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June's Grand Jury Returns True Bills

Amy Elder was indicted by the June term of the Lauderdale County Circuit Court's Grand Jury for five counts of sexual battery by an authority figure and statutory rape by authority figure; three counts of aggravated statutory rape; and two counts of statutory rape. The charges stem from complaints concerning two juveniles, ages 16 and 17, from incidents ranging from 2006 to March of 2008.

Other indictments include Anita Leigh Harber, 56, of Henning, was charged with aggravated assault after she allegedly assaulted Henning Police Chief Bobby Hart March 26th.

Cory Willis, 30, of Ripley, was charged with unlawful photographing in violation of privacy, of a 17-year old juvenile at Tangles and Tans in December, 2007.

Quincy Brown, theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Sequna Copeland, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Justin Dees, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Jovohne Johnson, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Corey Jurnett, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Homer Lee, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Kyron Mack, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Bradley Nance, aggravated assault; extortion; and criminal gang offenses.

Marshall Deberry, domestic assault; aggravated assault; and aggravated criminal trespass.

Richard Dewalt, possession of a weapon by convicted

felon.

Justin Figgs, aggravated assault.

Tony M. Franks, promotion of methamphetamine manufacture.

Jason T. Moore, promotion of methamphetamine manufacture.

Zachary Garrison, theft of property, \$10,000 to \$60,000; and DRL.

Thomas Gitchell, DUI 2nd; and prior DUI.

Shedrek Dushun Green, theft of property \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Frederick Maurice Wilson, Jr., theft of property \$1,000 to \$10,000; and evading arrest.

Marcus Hall, HMVO.

Anthony Jackson, felony simple possession of Schedule VI.

James Jarrett, age and address not listed, delivery Schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

Quincy Quinta Johnson aka "Weezy", possession of schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz.;

possession of firearm during the commission of a felony;



JUDGE WEBER McCRAW, Circuit Court Judge for Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, and McNairy counties, was elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, an association of attorneys across the State of Tennessee. Invitations to membership, which is a position of honor, were extended by the Board of Trustees. The Foundation honors attorneys who have distinguished themselves in the legal profession by electing them as "Fellows". Those elected are ones who have dedicated and demonstrated an uncompromised dedication to integrity and high personal and professional ethical standards and make outstanding and recognized contributions to the legal profession as well as to the public good.

and possession of weapon by convicted felon.

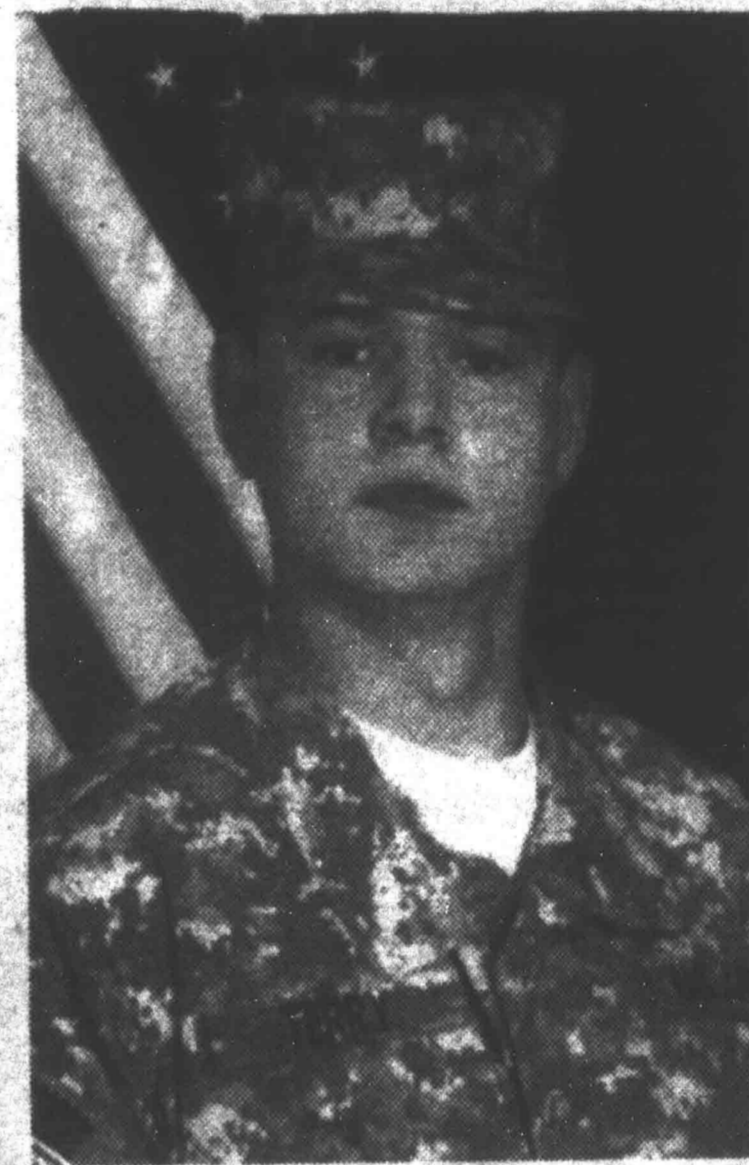
Chauncey Jones, possession of Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession of firearm during commission of a felony; simple possession

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Elected

Graduate

Graduate



JUSTIN LEWIS TERRY, son of Polly and Roger Terry, of Halls, graduated May 29th from United States Army Basic Training at Ft. Benning, Ga. He plans to complete training at the AIT School for communications at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He is the grandson of Jessie Henson, the late Lewis Henson, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Terry, all of Halls.



JULIE PRATT, daughter of Randy and Diane Pratt, of Halls, graduated from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis Friday, May 30th. She received a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene. She was a member of Sigma Phi Alpha National Dental Hygiene Honor Society and Student Dental Hygienists of America. Julie was a 2004 graduate of Halls High School.

TDOT NEPA Public Hearing

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will conduct a NEPA public hearing on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on the proposed I-69 project, from SR-385 in Millington to I-155 in Dyersburg in Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale, and Dyer Counties. The hearing will discuss a crossover option that begins north of the Hatchie River to US-51 north of Ripley. This hearing will be held from 6 until 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 24th at Ripley High School, 254 S. Jefferson Street in Ripley. The proposed project mandated by the U.S. Congress would involve the construction of a new facility

and improvements to the existing US-51. During this hearing, there will be a short formal presentation and a brief question and answer period. Representatives of the department will be present to provide information relative to the general location, the proposed specific location, major design features, and the social, economic, environmental, and other aspects of the foregoing, the relocation assistance program, the tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction, and any other matters of interest. The public is invited to ask questions and make comments during the hearing and will be given the opportunity to make their opinions known concerning the need for the project and any other issues so that the project would best serve the public interest.

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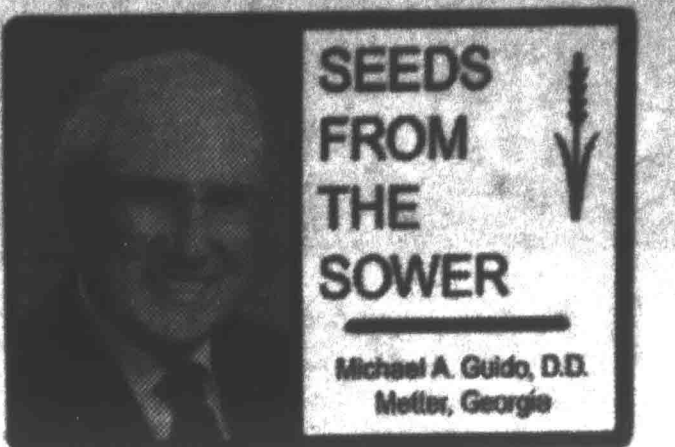


GRADUATES of the 2008 Youth Leadership Lauderdale Program include, in front, from left, Greg Hankins and Todd Aitken; in second row, Charlie Hammond, Kelli Reynolds, Madison Hamlet, Devin Blankenship, Rachel Savage, Gracie Ferrell, and Jessi Worlds; in third row, Abby Sherriff, Holly Crook, Nicole Pipkin, Lauryn Caldwell, Hayley Jankovsky, Hope Westall, Jeana Greaves, Brooke Mays, Adrian Wilson, Anna Mills, Heather Davis, and Jennifer Brewster; and in rear, Nathan Smith, Kasie Barnett, Andy McBroom, Alex Wilson, Karly Hines, Megan Crain, and Austin Rorie, plus, not pictured, Amanda Reed. The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD held a ceremony at the Ripley City Park for the 29 juniors from Ripley and Halls High Schools and parents. The six-month process focused on the various aspects of Lauderdale County and how it operates. The students were selected for the program in the winter and began their sessions in January. Chamber Director, Lisa Hankins, and Director of Chamber Programs, Susan Todd, told the group that they hoped they would go away from the experience knowing at least one new thing about their community that they didn't know before. The chamber expressed their appreciation to the sponsors of Youth Leadership. Ronnie Crawford, Chris Conrad, Tracey Worlds, and Paul Merando, with the Ripley Fire Department, grilled the food for the event. Youth Leadership, sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, is offered to high school juniors at both Ripley and Halls High School. Call the Chamber at 635-9541 for more information.

Scholar



DYLAN O. NEWBERN, son of Tiffany Tennille Johnson Newbern, of Union City, and William Newbern, of Ripley, graduated May 27th from Lake Road School in Union City. He is the brother of Emmya and Rayleigh Brooke, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson, of Gates, and Odis Newbern, of Ripley, and the great-grandson of Angie Riley and Buddy Riley, of Ripley, and Dora Johnson, and the late Rev. James Johnson, Sr., of Gates.



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NOTICE

The Town of Halls Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, June 16th at the City Hall Board Room.
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Obituaries

Elnora Jeffries

Elnora Jeffries, 83, wife of Freddie Ree Jeffries, of 81 Jeffries Rd., Gates, retired cashier, died Thursday of last week in Regional Hospital of Jackson.

Rites were set at 11 a.m. this Thursday in St. Luke Baptist Church at 285 Woodville Rd., at Nut Bush, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a son, Bra-mond Williams, a daughter, Sandra Coleman, brothers, Leroy and Terry Lloyd and Franklin Wesley, and sisters, Anita Russell and Ver-lean Clepper, all of Chicago, Ill.

Linda Long

Linda Suzette Long, 53, of 76 Jan, Halls, wife of Ken Long, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in South Fork Baptist Church, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her mother, Sara Adams Terry; a son, Brian Long, of Gates; a daughter, Angela Rood, of Halls; a brother, William Terry, of Crockett Mills; and four grandchildren.

Ruthie Halliburton

Ruthie Driver Halliburton, 67, of Ripley, a homemaker, died Sunday, June 1st, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites are set for Saturday, June 7th, at Thompson's Mortuary, with burial in Bluff Cemetery.

She leaves a son, Sam Currie, a daughter, Roslyn 'Hope' Driver Hurdle, and sisters, Bettie Driver and Ora 'Lap' Driver, all of Ripley; other sons, Charles Driver, of Brownsville, Jessie Driver, of Whiteville, Johnnie Phillips, of Tiptonville, and Edward Smith, Steve Phillips, Christopher Currie and Kevin Currie, all of Decatur, Ill.; another daughter, Shelia Phillips, of Decatur; another sister, Dorothy Griggs, of Milwaukee, Wis.; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Terri Cathey

Terri Lynn Cathey, 46, of Ripley, mother of Christopher Michael Taylor, of Ripley, and grandmother of Christopher Cameron Taylor, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week from injuries received in a traffic accident.

Rites were Sunday in Pil-grim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Lexington City Cemetery.

A graduate of Middle Tenn. State University, she had been a manager for Marshall's, Inc., in Memphis.

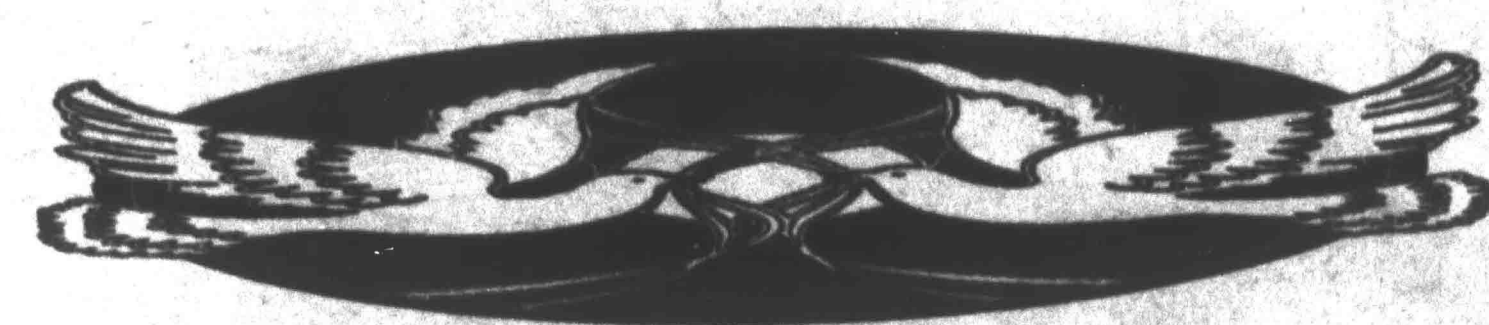
Survivors include her father, Clint H. Johnson, of Nashville; her step-father, Alfred Treadway, of San Pablo, Calif.; five brothers; and five sisters.

CORRECTION

In the issue of May 29th, the obituary of Ronald Farmer list Barbara Baldon, of Ripley, as his wife. She is actually his mother. We regret inaccurate information.

RIPARIAN BUFFERS

Dwaine Johnston, Soil Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Ripley Field Office, stated that the USDA Natural Resources Conservation service is encouraging landowners to consider installing riparian buffers next to streams on their land. Johnston said that the riparian buffers do much to reduce soil erosion by slowing the water runoff before it reaches the stream. He pointed out that the buffers promote wildlife habitat and improve water quality. A large variety of tree species are suitable to plant in the riparian buffer areas. The USDA has programs available to assist landowners with cost-share assistance to plan and apply riparian buffers on the land. Riparian buffers installed as part of the Conservation Reserve Program provides landowners with annual rental payments for a period of ten to fifteen years for installing this practice on environmentally sensitive lands



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.

Cross View Baptist Church will host a Christian Heritage Seminar through the summer beginning with the month of May. 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.

First Christian Church, 101 S. Church St., Halls, will host Krista Johnson, a Disciples Missionary to Israel and Palestine, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12th. She has spent 2-1/2 years in Palestine. The public is invited.

The Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. June 9th through 13th. The theme is "Adventures in Faith". Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public. Minister Emma Lee will serve as director. For transportation, call 731-635-5056.

Holly Grove Baptist Church, 155 College St., Ripley, will hold its Vacation Bible School for ages 4 through adult beginning at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 9th through June 13th. Free transportation and food will be available. The theme is "Adventures in Faith: Faith Heroes-2008". A special kickoff celebration and registration will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 8th at the church. For more information or transportation, call Angela Flowers, 731-635-0721.

Ripley's First United Methodist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 9th

adjacent to streams. Many landowners across Lauderdale County have areas adjacent to streams that could benefit by installing the riparian buffers on their land.

For more information about riparian buffers, call 635-7686 extension 3 or come by the office located at 301 Lake Drive in Ripley.

through Friday, June 13th. The theme is "Beach Party, Surfin' Through the Scriptures". For more information, call 731-635-0821. The public is invited.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School, for ages 4 through 6th grade, from 9 to 11 a.m. June 9th through 13th. The theme is VBS Cactus Canyon and will allow participants to ride through the Old West with trails of adventure-filled Bible stories, create cool western crafts, enjoy refreshing snacks, and gallop through the recreational activities. For more information, call 731-836-9332. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ, 146 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its Vacation Bible School, for ages 2 to adult, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 9th through 12th. Food will be provided each night from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Food, games, music, and Bible study will be available. L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

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MEMBERS of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club, from left, Martha Crites, Ron Goforth, and Paula Phillips, have completed plans and selected prizes for the club's annual golf tournament, to be held June 6th at Rolling Hills Country Club in Ripley.

Celebrating Dyersburg MP Guard Activated



ALINE OLDS T. SMITH, of Halls, celebrated her 90th birthday May 25th at the Halls home of her son, Lowell Tillman, Sr. Born May 26, 1918 at Nanki-

Members of the Dyersburg 168th Military Police Battalion have received orders for duty in Iraq. They are scheduled to leave in November. The unit was alerted in March to prepare.

The battalion is the command element for six subordinate units, ranging from Ripley to Dickson.

poo to the late John Evans and Mandy Gilliland Olds, she was their 11th and last child. Prior to the event, she received many birthday cards, including one from President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura. Upon her arrival, "the queen" was presented with a crown featuring the number 90 and twinkling lights. Guests were served barbecue with the trimmings and a birthday cake, made by her daughter, Kay Nolen, of Halls.

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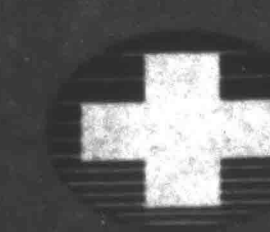
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Indictments xxx

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Schedule VI (marijuana); and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jason Kinney, aggravated burglary and theft of property \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Darius Mitchell, aggravated burglary and theft of property \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Robin Landaverde, theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000; forgery; and uttering forged checks, three counts.

Trent Lattimore, delivery Schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams.

Andrea McClindon, delivery Schedule II (cocaine) less than 0.5 grams.

Jimmy Melton, gambling promotion; and possession of gambling device.

Bradley Nance, possession Schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz.

Anthony Pearson, failure to timely register as sex offender; and theft of property less than \$500.

Takeeva Phillips, two counts, aggravated assault.

Shaun Pruitt, theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Alice Faye Reed, introduction of contraband into penal institution; possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams.

Courtney J. Ricks, coercion of witness; and assault.

Teneka N. Rogers, possession of Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz.; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Donte Sawyer, possession

Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams.

Daniel Selby, possession contraband in penal institution; and possession Schedule II (morphine) with intent to deliver.

Jacqueline Selby, aka, Jacqueline Selvy, introduction of contraband in penal institution; and delivers of Schedule II (morphine).

Donald L. Sissom, theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000; forgery; uttering forged checks, two counts; theft of property, \$500 to \$1,000; and worthless check, two counts.

Robert Stokes, aggravated robbery; feigned weapon.

Virginia Tate, theft of property, \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Benny Taylor, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams; and manufacture counterfeit controlled substance.

Ronald Terry, possession contraband into penal institution, three counts; possession Schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz.; and possession of Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams.

Donald Toomes, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; simple possession Schedule VI (marijuana); and possession of drug paraphernalia.

READING PROGRAM

The Halls Public Library will hold the summer reading program at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 11th. The Rev. Dave Stewart will be in charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call 836-5302.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek Here! As you might remember, I have been having some recurring neck problems. According to Mr. Pam my worthless hind end is not worth the gas money it cost to take me to the specialist in Bartlett, let alone the cost of the Doc's visits. But in the end, Miss Pam loaded me up and I even saw a new doctor by the name of Doc Mitchner. Doc Parker was a chiropractor and Doc Mitchner does acupuncture. I thought Doc English was needle happy, but you haven't seen anything until you see Doc Mitchner's pockets. They were full of needles of all sizes! We started our visit the same as last week with Doc Parker yanking, twisting, and rubbing the old neck. After a relaxation period on a big thick rug, the needle specialist slipped down on the floor next me and started brushing my coat. She must have magical fingers because in only a few seconds I was at her command. She talked with Miss Pam and I just laid there in a daze and soaked up the gentle sounds of soft music and a gentle water fall in the background. Yes, she found my weak spot, which is my belly. Before long Miss Pam was holding my head and I started feeling tiny sensations. I finally opened my eyes and I could see needles sticking out between my toes and up my front shins. It was so weird because they were not painful! This went on for a few minutes, but at no time would Miss Pam let me lick the needles or move around. Then Doc Mitchner attached some wires to the needles and hooked up some machine. I heard her turn a dial and then she told Miss Pam I needed to lay still for twenty minutes. I thought I am fixing to get electrocuted, but Miss Pam started messing with my ears and telling me what a good four legger, how much she loved me and to be calm; so I just enjoyed it! That magical machine made little sensations come and go up and down my neck. How weird is that! Doc Mitchner finally returned, told me what a good boy I was and methodically removed the needles, one at a time. Finally I was told to get up. I could actually move my head up and down without agonizing pain. I could actually see something besides shoes and it was a pleasant relief. I heard Miss Pam say that I have four more treatments. I hope Mr. Pam doesn't find out about the Dr. Visits and decide to cut back on my food! I don't know about you, but I think I am worth the fuss. Without me Mr. Buddy couldn't handle the problems at Dry Hill and Mr. Pam wouldn't have anyone to keep Miss Pam occupied.

They really missed me at the Club this week. Mr. Buddy and Scooter got called on a skunk adventure at the prison plus they had five bits to respond too, plus they found a missing person and his four legger. As Mr. Buddy says "that's your tax dollars at work."

A big thank you goes to Scott Sanders for his gracious food donation. Adoptions and reclaims allowed seven of my buds to leave the shelter this week. New owners include Amelia Carlson, Evelyn Lee, Nikki Bivens, Kim Wooten, and Ronnie Sanders. Heather Kent and Jim Goodman reclaimed their lost pets. The best news of the week is that Murphy, a small black four legger that Mr. Buddy found tied to the gas pump at Murphy Oil, found a home after being at the Club for nine months. Thank You Ronnie Sanders!

I am sure there is a two legger somewhere that is missing a beautiful White Lab. He is a well trained four year old adult that will stay, sit, and fetch on command. He has a leather collar and is very friendly. He also works well with a leash. If not reclaimed, this is a top pick for the right two legger. We also have a black and white Border Collie, a black and brown Cocker mix, along with a handsome German Shepherd. Would anyone be interested in Beagle Hounds? We also have Chocolate Labs and five or six small inside animals that would be good pets.

In closing, ask everyone you know to have their pets spayed or neutered. Take the time, because it is nothing but heartaches all around if you don't.

Zeek out!

UT Martin Young Scholars Academy

Under-represented high school students will get a taste of college life during the seventh annual Young Scholars Academy, set for June 22nd through 28th, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A select group of 63 West Tennessee students will attend the competitive week-long summer residential program, designed for high school sophomores and juniors. The non-credit program seeks to introduce students to the college experience by focusing on three learning environments: special aptitude development, personal and social development, and college/major exploration.

For more information, contact the Office of Minority Affairs at 731-881-7282.

Wright's Auto Parts Fundraiser Program

Wright's Auto Parts and Metals, LLC, of Gates, will launch a new program to help neighbors in the area with fundraising and promote recycling within the community. This will allow organizations and communities to raise funds for any need or charity of their choice. WAPM will provide a cage trailer with an opening large enough to insert a bag of aluminum cans and a few recycling bins to aid in your collections. There is no charge for cage trailer use or pickup. All of the proceeds are returned to the organization within five to seven business days.

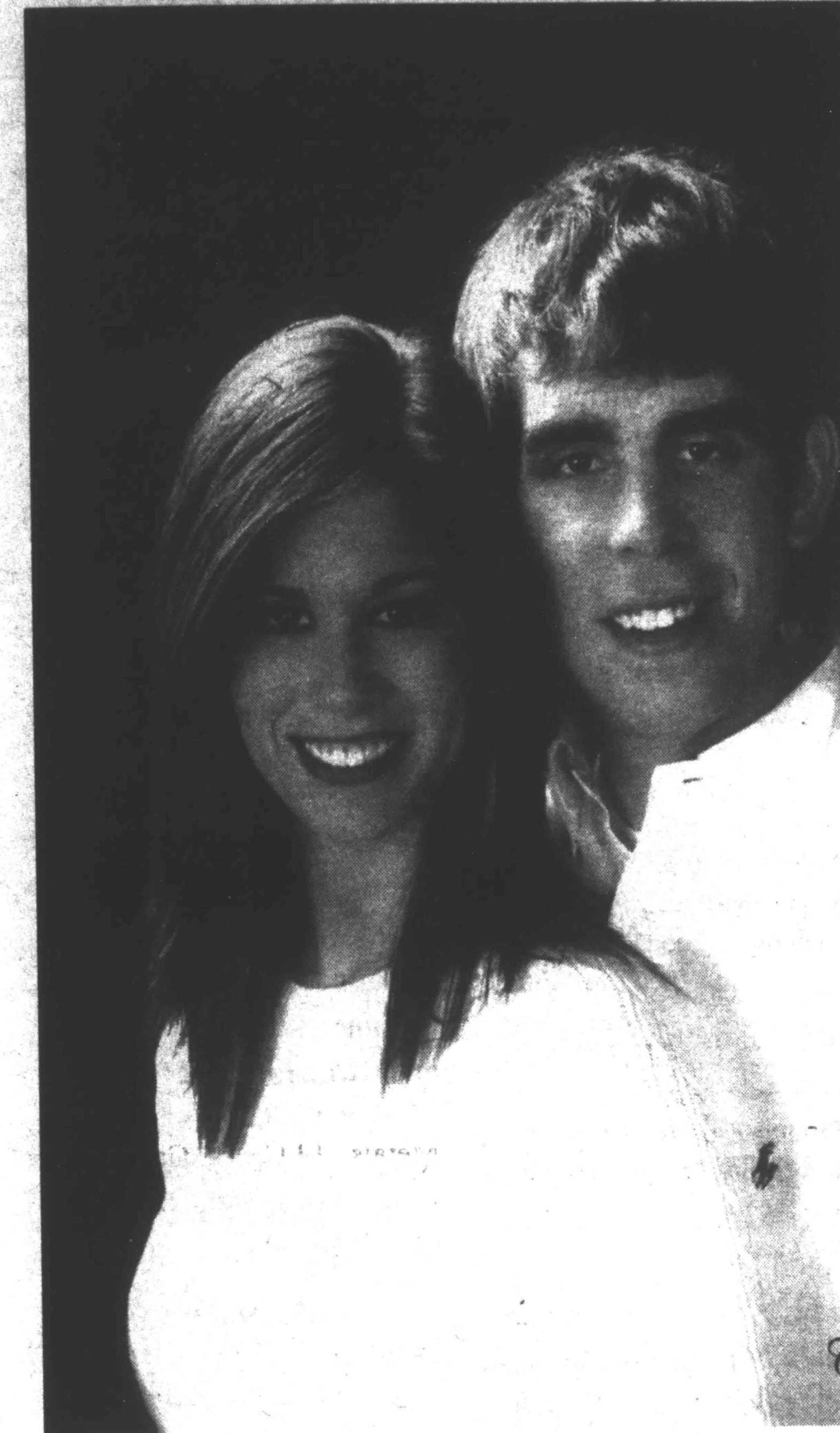
For more information, contact WAPM 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 836-9148 or by email at trbruss@hotmail.com.

FREE LUNCH FOR KIDS

Free summer lunches are available to all kids age 18 and younger at Kevan Ward Park in Halls at noon, Monday through Friday. The program began June 2nd and ends July 18th.

For more information, call 836-9653.

June Nuptials Slated



SHEY SUZANNE MANNING, daughter of Kenny and Sharlene Manning, of Halls, will marry Joseph William Whitby, son of Wayne and Debra Whitby, of Alamo, at 6 p.m. June 21st in the home of the bride's parents, with all family and friends invited. Music will begin at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony. Only out-of-town invitations will be sent.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lottie Sue Beaird and the late J. B. Beaird, of Frog Jump, and Darrell and Geraldine Manning, of Halls.

She is a 2000 graduate of Crockett County High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she received a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is enrolled at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, where she plans to graduate with a pharmacy degree in 2009.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Betty Blasingame and the late Bill Blasingame, of Bells, and the late Willie D. and Betty Whitby, of Friendship.

He is a 2002 graduate of Crockett County High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he received a bachelor of science degree in soil and water conservation. He is employed as a crop consultant at Helena Chemical Company in Alamo.

LCLC Hosts Fundraiser

The Lauderdale Community Living Center will host a fundraiser for Steve Payne, resident at LCLC. Payne has a terminal illness and no funds for burial. The center will host The Maritsa Rack, a rock and roll band, at the VFW at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 12th.

For more information, call Tammy Ditto or Carolyn Mitchell at 635-5100.

Anniversaries

June 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Pilcher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Winford Buffaloe.

June 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Allen, Mr. and Mrs. David Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Don Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Crumpler, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Kimble, Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Currie.

June 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wooster, Mr. and Mrs. John Noblin, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Moore.

June 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Steelman, Rev. and Mrs. Ron Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. David Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Uselton.

June 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mitchell.

June 10 - Dr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Van Cribfield.

June 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Trobaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bain.

Marriages

May 22 - Charles Lee Langley, Jr., 27, to Sherrie Diane Drumwright, 22, by Ray L. Hamil.

May 23 - William Henry Davis, Jr., 40, to Claudette Marie Dillard, 47, by L. C. Hay-slett.

Charles Kenneth Sutton, 42, to Kimberly Karol Harber, 30, by John T. Compere.

Joe Wayne Woodard, 62; to Judy Carolyn Garrett Crowder, 67, by Jon Pavletic.

May 24 - Thomas Bryson Mooney, 27, to Tiffany Nicole Owen, 19, by Gary A. Green.

Robin Lynn Patterson, Jr. 20, to Tiffani Amber Casey, 18, by Tracy Henson.

Daniel Holland, 26, to Shelly Renee Green, 21, by Danny Holland.

May 25 - Paul Timothy Rhodes, 42, to Raychel Paulette Crowder, 39, by Tracy Henson.

May 28 - Joshua Paul Russell, 31, to Casandra Nichole Burgess Grove, 22, by Rod Schuh.

May 29 - Kevin Odell Green, 20, to Dorothy Gaynelle White, 17, by Rod Schuh.

James Andrew Griffin, 26, to Jessica Janell Goins, 26, by Jon Pavletic.

May 30 - Charlie Lovell Leavy III, 20, to Decora Lynn Johnson, 19, by Rod Schuh.

Land Transfers

May 25th - May 31st

Verble Ballard and Anna Ballard to Steve Grime and Dana Grime, Dist. 3, 13.232 acres.

Fisher Enterprises, LLC, to Emily Booker, Dist. 15, lot.

Alesia G. Craig to Ronnie Elder and Mary Elder, Dist. 2, tract.

Latham Homes, LLC, to Lazanda Branner, Dist. 2, lot.

Jesse Edwards and JFE Properties to Danny Hartsfield and Tina Hartsfield, Dist. 10, lot.

George R. Kiestler and

Local Students Graduate UTM

Lauderdale County students receiving undergraduate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin include Katie Lynne Privett and Angela Stokes, of Gates; Jonathan David Hogue, Amanda Jaye Hunt, John Harold Lazure, and Kevin Jeffrey Ward, of Halls; and Chrissy Rhea Burnham, Deborah Butler Cherry, Christy K. Coker, Cecil Donell Currie, Kimberly Leigh Harris Dew, Jerry Ray Hamm, Loeva Anquetta Jackson, Brett Roderic Jones, Melissa Rae Scott, Bettie Jean Taylor, Paul Raymond Webb, and Gloria Jean Goin Williams, of Ripley.

Leah Beth Simpson, of Gates, received a graduate degree.

Nadine R. Kiestler to John B. Beavers and Vicki Beavers, 5.0 acres.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, to Brad Simpson, Dist. 2, lot.

Johna Inlow Burks to Tabitha Ford, lot.

Hertha Mae Barlow, Co-Exec., Minne Kate Fleming, Co-Exec., Laura M. McCutchen, Estate, Arthur Cleveland Johnson, Mary Odell Larry, Barbara Brown, Marsha Brown, Linda Brown Portrum, Larry Brown, Frank Brown, Jr., to Arthur Cleveland Johnson, Dist. 3, 8.95 acres.

Mary L. Griggs, Charles N. Griggs and Betty J. Griggs to Barry Bates and June T. Bates, Dist. 2, lot.

Peggy Doop, James Albert Doop, Sr., Estate, and Peggy Doop, Administrator, to Marty Wright, Jr., and Tammy Bur-russ, Dist. 17, tract.

Jane T. Wolfe, TR, Jane T. Wolfe, 1993 Revocable Trust, to Thomas F. Garner III and Alison Garner, Dist. 2, lot.

Danny Hartsfield and Tina Hartsfield to Marilyn Sue Browner Gable, Dist. 10, lot.

U.S. Bank, NA, to Demetris Deberry, Dist. 2, tract.

Nursing Students Participate



PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS, in upper photo, from the Four Rivers Regional program at Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, assisted with the activities and first aid during the annual Halls Elementary School Field Days, May 19th and 20th. The nursing students were able to observe the behaviors of different school-aged children. HES coaches, Jennifer Duke and Robert Huffstetter, and Halls Junior High School students, Chase Street and Chisholm Vaughan, and Lauderdale Middle School student, Hunter Mills, are pictured with them. Beth Street, PN instructor, is not pictured. In lower photo, the nursing students participated in the Young Author's Day May 9th at Halls Elementary School. Kindergarten students rotated through each classroom where the student nurses taught them about their body parts, let them listen to their heart, bandage their teddy bear, and color nursing pictures.

Birthdays

June 5 - Roy Bonds, Jr., Dorothy Allen, Jeanne Duнавant, Cassie Burnham, Sam Schuh, Sam LeMar, Anna Sanders, John Curry Burks, Jodie Robbins, Pam Burroughs, Steve Pugh, Jr., Vicky Lankford.

June 6 - Mrs. Perry Garrett, Sr., Jon Michael Cannon, Ally Pipkin, Sondra Reynolds, Pam Gillion, Thomas Newman, Haleigh Hurt, Paul Briggs, Frances Jean Stewart, Amanda Mills, Janet Harris, Curt Swope, LouAnne Little, Bill Ashmore.

June 7 - Abigail Reese Booker, Marcia Akin, Marie Lankford, Andrew K. Durham, Cynthia Binkley, June Bates, Samatha Choat, Paula Jarrett, Dallos Burroughs, Keri Ward, Linda C. Ward, Sue McLemore, Scottie Hinton, Wayne Belton, Chris Sills, Rachel Wilson, Dalton Haislip.

June 8 - Paul Grantland, Ancil McFall, Sandy Langley, Ernest B. Williams, Debbie Escue, Dick Jack-

son, Nancy Grammer, Lester McLemore, Marcus Burks, Jim Ewell, Elvis Frazier.

June 9 - Laura Culver, Joshua Caldwell, James Treadway, Jackie Ward, Dylan Wood, Avonlea Brewster, Debbie N. Lazure, John Lazure, Larry Taylor, Crystal Belton, Cristin Phillips, Austin Kissell, Katie Richardson, Kenneth Everett Hammock, Aliyah Dixon, Addison Bolton, Steve Carmack, Victoria Cain, Charles "Bubba" Gooch.

June 10 - Carolyn Griggs, Shawn Kiestler, Katie Privett, Carolyn Smith, Brandy Gremard, Lynnwood Jackson, Betty Huey, Dalton Lane, Jessica Kiestler, Elizabeth Tillman, Dawn Ward, Landan Davis.

June 11 - Lisa Vawter, Dianne Moore, Cindy Brabec, Mallory E. Gaines, Lt. Col. Derrell A. Cooper, Lorine Raines, Lori Emerson, Peter Snell, Pam Hilliard, Mark Bernard, Betty Hügey, Mac Fullen, Keaona Holland, Cindy Robeson, Robbie Nelson, Matthew Crowson.

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High School Sports Classifications Eyed

Into what classes high school sports will fall for the 2009-12 seasons will be decided this week in a meeting in Franklin of the 9-member Board of Control of the Tenn. Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

Soaring gasoline costs have put pressure on the current 5-class football system, which often requires teams to play far from home, with fewer fans in the stands.

If this system is not retained, with some adjustments, the probable alternative is a "Z-plan," like Virginia's, which has been discussed since 2004.

It would create six classes for football, baseball, basketball, and softball.

Classes 1&2, 3&4, and 5&6 would form three groups, each group having 16 districts.

The top two teams in each district would make the play-offs, total of 32.

Wild cards would fill another 32 play-off slots.

Though six classes would play as three for the play-offs, there would be six final class championships.

Major flaw: A Class 5 school in a district with many Class 6 schools would likely find Class 6 dominating district choices, leaving its hopes only with wild cards.

Multiplier Re-Thought
Also to be decided: to keep or adjust a 1.8 multiplier, enacted in 2005, applied to enrollments of Division 1 private schools, in all sports.

The multiplier, intended to cut private schools' preponderance of state championships, hasn't worked.

In three years before the multiplier, private schools won 32 Div. 1 state titles; in three years since, 33.

Also to be decided: to divide 375 schools under TSSAA rules into three classes before breaks for Divisions 1 and 2.

Private schools offering need-based financial aid can only play in Div. 2, although other teams may elect to play there.

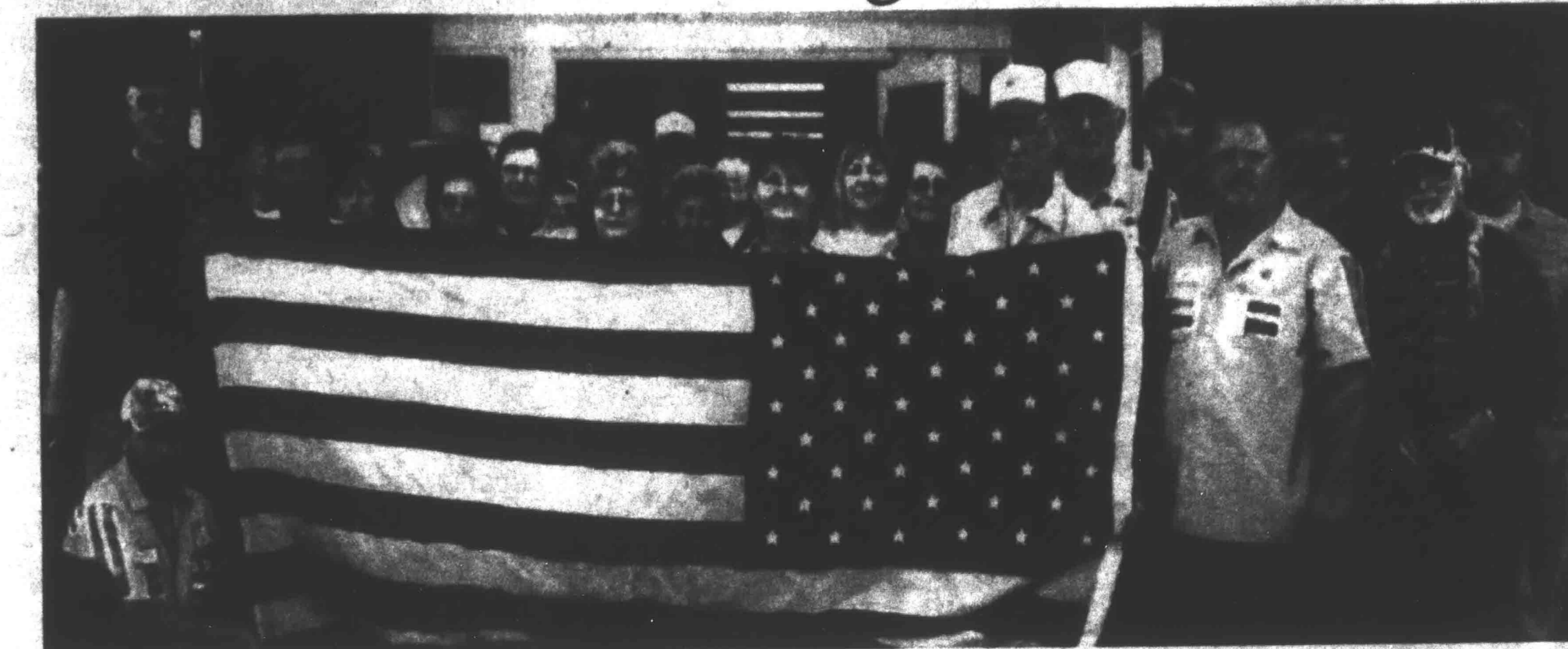
The change would permit Div. 1 schools considering a move to Div. 2 to know what class they would play in before they seek the move.

Also to be decided: to slice golf and volleyball into three Div. 1 classes, instead of the present two.

Fee Charged To Dispose Of Tires

The Lauderdale County Commission met Monday, June 9th, at the Lauderdale County Courthouse to conduct several budget amendments and requested to receive the state Waste Tire Grant for 2008-2012 which was approved. Mayor Rod Schuh stated that the county loses money each year even with

American Flag Presented



MEMBERS of the Modern Woodmen of the World Lodge 488, Halls, presented an American Flag last week to members of the Lauderdale County Volunteer Rescue Squad in honor of the squad's members and to celebrate Flag Day, June 14th. Celebrated annually since 1885, Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777.

the grant and requested a fee of \$0.40 to be charged for each tire to be disposed. The county has two locations that collect tires, Ripley Parts and Tires and the Lauderdale County Landfill, then the county pays to have them hauled to Mississippi for proper disposal.

The juvenile court requested permission to purchase a Ford Crown Victoria for use by the School Resource Officers. After a lengthy discussion about cost efficiency, it was agreed that a state approved vehicle, either a Ford Crown Victoria, Dodge Charger or Chevrolet Impala, with the best gas mileage, would be purchased. Due to a state budget cut, two truancy officer positions will be terminated.

Citizens of the Curve Community requested that speed signs be placed around the Curve Community Park, primarily on Curve Spur Road and Curve Nankipoo Road. The limit will either be 30 or 35 miles per hour.

The architect for the Ripley Downtown Development Construction will be in Ripley Friday, June 13th, and available to

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Meth Lab Discovered



SEVEN FIREARMS, digital scales, drug paraphernalia, chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine, and methamphetamine were recovered by agents with the 25th Judicial Drug Task Force June 3rd at the home of William D. Ellis and Kim Bishop, 371 Concord Rd., near Ripley. The building was placed under quarantine and will remain so until the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation determines the property to be "safe for human use". Ellis and Bishop were charged with manufacture of a Schedule II controlled substance, promotion to manufacture methamphetamine, unlawful drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm during a dangerous felony, and possession of a Schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver. At presstime, both were being held at the Lauderdale County Justice Complex on a \$100,000 bond.

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The Lauderdale County Zoning Appeals board re-appointed Ray Nolen with his term expiring May 15, 2012, and Marvin Land May 15, 2013. Billy Poston has been appointed to fill the position of the late Willis Wheeler with his term expiring May 15, 2010.

The Lauderdale County Landfill has baling operations for paper and metal and may be mandatory within the next five years.

The Lauderdale County Library board has re-appointed Frances Fitzhugh, Bettie Anthony, and Bettie Davis with the terms expiring June 2011; and Roger Charest and Shirley Roberts have been re-appointed to the Regional Library board.

A resolution was made to amend the Lauderdale County Growth Plan from the original map due to overlapping between city and county lines.

Board Updates School Clothing

The Lauderdale County Board of Education amended the dress code June 5th, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Lauderdale County Board of Education recognizes and understands that there is a strong correlation between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment. To help create not only the best learning environment, but also the safest, the following expectations for student dress have been established. Apparel or appearance, which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than the education process and learning environment, must be avoided.

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency and modesty or if it is drawing undue attention thereby interfering with the learning environment. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. When in the opinion of the principal/designee, a student is not attired appropriately or exhibits grooming which constitutes a

Rescue Squad Aids In Search

Members of the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad assisted the Coast Guard and other search and rescue personnel Wednesday of last week after four high school friends, David Homan, Al Carroll, and Walter Brummund, 21, and Joe Steigerwald, 22, all of Milwaukee, Wisc., attempted to travel the Mississippi River by canoe when a wave capsized their boats.

A tug boat spotted the first overturned canoe and called the Coast Guard. While on the phone, the other canoe capsized. Two men were pulled from the water by the tug boat's crew and the search began for the other two. Officers in the Memphis Police helicopter spotted the two men on the bank, two hours after they fell into the river. All four were transported to the hospital in Osceola, Ark., where they were examined and released.

Rescue personnel stated the group's life jackets saved their lives. The friends are evaluating if they plan to resume their trip to New Orleans, more than 600 twisting miles down the river.

distraction and/or disturbance to the extent of being detrimental to the school environment, the principal/designee shall contact the parents and have the student dress suitably before returning to school. Inability to contact the parents will result in the student remaining in the office and/or being placed in in-school suspension or another designated area. This will serve as a first warning. Repeat offenses will follow the school discipline code at the next level following the warning.

All clothing must not have holes, be cut-off, ripped or see-through and must be sized to fit. 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 accept-

New Agent



RACHEL PARKER will serve as the new UT Extension Agent with Family and Consumer Science for Lauderdale County. A graduate of Milan High School, she attended Jackson State Community College and earned an associate of applied science degree in agriculture. She earned a bachelor's degree from Murray State University in Kentucky. Rachel is filling the position of Christene Anderson, who retired.

able. 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.

All shirts and blouses must be tucked in the pants, shorts, or skirts. (This is encouraged for PreK-2nd grade but is not required). They must have a collar-either polo or dress shirt with a collar.

Pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers must be worn at the waist and must be knee length. This also applies to slits in skirts or dresses. A belt must be worn and be visible if the garment has belt loops, not required for PreK-2nd. Sagging, bagging and skin tight fit is not allowed. Pants legs will not touch the floor and will not be frayed or cut. There is to be no writing, studs or design other than a small brand logo.

Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes must be worn on the playground and in physical education classes. Sandals are permitted. Rubber flip flops, spiked heels, bedroom slippers, or house-shoes are not permitted.

Jackets and cardigan style sweaters must be one of the approved solid colors with no writing except a personal name or a combination of school colors, school

Gates Neighborhood Watch



THE GATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, in upper photo, met Saturday morning to clean their roadsides of litter. After working for about two hours, many bags of trash were piled onto a trailer for hauling to the county landfill. While the clean-up was taking place, the workers' safety was insured by the presence of two patrol cars manned by Ed Hunt and James L. Treadway.

In lower photo, 35 members of the watch group met Saturday evening to share a cookout and enjoy getting to know their neighbors better. This group meets every three months to plan ways to be neighborly and to make the area more hospitable and with less crime.

In the event that others in the county would like to form a neighborhood watch, discuss the matter with Sheriff Steve Sanders.

organizations or club jackets are acceptable. Trench coats are not permitted. Heavy coats worn to school must be placed in designated areas. Exceptions to this may be permitted in extremely cold weather, during equipment malfunction situations, or when changing classes if going from one building to another. Lightweight jackets or cardigan style sweaters may be worn unbuttoned or unzipped. Hoodies will not be permitted.

Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, belt buckles, jewelry, tattoos, brands and notebooks must not contain racial or ethnic slurs or symbols; gang affiliations; vulgar, obscene, subversive, disruptive of the school environment, derogatory to any individual, or sexually suggestive language or images. They should also not promote products that students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, controlled substances, weapons or weapon products.

The following are prohibited: large, long, and/or heavy chains; studded or chained accessories; sunglasses, except for health purposes (a prescription will be required); facial jewelry, designer lenses, grills; head apparel, except for required hats; sweat shirts, sweat pants, and windsuits; hair rollers, hair picks, and combs worn in the hair; belts that are not buckled; excessive makeup, facial drawings; distracting or unusual hairstyles and/or colors. Extracurricular activity uniforms may not be worn during the school day. ROTC, FFA, and nursing uniforms may be worn on designated days approved by the principal.

The principal may allow exceptions for school wide programs or special classroom activities up to ten (10) days per year. Students new to Lauderdale County schools have five school days to be in compliance with the dress code.

Obituaries

Rosetta Spry

Rosetta Spry, 93, of Friendship, retired from employment with Mayo's Flower Shop in Halls, died Thursday of last week in Alamo.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

She had also farmed.

She was a member of Lebanon United Methodist Church.

Widow of Hershel Spry, she leaves a son, Cleve Spry, of 7451 Chestnut Bluff - Maury City Road; a daughter, Willodean Young, of Friendship; brothers, Harold Davis, of Halls, Paul Davis, of Ripley, and Earl Davis, of Indianapolis, Ind.; a sister, Dorothy Huff, of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Jeanie Williams

Halls Funeral Home conducted rites Sunday in South Fork Cemetery for Jeanie L. Williams, 46, of Salisbury, who died Thursday of last week in the Douglas Nursing Home in Milan.

She leaves a daughter, Felisha Williams, of Salisbury, and brothers, Dennis Williams, of Brighton, and Larry Williams, of St. Charles, Ill.

Albert Conley

Albert Eugene Conley, 70, died Thursday of last week, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

He was the son of the late Albert "Ab" Conley and the late Margaret Conley.

After 20 years in the Navy, he retired as a chief petty officer. He then served for many years as an insurance agent.

He leaves his wife, Clara Barham Conley; a son, Chad, of Milington; and sisters, Bobbie Debusk, of Ft. Worth, Tex., and Mary Stracener, of Andrews, Tex.

Landon Aided Rescue Veteran Plant In Halls

Don Landon, 78, of Irving, Tex., who was a partner in Allen-Stone Boxes in Halls and in Bardcor, of Guthrie, Ky., died Sunday.

Services were set at 1 p.m. Thursday in the National Cemetery in Dallas, Tex.

He was born in Camden, Ark., June 3, 1929, to the late Elmo and Lois Riley Landon.

A graduate of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., he attended Memphis State University.

He served in the Air Force and was stationed in Japan during the Korean War.

He had resided in Humboldt.

Survivors include his wife, Margie; sons, Tim, of Irving, and Jim, of Farmers Branch, Tex.; daughters, Kathi (Mrs. Rex) Leatherwood, of Jackson, and Donna (Mrs. Ron) Bradley, of Longwood, Fla.; a sister, Betsy (Mrs. Eddie) Fenoglio, of Montague, Tex.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Mrs. Holman

Mattie Sue Holman, 97, of Ripley, widow of W. T. "Billy" Holman, died Wednesday of last week in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

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

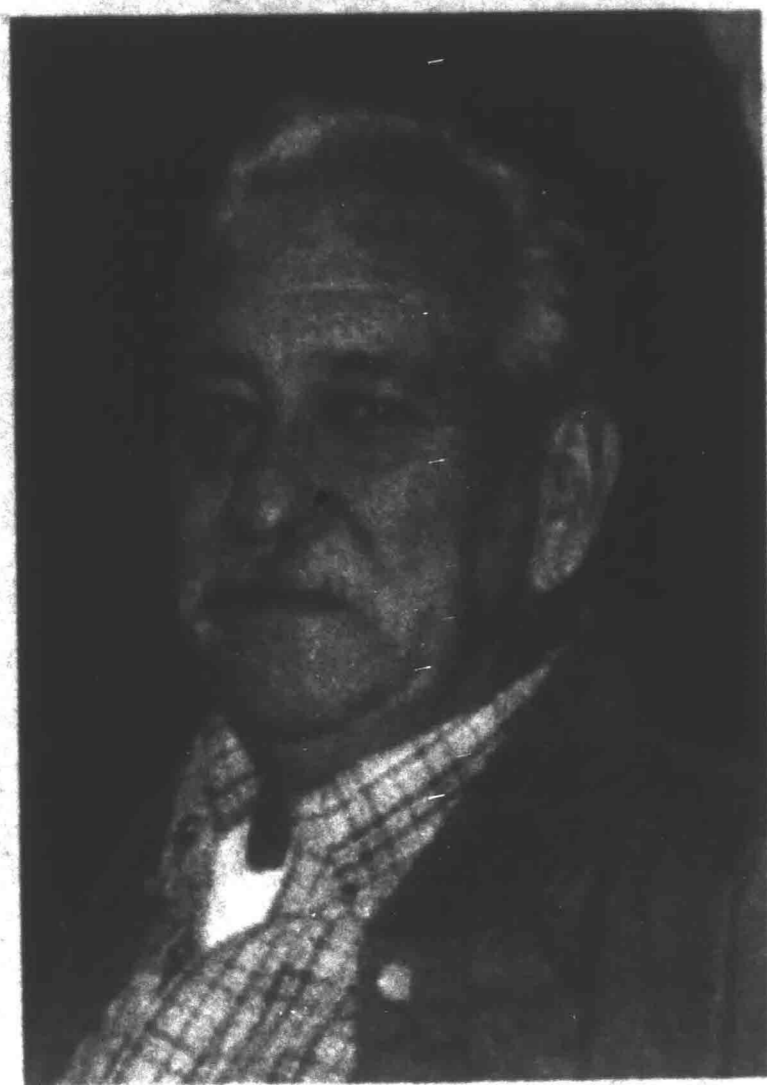
She leaves a son, Tommy Holman, and daughters, Billie Jo Davis and Linda Thomas, all of Ripley; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

T. G. Langley

T. G. Langley, 84, of 1944 Cedar Grove Road, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in the Langley family cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Marjorie Latham Langley; a daughter, Eugenia Biggs, and a brother, Russell Langley, all of Ripley; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



WILLIAM W. BURSE, 62, brother of Elsie Leek, of 315 Sherrin Dr., Ripley, died May 31st in his home in Brownsville.

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

He was the son of the late Walter C. Burse.

He had served in the Haywood County Rescue Squad for 35 years, attaining captain rank.

He was grand marshal of Brownsville's Christmas parade last year.

He leaves his wife, for 43 years, June Burse; his mother, Pansy Burse, daughters, Janice Beshires and Teresa Holley, and sisters, Joyce Howse and Judy Chilcutt, all of Brownsville; another daughter, Stephanie Young, of Orlando, Fla.; another sister, Sharon Phillips, of Friendship; and six grandchildren.

Mary Goin

Mary Lee Goin, 87, of Ripley, a retired L.P.N., died Monday at her residence.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery.

She was a member of Crossview Baptist Church and of the V.F.W. Ladies' Aux. Post 9673.

She was the widow of Woodrow Wilson Goin.

She leaves a daughter, Gloria Jean Williams, of Ripley; a sister, Arnette Gray, of Brownsville; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Bertha Graves

Bertha Mae Graves, 51, of Ripley, wife of Bobby Joe Robinson, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Saturday in Truth and Faith Baptist Church in Brownsville, with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She was a school cook.

Survivors include her mother, Annie Mae Shaw, of Ripley; her father, Roy Lee Graves, of Decatur, Ill.; one son, Tony Graves, of Ripley; a daughter, Tamika Collier, of Murfreesboro; brothers, Roy Lee Graves, Jr., and Jimmy Graves, of Ripley, and Paul Graves and Michael West, of Decatur; sisters, Mary Graves, of Ripley, and Angela, Beverly, Marilyn, and Novell Graves, of Decatur; and seven grandchildren.

Katie Lou Logan

Katie Lou Logan, 37, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in Lightfoot Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, Jeffrey Etheridge, daughters, Megan and Shelley Logan, and a sister, Nancy McCallister, all of Halls.

Clara Morrow

Clara Morrow, 91, died Friday, June 6th, at the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were Sunday, June 8th, at Garner Funeral Home.

She was the widow of Charlie W. Morrow.

She leaves a son, Jimmy Morrow, of Daphne, Ala.; a brother, G.T. Wheeler, of Memphis; two sisters, Doris Simmons and Christine Seaton, both of Finley; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Billy W. Rose

Billy Wayne Rose, 65, of Ripley, a truck driver, died Thursday of last week at Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Shirley Faye Simpson Rose; his son, Barry Wayne Rose, of Milan; a brother, Prentice Rose, of Gates; a half-brother, Donny Rose, and half-sisters, Melinda Dotson and Deb Voss, all of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety. - Benjamin Franklin

County 4-H Awards Presented



4-H AWARDS were presented to individuals and clubs that showed outstanding 4-H participation in the 2007-2008 Lauderdale County school year including, in upper left, Barbara Hendren's Halls Elementary 5th grade Top Scoring Club of the Year; second left photo, Richard Dawson's HES 6th grade Top Scoring Club of the Year; third left photo, Sandra Thayer's Ripley Elementary School 4th grade Top Scoring Club of the Year; lower left photo, Richard Dawson, left, Halls Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Chad Lewis, right, HES 4-H Member of the Year; lower right photo, Mindi Harrison, 4-H Volunteer of the Year; and in upper right, Terri White, left, Ripley Elementary 4-H Member of the Year; and Sandra Thayer, right, RES 4-H Teacher of the Year.

Donation Presented



SANDRA CARTER, second from left, in rear, camp secretary for the Modern Woodmen of America Camp 15103, Halls, presented a sponsor's matching fund check to the Lauderdale County Commission On Aging June 9th. Joni Cook, director, and seniors of the center accepted the check. Funds were raised during the center's 15th Annual Health/Heritage Day held May 9th. Through the efforts of the staff, seniors and many, many generous volunteers, the center was able to meet its fund raising goal. The monies raised through the Match Program will be used to fulfill requests to upgrade the exercise program, by replacing the folding chairs and rack, purchasing a NuStep Cross Trainer and ceiling fans.

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Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! The old neck is getting better. Those needles must be magic. I had my second round of magic this week from Doc Mitchner and my third chiropractor visit with Doc Parker and I didn't feel a thing. I think Doc English needs a few needle lessons. I know he needs the soft music, water fall, dim lights, cool fan and the big shag rug. I am responding so well that I think I should be able to lick my privates in another week. That's one of those things that a four legger's mother stresses to her young; to keep your tushs touched up.

Mr. Pam was pretty good to me this week. He was all consumed about this four legger running a race. He got a lot of calls and he kept saying I bet a hundred dollars on Big Brown. After the race, the phone kept ringing, but Mr. Pam wouldn't answer the phone.

I got to go to my first fish fry at the church this week. The fish was delicious and I learned that it is much better going down than it was coming back up. I got to listen to some good music and play with some kid two leggers. I don't know why but some two leggers were making a fuss about my presence. My buds never get upset when two leggers visit the club. We welcome all visitors and wish more two leggers would visit our club at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road.

Our volunteer group of two leggers wants to pour concrete in some of the pens outside. They also want to add a partial roof. The County Mayor ran an advertisement for some interested contractors and no one responded to the Mayor's office for the plans. Evidently contractors don't like four leggers or they must not be hungry. We stay hungry at the Club, and wish school was back in session. The classes that adopted the Club brought a lot of joy and food to my buds. On second though, maybe the students will read this and respond with a bag or two during the summer break.

Speaking of joy and a good family, the Jellison family, Anthono, Tammy, Jacob, Blake, and Hailey, adopted three of my buds this week. That's the way to train your youngens. I wish more two leggers would train their kids that the cream of the crop is at the Club of Dry Hill on the campus of the landfill. Another special two leggers is Sheyeanne Chipman. She is bottle feeding Tater. Scooter named him Tater because he was the color and size of a baked potato when somebody dropped him off at the club. Without Sheyeanne, I don't think Tater would have lived. She gets a big SAL-U-TE!

Evidently not very many two leggers read my story because Snowman, this beautiful white Lab that excels in commands and personality is still at the Club. I don't understand why we can't find him a home and he is just one of a fine group of adult, well-behaved four leggers at our Club. We have Golden Retrievers, Labs of all colors, Shepherds, Beagles, Border Collies, a Bassett Hound, Blue Healers, American Terriers, and a solid white Malamute teenager.

A final message to the two leggers who are thinking of bringing puppies to the Club for adoption. Please keep them at your home for at least six months because the babies get sick

Local Police Aided By U.S. Marshals

The United States Marshals Service began hosting FALCON, Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally, in the 25th and 26th Judicial Circuits of Western Tennessee on Monday, June 2nd. Local officers from the Sheriff's and police departments in Tipton, Lauderdale, Hardeman, Fayette, Madison, Chester, Henderson, and Shelby counties teamed up with Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Board of Parole and Probation, 25th Judicial District Task Force officers, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) agents and Mid-South Fugitive Task Force officers in order to locate and arrest fugitives charged with felonies in the above listed counties.

The efforts of the officers involved led to the physical arrest of 135 fugitives, while more than 60 additional warrants were cleared in these counties with five fugitives being deceased and more than 55 being incarcerated as far away as Hawaii, a sex offender warrant.

The fugitive round-up concluded successfully Friday, June 6th with two arrests for aggravated robbery; 23 assaults; 11 drugs; one firearm; eight burglaries; one SOR; 12 thefts; two parole violations; 29 probation violations; one statutory rape; seven failure to appear; 18 financial crimes, and 20 other charges.

Divorces

Lindsay Harris Sills vs. Christopher Stephen Sills.

Dana Nichole Guinn vs. Bradley Boyd Guinn.

Steve Carlton Pittman vs. Betty Marie Clark Pittman.

Teena Jackson vs. Anthony Jackson.

at the Club. Oh! Yes, better yet have your four legger spayed or neuter. Remember my old saying, try to be as good as your four legger thinks you are. Be a responsible pet owner. Their future rest in your hands.

Zeek Out!

Graduate



BETH SADLER, daughter of Dennis and Felicia Sadler, formerly of Halls, graduated May 20th from Millsaps College with a bachelor's degree in English literature. While in school, Beth was an active member of the English and French clubs, captain of the Millsaps women's tennis team being recognized as National All Academic/Scholar Athletic, and the risk manager for her sorority, Delta Delta Delta. During her senior year, Beth participated in a study program abroad to Nice, France. Beth also received minors in French and creative writing. A 2004 graduate of Halls High School, she plans to pursue her graduate degree at George

Land Transfers

June 1st - June 7th

Sherry Morris to Clark Denison Short and Laura Leigh Vaughn, Dist. 6, lot.

Jerry Buckner and Donna Buckner to Ronald Bryson and Debra Bryson, 2 tracts.

Cypress Capital Partners to Steve Cherry, Dist. 17, lot.

Arthur Cleveland Johnson to David Parker.

William J. Carmack and Patsy B. Carmack to Dianne W. Haynes, Dist. 16, 0.9706 acre.

Mary Ann Riley to Tyron C. Brasfield and Tammy C. Brasfield, Dist. 17, 11.0765 acres.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, to Norene Douglas, Dist. 3, lot.

Louis Rogers, Mary Rouser, Brenda Lee, Willie Rogers, Jr., and Tommy Rogers to Jeremy Rogers, Dist. 3, tract.

Mackie O. Love to Danny R. Blakley and Carolyn M. Blakley, Dist. 8, 1.0 acre.

Agape Properties, LLC, to Bobby Murphy and Kristin Neal, Dist. 1, lot.

James Elvis Wilson to Joann Harrell, 4.056 acres.

Javier Rodriguez and Bonnie Rodriguez to Teresa Binkley, Dist. 6, lot.

Teresa Binkley to Javier Rodriguez and Bonnie Rodriguez to Teresa Binkley, Dist. 3, 5.27 acres.

Mason University in Fairfax, Va. in the fall.

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Junior Auxiliary Appoints Officers



OFFICERS for 2008-2009 Junior Auxiliary of Lauderdale County include, in upper photo, from left, Amanda Hunt, corresponding secretary; Christina Baynes, 2nd vice-president; Kristy Cihfield, president; Tina Hartsfield, recording secretary; Melanie Hardy, vice-president and treasurer; and Stephanie Turner, assistant treasurer. In middle photo, Krissy Jones, Stephanie Turner, and Felicia Warren, plus, not pictured, Kelly Tillman Moore and Lynette Seay, were welcomed as new members by Rebecca Carmack Summar, left. In lower photo, from left, Krista Vaden, Nicki Lee, Kristen Gunn, and Lindsay Prine were welcomed as new provisional members.

Marriages

May 9 - Nathan Lawrence Austin, 32, to Michelle Lynn Harrell, 33, by Albert A. Porter.

May 31 - Jim Oliver Robertson, 44, to Martha Dean Toomes Robertson, 42, by Neal

Ammons. Christopher Ray Sanders, 27, to Beverly Ann Armour Ford, 26, by Danny Hartsfield. James Anderson Johnston, 26, to Kristin Elizabeth Entz, 24, by J. Randy Cooper. Clark Dennison Short, 28, to Laura Leigh Vaughan, 30,

by Danny Walker. June 2 - James Lyle Crowder, Jr., 34, to Wendy Lynn Arnold Martin, 30, by Herman L. Reviere.

June 5 - Charles Wesley Huddleston, 24, to Hattie Lavern Mooney Honey, 33, by Bobby Mooney.

Birthdays

June 12 - Randy Brown, Lanny Chalk, Dusty Ledyard, III, Robin Reviere Cameron, Debra Temple, Randy Brown, Wilbert Parish, Russell Duvall.

June 13 - Jamie Reynolds, Richard Ammons, Marie Kissell, Louis Wheatley, Steve Brabec, Mark Baggett, Shirley McKnight, Pelvie Lee, Daniel Lee, Brenda Lee, William Lynn Lovelady, Lisa Myrick, Mike Robeson, Chuck Morris.

June 14 - Marilyn Craig, Julia Kent, Emma Mae Simpson, Bill Dickens, Barbara Coley, Cody Dew, Dalton Edenfield, Wes Cunningham, Bill Thompson, III, Kaleb Ellison.

June 15 - Margaret Thurmond, Cruz Young, Hannah Ivey, Mae Dunaway, Bill Kelly, Neal Frazier, Jennifer Webb, Angela Goodwin, T. L. Cihfield, Sr., Eric Tyler Winchester, Carol Austin, Kenny Stowe, Jacy Blankenship, Louise Minner, Cameron Conrad.

June 16 - Elizabeth Fitzhugh Molder, Sue Dillard, Damon Durham, Zakkary Johnson, Emily Pilant, Roger Oneal Booker, Pennie K. Childress, Anthony Land, Jerry Burroughs, Louanne Little, Greg Cihfield, Sandy Hutcherson, John Winn, Mark Winn, Neal Booker, Mark Miller, Forrest Heathcott, Robert Vilsech.

June 17 - Tommy Lee Chapman, Katherine Smith, Krissy Jones, Jennifer Francis, Darrel Cates, Leah-Jean Graham, Carolyn Gabbard, Vaden Mills, Jennifer Goforth, Jessica Cihfield, Kelly Mustion, Carlee Brown.

June 18 - Richard Escue, Delores Littlejohn, Doris Rodgers, Amanda Spray, Anna Spray, Shirley Forsythe, Kennedy Allen, Zach Griffin, Bobby Mullins, Mack Jenkins, Mikey Pike.

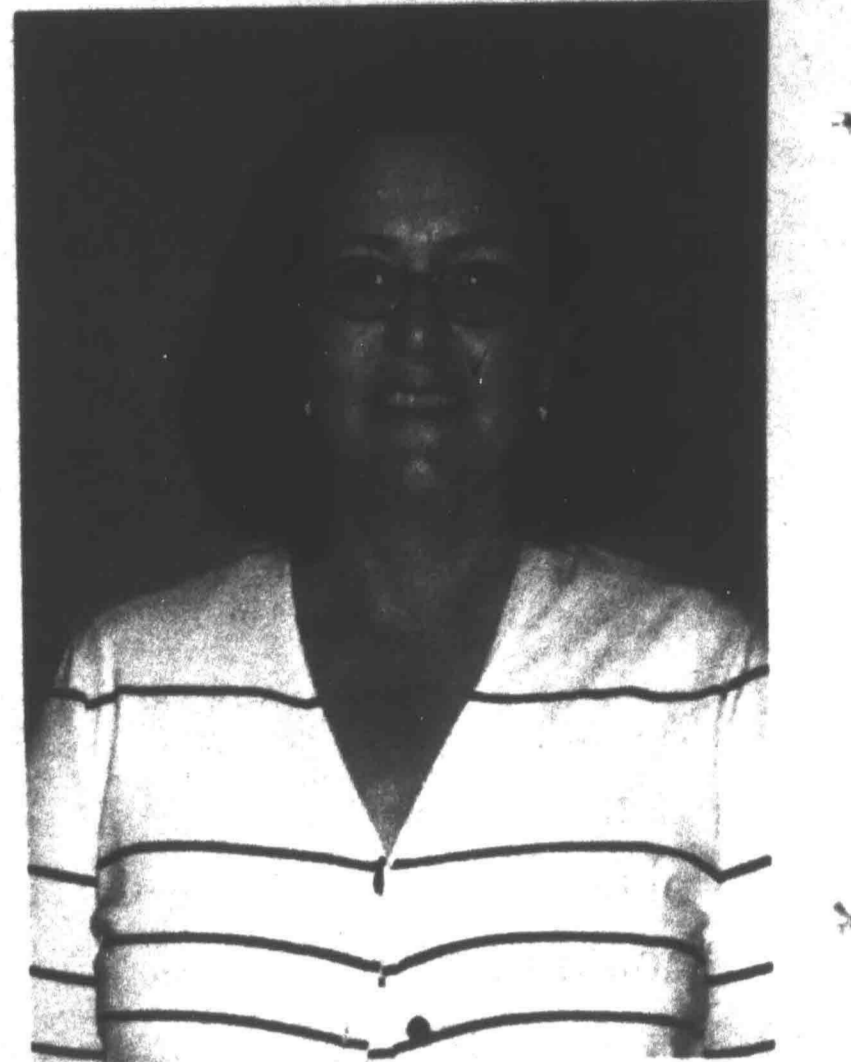
Anniversaries

June 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Robeson.

June 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Monty McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Simpson.

June 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Akin, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Fincher, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Harden, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown, Mr. and Mrs.

Recognized



JOHNA ARWOOD, Lauderdale County Board of Education secretary, has received the designation of Certified Board Secretary from the Tennessee Association of Board Secretaries, an affiliate of the Tennessee School Boards Association. She is the TABS Immediate Past President, having served as its President from May 2007 through May 2008. Johna is one of only ten school board secretaries in the state to receive this distinction.

She earned the designation through a certification program that requires a commitment to training, willingness to participate in workshops and conferences and a volunteer spirit. Board secretaries must earn credits by participating in leadership and professional development conferences, completing certain activities such as speaking to civic clubs or meeting with legislators and participating in TABS as an officer or committee member. Board secretaries also receive credits for academic degrees or certificates.

Billy John Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barham, Jr.

June 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Etheridge, Mr. and Mrs. David Woodard.

June 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Marty Buffaloe, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clay.

Project L.E.A.D. Summer



PARTICIPANTS are enjoying arts and crafts, computer, science experiments and outdoor activities during Project L.E.A.D.'s summer school, held at Halls Elementary School June 9th through 27th.

School Overview Heard By Board

The Lauderdale County Board of Education met June 5th in the Board Room at Ripley Elementary School with all board members in attendance. The board viewed a slideshow of activities held at each school during the 2007-2008 school year. They approved the Local Consolidated Application For Federal Funding, which is the consolidated plan for all programs receiving federal funding.

Mrs. Harriet Shelby, Supervisor of Instruction, provided an overview of the Tennessee Consolidated System-wide Plan for 2008-2009.

The board voted to approve the plan for submission to the Tennessee State Department of Education.

Ollie Fields, Director of the Family Resource Center, provided the board with a year-end report on her program. She spoke about a mentoring program that was begun in January 2008 to provide students who are 16 to 18 years of age and at risk of not completing school with a positive male role model.

Changes to the student dress code were addressed. At a previous meeting, the board had asked that Superintendent Phillip Jackson and the principals get together to address changes that the principals felt were needed in the Dress Code Compliance/Consequences section of the code. The consequences section of the code was amended by changing the number of days a student would spend in ISS on the second and third violation. The student would be able

to stay out of ISS on the second and third violation if they are brought dress code compliant item(s) they need within one hour of the school contacting the parent or guardian. On the "Subsequent Violations" it was changed to say that a student "may be" remanded to the Alternative school instead of saying, "will be". Other changes made in the code were matters of clarification to items in the code. Changes were to be sent to the schools, posted on the systems website, and placed in student handbooks.

The board also approved the first reading of a new board policy. Code 3642, Volunteer Coaches, states that all volunteer coaches will be fingerprinted and background checked with the TBI and FBI. The athletic department of the appropriate school will pay the cost of these checks.

The board approved six budget amendments needed to balance the budget for the year-end closing of the books and approved the budget for the 2008-2009 school year. This budget will be sent to the Lauderdale County Commission for approval. The school system did not ask for any new money this year.

Items for the July agenda include reviewing the policy on school organizations and head lice. The board meeting for July was moved to July 10th at 6:30 in the Ripley Elementary School Board Room.

Mrs. Sarah Harrell reported that she, Mrs. Sheila Ferrell, and Terry Sellers had attended the academy on Board Policy on May 24th. Mrs. Cynthia Glenn reported that she would attend summer law on June

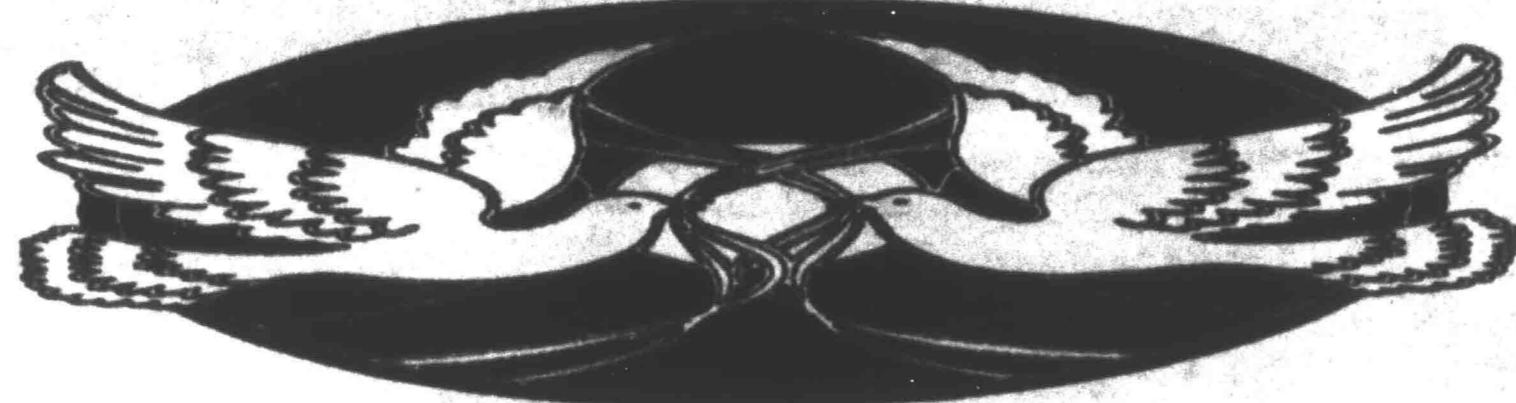
Foundation Plans Read Project



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Education Foundation, in front, from left, Dr. Joan Hartman and Lynn Harmon, and in rear, Sue Toles, Melanie Sargent, Tommy Durham, and Phillis Barlow, are in the early stages of planning the county's first Community Read Project. The goal is to have everyone in the county reading and discussing the same book. Several books are being considered for the project and various activities planned to support the book's launch. Anyone interested in participating in the planning process can call Lynn, Sue, and Melanie for more information.

27th in Jackson. Sellers and Mrs. Melinda Hutcherson plan to attend the Board/Superintendent Relations on June 19th in Dyersburg. Mrs. Harrell also reported that she had been notified that Mrs. Cynthia Anderson, Student Council Advisor at Lauderdale Middle, had been chosen as the Tennessee Association of Student Councils Middle Level Advisor of the Year. This would mean that Mrs. Anderson is nominated for the National Award. This is the second time she has been awarded this recognition. Mrs. Harrell also informed the board that she had been notified that the Board Secretary, Johna Arwood, had been recognized as a Certified Board Secretary by the Tennessee School Board Association. In the ten (10) years of this program, Mrs. Arwood was the tenth recipient of this certification in the state of Tennessee. Mrs. Eva Drain informed the board that she would be pursuing her Level 5-Master School Board Member from the Tennessee School Board Association. Mrs. Glenn would like to see the board as a whole support the fundraisers such as Box Tops for Education, E.W. James Receipt program, and the Nestle water label fund.

Superintendent Jackson gave the board a copy of the report from Technology, Inc. for the period April 5, 2008 to June 5, 2008.



Church Happenings

First Christian Church, 101 S. Church St., Halls, will host Krista Johnson, a Disciples Missionary to Israel and Palestine, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11th. She has spent 2-1/2 years in Palestine. The public is invited.

Springhill Baptist Church will hold its Father's Day program at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 15th with special guests, the Spirit of Memphis, of Memphis. The public is invited.

Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., Halls, will present a class on diabetic education at 6 p.m. June 25th. Mrs. Kim Dew, registered nurse, will speak on diabetes and how it affects the body. She teaches nursing at Dyersburg High School. All interested persons are invited.

Elon Baptist Church, 240 Double Bridges-Unionville Rd., will hold revival services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, June 15th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through Wednesday, June 18th with Bro. Joe Wright, of Dyer Baptist Association, as guest speaker. Don Williams, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 731-285-8957 or 731-445-9274.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 East Tigrett St., Halls, will present the 2008 Youth Conference beginning at 7 p.m. June 11th and continuing at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 12th and 13th with the theme, "Breaking The Cycle To Society's Madness". Session topics include gang and drug awareness, dangers of hip-hop music, and sexual abstinence. The National Guard's Mobile Drug Unit will be on-site. Lunch will be served during the day sessions. Youthful worship and praise services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly. Featured guest speakers include Darrell Jones, aka Lil' Horse, producer of "Toe Tag"; Kathy Robinson, Lauderdale County Health Department; John Smith, pastor of Rosemark C.O.G.I.C.; and Specialist Todd Rich, Tennessee National Guard Task Force. The public is invited. If anyone needs a ride, call 731-635-8639.

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High School Sports Classifications Shift

A 5-4 vote by the Board of Control of the Tenn. Secondary Schools Athletic Association, meeting Wednesday of last week in Franklin, revised the way Tennessee high schools will be classified for football, basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball, for the 2009-13 seasons.

Districts will be the same for all five sports.

Based on present enrollment reports, there would be three classes of 16 districts each, in order of ascending enrollments:

Halls would be in District 14-2A, with Dresden and Union City, in Class A (which would total 83 football-playing schools).

Ripley would be in District 13-4A, with Covington, Crockett County, Dyersburg, Fayette-Ware, Gibson County, Haywood County, and Obion County, in Class 2A (which, like Class 3A, would total 58 to 62 schools).

For the play-offs, Class 2A and Class 3A will be split in half, by ascending enrollment, to create 32 districts in each class. The top two teams in each district make the play-offs, a total of 64 from Class 2A and 64 from Class 3A.

On present enrollment figures, Class A would not split. It would earn 24 play-off spots, six from each of four geographic areas, with the top two seeds in each of the four quadrants drawing byes in first round play.

In all three classes, district assignments are subject to revision based on fall 2008 enrollments.

Candidate



SAMMY GRANTLAND has announced his intention to seek the position of School Board, District 2. He issued the following statement.

"I would like to take this opportunity to let the citizens in District 2 and Lauderdale County know that I am running for School Board in District 2 because we need board members that will listen to the public, hear their concerns and be able to use common sense. If elected, as your representative, I will listen to your concerns. I would also like to hear from parents, students, teachers, staff, and anyone involved in the school system. You deserve to have your voice heard. I will be your voice. We need our student to want to be our leaders of tomorrow. I am asking for your vote and support throughout this campaign. Vote early and on August 7th, elect Sammy Grantland as your School Board member in the 2nd District. I am only a phone call away," said Grantland.

Library Friends Seek Yearbooks

Because of the interest in old high school annuals from Halls and Ripley, the Lauderdale County Friends of the Library is asking for these volumes. They should be in good condition and not defaced. The annuals will remain in the library's permanent collection.

Anyone wishing to donate their old annual, may do so by carrying it to the Library at 120 Lafayette.

Warden Returns To Lake County

Tony Parker, warden of the West Tenn. State Penitentiary, west of Henning,

I-69 Lauderdale County Meeting

A National Environmental Procedural Act (NEPA) public hearing on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed I-69 project has been scheduled from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 24th at Ripley High School, 254 Jefferson Street in Ripley.

The hearing will discuss a cross-over option that begins north of the Hatchie River to U.S. 51 north of Ripley. During the hearing, there will be a short form presentation and a brief question and answer period. Representatives of the department will be present to provide information. The public is invited to ask questions and make comments during the hearing and will be given the opportunity to make their opinions known concerning the need for the project and any other issues so that the project would best serve the public interest.

County Officers Seeking Vandals

Officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department are seeking information about the person or persons riding 4-wheelers destroying fields at Hales Point and Ashport Bottoms.

If caught, the vandals will be prosecuted. Call 731-635-1311 with any information.

Mass Man-Hunt Nets 7 In County

From eight counties, police officers, sheriff's deputies, Highway Patrolmen, 25th Judicial Task Force officers, Mid-South Fugitive Task Force officers, and agents of the Board of Parole and Probation and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms have closed an annual search for fugitives with 135 arrests, including seven in this county -

Mass Man-Hunt Nets 7 In County

From Gates - Kimberly Bishop, 33, probation violation. From Halls - Brandy Wallace, 30, probation violation. From Henning - James Lowery, 23, theft over \$500. From Ripley - Daniel Brown, 26, failure to appear; Sammie Henson, 24, vandalism; Tracy Johnson, 28, possession with intent to deliver cocaine and failure to appear; William McCoy, 19, assault and vandalism.

The 135 arrests came after five fugitives originally sought were found to have died and another 55 to be already in custody.

Hwy. 19 Work Shop Scheduled

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will hold a public informational workshop from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26th at Trinity Methodist Church, Nunn Road at Old SR-19 in Nutbush to discuss proposed improvements to SR-19. The project will begin near the Lauderdale County line and end east of Binford Road in Haywood County.

since March, 2006, Monday became warden of the Northwest Corrections Complex, near Tiptonville, succeeding Tommy Mills.

He was warden there from June, 2003, until his move to the Lauderdale County prison. Henry Stewart is now acting warden at WTSP. It has about 2,500 inmates. NCC has about 2,300.

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Father's Day Craft



PROJECT L.E.A.D. STUDENTS, Bobby Shanks and Bryant Ward, created a Father's Day craft during the summer program held at Halls Elementary School last week.

Scholar



JENNIFER M. LONG, of Halls, graduated Friday, May 30th from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis with a doctor of pharmacy degree.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, she completed her undergraduate coursework at Dyersburg State Community College and the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is employed with West Tennessee Healthcare of Jackson.

Glenn, Chelsea Vawter, Audrey Sonderman, Nicholas Colvin, Kimberly Shands, Mike Kirkpatrick, Nelson Sanders, Shannon Pitts, Coy Summar, Nicole Pipkin, Bruce Swims, Magean Renee Clark, Angie Greer, Kim Bernard, Leigh Douglas, Thelma Bruce, Patrick Kirkland, Chelsea Vawter, Ashton Chase Elmore.

June 22 - Christopher Feakins, Amy Lynn Brabec, Lanny Chalk, Matt Winters, Rosa Garrett, Russ Carter, Kathy Matras, Richard Douglas, Marvin Lyell, Dianne Moore, Chris Carter, Sandra Kesler, Gerald Meade, Aime Scott.

June 23 - Jefferson K. Douglas, Cameron Nichols, Brent Wooster, Stacy Hill Smith, Brian Bailey, Ka Dareous Pitts, Mike Voss, Amy Caldwell, Brenda Crook, Barbara Fowler.

June 24 - Carol L. Walker, Deborah Roddy, Betty White,

UNION DEAN'S LIST

Kristin Michelle Crihfield, of Halls, was named to the dean's list at Union University in Jackson for the spring semester. Students must earn a 3.5 grade point average to be recognized.

Amy Ashburn Neal and Megan Paige Ward, of Halls, were named to the President's List. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be recognized.

Norma Nelson, Cindy Gibbons, Betty Craig, Bud Ward, Dawn Ezekiel, Kim Dew, Bradley Voss, Nick Bringle, Jamie Sparkman, Billy Crowder, Rosie Lee Wiggins, Jackie Jacobs, James Glenn, Jr., Lauren Walker, Angie Smith.

June 25 - Perry Garrett, Sr., Texas Culver, Carolyn Vickery, Shelia Ray, Kelli Reynolds, Pat Durham, Grayson Buchignani, Walter Lazure, Reagan Jacobs,

Jimmy Wieber, Richard Swope, Erin McKinnie.

Newborn



MACKENZIE G. McPHERSON, 6 lb. 15 oz. daughter of Aimee McPherson, of Ripley, and Fred Jackson, of Gates, was born at 1:06 p.m. May 28th. Measuring 19 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Sheila Coker, of Ripley, and the great-granddaughter of Josephine and James Taylor, of Ripley, and Jerry Draf-fin, of Florida.

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Obituaries

Narlene Riley

Narlene Prescott Riley, 76, of Olive Branch, Miss., formerly of Halls, died Monday, June 9th, at her residence.

Services were June 11th at Memorial Park Funeral Home, with burial in its cemetery.

She retired from Kellogg Company in Memphis after 30 years. She was a member of the Forest Hills Church of Christ in Memphis.

The widow of William Riley and daughter of the late Clarence Thomas and Annie Lois Prescott.

She leaves two sons, John Riley and Tom Riley, both of Olive Branch; three brothers, Jackie Prescott, of Ft. Valley, Ga., Joe Prescott, of Oakland, and Dwight Prescott, of Pall Mall; four sisters, Reba Arwood, of Ripley, Sandra Davis and Barbara Roark, both of Halls, and Shirley Brandon, of Olive Branch; five grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

James H. Hodge

James Henry Hodge, 89, of 1135 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Sunday in Lightfoot United Methodist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He had retired from the Lauderdale County Highway Department.

He leaves a son, Tommy Hodge, a brother, Joe B. Hodge, and sisters, Dora Mae Colvin, Lola Brown, Ollie Jones, and Sadie Scott, all of Ripley; a daughter, Patricia Watson, of Halls; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Walter Garvin

Walter "Bob" Garvin, 62, of Henning, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Hospital.

Rites were Tuesday in Bigbee Valley Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at Cliftonville, Miss., with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Hen-

Allen Sonderman

Allen Eugene Sonderman, 85, of Ripley, died Monday, June 16th, at his residence.

Rites are set for 2 p.m. Friday, June 20th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin, Ill. at a later date.

He leaves a son, Allen Sonderman, daughters, Loretta Kay Richmond and Ola Marie Walker, brother, Dave Sonderman, and sister, Deberta Mitchell and Martha Dell Woodruff, all of Ripley; other sons, Aubrey Eugene Sonderman, Michael Wayne Sonderman, Ronald Louis Sonderman, Stanley O'Neal Sonderman, Timothy Lee Sonderman, David Leroy Sonderman, other daughters, Joyce Dell Baugh, Rebecca Ann Apple-ry, all of Pekin; another brother, Perry Sonderman, of Memphis; and two other sisters, Ola Faye Compress, of Arlington, and Lucy Williams, of Memphis; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Ardelia Malone

Ardelia Malone, 43, of 104 Willow Creek Cove, Ripley, cook for the Olympic Steak House at 475 U.S. Hwy. 51 north of Ripley, died Friday in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Gospel Rock Holiness Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her parents, Willie and Chinea Toomes, sons, Darell and Terell Toomes, Bernard Harris, and Brandon Malone, sisters, Alfadanna, Clouette, Lawanda, Lorraine, and Teresa Toomes, Pebe-ler Billingsley, and Sarah Dixon, and a brother, Timmy Toomes, all of Ripley.

ning, in charge.

His survivors include sisters, Mary Moton, of Henning, Bessie Jones and Mattie Joiner, of Macon, Miss., Dilba Thompson, of Columbus, Miss., Louise Bush, of Dayton, Ohio, Velma Garvin, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Fannie Garvin and Maggie Poole, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and a brother, Frank Garvin, of Macon, Miss.

Peggy Lowrance

Rites Friday in Maley-Yar-brough Funeral Home in Covington mourned Peggy Linda Lowrance, 65, of Covington, mother of Patricia Akins, of Henning.

Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

She died in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Born in Tipton County, she was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by a son, Franklin Sanders, Jr.

Survivors include sons, Bobby and Richard Sanders, of Covington, and Jodie Sanders, of Dyersburg; another daughter, Carol McClain, and sisters, Betty Cole, Deborah Bailey, Judy Sanders, and Melba Sims, all of Covington; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Frances Forbes

Frances Evelyn Forbes, 81, of 5176 Summers Creek Rd., Olive Branch, Miss., widow of D. C. Forbes, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Desoto.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

Born at Fowlkes, she was a retired employee of Schlesinger's Dept. Store in Dyersburg.

She was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church in Southaven, Miss.

She leaves a daughter, Rita Shelton, of Olive Branch; two grandchildren; a step-granddaughter; and six great-grandchildren.

Anna Mae Cole

Rites Saturday in the Denmark Church of Christ mourned Anna Mae Cole, 82, of Jackson, mother of Robert Cole, of Ripley.

Burial was in Providence Cemetery, near Jackson.

Survivors include other sons, Lloyd and Thurston, and daughters, Dorothy Cole, Jeanette Kirk, and Mary (Mrs. Al) Richardson, of Jackson; another daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Willie) Dillon, of Nashville; sister, Gearline Blackwell, of South Bend, Ind.; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Sarah Wardlow

Sarah Edna Wardlow, 84, of Ripley, a homemaker, died Friday at Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were at noon Monday, June 16th, at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home had charge.

She leaves her husband, Horace Wardlow, of Ripley, and son, Horace, Jr., both of Ripley; four daughters, Earline Montgomery, Geraldine Wardlow and Wilma Reynolds all of Memphis, and Lorine Easter, of Little Rock, Ark.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Andrew Moore

Andrew Don Moore, 17, of Cordova, a construction worker who was the grandson of Don and Mary Katherine Moore, of 2278 Barlow Road, Ripley, died Sunday, in his home.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Thursday in Our Father's House in Henning, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He was the son of Donnie Moore, of Bartlett, and Tabitha (Mrs. Sam) Beckham, of Cordova, and the grandson of Thomas Ammons and Patsy Beckham, of Memphis;

Survivors include brothers, Casey and Corey, of Nashville.

Readers Speak

Editor,

This letter is to the person or persons that broke into our home in December 2007. The break-in was during the day at 4255 Highway 19 East. You stole a camcorder that has my 16-year old daughter's birthday party on tape in the camcorder. I would like for you to return the tape.

She was killed in a motor vehicle accident May 25th and now I have no recordings of her. This tape means EVERYTHING to me.

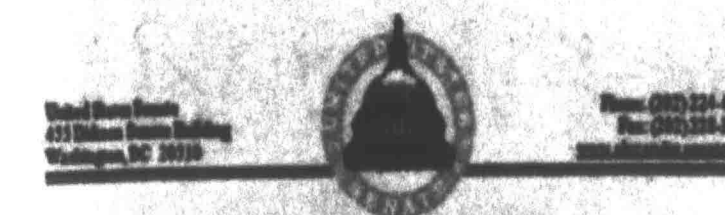
You do not have to tell me who you are. You can leave it at that address at any time; leave it in the mailbox or on the front porch or anywhere.

Please, Please, Please if you have a heart at all, let me know where the tape is. I will go dig it out of the garbage or where ever you put it if I have to.

If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of this tape, please leave me a note or anything at the above address.

Tonya Kissell
Ripley

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others. -Cicero



Lamar Alexander

Weekly Column of
U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander
(R-Tenn.)

"More American Energy: Lower Gas Prices"

Last week, I asked Tennesseans to share with me how record-high gas prices are affecting their family budgets. Since then, I've already received more than 500 replies about the effect high gas prices are having across our state.

Lounita Howard, of Lascasas, told me that she and her husband, Bobby, a full-time farmer, are spending close to \$70 a week on gas just commuting between their farm and family-owned community newspaper. Two years ago, gas cost the Howard family \$30 to \$35 a week. With diesel fuel costs for Bobby running around \$4.70 a gallon, and off-road fuel for tractors looking to reach \$5 a gallon, the prices are hitting them especially hard.

I also have a letter from Jonathan Henry, a U.S. Marine for 18 years, a Tennessee native who recently returned from 12 months in Iraq. His family was given a flat rate for moving costs. Gas is so high, they have had to make cuts in about everything else, he says. He had to forgo his family vacation.

As we hear these stories from Tennesseans and other Americans, Congress must take every step to create more American energy now. There is no excuse to beg the Middle East to drill for more oil when we have so many unused American sources of energy. Our nation uses 25 percent of all the energy in the world, and Democrats should be joining Republican efforts to encourage oil exploration and drilling off our shores so we are less dependent on other nations for sources of oil. We can do this in an environmentally safe way,

Appointments To Appellate Courts

Governor Phil Bredesen announced Monday that Chancellor Steve Stafford, of Dyersburg, has been appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Western Section, and Camille R. McMullen, of Millington, has been appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals, Western Section. The Western Section includes Lauderdale County.

Stafford will fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge W. Frank Crawford in April. McMullen's appointment will fill the vacancy created by Judge David G. Hayes' retirement from the appellate bench at the end of June to become a Senior Judge.

and we should use some of the profits for conservation efforts.

At the same time we are using American energy, we know the future is a different kind of future for energy. I have suggested, with support from many of my colleagues, that we have a new Manhattan Project, in effect, to focus on things we do not know how to do: How do we get solar power down to the cost of fossil fuel? How do we make plug-in electric cars commonplace? How do we safely dispose of nuclear waste by reprocessing it? How do we have more research for advanced bio-fuels, made from crops we do not eat?

We want that kind of future, where America has achieved clean energy independence. We want to start today to move toward it with the same intellectual horsepower and speed and dollars that we moved toward splitting the atom and building a bomb in World War II. But that is the future. The first step toward that future is to use more American energy now. Until we get to this future, we are going to need more of it. We can either buy more oil from the Middle East and from Venezuela, or we can make more of it here. It is that simple.

Cub Scouts Attend Camp



CUB SCOUTS from Ripley's Pack 63 and Halls' Pack 167, in front, from left, Brandon England, Nate Greer, Mac Fullen, Ashton Land, Seth Byrd, and Franklin Garner, and in rear, Grant Ream, Lane Klutts, Tanner Ream, Myles Clark, Matthew Chalk, Tyler Duvall, and Robert Sandlin, attended the 2008 Big Hatchie District Cub Scout Day Camp June 3rd through 6th, held at Cobb Parr Memorial Park in Covington. The theme was "Cub Scouting USA: Passport to Adventure" with approximately 70 scouts attending. They learned about four different national parks and participated in sports and crafts during the week.

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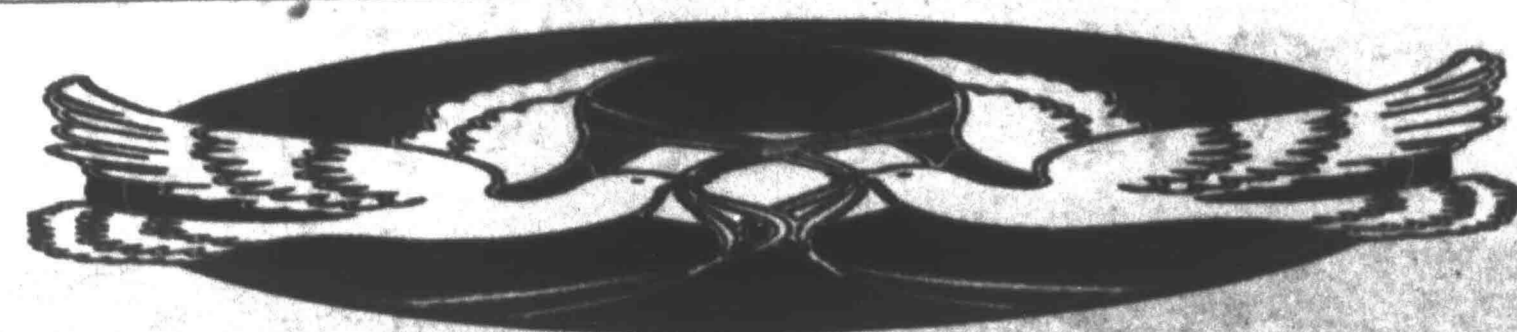
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DSCC Honors Top Students

Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of Dyersburg State Community College announced that 238 students received degrees or technical certificates at its 38th annual Commencement Exercises, held on May 4th. Area residents who received degrees included, from Gates, Shantell Aaronell Malone, *Cum Laude*; Halls, Whitney Lee, *Cum Laude*, Kimberly Blair Nolen, *Cum Laude*, Tammy H. O'Bryan, *Cum Laude*, Mike E. Roberts, *Cum Laude*, Keri Shavonne Ivory, and Lisa Renae Cherry; from Henning, Nikki Danielle Smith, *Cum Laude*, Jennifer Ann Newman, and Dorian Shantell Thompson; and Ripley, Bertha Lynn Graves, *Cum Laude*, Amanda Jean Craft, Heather Gitchell, Mary Ella Norfolk, Amanda Nicole Voss, Meliza R. Winbush, and Lori A. Jones, *Summa Cum Laude*.

Students recognized for their scholastic achievements on the dean's list, must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester, include, from Halls, Whitney Laverne Beaird, Rachel Lynn Clark, Gary Daniel King, Lisa Renee Cherry, and Joseph Craig Miller; Henning, Christy Michelle Simpson, Melinda N. Roberts, and Girtha Lean Miller; Ripley, Melissa Kiyoo Hughey, Steven Kyle Ray, Timothy Jerome Holcomb, Joshua Matthew Ward, Jessica Lynn Danley, and Anthony James Delmonico.

Honored for their achievement on the Dyersburg State Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49 during the semester. Local students named to the Honor Roll for the 2008 Spring semester include, Halls, Alexander Lance Aitken, Sarah Beth Cherry, Vicky Lee Prater, Elisha Nicole Uselton, and Mildred Michelle Everth; and Ripley,



Church Happenings

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

New Hope C.M.E. Church, Henning, will hold its annual men's day program at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 22nd with the theme "Christian Men Walking in the Light for Christ". The special guest church will be True Love Missionary Baptist Church, of Memphis, The Rev. T. Murden, pastor. The Rev. Joe Dowell, pastor, invites the public to attend.

Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church, at Orysa, will hold its annual choir day at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, June 22nd. Deborah Washington, pastor, invites the public.

Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., Halls, will present a class on diabetic education at 6 p.m. June 25th. Mrs. Kim Dew, registered nurse, will speak on diabetes and how it affects the body. She teaches nursing at Dyersburg High School. All interested persons are invited.

Gospel Rock Holiness Church will hold a youth day program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22nd with Elder Dalton Jackson, Fountain of Life Church, Halls, as guest speaker. Alonzo Green, pastor, of Fountain of Life, is scheduled to attend. The public is invited.

Kent Bottenfield, former Major League baseball pitcher, will be in concert at 5 p.m. June 28th at Crihfield Baseball Park in Halls. The event is coordinated by the Lauderdale County Youth Revival Missions. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 402 E. Tigrett St., will host George Fridlender, as he shares his testimony and familiar, traditional sacred music at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 22nd. He was born and reared behind the iron curtain in the old Soviet Union. His father, a professional dramatist and stage director, was a victim of the communist regime and spent 17 years in a Siberian concentration camp. Through a strong faith in God, he was able to survive. Years later, George faced a trial of his own when he was arrested by the KGB and sentenced to prison. After he was released, he arrived in the United States and met a young South Carolina native, Kimberly Justus, who later became his wife. They both received advanced degrees from the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York and then continued on to international acclaim as opera singers in Western Europe. In 1994, God called George to leave the operatic stage and began a ministry in which he tells about the miracle of God's deliverance in his life. Since returning to the United States, he has led worship through word and song in more than 1,200 churches throughout the Southeast. The public is invited. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken during the service.

Cleaves Temple C.M.E. Church, 545 Church St., Halls, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. June 23rd through June 25th, for all ages. The theme is "Doing a New Thing". Bible study, crafts, fund, and refreshments will be offered. The Rev. William Terrell, pastor, invites the public.

The ladies prayer group at Westside Baptist Church will present "4th of July God and Country" at 11:15 a.m. Friday, June 27th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St., Halls. A special time of devotion will be held featuring Janet Compere as Betsy Ross and vocals by Scott Nelson and Judy Vjar. The public is invited.

Hattie Beatrice Chaney, William Jeremy Logan Paige, Lindsey Matthew Lemons, Billie Jean Hope Jackson, Gary M. Mason, Northcott, Tiffany P. Madsen, Whitney and Nicole Murley.

Opportunities Created



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, Small Business Development and Randstad, from left, Susan Todd, director of chamber programs; LaMar Bartlett, Randstad senior branch manager; Lisa Hankins, ECD/Chamber director; Jamie Frakes, director of Small Business Development; and Dwayne Dixon, Randstad agent, plan to partner together to create workforce opportunities. Dixon will work from the Small Business Development Center on the second Tuesday of each month in order to screen and develop candidates for local job opportunities. Interested candidates can meet with him between the hours of 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., by phone, 731-287-7211 or 901-476-5371, or email, dwayne.dixon@us.randstad.com. The Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) provides business information, training and support for economic development initiatives in the community. Resources such as one-on-one business consulting, business plan reviews, internet research capabilities and various other informational resources are available to the public. Interested personnel can contact Jamie Frakes, director, at 731-286-3201 or by email at jfrakes@mail.tsbdc.org. TSBDC is a great opportunity for Lauderdale County citizens to begin their own business venture and add economic power to the community. The Lauderdale Chamber/Economic and Community Development office continues to focus on bringing employment and business opportunities to the community.

Graduate



MELISSA SCOTT, of Ripley, graduated May 10th from the University of Tennessee at Martin earning a bachelor of science in business administration degree with an emphasis in finance. She began her educational journey at Dyersburg State Community College, where she completed her freshman and sophomore coursework prior to transferring to the University. She was a recipient of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Scholarship through the Tennessee Career Center at Ripley. She also served as a Resident Assistant

(RA) supervising students living in the residence hall her senior year at UT Martin. Melissa was involved on campus and was an active member of Phi Chi Theta, a national coeducational professional fraternity in Business and Economics.

"Melissa is a hard worker and was determined and dedicated" said Melissa Bane, Career Center Case Manager. "I wish her the very best as she begins her career in the financial field."

Melissa is the daughter of Larry and Karen Bennett, of Ripley, and the granddaughter of Georgia Scott, of Chicago, Ill., and Lizzie Bennett, of Halls.

"My family supported me all the way and I truly appreciate them. Dorothy Bond and Yuketa Hall, at Dyersburg State, were so encouraging. I don't think I would have completed my degree had it not been for the love and support of my family and friends" said Scott.

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I have good news this week. Doc Mitchner told Miss Pam that I won't have to return for any treatments on my neck. Personally I liked going there but as Mr. Pam puts it, his pocket book isn't big enough. I don't think I should push a good gig because living with him is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I did learn that Docs that get down on their knees and come down to my level have a way of calming your nerves. Hopefully Miss Pam can get Doc English to change his technique; plus Doc if you are in the mood, I like soft music, a calming water fall, and a big plush throw rug. Hint, hint!!

Doc Mitchner did say I was "Fit as a fiddle." Could someone tell me what is a fiddle?

The other good news is that I went to work and got a two legger to adopt those four yapping beagle hounds. No one could get any rest at the Club because they would howl at every bird or motion both day and night. Snowman, our white Lab, found a good home with Wayland Chaney; plus he recognized Shorty, a big yellow Lab with a bobbed tail, and took him to his owner, Mr. Tim Summrow. The Mayor was at the Club and he gave Mr. Chaney a message that Mr. Summrow owed the Mayor a duck hunt for caring for his four legger.

Pouncers, and the good two leggers from the Antique Mall, have again proven they are true friends of the Club by donating 50 dollars for food. Thank you all for remembering; times are tough and it goes without saying the donations have dropped off considerably.

We have a beautiful and cuddly one pound Chihuahua puppy. He would be a great pet and I guarantee he doesn't eat much. Other quality four leggers include Clyde, a Bassett Hound, two chocolate Labs, and two yellow Labs. We have a small black and brown Cocker mix, two Blue Heeler Herding specialists, along with Max, a friendly medium size male, with the markings of a Saint Bernard. A pretty Golden Retriever and two rambunctious, tan female puppies round out this weeks specials.

Please talk to your friends and pass the word along that caring pet owners spay or neuter their pets. Zeek Out!

Land Transfers

June 8th-June 14th

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., to Samantha Prince, Dist. 2, lot.

Bethany Patterson and Amy Robertson to Ricky Henson and Eva Kelly Henson, Dist. 12, lot.

Charles A. Robeson and Diane W. Robeson to Barbara G. Savage, Dist. 15, 2 tracts.

Peggy Doop, Peggy Doop, Adm., and James Albert Doop, Sr., Estate, to William Doop, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.

U.S. Bank National Association to Ronnie Fisher, Dist. 17, 0.34 acre.

Cathey Ann Straubie Pitts, Mi-

chael Lynn Straubie and Danny Walter Straubie to Melissa M. Barker and Jean Barker, Dist. 3, 2.25 acres.

Gloria Holland to Sandra L. Maben, Dist. 2, lot.

Glenn B. McClure to Ann Alston Owen, Dist. 10, 3 tracts.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Donald Graham, 0.506 acre.

Marjorie June Casey, Ann Craig, Robert Lynn Smith, Susan Flowers Elam and Betty Cox to Joe L. Ferguson and Diane H. Ferguson, Dist. 6, 2 tracts.

Shane Lange to Stuart Meyers and Anna Meyer, Dist. 11, 2.04 acres.

Steve Cherry and Tom Greaves

to James A. Griffin, Dist. 3, lot.
Ruth Carol (Christy) Bailey to Talmadge Bridges, Dist. 14, 2 tracts.

Norlene Douglas to James J. Littles and Brenda Kaye Littles, Dist. 3, lot.

Regency Finance Company and Finance and Mortgage Acceptance Corp to Sandra Darlene Campbell, Dist. 14, 1.50 acres.

Jack Scoggins and Christine Scoggins to Oma Jean Elder, Dist. 2, lot.

Anniversaries

June 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kadlec, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gesford, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hamilton.

June 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor.

June 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Booker, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Ancil McFall, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Long.

June 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Al

Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert King.

June 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hunter.

June 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Willard "Rocky" Lane, Jr.

June 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. David Caldwell II, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jankovsky.

Kent Bottenfield IN CONCERT

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We would like to encourage all Coaches to Invite Your Team to come out and meet Kent. We also would like everyone to wear your Team Jersey or Simply Your Favorite Team Shirt.

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Charlene's Grand Re-Opening



CHARLENE'S COLONY OF SHOPPES and officials with the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD held a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening Friday, June 13th. After fire destroyed the main building in March 2007, Charlene Roberts, along with friends and family, worked non-stop to rebuild with the same familiar feel, but even better.

Seniors Travel to Mississippi



PARTICIPANTS of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging's "Mystery Trip", including, in front, from left, Joni Cook, director, Gertrude Jones, Judy White, Rosie Lemons, and Beth Cunningham, administrative assistant, in middle, Sophronia Taylor, Carley Savage, Leora Abernathy, Carolyn Moore, Helen Sondergroth, Jeannette Payton, program director, Bertha Coleman, and Dollie Burks, and in rear, Dorothy Scott, Camille Sester, Linda Sautter, Tressie Hodge, Beauton Matthews, Mary Miller, Bobbie White, Laqunita Stanley, Julie Claybrooks, and Olivia Norman, traveled to Robinsonville, Miss., June 10th. The group tried to guess their destination on the way and were surprised when they arrived at the Mississippi RiverPark Museum. After touring the museum, they enjoyed a lunch at the landmark establishment, Hollywood Cafe, in Robinsonville. The cafe is known for its deep fried dill pickle. It was featured on the Travel Channel special, *Deep Fried Paradise*, in 2008. They also toured the Mississippi River on the Tunica Queen.

LEGISLATION SIGNED

Governor Phil Bredesen, legislators and long-term care advocates met this week for a series of ceremonial bill signing events across the state to mark the passage of the Long-Term Care Community Choices Act of 2008. These changes to the

TennCare program allows \$1.2 billion in TennCare funds to be more evenly divided between traditional nursing homes and home and community based service providers.

"The effect of this legislation is truly significant, and I appreciate the bi-partisan support of the General Assembly in

making these changes, Bredesen said. "This is a wholesale approach to improving the way we handle long-term care in our Medicaid system. This legislation fundamentally restructures the way care is delivered in our state and will create positive changes for families in every county in Tennessee."

Teams Recognized



MEMBERS of the Halls Coach Pitch Mets team, Jalen Tate, Brennan Seidel, Hunter Pounds, Kyle, Charles Rogers, Joseph Meeks, Kenyan Stafford, Charles Rogers, Eugeno, Jermiah Rogers, and Scott Littles, along with coaches, tim Sumrow, Arlie Pounds, and Russell Meeks, enjoyed a pizza party prior to their last game at the park.



MEMBERS of the Halls 8 to 10 year old Dixie Youth All Star team include Matthew Greer, Aaron Willis, Klaeton Welch, Andrew Harris, Evan Reaves, Robert Newman, Johnathan Barham, Addison Meeks, Kolton Agee, Ethan Campbell, and Alan Smith, plus, not pictured, Drew Whiteside, and John Tyler Brasfield, and coaches, in rear, Russell Meeks, Tim Agee, Paul Ward, and Pat Smith. The team is scheduled to begin playing at 6 p.m. Friday, June 20th in Alamo.



MEMBERS of the Halls 8 to 10 year old, Astros, Dixie Youth All Star team, Aaron Dunham, Zack Wilson, Robert Newman, Kolton Agee, Derrion Cliff, Noah Alley, Skyler Caviness, Addison Meeks, J. R. Prater, Hayden Meeks, Ethan Campbell, Jake Mann, plus, not pictured, John Tyler Brasfield, and coaches, Russell Meeks, Terry Lents, and Tim Agee, finished their season with a 15-0 record Friday. They won the city tournament and earned first place in the regular season.

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Year's 2nd Flood Rises In County

After a spring flood over 20,000 acres of Mississippi River bottom-lands in this county, floods in Iowa and Indiana have produced an unusual second spring flood here, covering 8,000 acres, now running over the lower bits of Chisholm Lake Rd. and Watkins Rd., another loss to farmers.

Offices Closing For 4th Of July

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic* will close for the 4th of July holiday and will re-open for normal business hours Monday, July 7th.

The Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St., will close Friday and Saturday to allow employees a long weekend.

The post office, government offices, and area banks will also close for the holiday.

Citizens Voice I-69 Opinions



CITIZENS from Lauderdale County attended a public hearing Tuesday night to express their views on the I-69 proposed routes, east or west of Ripley. Approximately 250 viewed maps with the alternate routes and the environmental impact studies. Following the meeting, officials will review comments, gather additional data and submit the final environmental impact statement in the Winter of 2009.

Halls High 1958 Class Reunion Held



CLASSMATES from the Halls High School graduating class of 1958 celebrated their 50th reunion June 14th at the Halls Community Center. Special guest was "Elvis", Brian Howell, an Elvis tribute artist. Attending were, in front, from left, Kay McGarrity Stamps, Martha Barnett Hallman, Evalyn Smith Quarles, Joyce Cannon Avery, Letricia Vaden Jacobs, JoAnn Hurt Crihfield, Linda Tomlinson Burrow, Jane Cheshier Crihfield, and Faye Garrison Cravens; in middle, Thomas Taylor, Sonny Avery, Donald Cleek, Nelda Cleek Bishop, Judy Nichols Viar, Haley and Bryan Howell, Inky Perry, Tilly Burroughs Perry, Charles Taylor, Lorelle Rainey Woodard, Jean Smith Taylor, Patsy Bryan Preuett, and Wilma Jean Mabry Wilcox, and in rear, Larry McWilliams, Joyce Thurmond Bentley, J. D. Paris, Nancy Harrell Bradshaw, Melton Jackson, Thomas Newman, Garlañd Johns, Josh Nunn, Joe Pickard, Gene Cates, Wesley Lemons, Thalia Alston Knox, Leonard Meeks, Jerry Smith, and Ann Robison Smith.

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LCCA Plans Trip To Biltmore Estate

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has planned a four day, three night trip to Biltmore Estates and Asheville, N.C. for November 10th through 13th. The package include transportation, lodging, meals, a guided tour of Asheville, a visit to Biltmore Estates, along with other sites. Call Jannette, 836-5444, for further information and payment deadlines.

AMPLIFICATION

Fred Jackson, who was listed as the father of Mackenzie McPherson in last week's issue, claimed he was not the child's father. Due to this apparent mis-information, *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* will require a copy of the newborn's birth certificate either from the state or the mother's copy issued by the hospital at birth. We regret the inconvenience to new parents, who wish to announce the birth of their son or daughter.

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Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! Mr. Pam tried taking advantage of me again this week. It started when he said, "Let's go for a ride." I perked up real quick and as soon as the door opened, I was headed to the Jeep. Mr. Pam finally came out holding a long bag with ten shiny metal objects sticking out the top. They clanged when he loaded them but that was o.k. because shortly we were moving and I was rewarded with the numerous fresh smells and sounds of a car ride. There is nothing like a car ride to perk up a four legger. The best part is that you are included and not left alone.

We finally arrived and he stopped near this field of grass. As the door opened I bolted out so I could smell, mark, and investigate my new territory. After I got in a short run, Mr. Pam actually started playing with me and then he would roll me a little white ball to retrieve. This was a lot of fun and every time I took the ball back to him I would get a small treat. A few minutes later he pulled out what appeared to be a shiny stick out of his bag. His next move was to hit the white ball with the stick. The first ball skimmed across the grass for about twenty feet, so I decided to get the ball; besides I liked those treats. His second ball went straight up and landed maybe fifty feet out in the field and again I thought I would be nice and bring him the ball. On his next hit, the ball went way out in the field. I looked up at him and he said "Get it Zeek". I just looked at him and then he said "get it" again. Well, this four legger knows where his bread is buttered, so I took off, leaving a trail of dust. In a few seconds I found the ball and I returned it to Mr. Pam. I held the ball until I saw the treat in his hand and then I dropped the ball. I barely got the treat down and he banged out another ball, again he said "get it" and of course being a good four legger I took off. As I arrived at the third ball, I was panting like a trooper and my tongue was full of slobber, so I decided to take a breather.

As I sat there chewing on the ball, with him yelling "come here", I decided it was too hot for old Zeek to be an errand four legger. Before I could bark, I heard something hit the ground beside me, it was another ball. Then a third, fourth, and fifth rained down. I was just laying there enjoying my chew, when I was hit in the rib cage with a ball. He finally stopped chunking balls and he walked out to my location. He reached in his pocket for what I thought was another treat, but out came a leash. The next thing I know I am tied up to him and we are walking to each ball. When we would arrive, he would say, "Pick it up", and then he would hold his hand out. After 10 minutes of bobbing for white balls and him complaining

about the slobber, we finished and headed toward the Jeep. Thank goodness the Jeep door opened and I immediately headed toward the back seat. I tried licking him on the ear on the return trip but I could tell he was mad because he just swatted at me. So I just let him pout and when I got home I told my brothers and sister about my adventure. Miss Pam hugged my neck, but Mr. Pam, was rude to me the rest of the day. I don't understand what I did wrong, their food donation. Hope Chaney

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Obituaries

Frank Gavin

Frank Gavin, Jr., 58, of Brooksville, Miss., a mechanic, brother of Mary Jean Moton, of Henning, died June 13th in Brooksville.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in the Bigbee Valley Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooksville, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Fannie Hood Gavin, a son, Trent Taylor, and daughters, LeKeysha Gavin, Fallon Conner, and Priscilla Taylor, of Brooksville; another daughter, Shelia Brown, of Columbus, Ohio; seven other sisters, Bessie Jones, of Brooksville, Dilsa Thompson, of Columbus, Mattie Adell Jones, of Macon, Miss., Mary Bush, of Dayton, Ohio, Velma Gavin, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Ann Gavin and Maggie Poole, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and nine grandchildren.

Robessie Smith

Robessie Smith, 66, of Chicago, Ill., daughter-in-law of Mrs. Frankie Smith, of 31 Willette Beard Rd., Ripley, died Monday of last week in St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond, Ind.

Rites were Saturday in Lily Dale Baptist Church in Chicago, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge here.

Survivors include her husband, William Cary Smith, Jr.; sons, Reginald, of Chicago, and Ronald, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; brothers, Ben Campbell, of Memphis, and L. C. Campbell, of Chicago; sisters, Devoyce Morris, of Mound Bayou, Miss., and Doris Logan, of Abbeville, Miss.; and five grandchildren.

Bobby R. Casey

Bobby R. Casey, 74, of Ripley, retired maintenance superintendent for Tennessee Electroplating in Ripley, died

Mourning



Drake Instructed At Halls Air Base

John A. "Jack" Drake, 87, of Jackson, an instructor pilot at the Dyersburg Army Air Base in Halls after World War II, died Tuesday of last week, after extended illness.

Mass was said Saturday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Humboldt, where he was a communicant for more than 50 years. Military honors followed in Ridgecrest Cemetery.

He was born on Long Island, N.Y., May 2, 1921, to the late John and Angela Drake.

After a year of college, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, flying many combat missions in World War II as a B-17 pilot and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1943.

During his service in Halls, he met and married Dorothy Nell DeLoach.

With her father, he built and operated, until 1963, a rural grocery at Old Humboldt Rd. and Windy City Rd.

After retiring in 1982 from sales and management for Alton Box Co., he managed the Humboldt Country Club golf course.

He leaves sons, Alan, of Jackson, Dan, of Nashville, and John, of Birmingham, Ala.; a daughter, Pat (Mrs. Reggie) Barnett, of Jackson; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Robert Floyd

Robert Tim Floyd, 50, of Ripley, a carpenter, died June 11th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

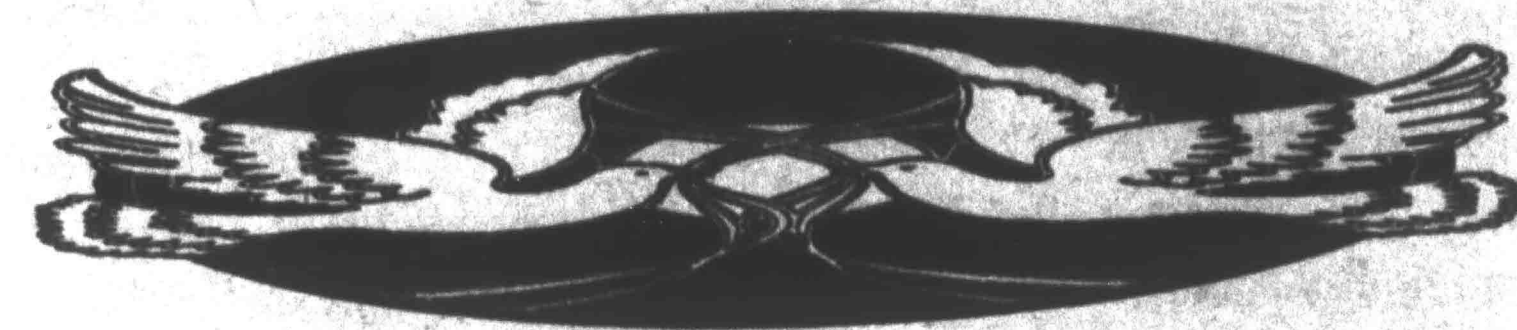
A memorial service was held Saturday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg.

He was the son of the late James Willard Floyd and the late Rosie Lou Bailey Floyd.

He leaves his wife, Melissa, a daughter, Cecilia Floyd, and a son, Matthew Floyd, all of Dyersburg; other sons, Michael and Robert, of Parsons; brothers, James Floyd, of Newbern, and Gordon Floyd, of Proctor, Ark.; his step-father, Walter Marion Bailey, of Drummonds; a step-brother, Gary Bailey, of Mesquite, Tex.; and a step-sister, Lanette Trew, of Burlington.

CORRECTION

In the obituary for Allan Sonderman in the issue of June 19th it listed his sister as Ola Faye Compress, of Arlington. Her correct name is Ola Faye Bomprezzi. We regret inaccurate information.



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.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will hold Children to Power Lab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power at 8:30 through 10:30 a.m. July 7th through July 11th at the church. "Power Lab" provides fun, memorable Bible learning activities for kids of all ages. Each day, kids will sing catchy songs, play team-work-building games, nibble test tube treats, and take a daily challenge to share Jesus' power in their lives. Dennis Wilder, pastor, invites all kids to share in a hands-on missions project that will reach kids in South Africa. Family members and friends are encouraged to join participants in Faith Fusion Finale at 11 a.m. each day.

Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, located on Highway 51, will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sunday, June 29th. The Rev. Clyde Rose, pastor of Trenton Assembly of God and former music and youth director of Abundant Life, will be the guest speaker during the morning worship service at 10 a.m. The service will include special music, presentations, and other interesting items. The afternoon will begin with a potluck meal, followed by fun and fellowship. The church began March 23, 1983 in the home of The Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler with 23 attending. Tommy Stanley, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will present a community service, The Price For Freedom, at 6 p.m. June 29th. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, United Sisters of Charity, will host the second annual Senior Saint Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29th. Missionary Loretta Coleman will be the featured speaker. The church is located at 146 Osborne St., Ripley. Elder L. C. Hayslett, 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. Oyelta West, minister, invites the public.

Southern gospel artists, The McRaes, will be in concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 29th at Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located off Hwy. 88, between Gates and Maury City. No admission charge, but a love offering will be taken. The public is invited.

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. The public is invited.

Kent Bottenfield, former Major League baseball pitcher, will be in concert at 5 p.m. June 28th at Criffield Baseball Park in Halls. The event is coordinated by the Lauderdale County Youth Revival Missions. The public is invited.

The ladies prayer group at Westside Baptist Church will present "4th of July God and Country" at 11:15 a.m. Friday, June 27th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St., Halls. A special time of devotion will be held featuring Janet Compere as Betsy Ross and vocals by Scott Nelson and Judy Viar. The public is invited.

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

Celebrating Anniversary Welcomed



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL LYNN CURRAN, of Halls, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary beginning at 5:30 p.m. July 1st with a tropical themed reception at their home, 790 Meeks Rd., Halls, hosted by their sons, Dustin and Cody, and grandson, Greydon. They will renew their vows at 7 p.m. with all family and friends invited. The couple were married July 5th.

Anniversaries

June 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Carmack.

June 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Ward, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hargett.

June 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jarrett.

June 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Shands, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Winbush, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Edwards.

June 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Frazier, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Criffield, Mr. and Mrs. Damian Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McGarity.

July 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Criner, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Drew.

July 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burns.

Marriages

June 13 - Wyman Dale Jones, Baker, to Lisa Dale Walker, 44, by Jeffrey Ray.

June 27 - Anna Claire Davis, George Tyree, Charles Jones, Charles Maxwell, Beau Beard, Allen Hogue, Nelson Young, Paige Williams, Sherron Weaver, Linda Anderson.

June 28 - Rita Parsons, Amanda Burlison, Chere Vaughn, Richard Buntin, Larry McWilliams, Lynn McBride, Peggy Rodgers, Steve Pugh, Jr., Nick Jenkins, Lisa Trobaugh, Teresa Henderson, L. A. Pennington, Curtis Carmack, Paige Ellison.

June 29 - Joey Northcott, Vicky Gibson, Shirley Kerley, Lorin Raines, Laura Williams, Pat Alley, Russell Henderson, Todd Henderson, Joey Hixson, Kristin Davis, Kim Britthouer, Amy Roberts, Jessica Mohon, Aaron Malone, Al Wofford, Jeff McCalla.

June 30 - Cody Heath, Cameryn Gaines, Ross Culver, Ryan Tyler, Jake Warren, Sewell Ward, John Franklin, Joseph Rose, Scotty Robinson, Aubree Claire Brewster, Phillip Matthews, Montell Maners, Sr.

July 1 - Judy Martin, Renate Jennings, Barb Scott, Emily Wright, meia Jackson, Julie Baker, Tammy Williams, Pat Webb, Sandy Dickens, Tom Hammond, Chris Lane.

Birthdays

June 26 - W. A. "Bill" Klutts, Paula Bruce, Jason K. Sloan, Lanny Chalk, Susan Wakefield, Marvin White, Dawn Hyde, Todd White, Jenny Peebles, Nancy White, Pa-



ELIJAH MARC LICKEY, 8 lb. 9 oz. son of Adam and Leslie Lickey, of Dyersburg, was born at 11:25 p.m. Thursday, May 29th in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Measuring 20 inches long, he is the brother of Karis, grandson of Wayne and Debbie Voss, of Greenwood, Miss., and Mark and Beth Lickey, of Fulton, Mo., and the great-grandson of Daisy Stewart, of Halls, Van Borron, of Macon, Mo., and Juanita Lickey, of Trenton, Mo.

Verble Mueller, Janet Oates, Pam Lewis, Ella Kathryn Gilbreath, Doug Cherry.

July 2 - Natalie Wakefield, Pam Reviere, Ricky Howard, Lettie Rogers, Skipper Crook, Scott Nolen,

Alexa Ray Jordan, Anna Smith, Alicia Burroughs, Alisha Smith, Becky Spray, Logan Glenn, Brianna Hughes, Audrey Dianne Tate, Doug Curtis, Aaron Dunham, Lindsey Hendren, Kelsey Lents, Randy Cooper.

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Dyer County Union Mission Youth Camp



Mary's Chapel Baptist Church Puppet Team



Kate Lewis and husband, Ed, traveled from Chicago, Ill. to help with the camp.



Campers enjoy canoeing during camp

YOUTH CAMPERS from Lauderdale County are expected to attend the Dyersburg-Dyer County Union Mission Youth Camp at the Ewell Farm, near Halls July 15th through 18th. This is the first year that participants from Lauderdale County will attend the camp, which is free to campers, but cost organizers approximately \$85 per child. Sponsors and volunteers are needed for the summer camps which are open to at-risk children in the surrounding area. Members of the Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, near Ripley, attend and perform a puppet show for the campers. Donna and Jim Ewell provided the space for the first camp over 19 years ago. It has grown and a retreat center is in the process of completion. The bathrooms have been finished, making the port-a-potties a thing of the past. When the center is completed, it will house up to 36 people for overnight retreats and other functions and will include a small kitchen, a meeting area with wireless internet and audio/visual capabilities, a small nurse's office, storage space, and a screened-in porch. Several campers that attended as children are now attending as volunteers and lifeguards. The Ewell's daughters, Kate Lewis, and Sarah Littlefield, along with their husbands, Ed Lewis, and Dr. Tom Littlefield, travel to help with the camp each year. Other volunteers include Dyer County High School Key Club members, Finley White, Anna Claire Bradshaw, and Kay Rector, along with other high school teachers. Kay has helped with the camp since its beginning. Approximately 150



Donna and Jim Ewell, of Halls, provided the land for the camp.



Anna Claire Bradshaw works with the campers



Kay Rector and Finley White serve lunch to the campers

first through 12th grade kids are involved this year. The staff provides transportation to and from the camp and serves breakfast, lunch, and a snack in the afternoon for 3 to 5 days per group. Area businesses help in many ways to make this possible. In the past, a few students from Halls were invited to attend the camp. This year the camp will be open to all Lauderdale County at-risk students.

Homeownership



APRIL CATES, center, in rear, of Gates, and her sons, Ernest, 16, second from left, in front, and Keith, 14, left, and daughter, Lateria 3, right, in rear, lived in a rental house with only two bedrooms and one bath. Despite her best efforts, finding a home to buy with room enough for three growing children at a price she could afford seemed impossible. On a fixed income she could not meet the traditional down payment and other qualifications for a conventional home loan.

Then she read about the Homeownership Program at USDA Rural Development in her local newspaper. She called the agency's area office in Covington for details and worked through the application process with the help of Home Loan Specialist, Joyce Mason, left, in rear. Because the program helps lower monthly payments and closing costs, Cates was able to purchase a modest home with room for her family in a neighborhood with other children. Now, for about what she was paying in rent, Cates is building up equity and security for her family.

Cates said, "I am really proud of my home, and so are my children, especially since they each have their own room. Thanks to my mother for encouraging me not to give up, and thanks to Joyce Mason and the Rural Development staff for helping us reach the goal of owning a beautiful home."

Rural Development staff mentioned to their building manager, Billy Brooks, right, in front, they planned to celebrate Homeownership Month with the Cates family at their new home. Brooks told the Cates' story to others. Impressed with Cates' accomplishment, Cindy Clower, of Cole's Do It Best Building Center in Ripley, had the company donate shrubs for landscaping the home as a way of marking the occasion. Brooks and co-worker, Avery Jones, second from right, in front, then donated their time to plant the shrubs and taught the Cates' boys how to care for the new bushes and take pride in their home and community.

"For many Americans, owning a home represents freedom, independence, and the American dream. Homeownership enables families to accumulate wealth, stabilizes neighborhoods and promotes healthy families and strong communities," said President Bush in proclaiming June Homeownership Month.

According to the proclamation, "USDA Rural Development helped 46,338 rural families nationwide become homeowners in Fiscal Year 2007."

In Tennessee last year Rural Development worked with more than 225 private lenders and invested over \$180 million to help more than 1,800 families obtain affordable home loans.

Eligibility for assistance varies based on average family incomes

in each county. For example, a four person household living in Lauderdale County with an adjusted household income up to \$35,500 may qualify for a low-interest home loan through Rural Development. Rural Development staff will assist those interested to calculate their adjusted family income and complete the application process.

For more information on homeownership or business development programs available in

Dry Hill xxx

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brought 60 pounds of food and she took home, believe it or not, a cat. Caden Ellis also found a cat that was named Precious.

The Club has two pretty Huskies named Damion and Sha-Sha. For

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the hunters, we have a four month old Pointer that is liver and white and don't forget about Clyde, the Bassett Hound. We have Labs, Blue Healers, Small Jack Russells and Terriers; but the best of all bread is our Hinze 57 Variety.

It's time to close, Mr. Pam has a small white ball in his hand and he thinks he is going to fool me again. Talk to you next week; but remember to spay and neuter your four legger.

Zeek Out

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We would like to encourage all Coaches to Invite Your Team to come out and meet Kent. We also would like everyone to wear your Team Jersey or Simply Your Favorite Team Shirt.

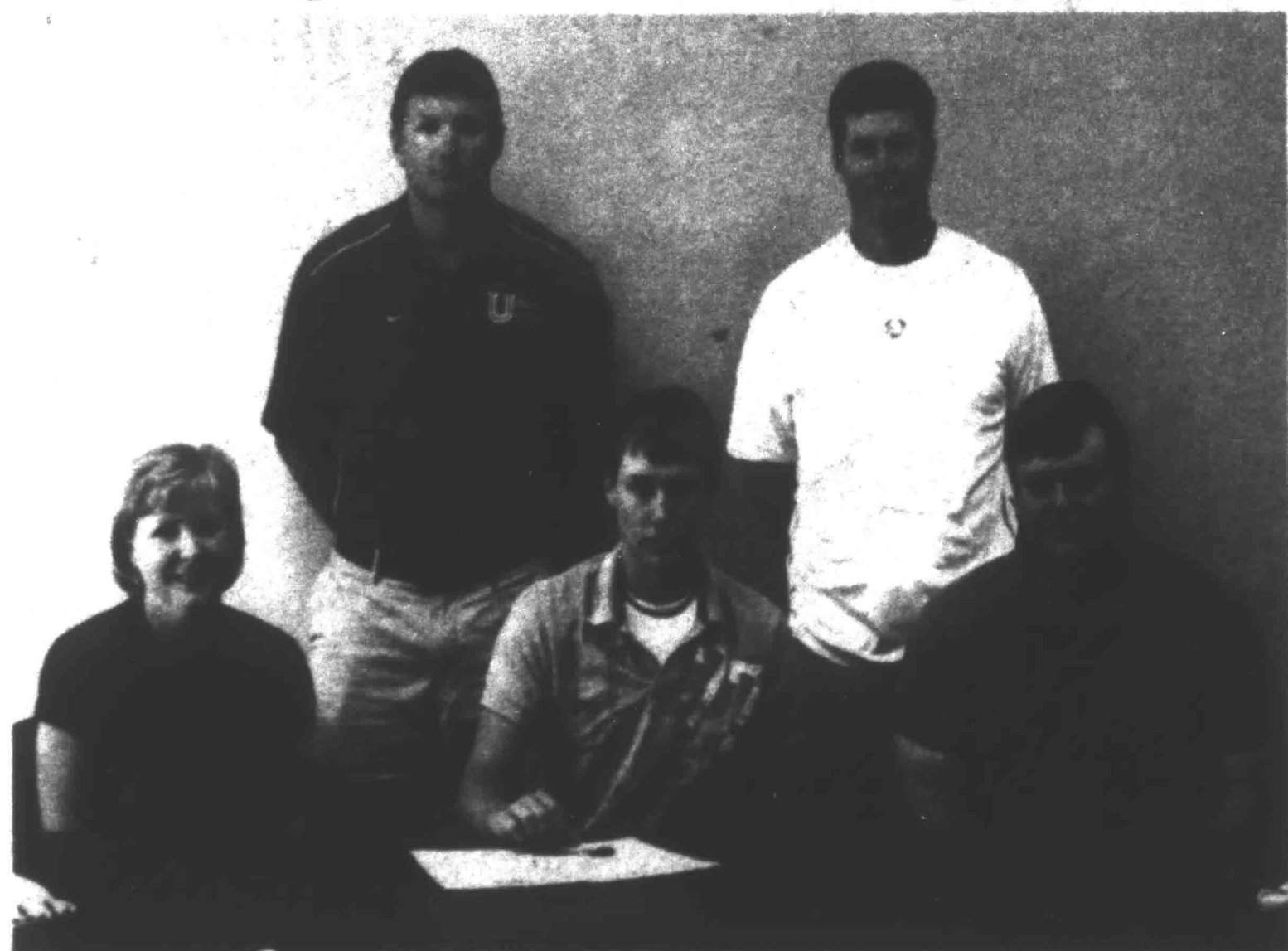
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2008 Tomato Festival



THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY TOMATO FESTIVAL is scheduled for July 11th and 12th at the Ripley City Park, due to renovations scheduled on the downtown square. Several events are planned including the golf tournament, July 9th at Rolling Hills Country Club; a Chamber coffee, July 11th at the TKS Fitness Center; opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.; the 25th Anniversary of the Tomato Festival sponsored by the Bank of Ripley, during normal business hours at the main branch; Tomato Tasting, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center; and Saturday's activities include the 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by First Citizens National Bank and Baptist Hospital Lauderdale; Action Pistol shooting contest, at 7:30 a.m.; baby crawling at 9:30 a.m., Tennessee T's exhibition of old Model T Ford cars; the Saturday Salad and Methodist Market from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Activities Building; and non-stop entertainment on the main stage. A shuttle service from the park to the Family Life Center will be available to transport those interested in the Tomato Tasting event. For more information concerning any of the events, call the Chamber at 635-9541.

Signs With Union



CODY DEW, son of Brian and Shannon Dew, of Halls, signed a letter of intent to attend Union University in the fall to major

Baseball Divides Family



BARBARA EZEKIEL, of Halls, visited St. Louis, Mo., earlier this month with her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Tom Ray, of Memphis, and grandson, Tripp. They watched the St. Louis Cardinals play the Cincinnati Reds, which tested the family's loyalties. Tripp was confused about which team to root for

BASKETBALL CAMP

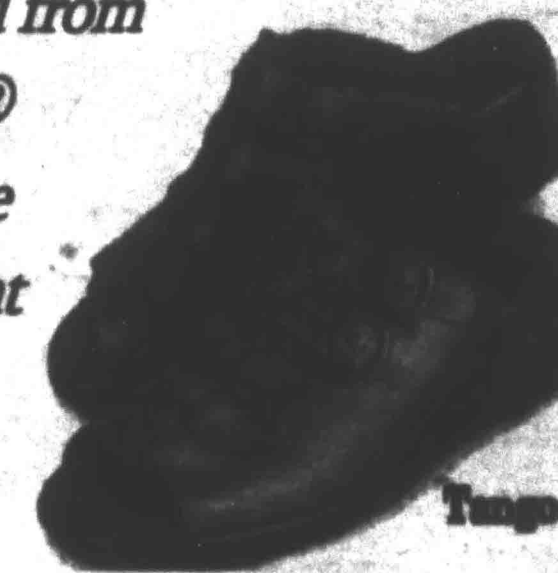
A free basketball camp will be held July 21st through 25th at the Saul E. Moore gymnasium at Ripley High School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 10 and from 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 11 to 13.

Everyone must pre-register. Registration will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 2nd at New Beginnings Christian Center, Ripley Parks and Recreation, Lauderdale County Juvenile Court, G-Style Hair Salon in Gates, and the Henning Police Department. Participants can register at the Lauderdale County Juvenile Court office until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9th.

because he lives in "house divided". His grandmother and mother are life-long Cardinal fans and his father is a Cincinnati fan. To celebrate the day and show his love for both teams and America's favorite past-time, his grandmother made him a special shirt featuring both teams, in lower photo.

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in biology and play baseball. Dew, 6'1", 150 lbs., played four seasons at Halls High School for Coach Mike Blackwood as pitcher and second baseman. He also played four seasons of football for Coach Chris Hurt as a wide receiver and defensive back. He was named All-Tournament and All-District in baseball as a junior and senior. In football, he was named Fraternal Order of Police Player of the Year as a senior. Off the field, he was a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Future Farmers of America and was selected Most Likely to Succeed.