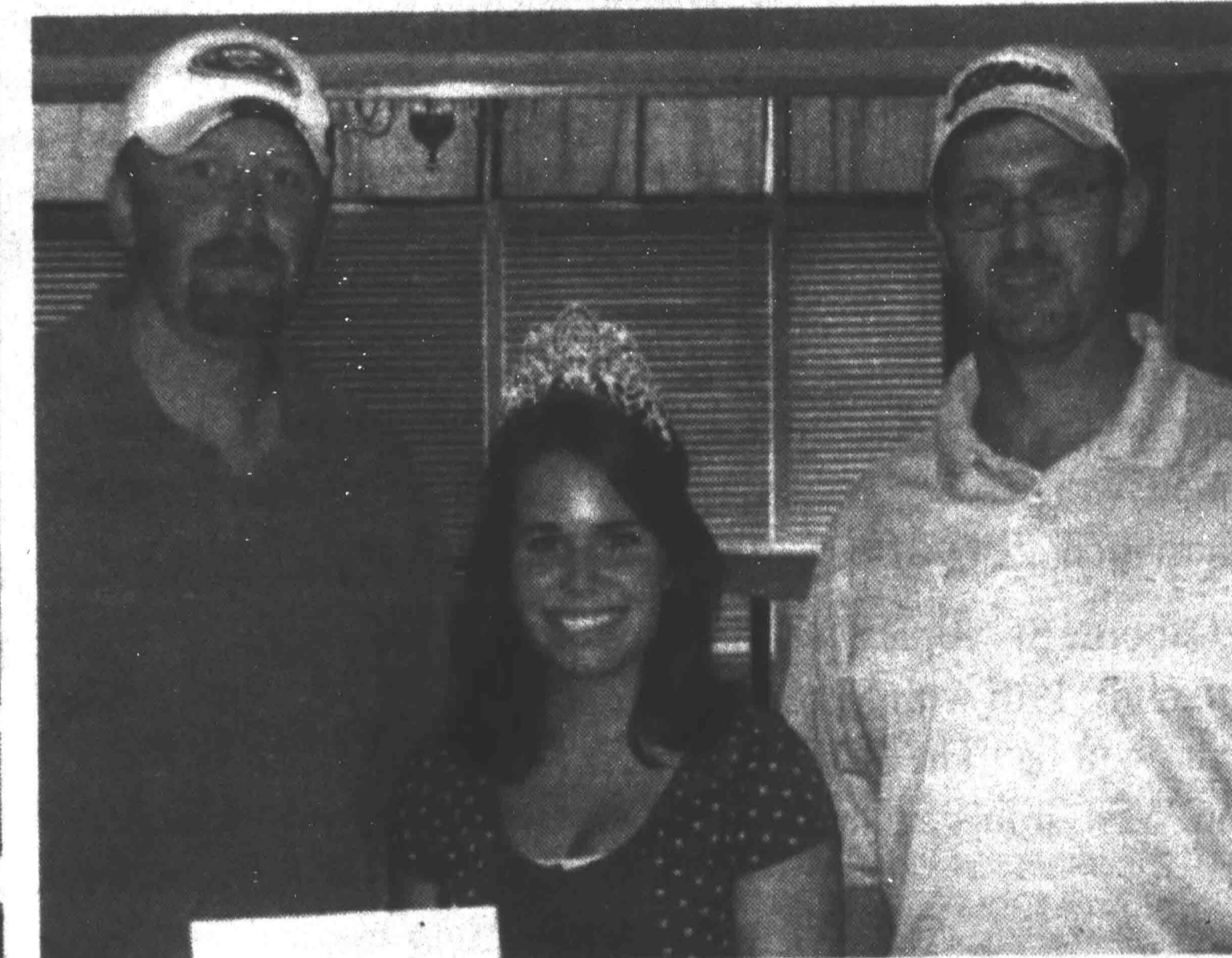
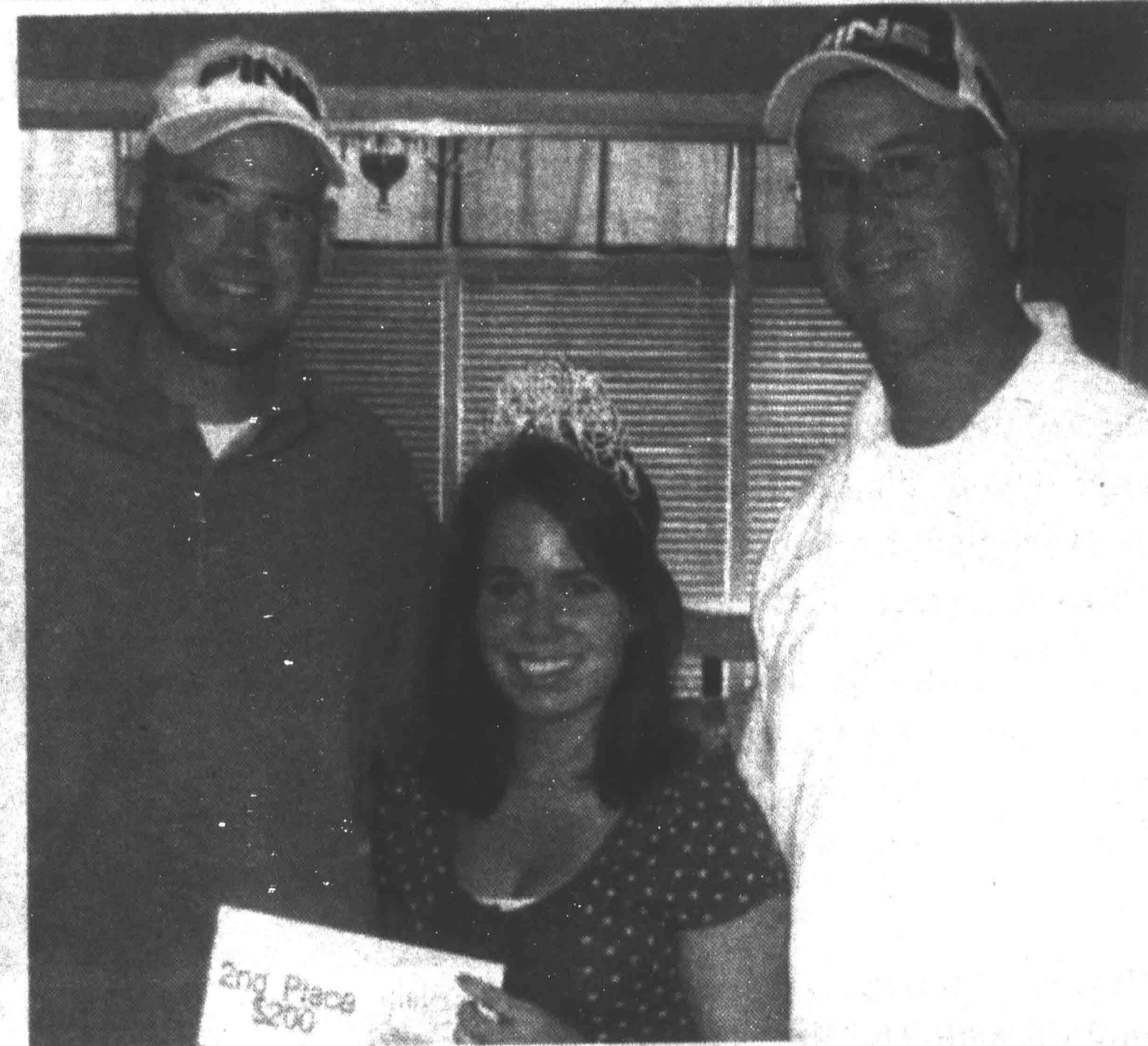
The Anne Schneider Chapter of Lawyers' Association for Women will award a \$750 scholarship to a woman who is a resident of any West Tennessee county, except Shelby County. Qualifications which will be considered include academic ability, average or above; stability of character and good moral standards; worthy of assistance; financial need for continuing educational programs; stated intention to pursue a career in law; and a candidate that has been accepted to an accredited law school or is attending an accredited law school. Applications must be returned no later than August 15, 2008. Contact Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Middlebrooks and Gray, P.A., P.O. Box 1085, Jackson, TN 38302 for an application.







### Golf Tourney Winners



WINNERS of the annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Golf Tournament included, in upper left photo, first flight, Ripley Gas and Water, first place; in second left photo, First Citizens National Bank, second place; in third left photo, Bank of Ripley, third place; and in lower left photo, second flight, Best Wade/Evirotech, first place; in upper right photo, McDonald's, second place; and in middle right photo, Marvin Windows, third place. In lower right photo, Don Sweat won closest to the pin and Tom Tims won longest drive.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE COLUMN He Ain't No Role Model

Former NBA star and now TNT sports commentator Charles Barkley once famously said, "I ain't no role model."

There's no denying Barkley has charisma. He's unpredictable and at times outrageous, which makes him interesting to watch, whether on a program or in a commercial. His knowledge of sports and his personality have afforded him the ability to live his definition of the good life. He's gotten away with being the resident bad boy for a long time.

But his roguish ways may be catching up with him. In 2006, Barkley admitted to ESPN that he estimated he'd lost \$10 million gambling legally. This probably means he's lost more, because no gambler really keeps track of how much is lost.

More recently, Barkley was forced to new public admissions and finally forced to pay an overdue gambling debt of \$400,000 to Wynn Las Vegas when that strip casino threatened legal action. He paid his bill, along with legal fees to Clark County to the tune of \$40,000. He paid his bill when he no longer had any alternative to avoiding it.

Also in 2006, professional golf's version of the lovable bad boy, John Daly, said in his book that he'd lost \$50 to \$60 million in gambling during the past twelve years. If he doesn't get control of the gambling, Daly said, it will "flat out ruin me." He's right. Daly is a bundle of compulsive behaviors. In his own words, if it isn't drinking, it's gambling, eating, or in his earlier years, sex binging.

The point of this piece is not to attack or belittle these men. They're famous, but they're just people. Unfortunately they're also role models. They do influence others, and Joe Average doesn't always have the same safety nets as the stars. So Barkley's life isn't as funny as it seems to be.

Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D. in political science from University of Cincinnati, is a syndicated newspaper columnist in 95 newspapers in 33 states, and formerly president of Cornerstone University - www.rexmrogers.com

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## READ ALL ABOUT IT *Baby Crawling Winners*

by Pettus L. Read

### Wake Up America!

It was a sunny July morning as I traveled down one of Tennessee's scenic country roads a few days back and it looked like this was going to be just another eventless day of driving to work. Most mornings I go straight to the federal government's "super-slab" system to make my daily commute, but some days I take the back roads and enjoy myself trying to see what the grassroots folks of our state are involved in and just how the crops on our farms are progressing. To be totally honest, many times I trail each day, often that it for someone me if they de-old country the same route I like to keep ing and being tive in any-way of doing



This par-ticular morning I was checking on the corn crop over near Rover. Some of it is setting some pretty good ears and a country tradition is that the first five rows belong to the public. Just kidding of course, and there is no law to that fact, but some folks do abide by that standard much like food falling on the floor is all right to eat if you pick it up in three seconds. In fact, it would be safer to eat Jell-O spilled on the front porch than to mess with getting roast ears from some people's cornfield without their permission. It is always good to ask before you start shucking corn for your next mess of country goodness

But, on this morning as I rounded the corner looking at a good field of corn, I came up behind a huge dump truck filled with crushed rock and small signs pasted all over the tailgate with writing too small to read from much of a distance. Being somewhat of the curious type I closed in fast to reach a point behind the truck where I could read what the little signs said on the back of the truck. You never know when what others write may pertain to you.

With small gravel bouncing off my windshield and me hoping that nothing any larger than a pea would come out of the back of the truck, I finally got close enough to see that those signs did pertain to me. One sign on the left said, "Stay 200 feet away!" Since it was too late for me to abide by that request, I read the sign on the right, which said in fine print, "Not responsible for anything falling from this truck." There was also a sign in the middle that said, "I may be slow, but I'm ahead of you."

After falling back as requested, and attempting to avoid having the front of my car stoned to death, I began wondering how a simple sign placed on a rock truck can dictate the distance we follow and the amount of the responsibility of the driver when it comes to rocks knocking out our windshields. It wasn't the signs, but the gravels pinging like missiles off my bumper that caused me to fall back and retreat to a safe distance. I don't know the law on this one, but it reminded me that sometimes actions speak louder than words. A stone in the right place gets our attention much more than a small sign covered with dust.

Since 1976 there has not been a single new oil refinery built in the United States, yet our gasoline consumption has increased by over 25 percent. In 1981 there were 324 refineries and today there are 149 running at maximum capacity trying to meet our new demand. We import 10 percent of our daily gasoline usage from refineries outside this country. We



WINNERS of the annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Baby Crawling Contest include Julia Manley, right, daughter of Marlon and Stacy Manley, first place; Carson Younger, center, son of Joey and Abby Younger, second place; and Neylan Walker, left, son of Tommy and Millie Walker, third place.

### Open Tennis Winners



PARTICIPANTS in the 2008 Ripley Tomato Festival Open Tennis Tournament July 11th included, in front, from left, Bette Anthony and Carolyn Schuh, and in rear, Jimmy Koonce, Steve Carmack, Zach Olds, and Andy McBroom, plus, not pictured, Charlie Morgan, Sr. In the men's semi-finals, Steve defeated Zach, 6-0, 6-1, and Andy defeated Jimmy, 6-3, 6-1. In the finals, played Monday, Steve defeated Andy, 6-4, 6-3. In the men's double finals, Charlie and Steve, defeated Andy and Zach, 6-2, 6-1. In the women's singles, Carolyn defeated Bette. All proceeds benefited the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Prevention Center.

need more refineries built to meet our demand but getting environmental activists to go along with this need is the same as an impossible task along with environmental regulations that have helped close the door for America's energy needs.

America has pulled up behind the truck and the rocks are pinging and we have read the little signs, but retreating to a safe place is not a current option. It is time to pass the truck by building more refineries, drilling in our own country in an environmentally safe manner that does exist and using our own sources of energy, such as ethanol, to show other areas of this world we mean business. It is time to chunk a rock and get some attention. As my favorite "Amerikun Redneck" Earl Pitts says on my favorite radio station WSM, "Wake up America!"

# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! We got a rare treat at the Club this week. The County Mayor came out and handed out leftovers from some festival. All of my Bud's were in a tizzy as he made sure everyone got a couple of hot dogs or a hamburger. I could hear their lips a choppin through the walls. He finally made it around to me, and yes I gobbled it down over Miss Pam's moans. She pointed her finger at both of us and said, "If he gets sick Mr. Mayor, you will get a phone call to clean up the mess." He then started another round with a large paper bag. The chatter of my buds got louder and louder as their anticipation peaked. To our surprise, he pulled out small red tennis ball sized objects. Well, I was gullible and I caught the red flying object as he tossed it to me through the air. It landed deep in the back of my mouth and my jaws locked down with anticipation of another delicious morsel. As I squeezed my jaws, all I felt was a squirt of gushy sour liquid rushing across my taste buds. Golly-molly it was horrible! I dropped the object from my mouth on Miss Pam's newly mopped office floor. It went splat as it hit the floor and gushed out its juices. Miss Pam then took off on the Mayor saying, "I volunteer my time out here and all you do is help make the mess bigger." After her barrage, the Mayor took off with his tail between his legs, if you know what I mean. By the way, Mr. Mayor, please bring us some hot dogs and leave those red things home.

The Club received a card from James Hall. He talked about his 14 year old yellow Lab, named Buck, that once was a stray puppy that showed up at his house. He said Doc Wilson helped fix him up and that Buck was his best friend for the next 14 years. The card had a nice check in memory of Buck. Isn't this a coincidence, Veronica Layne just adopted one of your yellow Lab puppies that she named Skipper. Teresa Samples also made up with one of our Chocolate Labs and found him a home. Keith Hill adopted a small lap friend named Peanut, we are especially proud of Blake Layne who is fostering a beautiful Blue Healer puppy and want to thank James Jones for adopting a cat and her kitten.

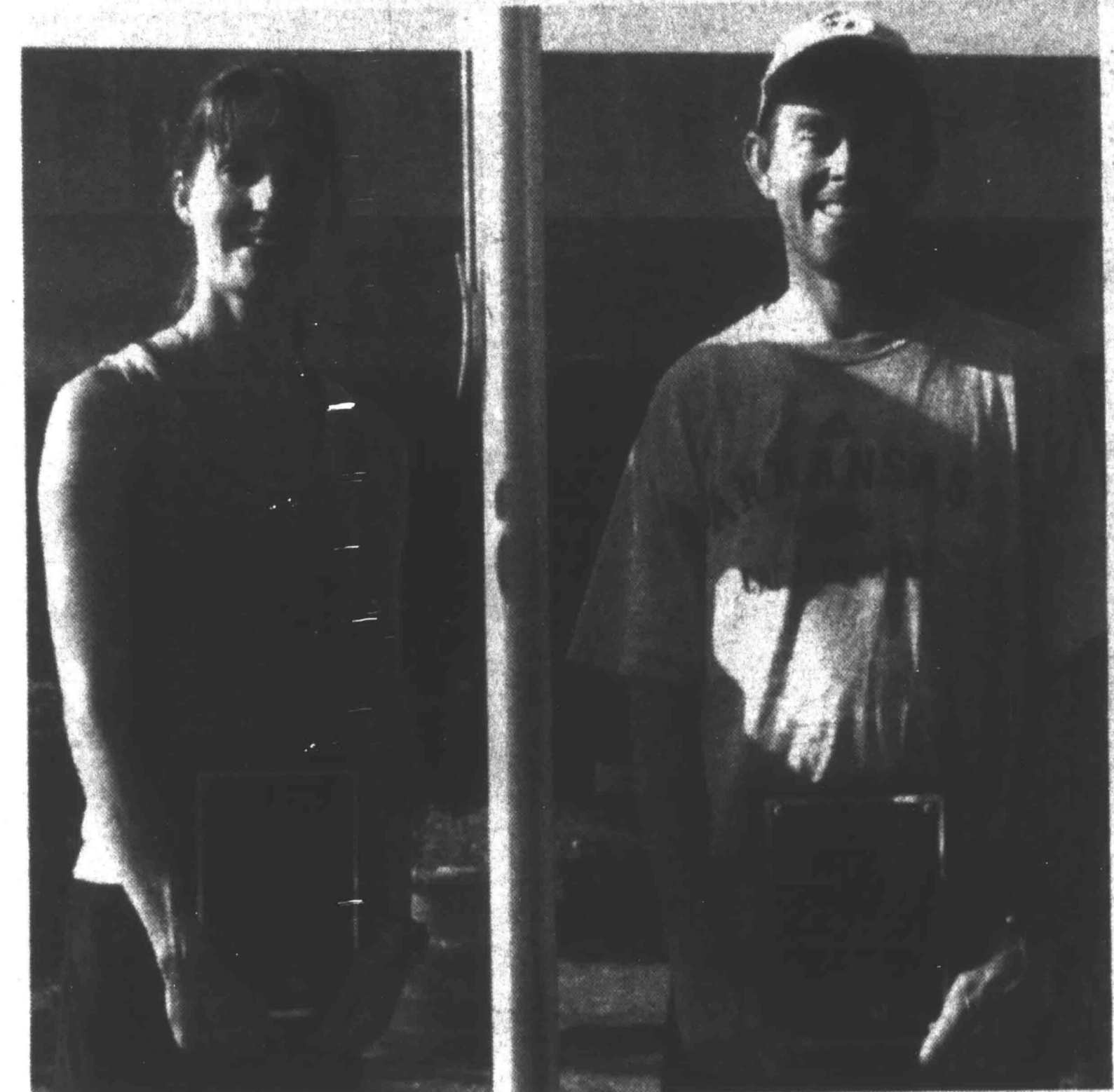
Special thanks for the week go to Miss Pam's heroes at the Halls Co-op for their continuing dedication of food donations to the Club. Commissioner Don Fisher, of Halls, also deserves recognition for his various contributions.

We are also glad to report that three owners were reunited with their pets. We took real good care of them while you were lost.

There are seven adorable, fat, six-week old puppies that are half Blue Healer. They are white with black spots and ticking. Another wonderful offering is a three year old, full blooded female Shih Tzu that has just been to the barber. Call quickly to 836-PETS, this is a prize. Another cute little guy is Dexter, a small, tan, Wirehair Terrier with a great personality. We have two very friendly Australian mix Shepherds that are tri-colored, and two beautiful Chocolate Lab puppies that round out the puppy coral.

Other quality four leggers include an exuberant white and red, male, Brittany Spaniel, two adult Huskies, two housebro-

## BMH-First Citizens 5K Run



**PARTICIPANTS** of the annual 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and First Citizens National Bank, brought a record number, 107, of runners and walkers Saturday, July 12th. The event began and ended at the front entrance of the hospital. Male overall winner was Clint Daniels, of Rosemark, with a time of 19:11 and Jessica Myers, of Ripley, was female overall winner, 24:01.

ken white and gray Wirehaired Terriers that are four years old and very gentle. There is also a pretty black and brown mixed Cocker Spaniel with short hair and a small black and white Border Collie available.

It's about time to go. I just hope everyone remembers to be as good as your four legger thinks you are and to also pay us a visit at the Club. We are on Curve Nankipoo Road, three miles from Highway 51, or P. O. Box 172 in Ripley. We could use a donation. Sorry about being so direct, but it's the truth. Remember, the best pets have been spayed or neutered. Zeek Out!

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- Ryan Whiteside to Libby Allen, Dist. 2, lot.
- Doris Ann Simpson to Herman L. Simpson Jr. and Tara D. Simpson, Dist. 7, 2.50 acres.
- Annie Laura Jennings to Marvin Hall, Dist. 12, lot.
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- Jimmy Lee and Dore T. Hood to Wallace Duane Shands and Jessica Robin Davis, .25 acre.
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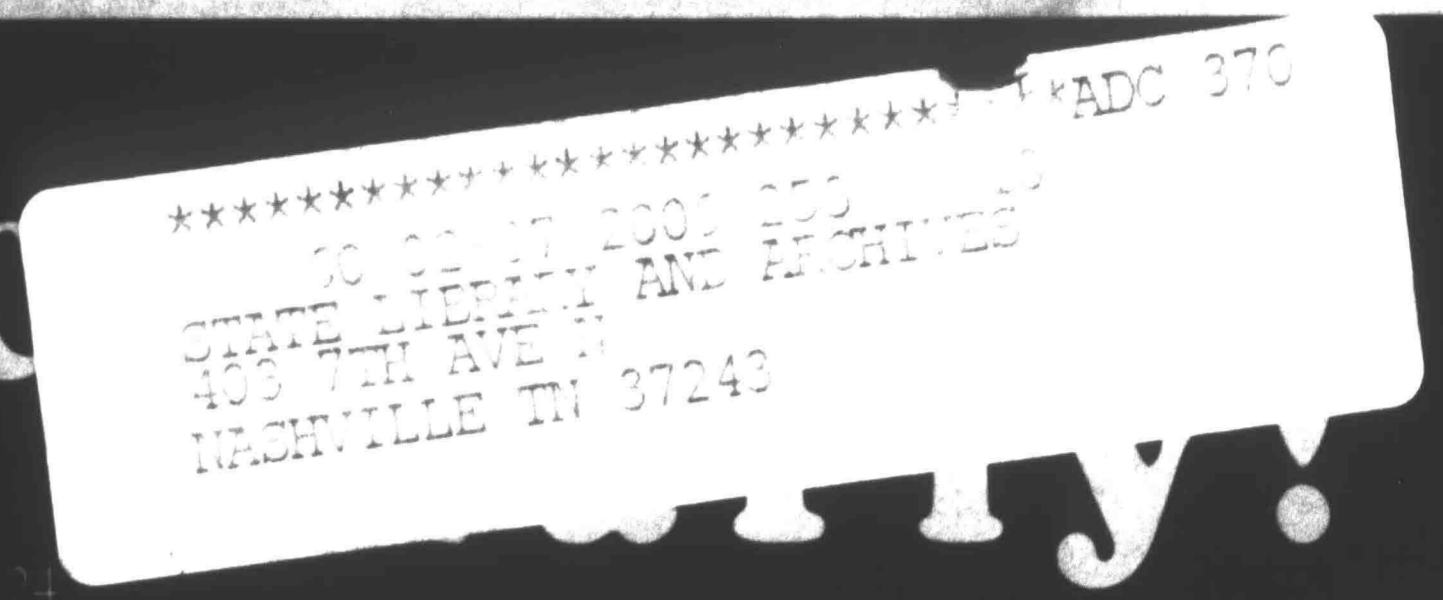
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## 5 Gravely Injured In Blazing Crash

A collision which burst into flames about a mile north of Halls, reported at 1:51 a.m. Sunday, seriously injured five countians:

- Max A. Bingham**, 31, of Halls, driving a Ford Explorer north on Hwy. 51. It was turning left onto Mill Creek Road when struck, in the fast south-bound lane of Hwy. 51, by a 2001 Ford Mustang driven by --
  - Tanya L. Harris**, 46, of Ripley, whose passengers were --
  - David Hering**, 28, of Ripley, in the front passenger seat, and in the rear seats --
  - Dawn Hering**, 25, of Ripley, and
  - Courtney Willis**, of Ripley.
- The Explorer burst into flames.
- Bingham went to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.
- Harris and David Hering went to the Dyersburg Regional Hospital.
- Dawn Hering, ejected in the crash, and Willis went to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis by two Air Evac Lifeteam helicopters which landed on the highway.
- Halls firemen and ambulances from Ripley and Dyersburg responded to the accident report.
- Hwy. 51 was closed for almost two hours.

## Selected Johnny Lee Kerby Possibly Murdered



Johnny Lee Kerby, 64, of 217 Hazel, Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Authorities suspect that Kerby's death, from a head injury, was murder. Persons questioned include a woman accused of theft from Kerby's home about the time of his death. She is Lisa Morgan, of Halls, charges are pending. Rites for Mr. Kerby were held Sunday in Halls' First Baptist Church, where he was a member, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls, Halls Funeral Home in charge. He was the widower of Gloria Newman Kerby. Survivors include his mother, Fredonia Moore Kerby, and a brother, Ronnie Kerby, of Gates; a daughter, Trisha Kerby, of Halls; and a son, Mike Kerby, of Cookeville.

## County Board Meeting Held I-69's Funding Lags In Senate

The Lauderdale County Commission held a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 21st, in the Courthouse to discuss appropriations resolution, the tax levy, appropriations to non-profit organizations, approval for the Water System budget, approval for the Ambulance Authority budget, school business, budget amendments and building permits report.

The full-time county employees will receive a 2 percent cost of living raise.

A motion was made to change the time of the meeting from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. the second Monday of each month. The vote failed 14-8.

The mayor did not increase the tax levy. He stated, "Almost every department had a savings from last year". The tax levy will remain at \$2.85

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee last week sent to the full Senate a bill providing \$5, -500,000 for six projects in Tennessee. Extension south of Interstate 69, now stalled at the Kentucky border, was sixth, to receive \$500,000.

Other funding proposed: \$1,500,000 for U.S. 64, to improve it from Memphis to I-24 west of Chattanooga. \$1,000,000 for the East Tennessee Human Resources Agency, to replace wheel-chair accessible vehicles in 16 counties. \$1,000,000 for State Route 317, connecting the Enterprise South Industrial Park interchange on I-75 and Collegedale in Hamilton County. \$800,000 for construction of a Univ. of Tennessee-Baptist Research Park in Memphis. \$750,000 to improve Run-

## Tours Garden



**SENIORS** at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging traveled to Jackson July 10th to attend the 19th Annual Summer Celebration Lawn & Garden Show at the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station as the gardening program for July. They attended educational seminars and toured the gardens at the station. Attending were Camile Sester, Jannette Payton, Program Director, Rosetta Watkins, Ruth Griffin, Dollie Burks, Laquinta Stanley, and Diane Martin.

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The basic dress shall be solid khaki, navy or blue denim pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers. Shirts/blouses must have a collar and be solid white, light pink, navy blue, school colors or a combination of school colors. For Ripley High School, Ripley Primary and Ripley Elementary, the colors are purple (not lavender) and white. Lauderdale Middle school colors are purple, maroon and gray. Beginning in the fall of 2009 school year, maroon and gray will not be acceptable. All Halls schools are black and gold (not yellow). Crew neck shirts in these colors are optional if they have a small school name, school initials or school mascot embroidered or screen-printed.

**Child Support Office Moving**

The Covington branch of the new Child Support Enforcement Division of the Office of the District Attorney General will move into its new office Friday, August 1st to serve Tipton and Lauderdale counties. The new office will be located at 101 Mueller Brass Road in Covington to accommodate the increased staff and to better serve the public. The telephone number will be 901-475-2535 and the fax number will be 901-475-2614.

**Literature xxx**

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ernment printing office and 75 magnifying glasses, from the Lutheran Braille Workers to Joni Cook, right, executive director, Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, in Halls. They are pictured with Julie Young, seated. The magnifying glasses are designed to assist the visually impaired. Mrs. Wiley, founder of the Caring Heart Ministry, and her husband, Wendell, also delivered the magnifying glasses to Jan Moore, activities director at Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley; Kathy Giles and Lori Cook, activity directors at Dyersburg Manor Nursing Center; Pat Sanders, activities director at Oakwood Community Living Center; and Jo Ann Parker, activities director at Wesley at Dyersburg Nursing Care. A total of 369 glasses have been provided to help nursing home residents.

Residents at Lauderdale Community Living Center also received a shipment of audio cassette Bibles, MP3 Bibles, and cassette players. Mrs. Wiley was able to provide the items with the help of Aurora Ministries, for the visually impaired. The ministry provides audio cassette Bibles in more than 60 languages. The Braille Bibles are provided by volunteers of the Lutheran Braille Workers worldwide in more than 30 languages, including Ethiopian.

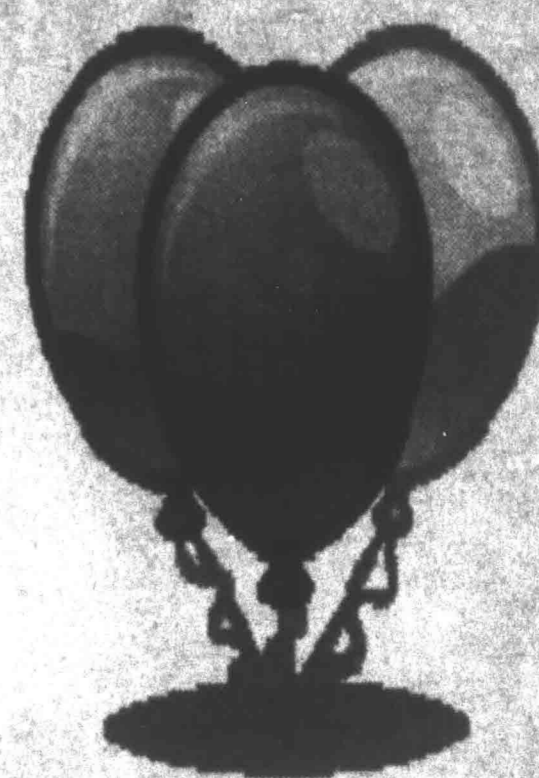
"I am grateful for the encouragement and hope," said Mrs. Wiley.

**MEMBERS MEETING**

The 71st annual members' meeting of the Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperation will be held Friday, August 8th at College Hill/Ann Marks Performing Arts Center in Brownsville. Members can register from 6 to 7 p.m.

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Child Safety Kits

Drug/Alcohol Awareness

Fire Safety

Child Safety Seat Inspection



Internet Safety

Bicycle Safety

911 Communications

And More.....

**Reelfoot's Birds Of Prey Will Be On Site From 1 To 3 P.M.***West Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Will Be There To Help Ensure That Your Child Passenger Seat Is Properly Installed.*

There Will Be Activities And Information For Everyone...

**Register To Win Two (2) Kids Bicycles  
And Child Passenger Safety Seats!****Come Join The Fun!****Showing Our Support And Available  
To Everyone In The County!**