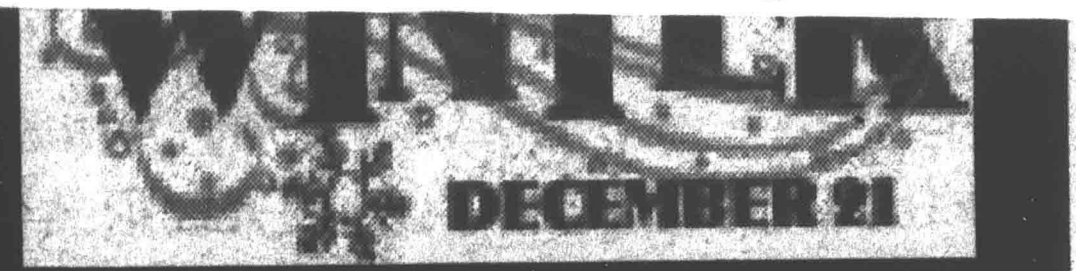


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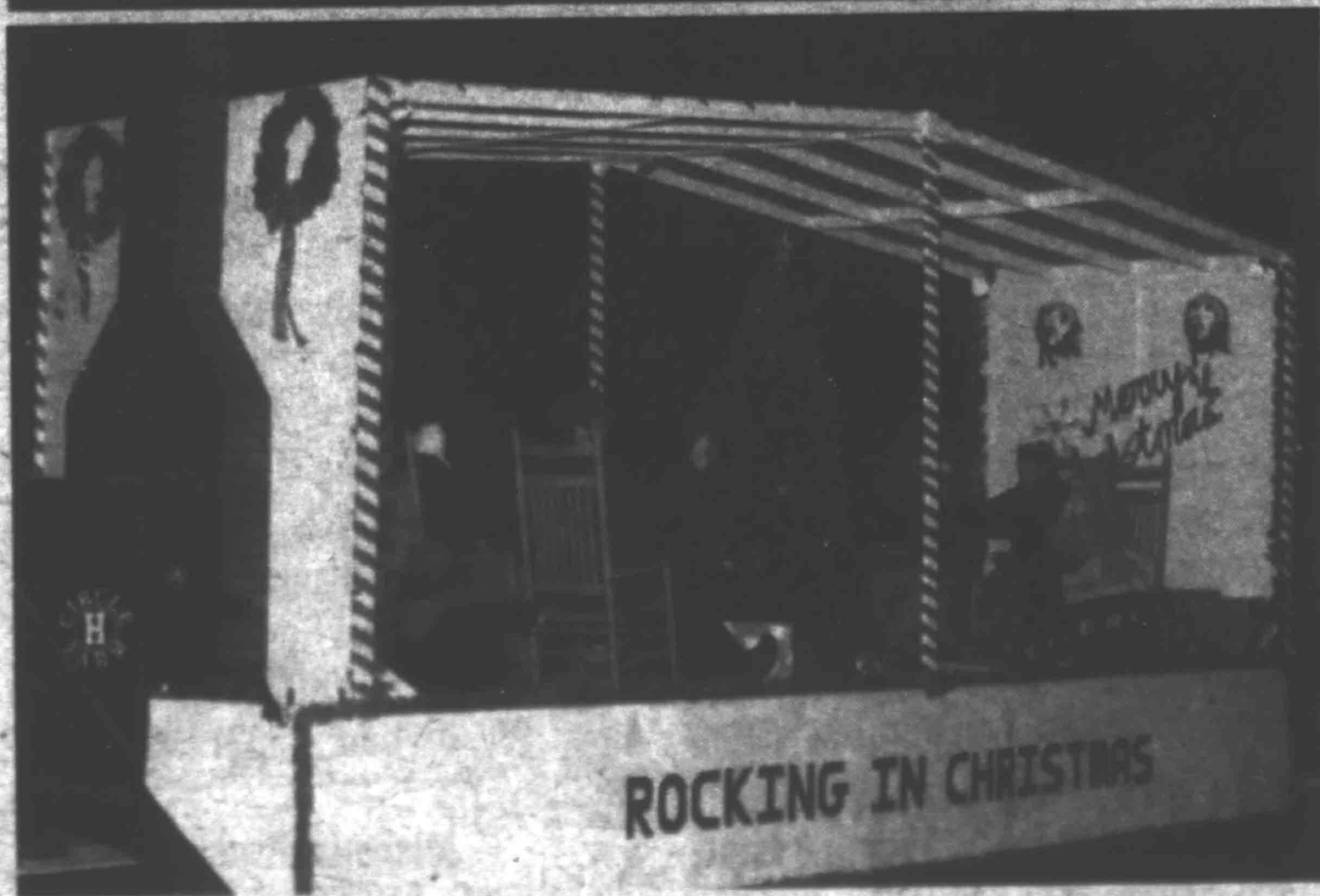
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## Annual Christmas Parade Winners



**COLE'S DO IT BEST HARDWARE** was the winner of the Halls Christmas Parade Mayor's Trophy Tuesday night. Other winners included, business and civic, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, first place; and Wrights Auto Parts and Metals, second; Industry, Dyersburg FFA, first; and Ripley FFA, second; Most Original, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, first; and Ripley Church of God, second; antique cars, Don and Elaine Fisher, first; and Richard Conaster,

## Halls Hoopsters Split With TRA

Halls High Schools's girls won, Tuesday of last week, at Tipton-Rosemark Academy, 43-24. The Halls boys lost, 68-58.

Halls hosted Jackson's Madison Magnet Tuesday, scores too late for this issue.

## Send-Off For Gen. Hargett

Friends will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory, south of Ripley, to congratulate Maj. Gen. Gus L. Hargett, Jr., retiring as Tennessee's Adjutant General, to become president of the National Guard Association of the United States, Jan. 1st.

The public is invited.

### H1N1 VACCINE

The Lauderdale County Health Department will offer the H1N1 injectable vaccine to all age groups regardless of medical conditions at no charge. To schedule an appointment, call the Lauderdale County Health Department, 635-4661.

Saturday clinics as well as extended hour clinics may be available based on vaccine demand. No shortage of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine is expected.

second; modified cars, Eddie Corbin, first; and Danny Hall, second; and classic cars, Good Ole Days Antiques and Exotic Tanning, first; and Larry Edwards, second. Halls Band received a participation trophy.

## Democratic Primary Petitions Returned

Brian Kelly and Richard Jennings joined Charletta Campbell and Jimmy Johnston in returning petitions for election in the Lauderdale County Democratic Primary, scheduled for May 4th. Campbell (D) is seeking the trustee seat; Johnston, (I) register of deeds; Kelly (I) sheriff; and Jennings (D), circuit court clerk.

Candidates have until February 18th to qualify and February 25th to withdraw their petition. Early voting will begin April 14th through 29th. Voters must be registered by April 5th to cast a ballot.

## Boxing Team Promotes Drive

Members, of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, will compete at 6 p.m. Saturday, December 12th, at the West Tennessee Headstart, 142 Nelson St. in Ripley. They are accepting non-perishable food, new or good toys and coats for children beginning at 4 p.m. before the bout.

Coach Clay Conrad stated, "Although times are tough and the economy isn't great, we can still get involved to help those in need."



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### Divorces

Stacey Bridgewater Pike vs. William C. Pike.

### Land Transfers

Nov. 22nd - Nov. 28th  
Tommy Austill and Sue Austill to Sheena Parker, Dist.

6, lot.  
Household Financial Center, Inc., to Roger Meadows and Tina Meadows, Dist. 8, 1.0 acre.  
Tommy Lee Moore and Juanita Faye Moore to Beverly Bates, Dist. 12, lot.

Martin Thompson and Kathy Thompson to Anita Lilley Watson, TR, Anita Lilley Watson, Trust, Murray Gayle Watson, TR, Murray Gayle Watson, Trust, Dist. 12, 11 tracts.  
T.L. Crihfield and Geneva P.

Crihfield to J. Thomas Caldwell and Carolyn R. Caldwell, Dist. 6, 1.2 acres.  
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Dec. 4 - Charlene Meyer, Leland Gaines, Nancy Smalley, Steve Dew, Carlee West, Richard Jennings, Clay McClain, Kim Wilson, Angie Steelman, John Hickman, Nancy Hart, Eric Wright, Misty Johnson, Celeste Henry, Marie Moss, Monica Mueller, Doris Hill, Zeke Thompson, Rachel Ann Buckner, Terri Holley, Brenda Sutton, Lucy Carmack, George Webster, Sr.

Dec. 5 - Owen Thurmond, Randy Paris, Jr., Stacy Bing, Shirley Deberry, Kenny Pridmore, Kate Ewell, Mario Brooks, Hunter Crossley, Taylor Newman, Travis Nipp, Manley Taylor, Allison Clay, Katie Maxwell.

Dec. 6 - Curtis McLemore, Susie White, Benny Jones, Lisa U. Ennis, Larry White, Sharry Sammons, Melanie Pugh, Kelsey Jordan, Paula Smith, Conor Luck, Margaret Best, Steven Rodenhouser, Hayden Steelman, Jeff Newman, Carol McClain, Becky Hopkins, Ellen Katherine Connell, John Criner.

Dec. 7 - Nina James, Rose Mary Jones, Jeff Belton, Keith Lenderman, John Hume, Kathryn O'Hern, Jacob McNeill, Bill Chism, Matthew Walsh, Jimmy Pipkin.

Dec. 8 - Rachel Harmon, Edna Lane, Beth Escue, Carrie Glover, Brad Simpson, Linda Jennings, Gary Wayne Steelman, Brenda Hilliard, Donna Pugh, Brandy Brasfield, Ben Ray, Pansy Gibbons, Cory Vaughan, Cheyenne Myracle, Summer Ross.

Dec. 9 - David Williams, Harriet King, Debra Hargett, Chris Nelson, Jeffrey Davis, Carol Broadstreet, Robert Pipkin, Carolyn Deaton, Lori Booker Wilson, Rob Burks, Ginger Vaughn, Bret Malone, Zac Kelly, Alice Halfacre, Martha Webb, B. J. Moore, Desi Hassell, Robert Herron, Burnell Conner.

### Marriages

November 13th - Justin Levi Ozment, 21, to Crystal Mae Nelson, 24, by Owen D. Lilly, Sr.

November 14th - William Christopher Rhodes, 31, to Amanda Renee Stewart, 24, by

### Anniversaries

Dec. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Crihfield.

Dec. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hilliard.

Dec. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Best, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Carmack.

Dec. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. David Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Rich.

Dec. 9 - Rev. and Mrs. Rocky Gilliam.

Rocky Gilliam.  
Jerry Laterell Liggons, 33, to Leaquinn Parae Brown, 24, by Tommy Broadnax.

Brent Leon Brown, 21, to Connie Marie Braden, 22, by Rod Schuh.

November 21st - Cory Dwayne Willis, 31, to Donna Renee Wright, 41, by Owen D. Lilly, Sr.

November 25th - Scott Allen Lovelace, 40, to Natalie Ann Kessler, 31, by Herxman L. Reviere.

Kenneth Darrell Currie, 34, to Casandra Jeanette Bradford, 31, by Booker Joe Nance, Jr.

## Anniversary Celebrated



THE REV. AND MRS. JAMES GOODMAN, of Halls, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary November 25th with a dinner for family and friends.

James and Rozzell have nine children, Carey and Sam Goodman, of Jackson; James R., William, and Clarissa Goodman and Marion Scott, all of Halls, Joel Goodman, of Ripley; Marilyn Starks, of Chicago; and the late Sharon Jenkins, of Indiana, along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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## Obituaries

### Gunshot Kills Jim Scott, 46

Officers called to 1901 Bald Knob Road at 8:46 p.m. Friday found Jim "Peahead" Scott, 46, concrete vendor, dead of a gunshot wound.

With an autopsy ordered, investigation continues.

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

Survivors include his wife, Regina; a step-son, Keith Hamlin, of Ripley; and a brother, Ted Scott, of Ripley.

### Nixon Infant

Zechariah Nikah Nixon, week-old son of LaQuannsha Nixon, of 131 Grammer, Ripley, died Sunday in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his grandfather, Lawrence Yancy, of Jacksonville, Fla.

### Irma Sellers

Irma Lucille Sellers, 95, sister of Gene Turner, of Gates, died Sunday in Huntingdon Heath and Rehabilitation.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates.

She was a member of Curve United Methodist Church.

She was the widow of James W. Sellers.

Survivors include a son, James, Jr., of Dresden; a daughter, Nina Smothers, of Huntingdon; sisters, Katie Brooks, of Columbia, and Evelyn Riddle, of Orlando, Fla.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

## Suddenly



**Rufus T. Smith, 88**, collapsed Friday while shaving in his home at 270 Anthony in Ripley.

Air-lifted to Baptist Hospital in Memphis, he died about 2:30 p.m.

An aneurysm (bulging of a blood vessel) is suspected.

Rites were Sunday in First Baptist Church in Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, east of Ripley.

He was born in this county's Conner community, July 17, 1921, to the late Thomas Avery "Bud" Smith and the late Maude Christine New Smith.

In World War II, serving on D-Day and in the Battle of the Bulge, he won four Purple Hearts for combat injuries, a Bronze Star for heroic service, and a battle-field commission from Gen. George S. Patton.

He participated in liberation of a concentration camp.

A charter member of Ripley's National Guard unit, he retired from the Guard as a colonel, having seen a new Guard armory built here.

He had operated a five and dime store on the southeast corner of the Square in Ripley; had been a rural mail carrier; had served two 2-year terms on the Ripley board of aldermen; had run, unsuccessfully, for County Court clerk; and, with his brother, the late Bill Smith, had been an extensive real es-

### Al Hamilton

Clarence Alvin Hamilton, Jr., 64, died Sunday in his home at 4033 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Walnut Grove Baptist Church, west of Ripley, where he was a member.

Memorial gifts to the Cemetery Fund would be appropriate.

An Army veteran, he had retired as a route salesman for Wonder Bread.

He had delivered this newspaper to news-stands.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Barham Hamilton; sons, Ryan, of Ripley, and Greg, of Jackson; daughters, Christy Morris, of Ripley, and Amy Wadley, of Jackson; and four grandchildren.

### Geneva Cohill

Geneva Cohill, 85, formerly employed by the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley, died Sunday in her home in Detroit, Mich.

Rites will be at noon Monday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley.

Survivors include sons, William Frank Cohill, of 152 Spiller, Ripley, and Bobby Cohill, of Detroit; daughters, Annie Reed of Decatur, Ill., and Queen Cohill and Ruby Walker, of Detroit; 25 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

tate developer in Ripley.

He was a Mason and had been a member of the Ripley Exchange Club.

Survivors include his wife, Delene Craig Smith, whom he married Aug. 5, 1947; daughters, Deborah (Mrs. Eunice) Jenkins, Mary Kathleen (Mrs. Harry Moore) Brown, and Rebecca (Mrs. Feltzer) Mills, Ripley attorney; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Dying before him were another brother, Herman Smith, and sisters, Flossie Robison and Kathleen Greaves.

### Mrs. Burnett Was Organist

Marjorie Jane Burnett, 64, who had served as organist for Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church at Arp, where she was a member, and for the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, died Wednesday of last week in her home at 498 Benny Meadows Rd. near Ripley.

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

She was the widow of William Peyton Burnett, Jr.

Survivors include her parents, Billy and Sarah Meadows, brothers, George and Walter Meadows, and a sister, Jean Smith, all of Ripley; a son, Peyton Burnett III, of Munford; a daughter, Kathy Bell, of Millington; and seven grandchildren.

### William Wright

William L. Wright, 81, of 4155 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., a farmer, died Wednesday of last week in the Veterans Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Edith United Methodist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was a member of the Open Door Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; sons, William, Jr., of 5405 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., William Earl Wright, of 1975 Hyde Rd., Ripley, and Ronald Wright, of 197 Chickasaw, Ripley; a step-son, Jimmy Esra, of Covington; step-daughters, Judy Brandon, of Dyersburg, Kathy Taylor, of Jackson, and Deborah Brochamier, of California; a sister, Lenora J. Sneed, of 3136 Curve-Nankipoo Rd.; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

### Gus Hargett, Sr.

Gus Lusk Hargett, Sr., 86, of Ripley, died Wednesday, November 25th at Baptist Hospital Memphis.

Services were Saturday at Grace Baptist Church, where he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home of Ripley had charge.

A World War II Army veteran, he retired from the Army National Guard. He was also a retired sawmill operator and served as a Lauderdale County Commissioner.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Williams Hargett; a son, Maj. Gen. Gus L. Hargett, Jr., of Murfreesboro; a daughter, Jan Miller, of Bartlett; four step-sons, Timothy Neal Hargett, Jimmy Carver, and Michael Carver, of Ripley, and Ricky Carver, of Memphis; 20 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans would be appropriate.

### Arthur Reed

Arthur Eugene Reed, 61, a member of the Disabled Veterans of America, died Wednesday of last week in Covington Care.

No rites were reported by Garner Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne, of 4889 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley; sons, Arthur, Jr., of Chesapeake, Ohio, and Elijah Reed, of Tennessee; daughters, Felicia Reed, of Tennessee, and Chris Reed, of W. Virginia; a step-son, Clinton Lucy, of Ripley; step-daughters, Emily Morgan and Kathy Halleran, of Ripley, and Jenny Huppo, of Blytheville, Ark.; a brother, Jimmy, of Arkansas; sisters, Katherine Highland, of Arkansas, Vera A. Labumbard, of Clarkston, Mich., and Elizabeth Fuller, of Michigan; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Annie Smith

Annie Faye Smith, 71, sister of Charles and Don Medford, Ann Ozment, Evelyn Goforth, and Minnie Lane, all of Ripley, died Nov. 13th in the Choctaw Memorial Hospital in Hugo, Okla.

Rites were Nov. 17th in the Valliant, Okla., Church of God, with burial in the Fort Towson, Okla., Cemetery.

She was born in Ripley, Feb. 24, 1938, to the late Walter Lee Medford and the late Susie Genevieve Long Medford.

She leaves her husband, B. G. Smith, of Fort Towson; four sons; three daughters, two other brothers, Gene Medford, of Memphis, and William Medford, of Fort Towson; another sister, Dorothy Prater, of Mason; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

### Jerry Goodwin

Jerry Eason Goodwin, 73, formerly of 641 Cheshier, Halls, died Saturday in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Sunday in Gates Church of Christ, with burial in Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was born at Gates, June

### Joe T. Parker

Joe T. Parker, 95, of 10724 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., father of Charles Parker and Charlene Parr, of Halls, died Monday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in the Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ in Halls, with burial in Henning Grove Cemetery in Halls, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; other sons, Barry, of Brownsville, Gregory, of East Liberty, Ky., Randy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bobby Joe Parker, of Oxon Hill, Md.; other daughters, Helen Anderson, of Nashville, and Joyce Lang and Sandra Whiteside, of Louisville, Ky.; a brother, Leon Helm, of Toledo, Ohio; 35 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

24, 1936.

Survivors include a son, William Benjamin Goodwin, of 2677 Beech Bluff Cemetery Rd., Halls; a daughter, Windy D. Willette, of 323 4th St., Gates; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Donations Received by Cancer Society

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

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In memory of Charlene Harrison McMahan by Mr. and Mrs. Eunice Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Meibaum, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Poynter, and Mrs. Patricia Box.

In memory of Shirley Bobbitt by "Rooster" and Louise Reviere.

In memory of Rufus Smith by Bennie and Rosemary Jones.

Donations to the American Cancer Society can be given to Annie Laura Jennings in the Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

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Tabernacle Baptist Church, 539 East Court St., Dyersburg, along with Antioch Curve, of Gates, and Bethlehem Gold Dust and Nelson Chapel, of Ripley, will present an outreach Christmas crusade and extravaganza at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 5th at Tabernacle. All proceeds will provide Christmas baskets for residents in those communities. The public is invited.

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

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## TRASH TALK



By Michael Bursey  
Town of Henning Mayor

Most companies that use commercials to sell their products on TV often have two parts to the commercial.

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Next, they introduce you to a solution, which is one you just can't live without, such as an air sanitizer. As I sat in litter meetings, problems are often discussed, such as how to stop illegal dumping or how to promote a clean county. Next, solutions are introduced, such as installing cameras at illegal dump sites to catch the perpetrators.

I believe the problem of litter and illegal dump sites goes much deeper than just getting rid of trash. It indicates that the perpetrators are not concerned about others, but their own selfishness. Their thinking may go like this; I would rather pollute another part of the county rather than take the

perpetrators. That's only one answer. However, the problem affects us collectively, so it must be solved collectively. Maybe, all of us can assist the county and the litter committee in providing alternatives to illegal dump sites and promoting pride in living in Lauderdale County.

The appearance of a town or place makes a statement or impression to everyone who visits it. When visitors enter Lauderdale County for the first time what do they think? Do

they say, this is a nice place to live or it's a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live here? Their opinions may be formed about the entire county based on the actions of a few.

It doesn't take money to keep a county clean, but it does it takes pride and effort in keeping the county you live in clean. It's also a joint effort between the public and private sectors. The government provides proper ways to dispose of garbage and refuse, such as landfills and legal dump sites.

The citizens take the time and effort to utilize these facilities even if it inconvenient to take garbage to those locations. That's where the pride in your community comes in.

I happened to visit the Bethlehem cemetery a little while ago. That's where Chicken George from Alex Haley's "Roots" is buried. Around the cemetery there are two large illegal garbage sites. My first thought when I saw the mounds of trash was, "Is there no respect for the dead?" It goes back to pride in where you live. So, we have a problem with litter in the county. What's the solution?

We can prosecute the perpetrators. That's only one answer. However, the problem affects us collectively, so it must be solved collectively.

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After all, it takes a village.



## Church Happenings

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


The Anointed Voices of Holly Grove Baptist Church will hold a special evening of worship, "A Celebration of Christmas", at 5 p.m. Sunday, December 6th with a fellowship reception afterwards. The event will be presented by the Central Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, of Memphis, where The Rev. Lynn B. Dandridge is pastor. Krist W. Chaney, formerly of Ripley, and daughter of Mrs. JoAnn Chaney and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chaney, is minister of music and Tillman Livingston II, is the choir director. Linda Herring will be the guest accompanist and Dr. Mildred B. Green, music consultant and organist. The Rev. Dr. W. L. Reid, pastor, invites the public.

Forerunner Baptist Church, on Eastland, Ripley, is the host site for the Angel Food Ministries. Orders are due by December 8th with pick-up scheduled for December 12th. For more information,

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## Yesteryear

Part I  
Margaret Voss Allen's  
Memories of Growing Up in  
Lauderdale County

Preserve our history  
...discover your heritage.



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Recently we saw an essay that Margaret Voss Allen wrote several years ago. It was so well written and so accurately descriptive of the life we rural children of the 1930's and '40's led, that we asked for her permission to share it with Yesteryear readers. Happily, she consented.

Margaret was the daughter of W. B. and Mabel (Furr) Voss; she and her late husband, Don Allen, lived in Alabama for fifty-two years until their retirement. They returned to their roots near Concord in 2002.

### Growing up in Lauderdale County, Tennessee

By Margaret Voss Allen

LAUDERDALE COUNTY. Most of you readers know where it is—bounded by Tipton, Haywood and Crockett Counties, and by the Hatchie, Mississippi, and Forked Deer Rivers. Mostly rural. I grew up there in the 1930's and 1940's. These are some of my recollections of a life so gentle compared to life anywhere today as to seem almost a dream.

My parents were farmers, like their parents and their parents and their parents and their parents who settled in Lauderdale County in the early 1800's when it was still part of Tipton County. My parents' farm was near Gates in the Concord community. Gates is right on old Highway 51 between Ripley and Halls. We had a cutesy chant back then about the names of the towns located on the Highway: "After leaving Ripley, we went Flippin round the Curve, thru the Gates, down the Halls, to Dyersburg." Of course, back then, precious few trips were ever made to any of those little towns. And to go all the way to Memphis! Well, that was something else. We did go to Memphis a few times—to the zoo and to the Fair. Occasionally Mother and Daddy would go there to see a sick relative, but we children rarely made such a trip. When we did, we would all look for the old HumKo building, our first landmark. Once we got that far, the excitement would really build for the sights we were going to see. They would also take us to Covington some years to see the Christmas lights and parades. I remember how BIG the old Coca-Cola Bottling Company building looked back then, decorated with all the Christmas lights.

Christmases at home were all excitement and anticipation. Daddy always went to the woods to cut the live cedar tree that had been spotted months before, usually by Mother. It was trimmed with mostly home-made decorations such as popcorn garlands and paper-ring garlands cut from brightly-colored composition paper. But no matter how little money, there were always strings of tinsel and a star at the top, and then Mother would drape the entire tree, which HAD to touch the ceiling, with icicles and angel hair. Christmas mornings were always such wondrous times. Looking back, I can see that we always got new clothes that had been selected from the Sears, Roebuck

catalog, although now and then we went to Levy's at Halls (Sis and Louis Levy are remembered as especially accommodating people). We always got a very large peppermint candy stick, and each of us always got an orange which we couldn't wait to eat, plus exotic (to us) nuts such as brazil nuts. Pecans were fairly plentiful as were black walnuts and hickory nuts that were gathered from the Forked Deer river bottom, but brazil nuts at Christmas were special.

The boys (depending on their ages) got a red wagon, or cap pistols, or wind-up toys, or BB guns. Later, when our parents thought they were wise enough to handle them safely, they got their shot guns. The girls (again depending on our ages) got dolls and dishes and small irons and ironing boards, and maybe a piece of jewelry. I have a tattered and torn doll that was recently resurrected from Mother's attic. She was a Christmas gift from Santa Claus to one of us girls. She has a soft stuffed body with head and limbs made from the crumbly composition material that was used between the china and plastic eras of doll-making. One arm is missing, one eye is turned inside out, and she wears no clothes, but I wouldn't trade her for anything. Traditionally each of us girls got our birthstone ring at the age of ten. My two younger sisters, Sue and Rose, still have theirs.

I remember game boards "for the family"—Chinese checkers, dominoes, bingo, and later, the Ouija board. (This was considered "sinful" by some of our elder relatives.) To this day I believe that the board actually pointed to the answers. Wooden tops, marbles, jacks, jump ropes, puzzles, skates (they could only be used at the schoolhouse driveway as most other surfaces were dirt or gravel!). There were fireworks,

too—sparklers, firecrackers, and roman cannons. Daddy always had bird dogs and we had to make sure they were locked in the corn crib before we could start shooting our fireworks in case the loud noise would cause them to turn gun shy. There were a few tricycles in later years for the younger children, but only one bicycle at a time. With seven of us children, I can't believe that we all did learn to ride it. Concord Road was gravel then (whoever heard of a country road's being paved?). There was a much bigger-than-now hill between our house and our cousins, the Burks, and most of us, I'm sure, can remember getting on that bicycle, heading down that hill, and either learning to master the bicycle or end up dumped in the gravel road. I assure you, we all got dumped before we mastered that bicycle, but once mastered, there was no stopping the rider. "Look, Ma, no hands!" that was us. And steering with our feet. And whirling round and round on only one wheel. I just know that we had as much fun doing that as kids do today doing whatever daring thing is new.

Our youngest brother, Phillip, got smart when he was about eight years old and proclaimed, "There's no Santa Claus." We all had been admonished that children who didn't BELIEVE would get ashes and switches instead of presents. He was so heart-broken to unwrap a package tied with a big red bow to find, sure enough, ashes and switches. We couldn't stand his sorrow for long, and all were ready to show him his real Christmas.

Daddy loved to hunt quail and he passed this love along to his three sons. He always made sure we had plenty for Mother to fix for Christmas breakfast—dipped in flour and fried crispy in lots of LARD in

the extra-large and heavy black iron skillet with lots of brown thickening gravy and home-made biscuits with butter and home-made blackberry jam. Um-m-m. I have never been able to get the gravy just right as she did. Mother always made a blackberry jam cake and a fresh coconut cake for Christmas, as well as gallons of boiled custard, chicken and dressing, fruit salad (ambrosia, we called it, and that is just what it tasted like with leftover chunks of that fresh coconut in it), and plenty of iced tea. Daddy dearly loved his iced tea and drank it for breakfast, dinner, and supper (we didn't know about "lunch" back then). As far back as I can remember he had his special iced tea glass, a large footed tumbler. I never heard an explanation as to why Daddy didn't drink coffee. Mother did, and his Mother, "Nana," did, but Daddy drank his iced tea as did all of his children until they were grown.

Mr. Bilbo Hill ran the ice truck, and would deliver 25, 50, or 100 pounds of ice to each house, depending on how we turned the big red ice sign in the window. I don't know if we had a certain amount to be delivered each time, but I do remember the dripping ice block's being brought in by the metal ice tongs and placed in the old green metal ice box. The box was apparently from a grocery store; it had sliding doors at the top like cokes were kept in at the stores. In later years, after we had electricity and it sometimes went off in the winter time (the "current" went off—that's the way I remember it's being expressed), we used icicles for the tea. That is a remembered refreshing taste. I suppose there were no pollutants from the rooftops to give concern to anyone.

My great-grandparents, Grandma and Grandpa  
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Williams, lived on Forked Deer road, and had an electric refrigerator long before we did. I remember at a family gathering there how delicious the iced tea looked in Grandma Williams' tall pink depression glass tumblers, filled with ice cubes made in trays in the electric refrigerator. I couldn't wait to get MY glass of iced tea. Well, their ice cube trays had rubber inserts instead of metal, and that wonderful-looking tea was undrinkable. It tasted to me just like a mouthful of rubber. I don't know that I've ever been so disappointed.

There were admonitions not to eat from the first winter snowfall, it was "dirty," and the second snow would be purer. I sincerely doubt if many people paid heed to this warning. We really enjoyed eating snow ice cream, and with all the fresh eggs and milk which was used to make it, it was probably as healthy as what we buy nowadays. We all chuckled years later when one of my brothers, Donald Wayne, called home after he was married and living in Omaha, Nebraska (where the snow gets really deep) to ask Mother how to make snow ice cream.

I do believe that snowfalls were more frequent back then, and that winters overall were much harder and lasted longer. It could just be, however, that modern heating, the conveniences of reliable automobiles and paved roads, and indoor plumbing all could account for my thinking this way. There were times that we awoke on cold winter mornings to find ice in the water bucket on the kitchen cabinet. It didn't take long, though, after roaring fires were built in the wood cook stove in the kitchen and the Warm-Morning stove in the living room for the whole house to be toasty warm.

(Much more later)

## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!! I hope that all of you two leggers had as much fun at Thanksgiving as we all did. We went to Grandma's house and all of my family two leggers ate a lot of food and of course, I went around the table and begged. I did get a lot of two legger food that way. Miss Pam says now that Thanksgiving is over, we can start thinking about Christmas and Santa. I sure do like Santa. He has great treats.

When we all came back home from Grandma's house, Miss Pam brought a lot of two legger food home with her. After we all took long naps, we got to eat again. Well, I didn't get a lot of two legger food this time because Miss Pam told me that I had enough. After we ate this time, Miss Pam gathered up some two legger food and told me to open the door for her. I was jumping and jumping, I just knew that this bowl was for me. I looked at Miss Pam and turned my head to her and she told me again to open the door for her. I opened the door and Miss Pam went out and put the two legger food in B.D.'s bowl. I stood there and looked at Miss Pam with sad eyes. She told me that this food was for B.D. and then she told me that we had to share. Well, I guess she was right about sharing, but that is a hard two legger thing to do. B.D. ran up to his bowl and smelled. He took a big bite and he looked up at Miss Pam and he smiled.

Miss Pam and I are out at the Club. Mr. Buddy, Scooter, Mr. Gene and Mr. Greg sure have got a lot of work done out here this week. I really have been proud of them for being so busy to get more pens ready for my Buds. While they are outside working, I can go in the office and nap. Mr. Buddy took a rest and came into the office to tell Miss Pam about my Buds needing two legger homes. He told us that Oreo, the border collie; Molly, the shepherd; Cocoa, the big chocolate lab; Silver, the gray husky mix; Cody, the brown basset mix; Baker, the wire terrier, were all looking for two leggers to go home with. He also told us that there are some puppy four leggers out here that will be ready just in time for Christmas. Don't forget about the cats that we have out here. Lucy, Vegas, and Midnight have all been neutered and de-clawed and just need a two legger to take them home.

Shelby Owens came out to the Club and found a beagle to go home with her. Betsy Ferrell was out at the Club and took home the little cute yorkie with her. Chris and Rebecca Bell were out at the Club looking for a new friend and found Roc. Miss Leslie and Mr. Rob Schwab brought my Buds out some food. Thank ya'll.

Send your two leggers out to the Club with some food for my Buds. We always need food because my Buds are always hungry. If you don't want to come out to the Club, drop off your food donations at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon and we will come and pick it up. Come out and see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

Have your four leggers spayed or neutered so that we do not have so many puppy or kitten four leggers out here at the Club. Take your four legger to the Doc for their shots and yearly check up. Miss Pam says that a healthy four legger is a happy four legger and a happy four legger makes a two legger happy.

Get ready for the cold weather because your outside four leggers need plenty of shelter so that they can stay warm.

Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. I hope next time that I open the door by myself, Miss Pam remembers that she asked me to do it.....

Zeek Out!!!!

## READ ALL ABOUT IT

The weekly column provided by Pettus L. Read  
Director of Communications for Tennessee Farm Bureau

### Ten "Shall Nots" Are Stronger Than Three Thousand "Shalls"

In all of my years of growing up, and yes I'm still growing up, I can remember the instructions of "shall not's" over all other lessons taught to me by my elders. As a baby, I was told "no" over and over until I realized that the stove was hot or that there were certain places in the house that I was not to venture into. Growing into a child, I found out real fast that my childhood would contain many more "shall not's" than "shalls" when it came to instruction on right from wrong. And, the punishment for doing a "shall" when it was suppose to be a "shall not" was a learning opportunity that is still engrained in my adult conscious today.

From the beginning of time, man has had to deal with "shalls" and more times than not, the "shall not's" have seemed to have been what has kept him out of trouble if he would only listen. It all began back in the Garden of Eden when God told man to leave a certain tree alone and talked to him point blank that he shall not eat or even touch that tree in the middle of the garden. But, the woman started listening to the serpent and he used the "shall" word. The rest of the story we all should know. And it is, ever since Eve got the apple, mankind has had to deal with what to do with the core.

I guess that is why when I see a lot of legal laws and bills that contain the word "shall" I often feel like it is time once again to try to do something with all of the cores that will soon be coming my way. Right now up in Washington, there is a health care reform legislation piece that contains more than 1,900 pages and has within its contents the word "shall" more than 3,000 times. But, unlike the time the serpent used the "shall" word on Eve, giving her permission to misunderstand God, the "shall" words used in this highly debated manuscript mean I will be "required" - I "must" - or I "will" do whatever the law says. I have never been one who has ever enjoyed being flat out told that I "will" do something when I just didn't think it is right and this legislation is something that has several wrongs built into it.

Our health system may could use reform, but to use more than 450,000 words of mandates, taxes, and demands on the American people is not the answer for reforming a system that still involves the private sector and not under complete government control. When you add debate on public insurance plans, abortion, higher taxes on certain wage earners and mandating states to take on more debt at a time when they can't handle their own budget needs, you have "shalled" yourself right into a "shall not." The "shall not" in this creation of more than 1,900 pages of bureaucracy is you shall not kill the golden goose, which is the hard working American taxpayer.

Providing affordable health care for all of America's citizens may sound like a "shall" to some people. But, "making" everyone carry health insurance sounds more like a "shall not" to me. Health care is primarily the responsibility of individuals, and to mandate individual coverage on people who can't afford it to begin with goes against a lot of the freedoms this country is known for.

Passing a mandate accompanied by the threat of a tax for noncompliance only makes the situation worse for people unable to afford coverage in the first place, such as middle-income tax payers and farmers to name a few. Private, market-based reform is something that needs to be looked at more so by our congress than government-run insurance programs.

Growing up it only took ten "Thou shall not's" to keep me straight and today those "shall not's" still are a part of my daily and social actions. I don't need 3,000 "shalls" to manage my health care.



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### Education Mini Grants



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AMANDA LANE, Halls High School.

TEACHERS at Lauderdale County schools received approximately \$17,000 in Education Mini Grants from the Bank of



### School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools  
Monday, December 7th  
Hot Dog  
Pizza  
Tater Tots  
Celery Sticks w/Dip  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Apple Wedges

Ripley last month. The county-wide program was initiated by the bank in 1996 and was designed to bridge the gap in education funding to allow teachers to enhance their curriculum for the benefit of the students. The bank has awarded over \$216,000 to fund the educational needs. The focus of the program is to challenge teachers to find new and creative ways to improve test scores in the school system. All teachers are eligible to apply. Approximately 107 teachers applied this year. The application process identifies the educational need and addresses how the grant will benefit the students. Awards are based on the results of blind scoring conducted by reviewers selected from a cross section of county citizens. Members of the bank traveled to all eight county schools to present checks to the 56 award winners. "We are pleased to provide the Educational Grants to these outstanding teachers. They really do a wonderful job implementing these programs and our students and county reap the benefits. We appreciate their commitment to the continuous improvement of our Lauderdale County School system," said Craig Fitzhugh, chairman/CEO of the Bank of Ripley. A complete list of winners is available on the bank's website, [www.bankofripley.com](http://www.bankofripley.com), click on community photos.

Cookie  
Choice Of Milk  
Tuesday, December 8th  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Steak Fingers  
Broccoli Bites w/Cheese  
Black Eyed Peas  
Banana  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, December 9th  
Chicken Tenders  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fresh Pear  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, December 10th  
Chili Pie  
Corn Nibbles  
Grapes  
Peaches  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, December 11th  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Homemade Vegetable Soup  
Carrot Sticks w/Dip  
Pear Halves  
Applesauce  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

### School Lunches

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

Monday, December 7th  
Hot Dog  
Tater Tots  
Apple Wedges  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, December 8th  
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Orange Sections  
Roll  
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Chili Pie  
Corn Nibbles  
Grapes  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, December 11th  
Toasted Cheese Sandwich

### "Love Lights A Tree" Memorials

Donations received for "Love Lights A Tree," to benefit the American Cancer Society, in memory or in honor of loved ones include:

In honor of Ava Jones and Wyatt Jones by Bennie and Rosemary Jones.

In honor of Joan Willyerd by Reba Steelman and Barbara Thomas.

In honor of Hannah Ellis and James Savage by B. R. and Joni Cook.

In memory of Major Arthur Yow, Jr. (USMC ret.), Mildred Vest, Wally Vest, Pansy E. Johnson, Tony Drumwright, Larry Tutor, and Bobby Vaughn by Shirley A. Yow.

In memory of Shirley Bobbitt by "Rooster" and Louise Reviere.

In memory of Lillie Wiseman by Joann and Floyd Crain, Steve, Temple and Ellen.

In memory of Jerry Patrick by Joann and Floyd Crain.

In memory of Laverne Meeks and Sidney Carmack by Gloria and Ranny Carmack.

In memory of Rufus Smith by Joe and Kathi Bridges.

In memory of Bob Wilder by his family.

In memory of Horace Wardlow and Sarah Edna Wardlow by their children.

In memory of Al Hamilton by Mike and Beverly Hutcherson and family, Ann and Adam Sanford, and Martha Kissell.

In memory of Leland Jennings, Louis Jennings, Bud Jennings, Louise Jennings, Lelia Douglas, William Douglas, and David Douglas by Annie Laura Jennings and family.

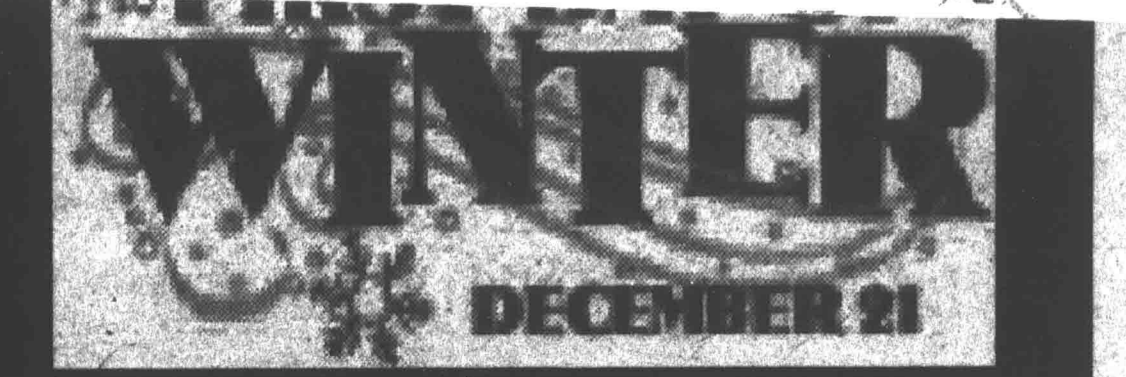
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirkpatrick, Clara Kirkpatrick, Milton Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chipman, and Demetra Daniels by Jay, Betty, and Shelly Chipman.

Donations to the American Cancer Society or for "Love Lights A Tree" can be given to Annie Laura Jennings in the Registrar's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

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Applesauce  
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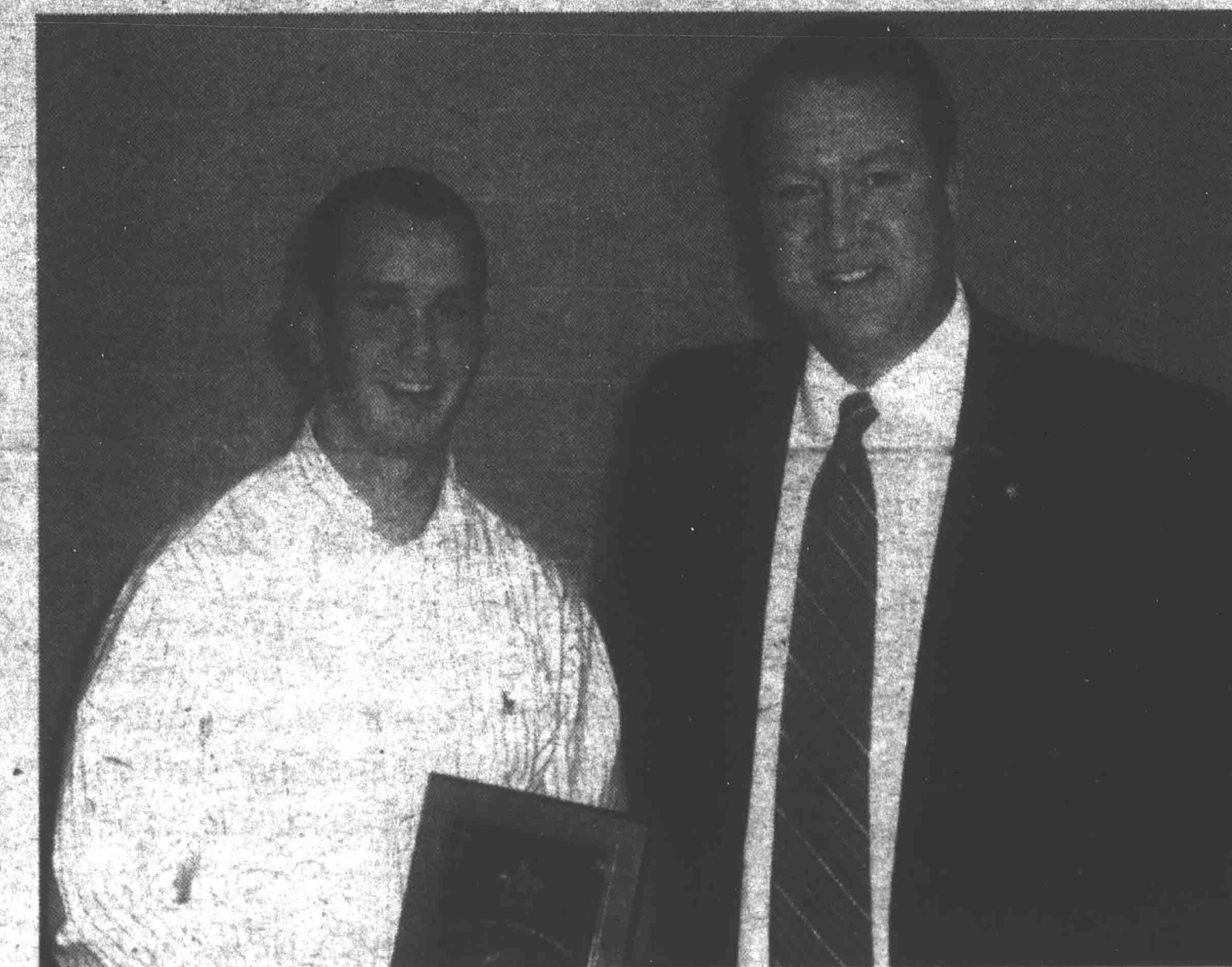


## Major General Gus L. Hargett, Jr., Honored



MAJOR GENERAL GUS L. HARGETT, JR. was honored Saturday at the armory, which is named in his honor, to make his final weekend drill, where it all began. He was surprised with a ceremony recognizing his accomplishments. He started out as a Private in the Tennessee Army National ...and 47 years later he's retiring as a two-star general. Maj. Gen. Hargett, Tennessee's Adjutant General, hangs up his uniform after a long and distinguished military career that has taken him across the United States and around the world many times. He first raised his hand to be sworn into the Tennessee National Guard on August 31, 1962, and began his career as a Private in Ripley's then A Company, 3/117th Infantry Battalion. Back then it

## Player of the Year



was part of the 30th Division. He served as an enlisted Infantry Soldier until commissioned an Infantry officer in 1966. The tattered guidon of A Company, 3/117 still hangs framed in his office today. Maj. Gen. Hargett acknowledged that his final weekend drill in the Ripley armory will be an emotional time for him. "So many good things have happened to me over the years, starting right in my hometown," Hargett said. "I've known so many fine Soldiers and Airmen, and their families, throughout almost five decades now, and it all comes rushing over me unexpectedly from time to time."

## HHS Angel Ornaments



ANGEL ORNAMENTS, crafted by members of the Halls High School National Honor Society, are available for purchase to benefit St. Jude. Each year, since 1997, the society sells angel ornaments, with all proceeds going to the hospital. Each year, the members set a goal, which started at \$300 but was increased to \$1,200 last year. This year, the angel committee members chose the design and make each angel, with a grand total of 200 angels. Donations were also readily accepted. four-years on the honor roll and student representative on and one-year perfect attendance. He has played football all four-years of high school and is a three-year starter. He has been in the Iron Club for three-years, and Iron Man one-year. He played baseball and was a three-year starter, FFA three-years, student council four-years, Upward Bound three-years and Class Favorite for three-years. He has served as student council president, sophomore class president and student representative on the school board. He attended Hugh O' Bryan Youth Leadership, Boys State, Tennessee Association of Student Council State Convention, Tennessee Association for Student Council Leadership camp, and Southern Association of Student Council Leadership Conference. Christopher is a member of Halls Westside Baptist Church youth group, and volunteered at home basketball games and Relay for Life.



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## Land Transfers

Nov. 29th - Dec. 5th  
John Thomas Roberts III and Brenda Ruth Roberts to Harold Mike Dennison and Laura B. Dennison, Dist. 16, lot.  
Ernest Bell and Rebecca Bell to James E. Wilson, Dist. 17, 5.175 acres.  
Homesales Inc. to Daniel H. Turner, Jr., Dist. 6, 2 tracts.  
Sandra K. Craft to Betty Hargett, Dist. 6, lot.  
Roberta Marie Wright, Gary Gene Dick, Jr., Dana Jones and

Mark Dick to Tiffany Kirkpatrick, Dist. 10, tract and 0.4 acre.  
Federal National Mortgage Assoc. and Fannie Mae to Larry O. Allmon and Mary A. Allmon, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.  
Calvin M. Cooper and Clara L. Cooper to David Mills and Amanda Mills, Dist. 10, 2.5 acres and 79 acres.

Robert O. Drumwright and Sue Drumwright to Henry Drumwright and Wendy Drumwright, Dist. 7, 63.84 acres.  
MC Hamilton Group, Inc., to Mid-South Holdings, LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

Marilyn B. Craig, Willie Griggs and Carolyn Griggs to L. M. Kirkpatrick, Jr., Dist. 2, 0.3444 acre.  
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## Appointed



**TERRY M. "MAX" HASTON**, Brigadier General, was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to replace Major General Gus L. Hargett, Jr. as Tennessee's 75th Adjutant General. Major General Hargett announced his retirement earlier this year. Haston is currently the Assistant Adjutant General, Army, Tennessee National Guard.

"I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Max Haston as Tennessee's Adjutant General," said Bredesen. "His years of experience as a commander and staff officer are vital to the continued professional leadership of our Tennessee Guard. I am confident that under his leadership, our soldiers and airmen will continue to uphold the time honored tradition set forth by the generations of Tennesseans who have served our state and nation."

"I also want to express my appreciation once again to his predecessor, General Gus Hargett, for his service to our country and the state of Tennessee," Bredesen continued. "He has been a trusted advisor to me and a true leader for Tennessee."

Haston is a native of McMinnville and currently resides in Knoxville. He was commissioned in 1979 as an Armor Officer in the U.S. Army from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

"I'm honored to receive this appointment from Governor Bredesen," said Haston. "The

## Extra Help Available Through Medicare

Over 4,100 people living in Lauderdale County are eligible for extra benefits through Medicare, including reduced drug costs, co-pays, drug premiums, and drug plan deductibles.

Monday, December 14th will be the last day for Medicare Part D "Prescription Drug Assistance" in Lauderdale County. Counselors from the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) will be available to help Medicare beneficiaries navigate the Medicare system and help select the drug plan that will be the most help to the consumer. Counseling for consumers who qualify for "extra help", with Medicare premiums and deductibles, will also be available. Enrollment assistance begins at December 14th, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Gates Library, 1000085 Second Street, Gates, Tennessee.

Please bring all prescription medications and Medicare card. Certified counselors will be available to assist you. Open enrollment for Medicare Part D ends December 31, 2009. Please contact Vickie Thompson, by phone 1-877-801-0044, or by email [vathompson@agingcommission.org](mailto:vathompson@agingcommission.org).

Tennessee National Guard leads the way both here at home and abroad, and I look forward to serving the state soldiers and airmen in this new appointment."

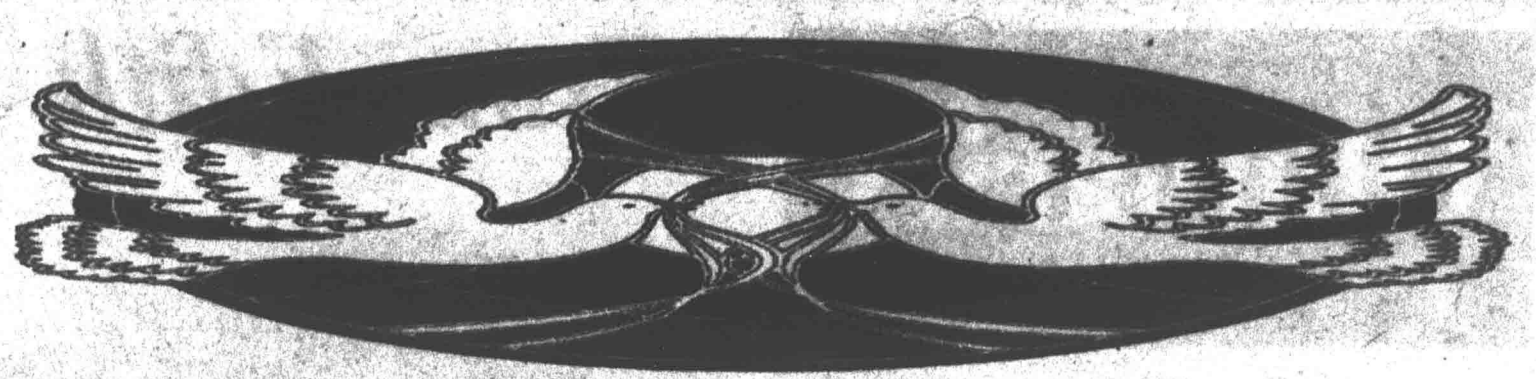
After completing a tour on active duty at Ft. Hood, Texas, Haston joined the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1983. He has served in numerous command and leadership positions within the National Guard, including Armor Company Commander, Squadron and Regimental Training Officer, and Squadron Commander. In 2001, Haston assumed command as the seventh Colonel of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, headquartered

in Knoxville. Following command of the 278th, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and J-3, Joint Forces Headquarters, Tennessee. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

In May 2005, Haston mobilized and deployed as the Chief of Reserve Components, Multi-National Corps Iraq (XVIII Airborne Corps). Upon completion of his tour in the Middle East, he returned as the J-3, JFHQ TN. He was appointed the Assistant Adjutant General, Army, May 6, 2008.

"Governor Bredesen could not have picked a more qualified person to command, train, mentor and serve with the outstanding and professional men and women of our Tennessee Guard," said Hargett.

The Adjutant General, a constitutional officer of the state appointed by the Governor, is responsible for the leadership and command of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Bureau of War Records.



## 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.

Joan Gregory will sing Christmas songs at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 13th at Conner Assembly of God Church, 1482 Conner Whitefield Rd. The public is invited.

The Forerunner Baptist Church, Spirit of Deliverance Ministries, and Praise Temple will sponsor an evangelistic event from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12th in the home of Gloria Crook, 359 Lee Ave., Ripley, in the Rice Park community. Refreshments will be served. Thomas Bester, pastor of Forerunner; Elder Bobby Treadway, pastor of Spirit of Deliverance; and Gary Andrews, pastor of Praise Temple, invite the public.

Curve United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas revival beginning at 6:30 p.m. nightly December 13th through 16th with Jim Wallace, pastor, delivering the message. The public is invited.

The One Day Mission will meet at 9 a.m. December 15th at Elam Baptist Church, on Durhamville Rd., with services to begin at 9:30 a.m. Missionary Leara Lee, who spent 90 plus days in Africa, will be the guest speaker. She will share her experiences. Several churches are involved in the One Day Mission. Since it is nearing Christmas, the group's mission is to be concerned about others, they are asking the members and any other person to bring a gift for a man or woman which will be delivered to the county nursing homes.

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**Obituaries**

**Louis Hudson**

Louis J. "Red" Hudson, Jr., 79, of 510 Airport, Halls, retired from Colonial Rubber in Dyersburg, died Sunday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Visitations will be Friday, from noon to 4 p.m. in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, and from 6-8 p.m. in Cleaves Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Halls.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery.

A son, The Rev. Louis Hudson III, of Ripley, will officiate.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Williams Hudson; other sons, Paul Timothy Hudson, Tony Douglas Hudson, and Reginald Hudson, of Halls, and Steve Hudson, of Memphis; daughters, Gloria Vanessa Williams and Joan Moore, of Halls, Wanda Mayfield, of St. Louis, Mo., and Virginia Backens, of Milwaukee, Wisc.;

sisters, Gertrude Jones and Louella Carter, of Halls, Dorothy Love, of Decatur, and Marie Eisom, of Milwaukee; 29 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

**Jimmy Fincher**

Jimmy H. Fincher, 65, of 3236 Unionville Rd., Halls, brick-layer, died Monday.

Rites were Wednesday in Mt. Vernon Baptist Church at Unionville, where he was a member, with burial in the cemetery of Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, Males-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Vincent Fincher; a daughter, Delorah (Mrs. Tim) Broyles, of 3353 Central-Curve Road; brothers, Darrell, of Frog Jump, Henry, of Alamo, and Phil, of Bells; and a grandson.

**From Edith Educator**



**Edith Faye Wood, 90**, of Somerville, died Thursday of last week in Methodist LeBonheur Hospital in Germantown, in her fourth day there.

Rites were Saturday in Peebles Funeral Chapel in Somerville, with burial in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates.

She was born in Muskegee, Okla., July 20, 1919, to the late James Everett and Myrtle Edna Bennett Dobson.

She resided in the Edith community, northwest of Ripley, until she moved to Somerville nine years ago.

She was an active member of the Liberty Baptist Church, near Laconia.

She married, Nov. 14, 1954, Leonard Wood, employed by the Corps of Engineers. He died Feb. 19, 2001.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Stewart, of Laconia, and Wilda Wilson, of Somerville; brothers, Jessie Dobson, of Anderson, Calif., and Jimmy Dobson, of Illinois; sisters, Lillian and Rose Matthews, of Kerman, Calif.; and 16 grandchildren.

**Ronald Seratt**

Rites Wednesday in First Baptist Church in Halls mourned Ronald Dwayne Seratt, 47, of Dyersburg.

Burial was in Green Hill Memorial Gardens, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his mother, Ann Seratt, and a daughter, Sierra Seratt, of Dyersburg; a step-daughter, Randi Bennett, of Martin; and foster siblings, Lisa and Ricky Hammock, both of Blytheville, Ark.



**Samuel Erwin**

Samuel Merrill Erwin, 58, of Covington, uncle of Scott L. Webb, of 1395 T. Rossiger Rd., Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Males-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Shiloh Cemetery.

Born in Memphis, he had retired from Tipton County Public Works.

He was a member of Garland Baptist Church.

Survivors include sisters, Kay (Mrs. J. K.) Richards, of Walls, Miss., and Lina (Mrs. James) Roberts, of Lockport, La.; and great-nephews, Steven and Stormie Webb.

**Walter Green**

Walter Green, 85, of Henning, a retired farmer, died December 6th at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12th, at New Bethel Baptist Church at Cherry, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Leara Henning Green, and son, Darry Green, both of Henning; two other sons, Willie Ed Green, of Dacula, Ga., and Donald Green, of Buffalo, N.Y.; a brother, Chester Green, of Joliet, Ill.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Survivors include brothers, Dean, of Gates, and The Rev. Bennie Strayhorn, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and sisters, Bernice Strayhorn, Helen Nance, and Lucille Morgan, of Gates, and Hazel Baltimore, of Forked Deer.

all of Halls; another daughter, Lynn York, of Dickson; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Doris Vinson**

Doris Vinson, 88, of Las Vegas, Nev., who was born near Halls, Feb. 1, 1921, to the late John C. Stallcup, a railroad engineer, and Dasha Porter Stallcup, died Nov. 27th, in Las Vegas.

Rites were Nov. 28th, in Las Vegas, with burial planned beside her late husband, Casie J. Vinson, in Tupelo, Miss.

She met him while she was a student in Union University in Jackson. They were married May 23, 1943.

While he was in military service, partly in India, she taught elementary school in Deering, Mo.

He took a master's degree from the University of Mississippi, and after brief residence in Batesville, Miss., became athletic director at Bethel College in McKenzie, where Doris took a bachelor's degree.

In 19 years, she taught every grade in the McKenzie schools, except first grade.

After two years in Lexington, the Vinsons moved to Dyersburg, where Doris taught until 1986, Casie died in 1985.

She moved to Las Vegas in 2001 to reside with her son, Casey Patrick, born in 1952.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Lauralyn (Mrs. Jeff) Palmer, of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, born in 1956.

**CORRECTION**

The obituary of William H. "Bill" Wright incorrectly listed him as William L. Wright. His son Ronald, resides at 4155 Edith Nankipoo Rd., not Chickasaw St., as was published in last week's issue.

Jennie Faye Smith's name was incorrectly listed as Annie Faye Smith.

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**What's for Lunch?**

**School Lunches**

**Lauderdale County Schools**

**Monday, December 14th**

- Pizza
- Cheeseburger
- Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
- French Fries
- Orange Sections
- Banana
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, December 15th**

- Spaghetti
- Garden Salad w/Dressing
- Corn Nibbles
- Applesauce
- Grapes
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, December 16th**

- Holiday Meal
- Glazed Ham
- Green Beans
- Baked Apples
- Roll
- Homemade Cake
- Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, December 17th**

- Baked Chicken Nuggets
- Whipped Potatoes
- Steamed Carrots
- Pear Halves
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

**Friday, December 18th**

**Abbreviated Day**

**School Lunches**

**Ripley Primary School**

**Halls Elementary School**

**Pre-K to 3rd**

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**Anniversaries**

Dec. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Sawter, Bro. and Mrs. Gene Sanders.

Dec. 11 - Mr. and Mrs.

James L. Smith.

Dec. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horne.

Dec. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Barcroft.

Dec. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Myrick.

Dec. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Clay Dew, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Summar, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pilant, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Kee, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Glenn.

Dec. 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Conner.

**Birthdays**

Dec. 10 - Lynn Harmon, Scott Webb, Jane White Henry, Wendy Burks, Jack Henderson, Tiffany Beasley.

Dec. 11 - Micheal Cooper, Chris Wright, Fran Dew, Terry Bentley, Laura Frazier, Vickie Hart, Janice Lee, Sharon Box, Brenda Newman, Matthew Scott Chalk, Joyce Baynes.

Dec. 12 - B. B. Douglas, Chris Broglin, Erick Baker, Donna Shiree Goforth, Jessica Middleton, Jonathan Hilliard, Kathryn Pitts, Aaliyah Williams, Randy Newman, Sue Chalk, Mack Curtis, Phyllis

**Marriages**

November 22nd - Michael Ryan Tracey, 27, to Shaylas Shakiva Sanders, 24, by Edward L. Reed.

November 26th - Billy Poston Brandon, 67, to Laura Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Barfield, 59, by Joe H. Walker.

Lester William Poston III, 53, to Dawn Ceree Davis Peace, 52, by Joe H. Walker.

December 4th - Vernon Bernard Foster, 44, to Kimberly Kay Davis Pierce, 38, by Linda F. Summar.

Paula Bales, Robert D. Maxwell, Paris Tackett.

Dec. 15 - Sarah Hutcherson, F. A. Blakely, Jr., Amanda Ivey, David Cove, Lacy Barnett, Hunter Hyde, Mike Moore, Evans Hartman, Kathi Wilder, Kennisha Stowe, Holly Hendren, Hannah Haislip.

Dec. 16 - John David Box, Kevin Williams, John Allen Noblin, Zachary McBroom, Randy Burns, Sarah Beth Warren, Sally Jo Turner, Tim Carter, Sam Barry, Bill Hendrix, Martha Crews, Conner Blakely, Virginia Austin, Rebecca Barnett, Katrina Smith, Tommy Pilcher, John C. Humphries, Kara Shea McKinnie.

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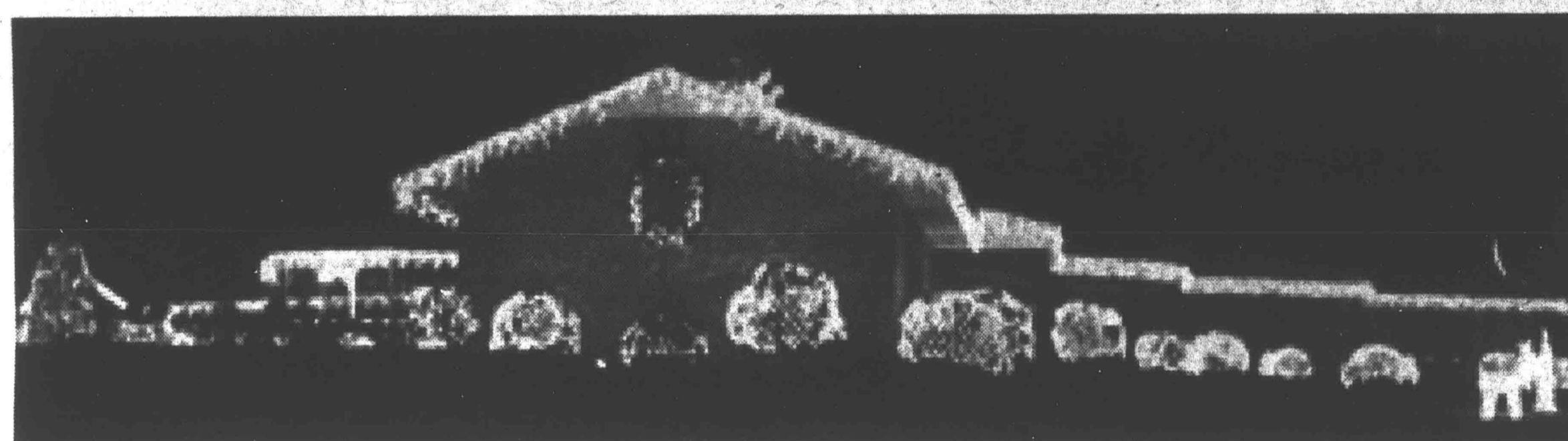
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# Halls Christmas Display Winners



**THE HOMES** of Chuck and Abby Danehower, in upper photo, on West Tigrett St., and Ricky and Jenny McWilliams, in lower photo, on Highway 51 N., were named winners in the Halls Home Christmas Lighting Display contest. Chuck and Abby won the Mayor's Choice and Ricky and Jenny won Most Beautiful. Other winners, which are pictured inside this issue, included Jason and Kim Duke, Armour Rd., Most Original; Wayne and Mary Jane Belton, College St., Best Display of Traditional Christmas; Brian Jetton, East Tigrett St., Christmas Fantasy; John and Angie Eskridge, West Main St., Spirit of Christmas; Leslie and Joyce Newman, West Tigrett, Best Yard Display; Jimmy and Sharon Brasfield, Gate 6 Rd., Christmas Memory; Thomas and Angie Terry, Best Display of Lights; Greg and Donna Thurmond, Armour Rd., Best Decorated Door or Entry; Dewayne and Janet Haley, Armour Rd., Most Unique; and Dees and Janet Elmore, Armour Rd., Most Creative.



**THE HOME OF** Dewayne and Janet Haley, Armour Rd., Most Unique.



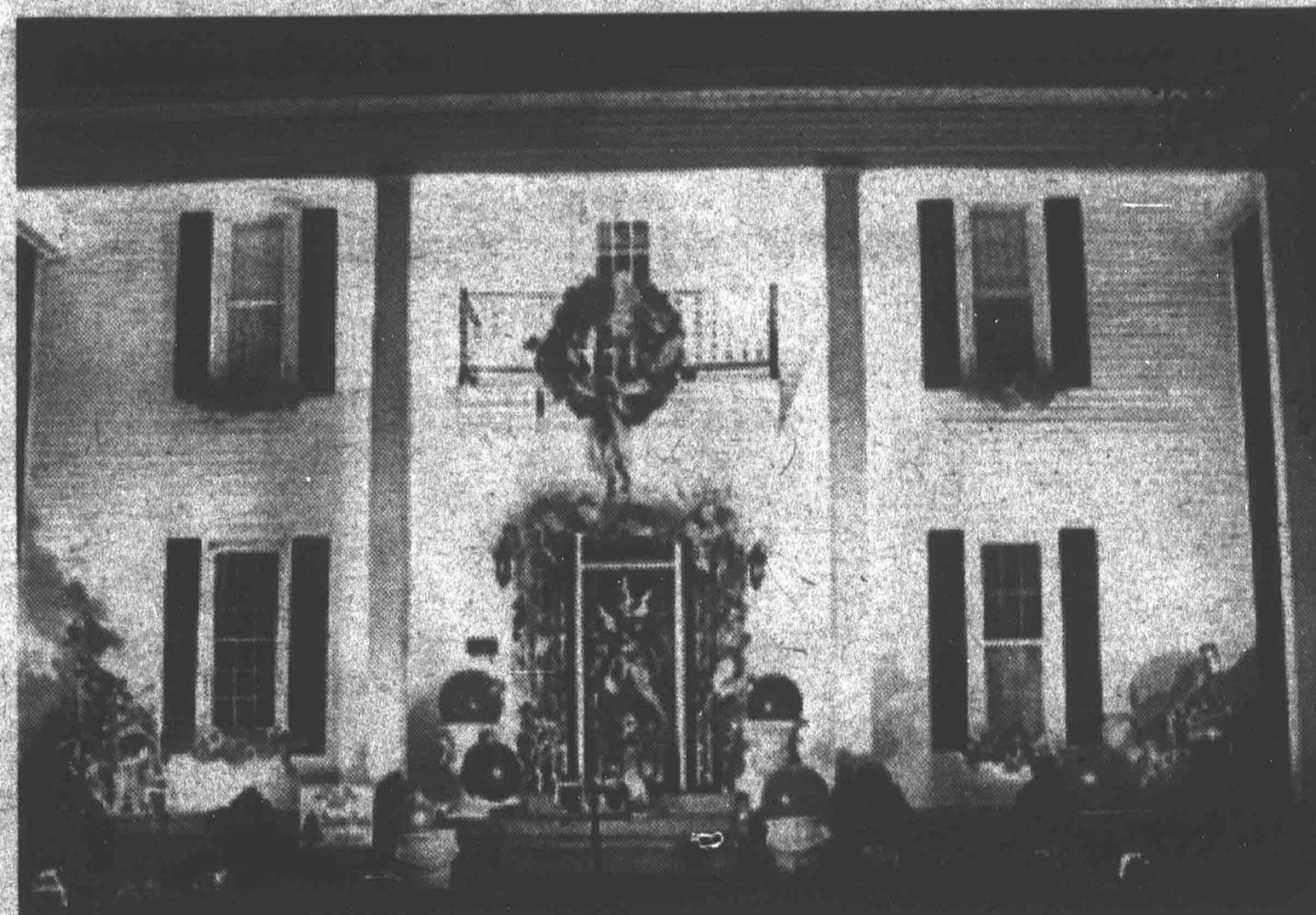
**THE HOME OF** John and Angie Eskridge, West Main St., Spirit of Christmas.

## Reelfoot Lake Eagle Festival

The 6th annual Reelfoot Lake Eagle Festival is scheduled for February 5-7, 2010, at Reelfoot Lake State Park Visitor Center, Ellington Hall, Hwy. 21/22. A variety of programs will be available for all ages. For more information, call 731-253-2007 or [www.reelfoottourism.com](http://www.reelfoottourism.com). Reservations required for some tours.

### CANCER SCHOLARSHIP

The American Cancer Society college scholarship application is available to anyone, under the age of 25 and who has been diagnosed with cancer before the age of 19. For an application, call 1-800-227-2345 or contact Lauderdale County's representative, Ben Littlepage, at [ben.littlepage@cancer.org](mailto:ben.littlepage@cancer.org).



**THE HOME OF** Brian Jetton, East Tigrett St., Christmas Fantasy.



**THE HOME OF** Wayne and Mary Jane Belton, College St., Best Display of Traditional Christmas.



**THE HOME OF** Greg and Donna Thurmond, Armour Rd., Best Decorated Door or Entry.



**THE HOME OF** Dees and Janet Elmore, Armour Rd., Most Creative.

# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!!! Well, she did it again. Miss Pam went outside and brought in a tree. She put it in my favorite window to look out. Then, she put lights and shiny stuff on it. She told me that I would have to look out the other window, but I can't see as much out of the other window. After Miss Pam was thru with the tree, she called all of us four leggers in there and reminded us that we do not raise our legs to this tree.

Miss Pam told us that this again was our Christmas tree. I just knew that a two legger history lesson was about to happen so I jumped up on the couch so that I could nap. Miss Pam said that legend had it that Martin Luther began the tradition of decorating trees to celebrate Christmas. One crisp Christmas Eve, about the year 1500, he was walking thru snow covered woods and was struck by the beauty of a group of small evergreens, their branches dusted with snow, shimmering in the moonlight. When he got home, he set up a little fir tree indoors so he could share this story with his children. He decorated it with candles, which he lighted in honor of Christ's birth. And as always, she talked - I slept.

Miss Pam and I are out at the Club today. I decided not to share my new two legger lesson with my Buds because I know that they sleep thru most of my story and they were all taking naps anyway. Mr. Greg must have fed everybody and they were sleepy. I could not decide if I wanted to give a big bark to wake everybody or go in the office and get in my chair and take a nap myself. I walked around into the cat room. Mr. Greg was in there feeding them. He

However, we believed we owed it to our country to stay and fulfill this term of office as NATO PA President. This mandate expires in November 2010, and therefore, we have made the decision not to seek re-election to Congress.

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**THE HOME OF** Leslie and Joyce Newman, West Tigrett, Best Yard Display.



**THE HOME OF** Jason and Kim Duke, Armour Rd., Most Original.

## Tanner Grateful For Friendships

After announcing his retirement last week, Congressman John Tanner issued the following statement.

"Other than wearing the military uniform of my country, I can think of no higher privilege than serving in public office with the consent of free men and women. Betty Ann and I have been honored and humbled by the support granted us through the years. The many kindnesses and friendships

extended to us are something we cherish and for which we will be forever grateful.

"When we were first elected to Congress some 21 years ago, I agreed, as I do now, with our predecessor, Ed Jones, that 20 years was an appropriate amount of time to serve, with the voters' consent.

"Betty Ann and I had considered retiring in 2007 at the end of the 110th Congress, were it not for the fact that our nation had the chance to elect an American as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly at this critical moment in the war in Afghanistan.

Mr. Buddy was telling Miss Pam about some of my Buds that need homes. Cocoa, the big chocolate lab; Oreo, the border collie; Silver, the grey husky mix; Baker, the wire terrier; some of the cutest black and white puppies; and Blaze and her puppies will all need homes. Big Benji is still with us out here and he is such a good four legger and he really needs a home. Lady, the German shepherd, had puppies and she and her puppies will need homes in about five weeks. King is a Pomeranian that is little and he said that he needed a two legger to take him home. Miss Pam thinks that he is the cutest.

"Our nation faces many severe and unrelenting problems. I will stay active on these matters and continue my efforts with the Blue Dogs and others of good will to help our citizens come together for the future of our children and grandchildren.

"No road in public life is travelled alone. Betty Ann and our children have sacrificed much over these years, and for them and for me, we say a simple and heartfelt 'thank you.' It has truly been our friends and supporters who have made this journey possible."

## Boxing Team Promotes Drive

Members, of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, will compete at 6 p.m. Saturday, December 12th, at the West Tennessee Headstart, 142 Nelson St. in Ripley. They are accepting non-perishable food, new or good toys and coats for children beginning at 4 p.m. before the bout.

Coach Clay Conrad stated, "Although times are tough and the economy isn't great, we can still get involved to help those in need."

to the Club and saw Trixie and took her home. Timmy and Tina Jones came and reclaimed their beagle. Henry Drumwright came out to the Club and reclaimed his two labs. Rachel Crutchfield reclaimed her four legger. Jacob Hartsfield and Nick Hughy brought my Buds some food.

Send your two legger out to the Club with some food for my Buds. We always need food because my Buds are always hungry. If you do not want to come out to the Club just drop off your food donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon and we will come and pick it up. Come and see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

Have your four leggers spayed or neutered so that we do not have so many puppy and kitten four leggers out here at the Club. Take your four legger to see the Doc for their yearly check up and shots.

Miss Pam always says that a healthy four legger is a happy four legger and a happy four legger makes a two legger happy. Cold weather is coming so have your four leggers shelter ready so that they will stay warm.

Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. Don't tell Miss Pam that I didn't think the kittens were cute. I will get fussed at.

Jim Buckner took home a German shepherd puppy named Missy. Christy Ward came out

Zeek Out !!!!!



### Service Award Presented



**MAJ. GEN. GUS L. HARGETT, JR.**, right, Lauderdale County native, is awarded the nation's highest peacetime award, the Distinguished Service Medal, "for exceptionally meritorious service in positions of great responsibility", by Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Miller, left, Commanding General, First U.S. Army, in a ceremony December 1st at Tennessee National Guard Headquarters in Nashville. Hargett plans to retire as Tennessee's 74th Adjutant General on December 31st.

Maj. Gen. Hargett was appointed to Tennessee's top military position in 2002 and reappointed by Governor Phil Bredesen in 2003. The Adjutant General is responsible for the supervision of the Military Department of Tennessee which includes the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and the Tennessee State Guard. The Military Department comprises more than 14,000 Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees.

The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Army, has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility. The criteria for the Distinguished Service Medal specifies that, "The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional."

Maj. Gen. Hargett has served 47 years with the United States Army and Tennessee National Guard in various positions of increasing responsibility, culminating as the Adjutant General of Tennessee. Under his leadership the Tennessee National Guard faced the most challenging time in this nation's history, mobilizing nearly 20,000 Soldiers and Airmen in the Global War on Terrorism since September 11, 2001.

A portion of Maj. Gen. Hargett's citation for the Distinguished Service Medal reads; "Through his masterful balance of compassion and strength, Major General Hargett's decisions were always driven by the welfare of both the individual Soldier and the organization. His steadfast leadership and sincere concern for every Soldier and Airman in the Tennessee National Guard were evidenced in his every action. At one of the most challenging times in our nation's history, Major General Hargett's many years of mobilization and

### Mock Newspaper Created



**STUDENTS** in the seventh grade Excel class at Halls Junior High School, in front, from left, Haliagh Hurt, Valerie Patrick, Brian Ammons, Maddie Hutcherson, Elizabeth Gunter, Jordyn Olds, and Chase Woods, and in rear, Leah Jacobs, Madison Holcomb, Allyson Crum, Grayson Morris, Julie Hill, Chris

deployment expertise made their mark. He always led from the front, by example, and his untiring dedication is unparalleled."

Maj. Gen. Hargett plans to retire from the United States Army and the Tennessee National Guard December 31st. Following his retirement, he will become the President of the National Guard Association of the United States. NGAUS provides the states a unified National Guard representation before Congress. The NGAUS legislative department is the lobbying branch of the association. It seeks modern equipment, training, missions and personnel benefits for the Army and Air National Guard by lobbying Congress and the Executive Branch.

### Readers Speak

**Editor:**  
The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department encour-

ages residents to make their house numbers more visible. Believe it or not many homes do not have their numbers displayed, or, if they do, those numbers are not visible from the street. No numbers or badly displayed numbers can hinder police, ambulance, and fire personnel in the event of an emergency. This can cost valuable minutes. For this reason it is important to have your house numbers displayed visibly. If you display house numbers on the home itself, make sure the numbers are large enough to be seen from the street, and that they can be seen at night. Some residents choose to put house numbers on the curb in front of their house. Many residents choose to put house numbers on their mailboxes. All of these are good choices for house number locations.

The Ripley FOP is offering 911 reflective address signs for \$15.00 each. These signs can be attached to the mailbox and are

Hildreth, Srivelle Dewalt, Melisa Chavez, are pictured with their newspaper created to portray the setting of the novel, *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.

### Winter Warmup Camp At UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin softball team will host its annual winter clinic from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. December 22nd-23rd in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the campus.

For more information or to register, call 731-881-7162 or email dcanary@utm.edu.

easily visible. The order form for these signs can be found in the *Lauderdale County Enterprise* each week. Just cut out the form, fill it out, and mail it in with payment.

Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders

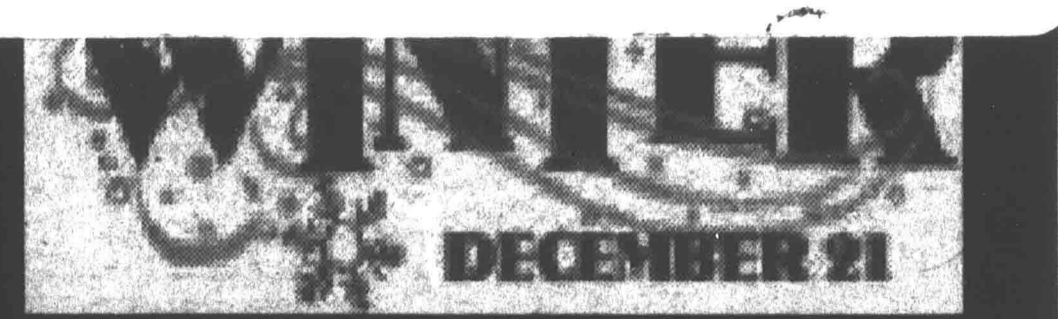
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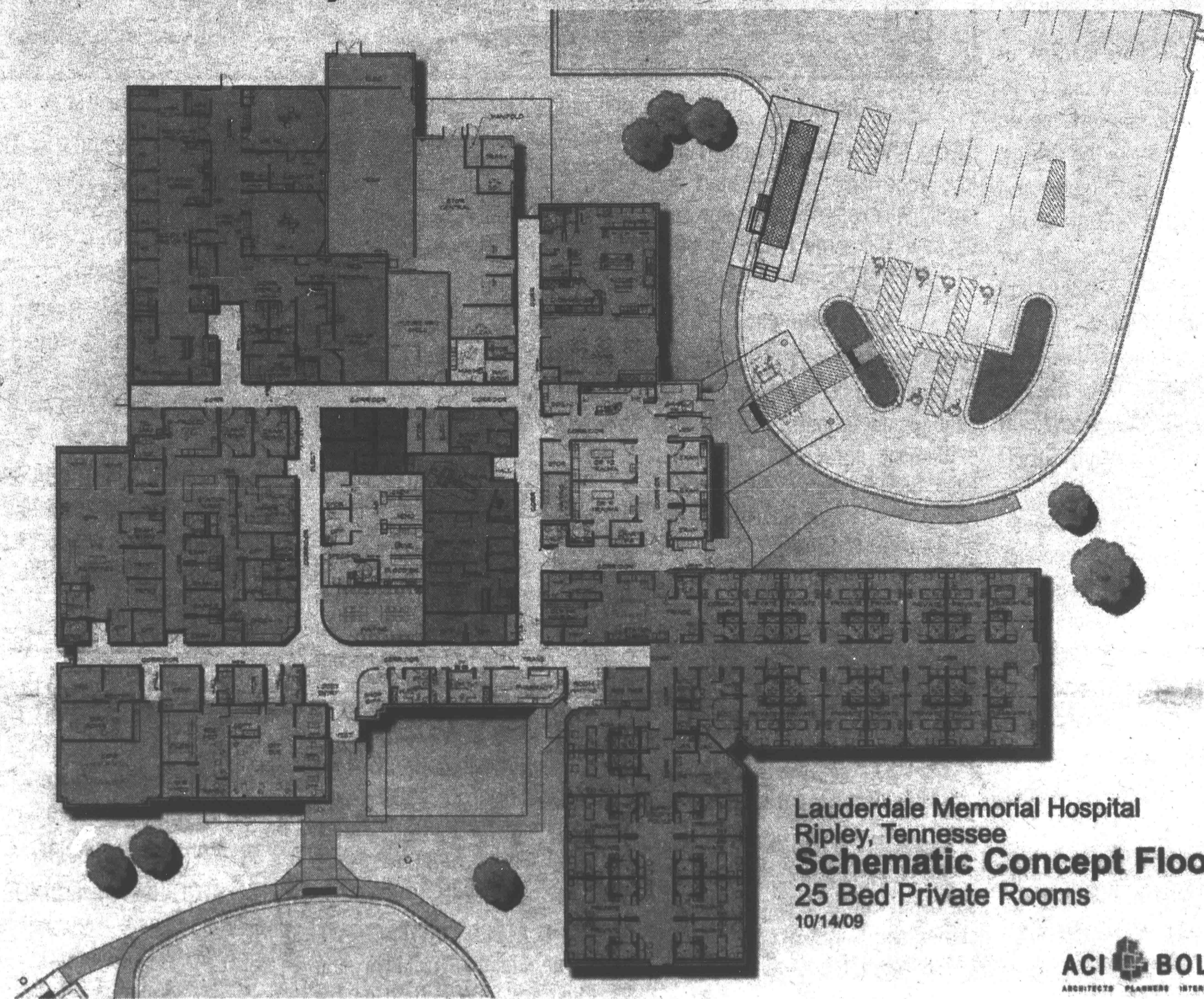
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## Preliminary Drawings For New Hospital



Lauderdale Memorial Hospital  
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**Schematic Concept Floorplan**  
25 Bed Private Rooms  
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ARCHITECTS PLANNERS INTERIOR DESIGNERS

**OFFICIALS** with HMC/CAH Consolidated, Inc., based in North Carolina, presented the preliminary schematics to members of the Ripley Rotary Club Tuesday. HMC/CAH is in the process of acquiring Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and awaiting approval from the State Attorney General. The 25 bed facility is expected to be located near Highway 51.

## Drug Task Force Meeting



**MEMBERS** of the 25th Judicial District Drug Task Force met December 7th in Atoka, to conduct their quarterly Board of Directors meeting, attended by numerous sheriffs, chiefs of police, and agents who serve on the Drug Task Force, as well as members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, who were recognized for their recent assistance in the investigation of methamphetamine cases in the district. Attending were, from left, Hardeman County Sheriff

### CHAMBER OPEN HOUSE

The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Holiday Open House is scheduled for 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday, December 17th, at 123 S. Jefferson St., Ripley.

Delphus Hicks, Ripley Police Chief Landis Garrison, DTF Director John Thompson, Bolivar Police Chief Bill Irons, Fayette County Sheriff and DTF Board Chairman Bobby Riles, DTF Assistant Director Kim Holley, Atoka Police Chief Jessie Poole, Covington Police Chief Benny Carver, and DTF Assistant Director Garrison Taylor.

## Moseley Faces Meth Charges

District Attorney General Mike Dunavant's Drug Task Force, raiding a home at 507 Steelman Rd., Halls, Wednesday of last week, held Richard Wade Moseley, 43, for initiation and promotion of manufacture of methamphetamine.

## Farms Eligible For Assistance

The United States Department of Agriculture approved the request from Governor Phil Bredesen for federal farm assistance to 16 counties, including Lauderdale, due to the excessive rain and flooding that occurred in September and October.

Farmers in these counties can apply for assistance, including emergency loans and supplemental farm payments through their local USDA Farm Service Agency.

Farmers in the affected areas reported crop losses ranging from 20 to 50 percent.

## Holiday Hours Set For Offices

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic*, 145 E. Jackson, Ripley, will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, December 28th.

The offices will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday and reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, January 4th.

Deadlines will remain the same, noon on Tuesday.



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## Program Guest



DALE MCCASLIN, seated, presented President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech Monday, December 7th for the meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club at the Veterans' Museum. Lunch and the program were presented by the Museum. Songs were led by Leslie Newman. James Smith, left, Rotary president, and Lisa Godsey, in rear, museum administrative assistant, are pictured with Dale.

**Anniversaries**  
Dec. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Wieber.  
Dec. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. David Young III, Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway.  
Dec. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Roger

Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Nipp.  
Dec. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Major Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Fergu-

**Marriages**  
November 28th - Glen Joseph Ziemianin, 50, to Glenda Faye Simpson Autry, 52, by Randall Cummings.  
December 4th - Tory Eugene Taylor, 30, to Marvène Laverne Taylor, 39, by Louis Sanders.  
December 5th - Joe Henry Washington, Jr., 32, to Mary Louise Taylor Washington, 41, by Iran D. Yarbrough.

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## Obituaries

### Gene Rose

Willard Gene Rose, 73, disabled, died Friday, after hospitalization and hospice care, in his home at 5636 Conner-Whitefield Road, east of Ripley.

Rites were at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Whitefield Assembly of God Church, east of Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Parchman Rose, bookkeeper for *The Lauderdale County Enterprise*; a son, Ricky Rose, a daughter, Janice Rose, and sisters, Patricia Walton and Reba Thurmond, of Ripley; brothers, Clyde, of Trenton, and Gary, of Nashville; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Laura Young

Rites Saturday in St. Luke Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial there, mourned Laura Ellen Young, 81, of Brownsville. She died Dec. 6th in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

### E. H. Jernigan

Evan Hugh Jernigan, 68, of Hornbeak, who was born in this county, Oct. 21, 1941, to the late E. H. Jernigan and the late Ester Louise Davis Jernigan Cook, died Wednesday of last week in Unversity Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in the Edmaiston-Mosley Funeral Home in Union City, with burial in Hornbeak Cemetery.

A self-employed carpenter for 45 years, he had served as a Hornbeak alderman 8 years.

He was a member of Graves Chapel Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jerden Jernigan; a daughter, Lisa (Mrs. Dewayne) Deal, of Dyersburg; a son, Todd Jenigan, of Bayport, N.Y.; a sister, Louise Bruce, of Troy; and a granddaughter.

### Gilbert McCulley Was A Detective

Gilbert McCulley, 68, of 342 Future City Rd., Henning, former Los Angeles, Calif., detective, died Dec. 8th in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Pasadena, Calif., a son, Gilbert Dwayne McCulley, daughters, Tracey R. McCulley and Heidi L. Douglas, and sisters, Lois J. Lewis and Mary J. Wallace, all of Los Angeles; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Willie Mae Guest

Willie Mae Guest, 92, died Dec. 6th in the Alexian Brothers Lansdown Village in St. Louis, Mo.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-granddaughters.

### Billy Weaver

Billy Earl Weaver, 77, of Memphis, a Ripley native, son of the late Robert and Lorene Weaver, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital DeSoto in Southaven, Miss.

Rites were Monday in Family Funeral Care in Memphis, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

An Army veteran, he had retired after 30 years with Memphis Light, Gas, and Water.

A Shriner, he had been a member of a male vocal group, *The Cantors*.

Survivors include brothers, Ray, of Memphis, and Lucian, of Olive Branch, Miss.

### Harry Howard

Harry L. Howard, 85, retired from the West Tenn. State Prison at Fort Pillow, died Sunday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He was the widower of Gertrude Howard.

He leaves daughters, Connie Ann Burr, of Memphis, and Sandra Lee Howard, of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Sarah Fielden

Sarah Goodman Fielden, 66, of 86 Carmack Lane in Halls, died December 12th in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Enon Cemetery in Halls.

She leaves her husband, Eddie Dean Fielden, of Ripley; sons, Thomas Buckner, Jr., of Halls, Walter Vowell, of Tucson, Ariz., and Johnny McClellan, Jr., of Wyoming; daughters, Cindy Buckner, of Dyersburg, and Patty Hamm, of Blytheville, Ark.; and sisters, Irene Vowell, of Dyersburg, and Betty Green, of Kentucky.

### Mrs. Holobaugh

Carrie L. Holobaugh, 51, of Byhalia, Miss., sister of Deborah Rogers, of Flippin, died Tuesday of last week, in her home.

Rites were Saturday in the cemetery of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, east of Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She was a retired factory worker.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Holobaugh, of Byhalia; children, Nickolaus Holobaugh and Lauren and Lyndsey Wood, of Lexington; brothers, Billy Marcum, of Bartlett, and Gene and Joe Macum, of Byhalia; other sisters, Barbara Crowder, of Arlington, and Betty Marcum, of Houston, Tex.; and a grandchild.

### Gentry Lacy

Gentry Lacy, 86, of 416 Fen-ton, Halls, died Friday in her home.

Her body will lie in state in St. Matthew Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Halls, 5-7 p.m. Friday, and in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley for an hour before rites there at noon Saturday, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include daughters, Altha J. Payton, Cynthia Lacy-Jones, and Yvonne Tyus, of Halls, and Jacqueline Elaine Hokes, of Memphis; sons, James Otis Lacy, of Nashville, and Levell G. Lacy, of St. Louis, Mo.; sisters, Hazel and Mabel A. Williams, of Haywood County, and Kertice Seals, of Perris, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

### Larry D. Tyus

Larry D. Tyus, 56, of 321 Skyline Drive, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in the Mt. Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Henning, with burial in the Morrow Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his mother, Mennie Lou Tyus, of 382 Wilson Thompson Road, Ripley; his wife, Willie Jean Tyus; a son, Tony, of Ripley; brothers, Daniel, of his mother's home,

### Judy Carol Byrd

Judy Carol Byrd, 63, of Memphis, former Riplian, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Magnolia Gardens.

She was the daughter of the late John and Louise Johnson Bishop.

Survivors include a son, Michael, of Memphis; a brother, John Bishop, Jr., of Burlison; and sisters, Cathy (Mrs. Homer) Harris, of Jackson, and Sarah (Mrs. David) Winecoff, of Memphis; and a grandson.

### James Williams

Rites Monday in Antioch-Curve Missionary Baptist Church, near Gates, and burial there, mourned James Williams, 71, of Dyersburg, machine operator.

He died Wednesday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, had charge.

Survivors include his wife, Ruthie Williams.

John, of 420 Wilson Thompson Road, Fred, of Brownsville, Jeff, of Nashville, and Nelson, of Flint, Mich.; sisters, Linda Johnson, of Ripley, Ollie Burton, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mamie Taukley, of Michigan; and two grandchildren.

**What's for Lunch?**  
School Lunches  
**Lauderdale County Schools**  
Monday, December 21st  
To Friday, January 1st  
No School - Winter Break

## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!!! Miss Pam took me to the Club today so that I could spend the day with my Buds. She told Mr. Buddy that she had some Christmas shopping to do. Mr. Buddy told me to come on in the office and stay with him and out of trouble while Miss Pam was gone. She kissed me on the head and told me that she would be back in a while.

Mr. Buddy started talking about puppies. He said that we have so many puppies out here, that we were going to have a Christmas puppy sale. I turned my head to him so he would tell me more about the puppies. Mr. Buddy went to the door and told me to come on out and see all of the new puppies that were at the Club. We went into the puppy room and there were puppy four leggers everywhere. There are pointer puppies, bird dog puppies, lab puppies, and schnauzer mix puppies. Katie, the red retriever mix even has puppy four leggers. After we left the puppy room, we went in to see the Buds that were inside. Walker, the tri colored walker hound was singing for everybody. Saber, the big sable colored collie was telling some kind of story to everybody. The beagles were taking naps - so that gave me an idea. I headed straight for the office.

I went into the office and there were a lot of two leggers in there. Mr. Gene and Mr. Greg were telling the two leggers all about the puppies. I looked over to my chair and there was nobody in it so I jumped up and got ready to take a nap. The Mayor and his friend, Mr. Perry came into the office. The Mayor came over to me and rubbed my head and shook my hand. He thinks that shaking hands is a real trick. He told me that he was cold and he backed up to the heater that Mr. Buddy had on to keep the office warm. As the two leggers talked - I napped.

I smelled something funny smelling. I opened just one eye and held my nose up so I could smell better. I could tell that all of the two leggers didn't smell it yet because they were still talking. Of course, us four leggers can smell things better than two leggers. About that time, the Mayor jumped and was fanning his behind. He said that his two legger clothes got too hot. All of the two leggers in the office laughed at him. He laughed too, but I could tell that he really didn't think that it was too funny. He had to go outside in the cold to cool his behind. Then the two leggers really laughed. When he came back in, he came over to me and told me to growl at the two leggers for laughing at him but he didn't know that I was laughing too. I let out a little growl just so he would be proud of me.

Finally all of the two leggers left and I took a nap and wondered when Miss Pam would be back for me. Mr. Buddy came back into the office and Miss Pam came in with him. I sure wanted to tell them about the Mayor. Mr. Buddy told Miss Pam that food and treats came from the good two leggers at Zah Zah's Eatery. UT Martin, Ripley campus sent my Buds some food. Lisa Godsey came out to the Club to see my Buds and she brought us some cat food. Miss Lisa and Mr. Fred Grecco came out to the Club and brought us some food. Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Parish took home two four leggers with them. Catherine Collier came out to the Club and took home a new friend. Newman Bell took home King and Charles Burns took home Baker. Kih Broglin, Caleb Wright, and

## Readers Speak

Editor,

To Lauderdale County, it has been a privilege to serve you for the last year-and-a-half. As a young professional, it meant a lot to receive the overwhelming support experienced throughout the community. I felt at home whenever I visited Lauderdale County, whether it a formal meeting or casual stop.

I have accepted a position at Dyersburg State Community College as its first Director of Advising. This new, exciting opportunity begins on January 4, 2010. As many of you know, my professional background experience is in higher education administration. I served as an administrator in Kentucky for five-and-a-half years. My last day with the cancer society is December 23, 2009.

I have enjoyed my time spent with the American Cancer Society and am appreciative of the opportunity it lent to network myself throughout west Tennessee. If not for this opportunity, I would have never met you.

The cancer society plans to accept applications for my vacancy starting after January 1, 2010. The cancer society hopes to fill the position by the first of February. Please advise any young professional looking for a career change to apply for this position. The right person in the right position makes all the difference in the world.

Merry Christmas and God bless,  
Ben Littlepage

Rachael Crutchfield all came out to the Club and reclaimed their four leggers.

Have your four leggers spayed or neutered so that we do not have so many puppy and kitten four leggers out here at the Club. Take your four leggers to see the Doc for their yearly checkup and shot. Miss Pam says that a healthy four legger is a happy four legger

## Halls Cagers 1-3 For Week

Halls High School's boys won Tuesday of last week from Greenfield, 75-69, but lost Friday to Humboldt, 74-50.

Halls girls lost to Greenfield, 51-26, and to Humboldt, 65-26.

### Birthdays

Dec. 17 - Joann Nelson, Jessie Galloway, Sandra Burnham, Charlie Wyrick, Glenda Kirkpatrick, William Paul Jackson, Kara Pursell, Brittany Tillman, Sanford Quick, Shelby Odom, Dennis Drumwright, Jr., Kaylee McAlister, Margaret Shoemake.

Dec. 18 - Ruby Jackson, Peyton Meyer, Amber Bivens, Caleb Wright, Mike Martin, Wayne Kitts, William Kitts, Bertha Northcott, Peyton Fisher, Madelyne Ray, Mattie Ammons, Joy Ward, Dawn Drake, May Stuart, Dyan Sanders, J. R. Bartlett, Debbie Brown, J.D. McNeill, Elizabeth R. Temple, Bethany Booker, Marsha Chambers, Kay Moore.

Dec. 19 - Michael Fullen, Stephen Jenkins, Kevin Jenkins, Paula Henderson, Joshua Edwards, Darlene Palmer, Danny E. Cates, Holly Crook, Linda Ward Feltus, Ben Ewell, Justin Northcott, Ashley Brooks, Conner Morgan, Ann Parsons, Shawna Crowder, Gloria Brandon.

Dec. 20 - Jeffery Etheridge, Scotty Rambo, Amanda Britt, Allen Voss, Rebecca Carmack-Summer, Blonda Robison, Chandler Roberts.

Dec. 21 - John Gaddy, Tim Hearnberger, Breanna Buckner, Alesia Craig, Erin Hutcherson, Marvin Terry, Hunter Mountjoy, Madison Hamlet, Sue Ward, Shelbie Hurt, Marlon Devon Taylor, Jonathan Hyde, Scott Hartman, Tristan Smith, Grant Crilfield.

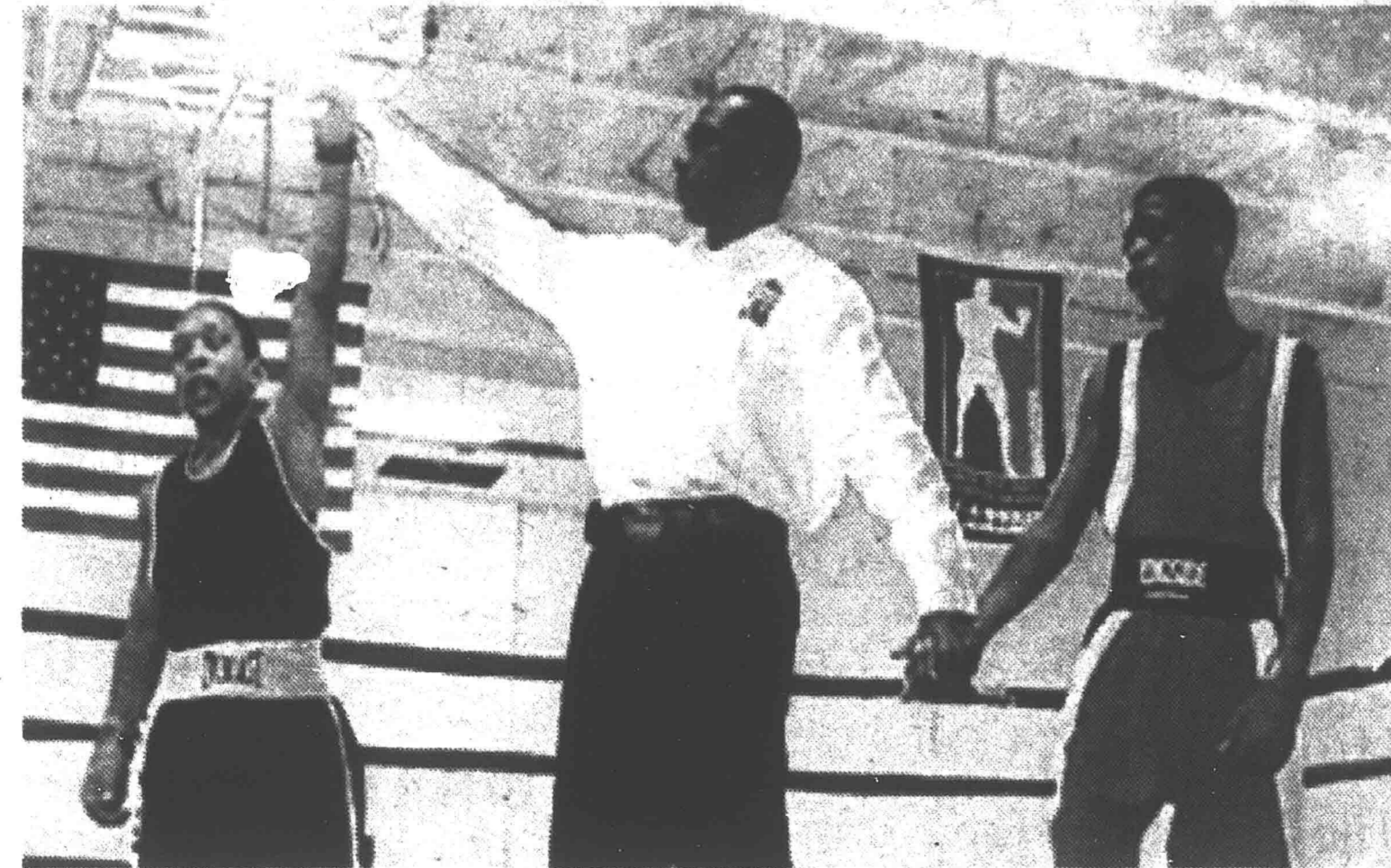
Dec. 22 - Christy Hamilton, Jerry Smith, Joyce Avery, Kim Summar, Rebecca Chandler, Austin Maxwell, Chrissy Burnham, Jim Drake, Bill Lawrence, George Vaughn, Brandi Ables, Katharine White, Justin McGarrity.

Dec. 23 - Alan Douglas, Helen Pollard, Jim Keller, Amanda Taylor, Ian Culver, Angela Ezekiel, Ethel Nash, Charlie Moore, Sarah Bing, Haywood Mays.

Zeek out!!!



## Boxing In Ripley



**TODDY PETTIGREW, 10**, left, in upper photo, won his bout during the boxing competition held Saturday night at the Northwest Tennessee Headstart, located on Nelson St. in Ripley. Other local club members, including, C.J. Maben, 8, Blake Maynard, 9, Deundre Smith, 11, Brandon Smith, 11, Chuckie Driver, 13, and Kyle Emerson, 13, also competed during this event.

In lower photo, Deundre Smith, left, received a post-bout exam from Dr. Joe Hunt, right.

These athletes are scheduled to compete in the Silver Gloves tournament in Jackson this week.



## 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.

Praise Temple Church, located at 3543 Durhamville Rd., will hold a fellowship service at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 20th with Pastor Bobby Treadway, of the Spirit of Deliverance Ministries as guest speaker. Pastor Garie Andrews, and his son, Toney, will perform a mime dance and other choirs are scheduled to sing. Pastor

Andrews invites the public.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ, 146 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold a year-end revival beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 29th and Wednesday, December 30th, and at 10

p.m. Thursday, December 31st.

The event will be conducted by Evangelist Maggie Atkinson, of St. Joseph, Mich. Superintendent L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

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## Christmas Music At LCCCOA



**PARTICIPANTS** at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging were entertained Friday, December 4th with special Christmas music all through the morning. Pre-kindergarten students at Halls Elementary School and students in the agriscience class of Mrs. Windy Willette performed several Christmas carols. While the children were singing "Here Comes Santa Claus", Santa made a surprise appearance leaving special packages for the younger performers. The audience joined in to sing "Silent Night" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". During lunch, Cindy Simpson, of Dyersburg, performed music on the accordion. Some joined her in song throughout her performance. Additional Christmas music, by local talent, is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 22nd at the center. The public is invited.

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## Land Transfers

Dec. 6th - Dec. 12th

Bank of Ripley to Jeffery B. Chipman and Deborah G. Chipman, Dist. 2, lot.

Federal National Mortgage Assoc. and Fannie Mae to Todd Aitken, Dist. 14, 2.0 acres.

Kenny Emerson and Oneal Tankersley to Michael Trace Stewart, Michael Cliff Stewart and Sherman Dixon Stewart, Dist. 5, 8.15 acres.

Malcolm Moore and Marie Moore to Jerry B. Hughes and Cathy L. Hughes, Dist. 12, 0.5 acre.

Donald Hogue and Patricia Hogue to Virginia B. Williams, Dist. 12, lot.

Gary Wayne Criner to Jacob R. Weatherly and Molly A. Weatherly, Dist. 8, lot.

Linda W. Meadows to Cristina Benjamin, Dist. 11, lot.

### NEED PARKING SPACE?

Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space.

Dave Barry

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.

Charles Dickens



### Ribbon Cutting Held



STAFF MEMBERS of the Cane Creek Project held a ribbon cutting and grand opening Thursday of last week at their new location, 325 Cleveland St., Suite 4. Members of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, along with ambassadors and local business representatives, participated.

### READ ALL ABOUT IT

The weekly column provided by  
**Pettus L. Read**

Director of Communications for Tennessee Farm Bureau

### What Do You

### Do With An Unwanted Horse

Horses have always been special to me, and a part of my farm life as I grew up. We always had a horse or mule on the farm. Even before I started to school, I would ride holding onto the hames of our plow horse Doc as my father would plow between the rows of corn before we had a tractor to do the same task. Doc was special. He had been a show horse, winning a lot of ribbons in Walking Horse competitions until he badly hurt his foot and could compete no more. My father traded for him and Doc became a fixture on our farm. After years of working on our farm, he became too old for the plowing and retired to the pastures around the barn. There he lived out his remaining days grazing, attempting to roll over and being fed the occasional sugar cube by me.

It would be great if all horses had the opportunity to be raised this way, but that is not possible in today's America.

In fact, USDA statistics indicate there are 60,000 to 80,000 horses abandoned or neglected in this country and the number continues to grow daily. Many well-meaning individuals have taken horses to raise and soon realize that a horse is more than a pet. They are costly to keep, costing an estimated \$1,900 per year or more to house and feed. That does not include vet bills. Once a person realizes they no longer want the horse, what do they do? Many are not saleable and there is not a market for horses like Doc anymore. This leaves euthanasia as the only "humane disposition" of these animals. And, if that is the case, how do we plan for the disposal of thousands of very large animals?

In the state of Tennessee, the economy has taken a toll on those who thought they would like to be lifetime horse owners. Affordability is an important thing to think of when owning a horse; and if you have several of them,

affordability becomes like a millstone around your neck when you are trying to provide hay, grain and housing for those large animals. At a recent livestock sale in the Upper Cumberland area of the state, an individual brought his horse to sell due to his lack of funds to keep the horse healthy. However, there was no one there that day wanting to buy horses, so he just left his horse in the trailer while attending the auction. As he drove home that evening he noticed the trailer pulling sort of strange and he stopped to check out the problem. That's when he discovered that someone with the same problem he had at getting rid of their horses had put two horses in his trailer while he was not looking. This may sound humorous but believe me it was no laughing matter to the guy now stuck with three horses he did not need.

With an estimated 170,000 horses annually needing something done to take care

of their not being wanted any longer, what do you do with them? Some estimates put the number as high as 100,000 for horses abandoned in parks, on land of unknowing farmers and about anywhere they can be unloaded. Slaughter plants once took care of this problem, but the last three horse slaughter plants in this country were closed in 2008 due to legislation and over-the-top regulations supported by well-meaning humane groups.

The removal of 84 horses recently from a Middle Tennessee farm due to charges of alleged animal cruelty has brought a lot of attention to this state of a problem that is larger than the scope of those 84 horses. Some have said "sanctuaries" are needed to assimilate these animals and even the animal rights movement groups acknowledge there are too few in operation to handle this number. Plus the care standards at existing facilities now in operation are not set by USDA, and are lower than those at dog and cat shelters, meaning that those horses will not live out their years in the most pleasant conditions. It is projected that a minimum of an additional 2,700 such "sanctuaries" will be needed with horse slaughtering being done completely away with in this country.

There are those who support doing away with any form of horse slaughter with intent to prevent cruelty. But, how humane is it to abandon them to starvation, predation and disease, which will happen if a person's out go exceeds his income while providing for a horse that no longer is as much fun as it used to be. Humane care comes in many ways and a lot of understanding must be taken to deal with the unwanted horse population in this country.

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## CHRISTMAS

December 23th

### Candidate Visits



**MIKE McWHERTER**, left, Democratic candidate for Governor, visited the offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic* Friday. He is pictured with Angela Hunter, staff member. He toured the renovations around the downtown square and visited the courthouse. He stated the creation of new better-paying jobs and maintaining current jobs are front and center on his agenda. "Our state needs a leader who understands first-hand what it takes to grow jobs and plan wisely for growth — someone who accepts the reality of today but who also sees the potential in what the future holds. We have to put the needs of people ahead of political agendas — making sure our children are ready to be world-class competitors; protecting our pro-business climate; balancing the budget without an income tax; and learning how to do more with less," McWherter said. A small business owner in West Tennessee, he announced his candidacy for governor in April 2009. He is a native of Northwest Tennessee and resides in Jackson with his wife, Mary Jane, and their children, Walker and Bess.

### Retirement Ceremony



**JIMMY APPERSON**, left, of Ripley, will retire this month after 37 years of service with the Lauderdale County Highway Department. A celebration was held on December 18th at the Highway Department, where friends and co-workers presented him with gifts and a retirement cake. He began working as a member of the mower crew and has since achieved Assistant Chief Administrator status, under Chief Administrator, Roland Henderson, right. All department employees enjoyed the annual Christmas Dinner, prepared by Betty Henderson.

### Up To 175 Jobs Set For County

About 3,300 county residents who have sought unemployment aid in the last 12 months are receiving letters from Gov. Phil Bredeson, offering, from federal stimulus funds, up to 175 jobs for families meeting three tests:

- \*A child under 18 residing in the home.
- \*Total liquid resources of less than \$2,000.
- \*Income not more than 133% of the federal poverty level (\$2,030 a month for a family of three).

About 50 of the jobs are in highway maintenance.

Others will be found in private businesses, without cost to the employers.

*The Lauderdale Voice* says that businesses interested in free employees, through September 2010, should call County Mayor Rod Schuh (635-3500). Applications for the jobs are due at the Career Center at 301-C Lake Drive, Ripley, Jan. 4th.

For further information, call 731-635-3479.

### Several Facing Burglary Charges

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department have arrested Jessica Hunt, 18, Kimberly Taylor, 18, Jose Baena, 22, Owen Lilly II, 19, Christopher Dill, 18, David Caldwell II, 19, William Paul Sanders, 19, Octavus Wynn, 22, and Michael Scott Pugh, 35, all of Lauderdale County, and Nicholas Rivers, 30, of Haywood County, in connection with several burglaries in and around the county. Hunt was charged with theft under \$500, vandalism, three counts of aggravated burglary, theft over \$500, and theft over \$1,000; Taylor, Baena, and Dill were charged with theft over \$500; Wynn was charged with two counts of aggravated burglary; Pugh was charged with theft over \$1,000; Caldwell was charged with vandalism, aggravated burglary, theft over \$500, and theft over \$1,000; Lilly was charged with theft over \$500, three counts of aggravated burglary, theft under \$500, theft over \$1,000, and vandalism; Sanders was charged with aggravated burglary and theft under \$500; and Rivers was charged with theft over \$1,000.



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ened parents no longer believe in Santa Claus; that all in all, the effort to be happy and have pleasure makes many honest hearts grow dark with despair instead of beaming with good will and cheerfulness.

-Julia Peterkin,  
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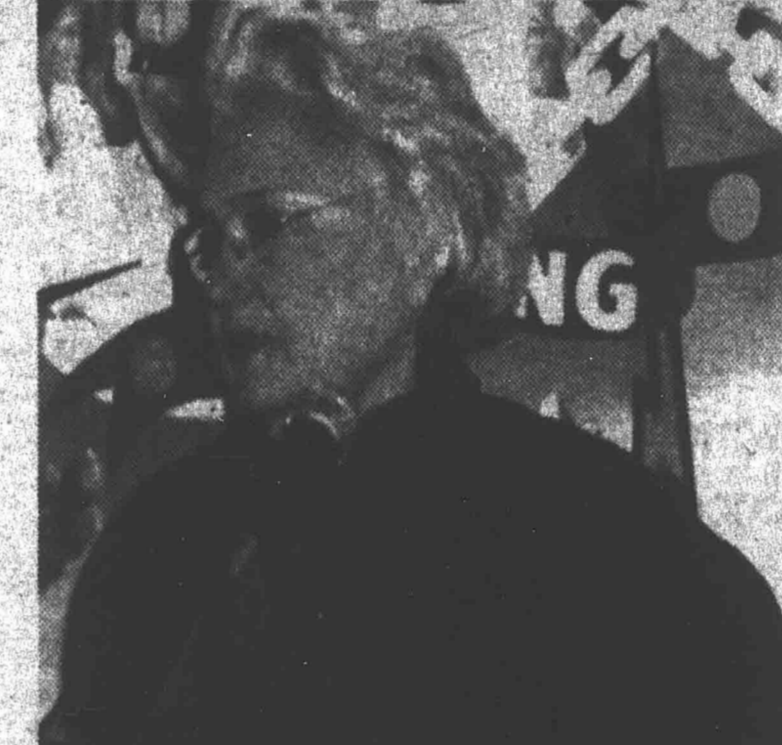
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## Halls' Museum Visitors



MEMBERS of the bell choir, from the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, directed by Dana Nichols, in upper photo, shared their talent December 18th with the guests of the Halls Veterans Museum in Halls. Christmas sing-a-longs were full of surprises with, in addition to the normal music fare, and the sharing of childhood experiences, Betty Warren, of Halls, shared a Christmas poem December 8th. Guests were able to relive "The Night Before Christmas" in the presentation. Bettie Davis, in lower photo, of Halls shared a Christmas story December 15th. Barbara Hendren, organist for the Halls First United Methodist Church, was the pianist for all three weeks. An average of 26 guests were present each week.

## Birthdays

Dec. 24 - J. W. Hilliard, Dana Young, Frankie Adams, Katie Honey, Mike Ferguson, Mark Dillard II, Sharon Cagle, Randy Wilson, Vickie Hayles, Barbie Ogg.

Dec. 25 - Judy Cummings, Sheri Mitchell, Alan Castellan, Hunter Daum, Jonathan Gaines, Chadliss Mosby, Tammy Kiestler, Dorothy Bringle, Barbara Bullington, Jeff Fain, J. A. Dunaway, Bailey Hutcherson, Joe Eskridge, Terry Burns, Jerri Gail Jackson, William Kyle Maclin, John Cleek.

Dec. 26 - Judy Groenke, Payton Chandler Kent, Jimmy (Chico) Hill, Jennifer Reynolds, Stacy Paris, Grant Dew, Joe Lovelace, John Reece, Jr., Dawn Pease Orman, L. Q. Russell, Patricia Jackson, Sherrin Reviere Nissen, Jack Glenn, Brad Wiley, Sam Poe, Tracy Vaughn.

Dec. 27 - Joan Sigman, Norman Hendren, George Rose, Chuck Porter, David Ream, Marie Swanner, Lillian Howard, Lynn Ward, Blake Smith, Libby Butterworth, Dwight Weaver, Vicki Gould, Alex Smith, Alan Newlin, Glenda Bain, Don Strauss, Nancy Houston.

Dec. 28 - Kirstie Hunter, David Cook, William Reynolds, Larry Carden, Dustin White, Carolyn Williams, Joe Moss, Norene Douglas, Frankie Hutcherson, Martha Crowder, Shan'derda Williams, Johnny McAdams, Robbie Camara, Mike Lawson, Donya Welch.

Dec. 29 - Patricia Gallo-

## Anniversaries

Dec. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Jamie McBroom, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Oates.

Dec. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Parsons.

Dec. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrahd, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reviere.

Dec. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell, Mr. and

way, Greg Mitchell, Maurice Gaines, Missy Raye Miller, Joey Hassell, Jennifer Akin, Katelyn Cherry, Amy Roberson, Dave Clark, Jennifer Clark, Kelly Carmack, Damian Dowling, Logan Jones, Daniel Adkins, Colin Webb, Jennifer Carmack, Jimmy Trobaugh.

Dec. 30 - Beth Bailey, Philip Herron, David Rose, Jr., Rufus Lowrance, Maryann Ennis, Libby McBride, Thelma Hurt, Mary Patterson, Yawanda Hubbard, Kim Castleman, Jackie Betz, Jason Hayles, Billy Brandon.

Mrs. Randy Wilson.  
Dec. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Troutt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Land, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oates, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Childress, Mr. and Mrs. William (Shayne) McKee, III.  
Dec. 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Deno Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Poynter.

I can understand people simply fleeing the mountainous effort Christmas has become... but there are always a few saving graces and finally they make up for all the bother and distress.  
May Sarton  
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**Obituaries**

**Gary Lee Allen**

Gary Lee Allen, 55, of 328 Graves, Henning, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery, near Henning.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Kerley Allen; a son, Kristopher, of Gates; brothers, Jerry, of Collierville, and Jimmy, of Dyersburg; sisters, Charlotte Newhouse and Wanda Davis, of Dyersburg, June Dunahoo, of Newbern, and Carol Strong, of Talahassee, Fla.; and a grandson.

**Mae Wesley**

Mae Emma Wesley, 86, of 1877 Brogdon Rd., Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Select Specialty Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include cousins who looked after her, Gwendolyn and Luther Morrow, of Henning.

**Christey Braden**

Christy A. Braden, 39, of 327 Beech Bluff Cemetery Road, Halls, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a son, William H. Carter, Jr., of 447 Beech Bluff Cemetery Road; daughters, Amatha V. Carter, of the home, 9829 Hwy. 51 north of Halls, and Mary Frances Woods, of Detroit, Mich.; and a brother, Eddie Morton, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio.

**Mr. Williams**

Cornelius Williams, 82, of Arlington; father of Grendell Williams, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church at Mason.

He was the son of the late Duey Coe and Ada Williams.

Survivors include another son, Maurice, of Mason; a daughter, Paula Williams, of Covington; sisters, Lizzie Bolden, of Martin, and Addie Herron, of Chicago, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**'Fran' Ditto**

Frances Marie Ditto, 71, of 7910 Hwy. 51 north of Halls, widow of Charles Luther "Luke" Ditto, died Monday in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

She was a member of the Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, near Halls.

Survivors include daughters, Teri McPeak and Tina Kiestler, of Halls, sisters, Betty Hunter, of Okeechobee, Fla., and Joyce Keen, of Sebring, Fla.; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Edna B. Carter**

Edna B. Carter, 90, of 327 Beech Bluff Cemetery Road, Halls, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

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**Mourned**



**Dr. Calvin B. Reviere**, 81, of Greeneville, father of Diane James and brother of Judge Herman L. Reviere, both of Ripley, died December 20th at Laughlin Healthcare Center.

Services were held Tuesday in the chapel of Kiser-Rose Hill Funeral Home, with burial in GreeneLawn Memory Gardens.

A retired physician, Dr. Reviere was born in Ripley and was a son of the late Richard Jones Reviere and Florence Tichenor Reviere.

A 1946 graduate of Ripley High School, he attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and received his medical degree from the University Of Tennessee School Of Medicine in Memphis in 1953.

Following graduation and internship, he served three years in the U.S. Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

He was in general practice in Columbus, Miss., for six years prior to serving a radiology residency at Methodist Hospital in Memphis. He established a radiology practice in Greeneville in 1966 until declining health forced his retirement.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Lynn Daniel Reviere;

**Hallie Dupree**

Hallie Elaine Dupree, 78, of Alamo, who had worked for Todd Uniform in this county, died Dec. 11th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Friday in the New First Baptist Church in Maury City, with burial in Poston Grove Cemetery, near Maury City.

She was the widow of William Dupree.

Survivors include a son, William, of Maury City; a daughter, Ann Lewis, of Franklin; brothers, Y. Z. Powell, Jr., and Thaddeus Powell, of Nashville; a sister, Wayline Cole, of Alamo, seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Lewis-Reynolds**

Rites Tuesday in the cemetery of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church west of Ripley, mourned the new-born daughter of Taylor Reynolds and Jasmine Lewis, of Memphis, who died Monday.

Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, had charge.

Survivors include grandparents, Terri Whitelow and Carter and Shanta Shepard, of Memphis.

his other children, Bart Reviere, of Greeneville, Dee Reviere, of Spartanburg, S.C., and Rob Reviere, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; two sisters, Kathryn Wilson, of Collierville, and Mary Ackerman, of Memphis; grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greene County YMCA or Holston United Methodist Home for Children.

**Marilyn Gable**

Marilyn Sue Gable, 58, of Henning, who had been employed by the West Tenn. State Prison at Fort Pillow, was fatally injured about 1:45 a.m. Wednesday of last week when a 2009 GMC Canyon pick-up she was driving east on Hwy. 87, west of Henning, at its intersection with Asbury-Glimp Road, left the other lane and struck a concrete culvert, air-bag deployed, according to Trooper J. M. Smith, who says she was not wearing a seat-belt, which could have made a difference.

Rites were Friday in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was the widow of Clark Earl Gable.

Survivors include a son, Josh Lovelady, of Henning; daughters, Gail Davie, Jessica Dyson, and Mary Murphy, of Ripley; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Helen Phillips**

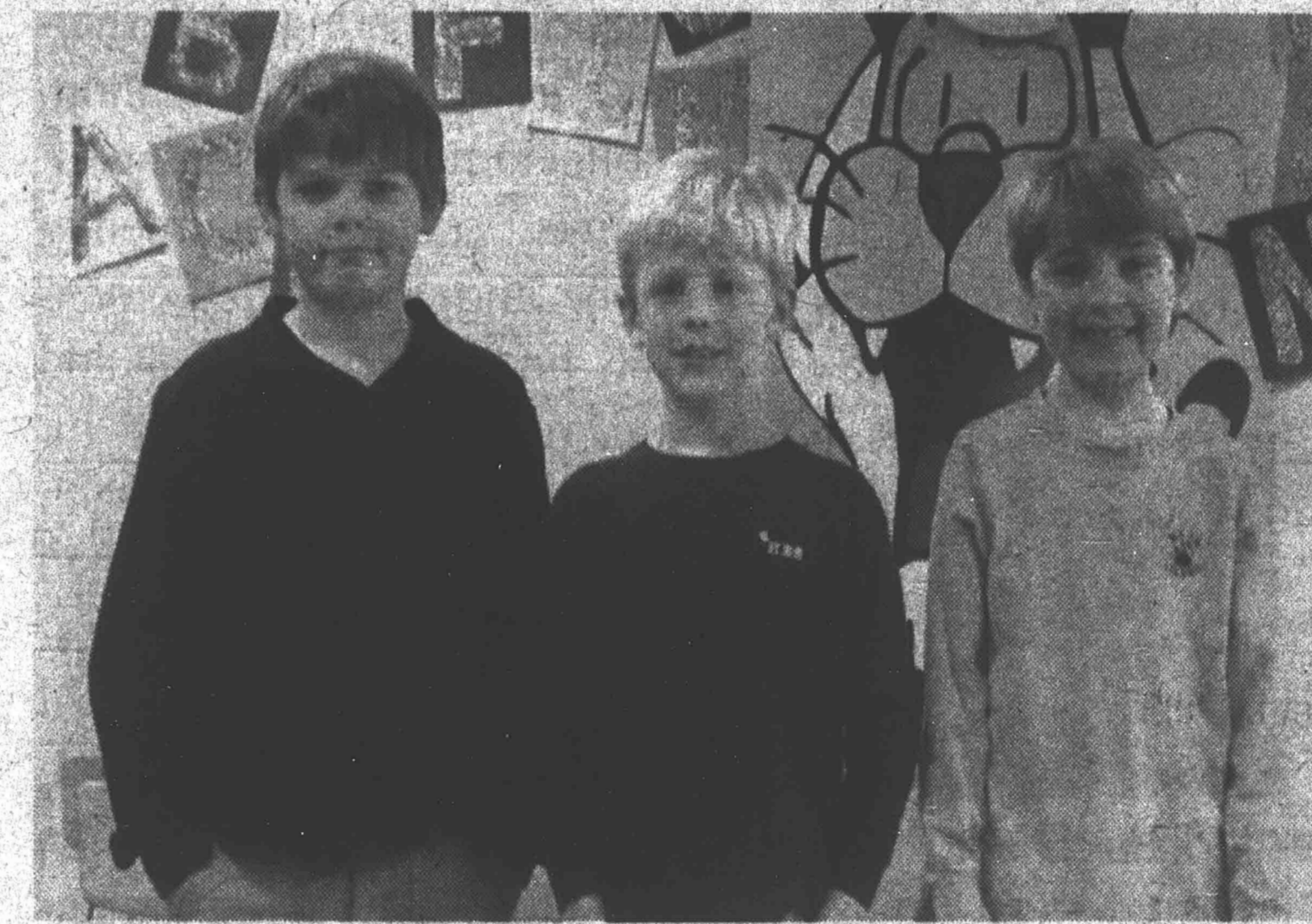
Helen Phillips, 84, of 3333 Ernst, Franklin Park, Ill., died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Palestine Cemetery in Dyer County.

She was born in Valier, Ill., March 28, 1925.

Survivors include her husband, Rollie Wilburn Phillips; a son, David, of Schaumburg, Ill.; a sister, Ann Arvey, of Zeigler, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**HES Spelling Bee**



**WINNERS** of the spelling bee at Halls Elementary School, held December 16th, include, in upper photo, second and third grade, Hayden Kimble, first; Jack Kent, second; and Cole Harris, third; and in lower photo, fourth through sixth grade, Lauren Crews, first; Connor Stanley, second; and Olivia Patrick, third.

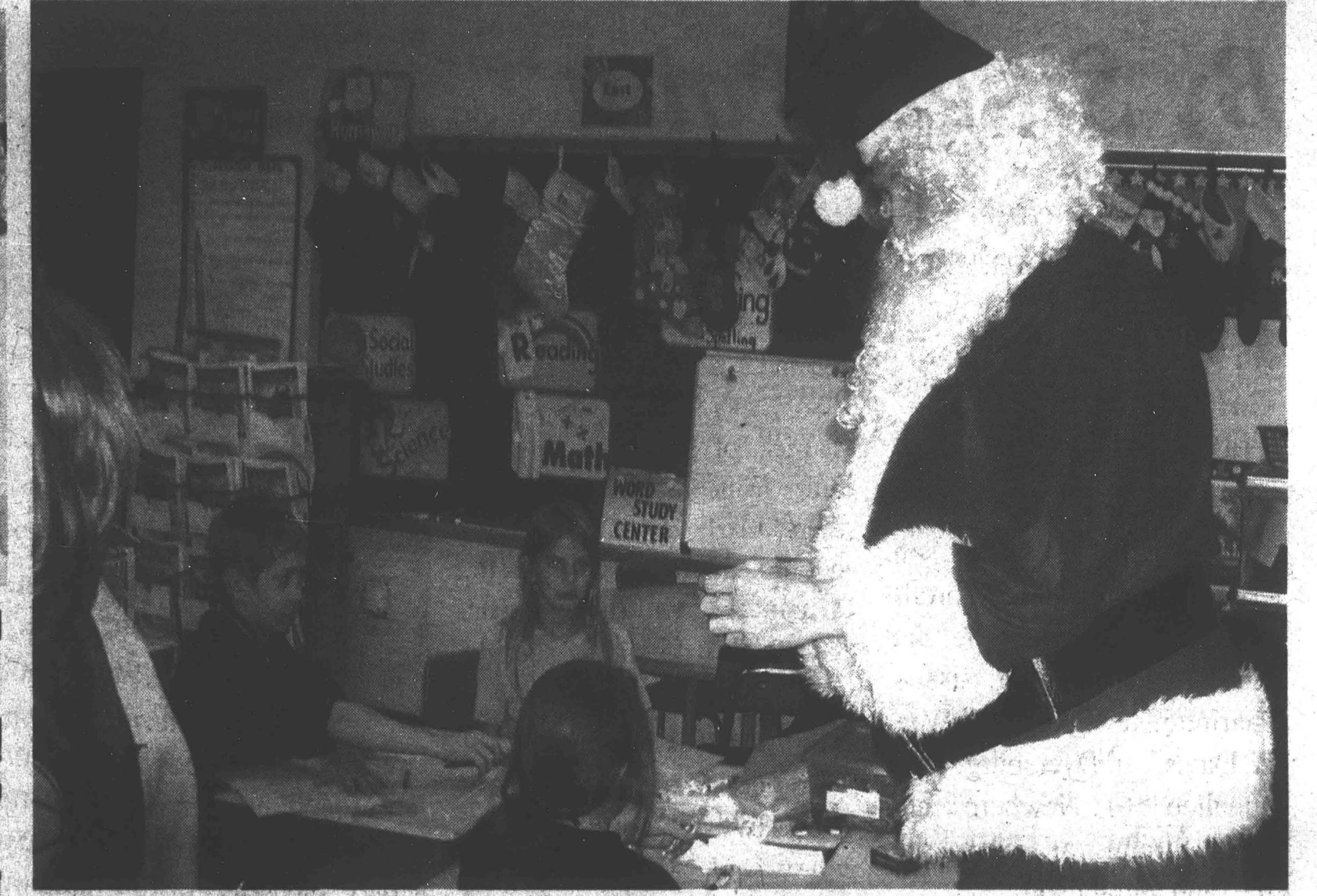
**ATTENDS SEMINAR**

Mike Dunavant, 25th Judicial District Attorney General, attended and participated in a District Attorney Training seminar, during the week of December 8th through 11th, which was sponsored and hosted by the United States Secret Service (USSS), in joint cooperation with the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) and the Department of Homeland Security, at the USSS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. General Dunavant was selected upon the nomination of USSS Memphis Field Office Special Agent in Charge, Rick Harlow, and attended the training with 26

other District Attorneys from other states across the country.

During the weeklong seminar, Dunavant and other selected prosecutors received training regarding the dual mission and purpose of the United States Secret Service, which includes to investigate and suppress counterfeiting, identity theft, credit card fraud, and other electronic and financial crimes, and provide protection to the President, Vice President, former Presidents, President-elect, Vice President-elect, their spouses and immediate families, visiting heads of foreign states and governments, major presidential and vice presidential can-

**NHS Visits HES Pals**



**MEMBERS** of the Halls High School National Honor Society visited their fourth grade pals Friday, December 11th at Halls Elementary School. The high school students worked with them to make Christmas cards for the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. An unexpected guest from the North also joined in the fun, Santa Claus. The children were excited at Santa's early arrival and with the candy canes he brought. Santa Claus also explained to the children the importance of making good grades and being the best they can be.

didates, and other individuals as designated by the President. The training course is designed to equip prosecutors with the knowledge necessary to effectively prosecute identity theft, credit card fraud, computer offenses, and counterfeiting, and to conduct oversight of such criminal investigations.

It was also an ideal opportunity for prosecutors to acquire new skills, learn of the investigative and protective resources of the USSS, discuss and analyze current trends in elec-

tronic and computer crimes and issues facing prosecutors, learn from field agents and fellow prosecutors, and meet and network with colleagues from across the nation. Classroom training was held at the USSS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and protective mission model demonstrations and training were held at the USSS Training Center in Maryland. At the conclusion of the training, participants also toured the White House.

**Land Transfers**

Dec. 13th - Dec. 19th

Mary Jack West to Terry Gower and Amy Gower, Dist. 2, lot.

Michael W. Poston and Donna L. Poston to Kenneth R. Stowe, Dist. 6, lot.

Randy Lankford to Daniel W. Reece, Dist. 16, 0.9521 acre.

James Barnes and Tabitha Barnes to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Dist. 7, 1.2007 acres.

Bimbo Pennington and Bimbo Pennington Concrete to Barry Diggs, Dist. 2, 0.553 acre.

Patriot Bank to Jason Scott and Lisa Scott, Dist. 2, 19.869 acres.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Charles Cooper, lot.

Virginia B. Williams to Cynthia Ann Smith, Dist. 12, lot.

Willie Lee Brown to Ryan Whiteside, Dist. 2, 0.331 acre.

Doris Moffatt to John Franklin Moffatt, Dist. 10, 1.0 acre.

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# HHS Girls Lose By Single Point

Halls High Schools' girls' basketball team, hosting South Fulton, Friday, lost 47-46.

It was the first Dist. 14-A win for the Devilettes.

**SoFu 12 13 9 13 - 47**  
**Halls 11 13 12 10 - 46**

Tuesday of last week, Trenton girls led Halls, 77-41.

**Tren 19 21 18 19 - 77**  
**Halls 13 9 7 12 - 41**

Keyawna Parker scored 12 points for Halls. Nakeysha Wilson added 7, Becki Lents 6, Ashlee Nichols 5, Laura Bell,

Jessie Ellison, and Cassidy Hardee, 3 each, and Lateia Humphry, 2.

Monday, at Madison--  
**Mad 22 13 18 1 - 70**  
**Halls 11 4 6 15 - 36**  
Nichols led Halls scoring with 10 points. Humphrey added 7, Ellison and Lents, 6 each, Wilson 5, and Katye Cherry 2.

Christmas - that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance - a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.

-Augusta E. Rundel

## Attends Signing



**MIKE DUNAVANT**, center, 25th Judicial District Attorney General, Fayette County Sheriff Bobby Riles, right, and Amanda Hopkins, left, Hardeman County Carl Perkins Child Advocacy Center director, along with officials and representatives from the Department of Children's Services and other various law enforcement, first responder, education, public health agencies, met Tuesday, December 1st at the Bill G. Kelley Criminal Justice Complex in Somerville, to formally sign, adopt, and implement the Fayette County Drug Endangered Child Protocol, which was signed in Lauderdale County earlier. TBI Special Agent William Benson, of the Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (TADEC), who encouraged and supported the implementation of the protocol by providing guidance and training resources to the various participating agencies, attended the event. The purpose of the formation of a Drug Endangered Child Protocol is to build a coordinated, collaborative re-

sponse between agencies to ensure child safety, information gathering and sharing, evidence identification, collection and preservation, crime scene documentation, and appropriate mental health counseling and treatment interventions for children exposed to health and safety risks associated with the manufacture, possession, and sale of illegal controlled substances. The signing and adoption of the Fayette County Drug Endangered Child Protocol signifies the final of the five counties in the 25th Judicial District to implement such a protocol. Earlier this year, similar protocols were signed and adopted in Lauderdale, Tipton, Hardeman, and McNairy counties, now making the 25th Judicial District the first multiple county judicial district in the State of Tennessee to adopt protocols on a district-wide participation basis.

## Studies Electricity



**SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS** at Halls Elementary School completed a unit on electricity last week and as an extra credit project, they were allowed to make a simple circuit. Projects were made out of Legos, Christmas lights, batteries, flashlights, and spotlights.

## CPIT Award Presented



**MIKE DUNAVANT**, center, 25th Judicial District Attorney General, was the recipient of the CPIT Excellence Award Monday, November 23rd from the Tennessee Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers, during the 6th Annual Connecting for Children's Justice Conference at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville. The award is given to an individual from each of the disciplines represented on the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) and recognizes the individual team member's commitment to collaboration and information sharing between disciplines on investigations of severe child abuse cases.

District Attorney General Dunavant was nominated by Bethany Kirby, second from right, director of the Tipton County Carl Perkins Advocacy Center, whose nomination included the following information, "Mike Dunavant is the District Attorney General for the 25th Judicial District, and is the youngest elected District Attorney in the state. General Dunavant attends CPIT in Lauderdale, Tipton, Hardeman, Fayette and McNairy Counties. Since he took office in 2006, he has worked diligently with the CAC's and CPIT throughout his district to maintain cohesiveness among the teams to increase the number of prosecutions against people who commit crimes against children. His leadership has inspired each discipline to strengthen their skills and the work has paid off. From 2007 to 2009 his district has had a 200% increase in cases accepted for prosecution and secured more overall child abuse convictions as compared to the prior two-year period. General Dunavant is passionate and believes in the CPIT process. He has provided and attended many team trainings so that he and his teams are educated on the most current information concerning child abuse issues. He knows

# HHS Boys Take Squeaker, 52-50

Halls High School's boys' basketball team topped an 80-69 win from Humboldt, Tuesday of last week, with a 52-50 win Friday, hosting South Fulton.

First half points saved Halls from a Red Devil surge in the third period. The Devils led, at one time in the final period, by five points.

**Halls 18 9 8 17 - 52**  
**SFu 15 4 15 16 - 50**  
Qaylon Smith led Halls scoring with 20 points. Hollis Belton added 19.

Hosting Humboldt Tuesday of last week, the Tigers were slow starting, trailing 37-27 at the half, but led the

that teamwork is essential in investigating and prosecuting cases. General Dunavant has been instrumental in partnering to develop new policies on a state and local level regarding child abuses issues. Recently he was influential in the creation of a Drug Endangered Child Protocol for all five counties in the 25th Judicial District. General Dunavant's district is the first multi-county district throughout the state to implement the protocol. Even more recently he has become a newly appointed member of the Tennessee Joint Task Force on Children's Justice/Child Sexual Abuse."

They are pictured with, from left, Luke DeLavernge, McNairy County Carl Perkins Center director; Annette Maxwell, Lauderdale County Carl Perkins Center director; and Amanda Hopkins, Hardeman County Carl Perkins Center director.

last half, 53-32.  
**Halls 9 18 32 21 - 80**  
**Tren 13 24 15 17 - 69**  
Hollis Belton led Halls scoring with 30 points, including five 3-pointers. Qaylon Smith and Cory Walker added 15 each, Emmit Henning 13, Will Powell 5, and T. J. Reed 2.

Monday, at Madison the Halls boys were routed in the final period!

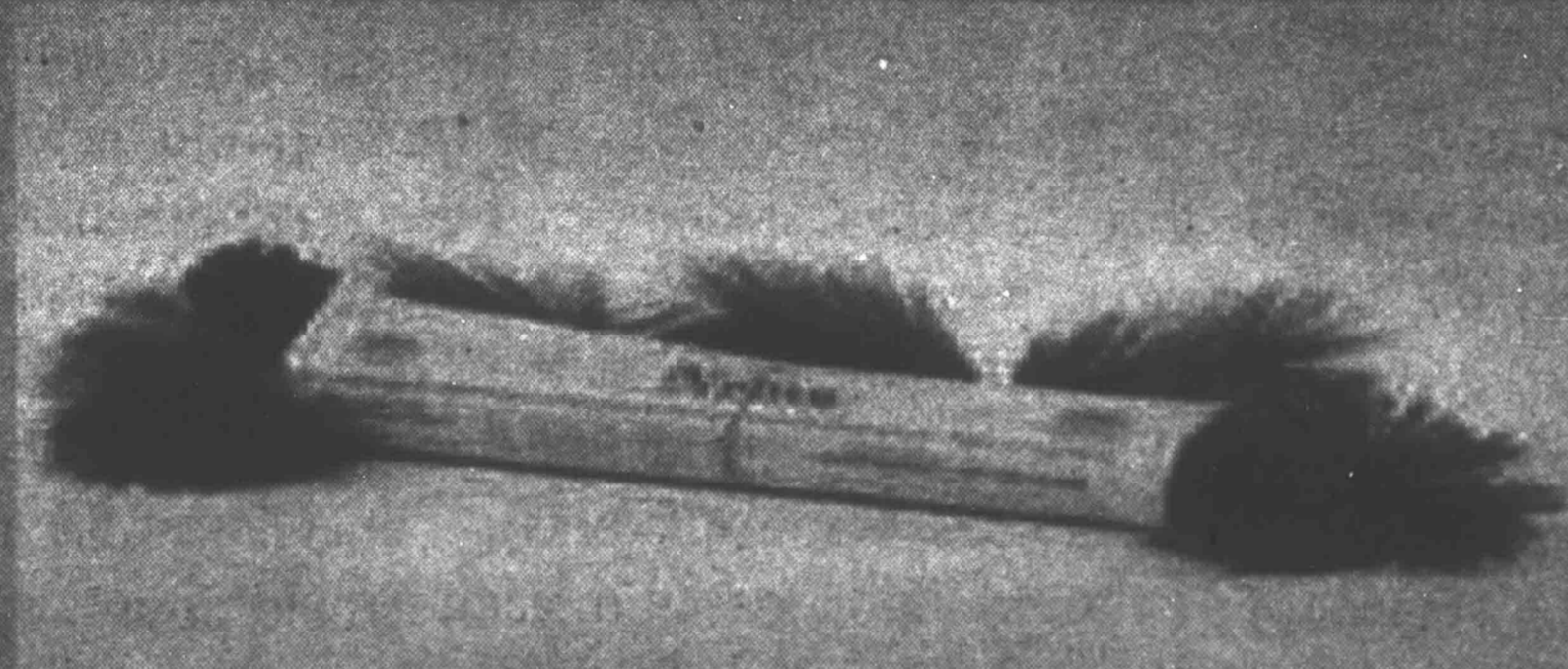
**Mads 5 6 20 30 - 61**  
**Halls 8 3 18 16 - 45**  
Belton led Halls scoring 14 points, with four 3-pointers. Smith added 12, Walker and Henning 6 each, Bishop, Powell, and Reed 1.



## School Lunches

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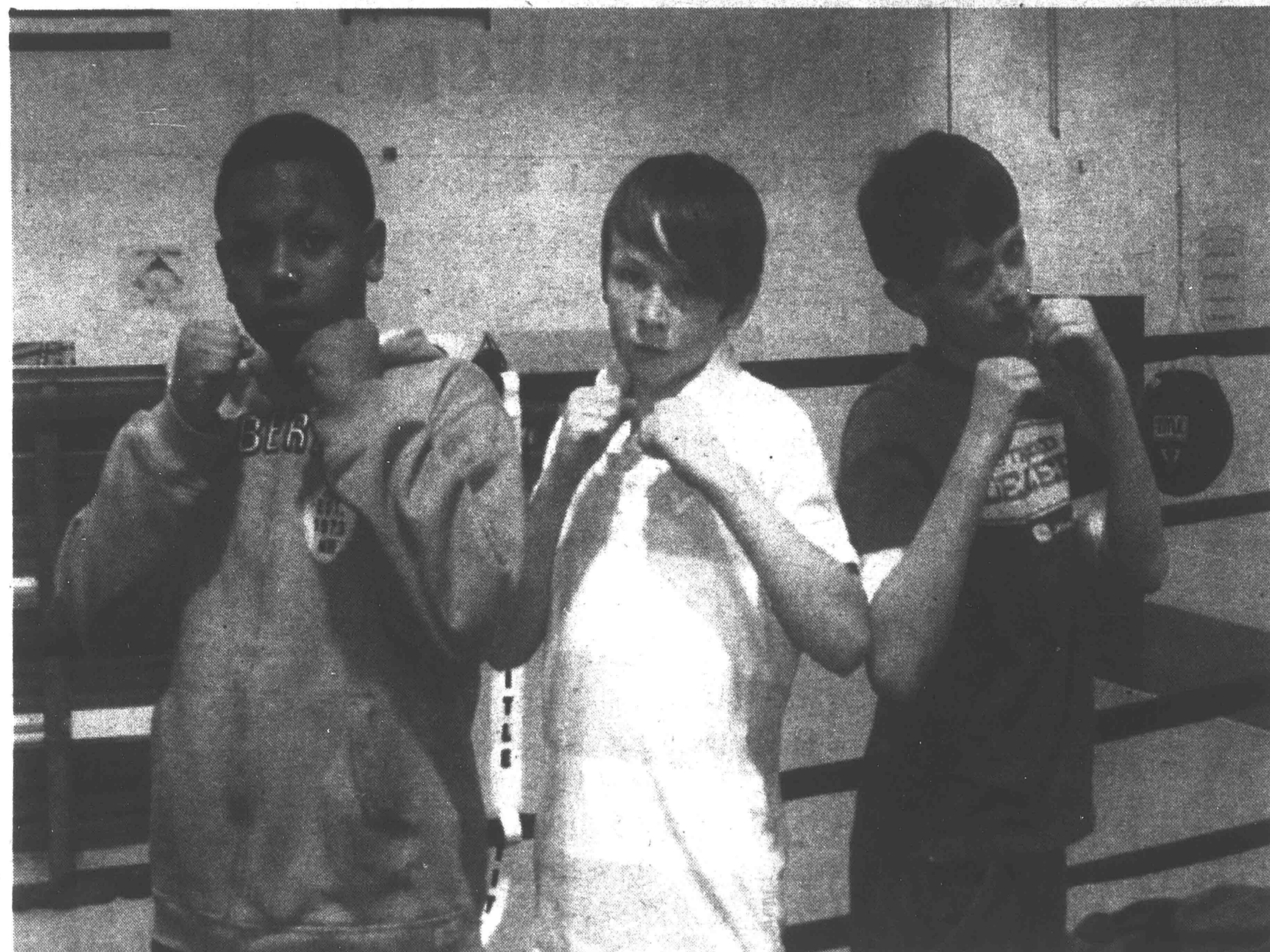
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# Seven State Champions Locally



**THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOXING CLUB MEMBERS**, including, Chuckie Driver, 13, 125 pounds, Brandon Smith, 12, 85 pounds, and Wyatt Braden, 13, 90 pounds, plus, not pictured, C. J. Maben, 8, 70 pounds, Deundre Smith, 11, 85 pounds, Toddy Pettigrew, 10, 106 pounds, and Kyle Emerson, 13, 147 pounds, competed Friday and Saturday nights in the Silver Gloves State Championship in Jackson winning bouts.

Clay Conrad, coach, stated, "Our athletes were prepared for action as they entered the ring. Winning this tournament enables them to advance to the Southern Regional Tournament in Little Rock, Ark., which is scheduled for January."

## United Way Aids Center



**FAYE STOKES**, center, teaches the basic skills to students at the Tennessee Technology Center in Lauderdale County, including reading, math, and foreign languages. Because of businesses through United Way supporting the local needs of students with textbooks and other school necessities, Lauderdale County continues to improve. Businesses throughout Lauderdale County have reached out to help nonprofit agencies with their gifts to United Way of the Mid-South. The generous contributions of three local Lauderdale County businesses, schools, and their employees helped to make

\$2,642 available for Lauderdale County.

"Most of our grant money that we receive, we use to pay our instructional staff," said Yvette Dixon, Executive Director of the Adult Education Council of Lauderdale County. "United Way funds have helped us to make sure our teachers get the textbooks they need for our students. Improving our students' education is very important in Lauderdale County because of the need to attract employers to the county."

Dixon also said that the Adult Education Council is also the only program in Lauderdale County that helps adults get their GED.

"The money that we receive from United Way also helps to pay for graduation caps and gowns," she said. "A lot of our students do not have the money to purchase

## Holiday Hours Set For Offices

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic*, 145 E. Jackson, Ripley, will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, December 28th.

The offices will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday and reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, January 4th.

Deadlines will remain the same, noon on Tuesday.

### JOBS AVAILABLE

Officials with the United States Census 2010 Bureau are seeking qualified individuals to assist with the upcoming census. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010. Available positions include census takers, crew leaders, crew leader assistants, recruiting assistants and clerks.

these items. When a student graduates, we like to provide a nice graduation ceremony that they can share with other members of their family in celebrating their success."

Dixon added that the council also reaches out to adults to encourage those with a high school diploma to take refresher classes, including many adults who have been laid off from their jobs.

"We test for basic skills in reading, math, and language," she said. "We try to help people enter into post secondary institutions for training like the technology centers, and colleges. We put them in classes and test them at a later date to see if they are at competency levels and are ready to apply to a post secondary institution."

Lauderdale County Family Resource Center receives money through United Way to help the agency provide residents with parenting skills which help children perform better in

## Churches Vandalized Throughout County

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department are investigating damage and/or theft to area churches, including Mary's Chapel Baptist, Concord United Methodist, Melville United Methodist, Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, Victory Baptist, and Asbury United Methodist.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, 731-635-1311.

school, preventing dropouts due to teen pregnancy while teaching awareness of HIV/AIDS and STDs.

Every contribution adds up to make a difference in the community. The charitable gifts of Tennessee Technology Center-Ripley and Wal-Mart #97, Ripley will bring much needed funding to non-profit organizations, including Adult Education Council, American Red Cross-Mid-South Chapter, Children and Family Services, Girl Scouts Heart of the South, Helen Tucker Center, Lauderdale County Family Resource, Northwest Safeline, and Tennessee Poison Center, that help the children, elderly, and families of Lauderdale County. The dollars raised by Lauderdale County businesses supports the efforts of these local nonprofits year round.

United Way hosts an annual fundraising campaign in Lauderdale County that allows local companies and their employees to commit financial contributions to nonprofit organizations that serve the area. Every dollar raised in Lauderdale County remains in the county to serve the needs of the people who live and work in the area.

Dedicated volunteers that live in Lauderdale County determine how the dollars are distributed. Alonzo Beard and Sue Toles support Lauderdale County by serving as United Way volunteers.

For more information about Lauderdale County United Way agencies, contact Nidia Logan, 901-433-4300.

Dear Santa

I want a Nintendo D. S. for Christmas and I hope you find your way here! Love Anna.  
P.S. You're the big man!

Anna Mischler

Dear Santa

I want a electric guitar, a wrestling game and a wrestling book, a edge watch and some wrestling men.

Cedarius Halfacre

Dear Santa

For christmas I would like new cars, new art supplies, video games, and spiderman alarm clock. Also a couple movies, a razor scooter, and more Thomas the Train track sets. Please dont forget Mommy either. She needs a new clock.

Kyler Brown

Dear Santa

I want a computer and lots of other stuff. Thank you!

Brianna Jones

Dear Santa

I want a real labtop, I want a real phone, I want a shreshed 3, I want a real clock, I want a real bed.

Alexus Harrell

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a baby pinkie pony, a lunch box and a computer.

Meredeth Wilson

Dear Santa

I hope you love the cookies. I want a Nintendo DS with lots of games too. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Adrianna Rogers

Dear Santa

I want a PSP and a flip phone. I love Santa!

Caitlyn Goodman

Dear Santa

I want a Wii. I love Christmas. It is my favorite thing in the world to do.

Markita Patrick

Dear Santa

I want a toy horse. How are you doing? I hope you get what you want too. I want Barbies and a Polly Pockets if you have

enough.

Kelly Rose Fitzpatrick

Dear Santa

I would like a R2D2 robot and Playstation 2 games. A new bicycle and Star Warrs action figures. Thank you!

Carson Parham

Dear Santa

My name is Charles Rogers III I haven't been very good, but I haven't been bad either. I would like these items for Christmas. 1) PSP Games 2) Nintendo 3) Fish Aquarium 4) Pre-Paid Cell Phone 5) Remote Control Motorcylce and wrestler men. Merry Christmas!

Jeff Hardy

Dear Santa

This year for Christmas I

would like boots and a MP3 player.

Hannah Oglesby

Dear Santa

Santa this what I want for Christmas. I want a DS and a real laptop and some jewels.

Shaunrea Barbee

Dear Santa

Are you ready for the big year? This year I would like a DSi and a video game. Have a Merry Christmas!

Whit Hurt

Dear Santa

I wonder what you are doing right now at the North Pole. My name is Marley. I'm in Mrs. Holly's Kindergarten class at Halls Elementary. I would really like to have that pink John

Deere bicycle at Tractor Supply and princess dolls. I hope you are having a good day.

Marley Mountjoy

Dear Santa

Are you getting busy? You and your elves make lots of toys. The toys I would like you to bring me are a Fur Real Horse, American Girl doll, DS games, littlest pet shop toys and the Barbie camper and carriage. I hope Mrs. Claus gives you something special for Christmas.

Elizabeth Hurt

Dear Santa

I wanta game xbox360 and game cube and i DVD playa and another game. thak you santa.

Josea' Hutcherson

Dear Santa

I want a toy horse name Smores, or a little power scooter. I like Taylor Swift and Hannah Montana cds also. I have been good.

Ali Gaines

Dear Santa

I really want to be your friend. Please bring me the big horse that neight, a new Barbie doll, and a new nintendo game. My brothers been rough but bring him something.

Brennan Henderson

Dear Santa

This year i want cars, a bike race track, a PSP, and PSP games.

Nathan Dupre

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Dear Santa  
This is Justice. For Christmas this year I would like a few things. I have been good so do you think I can have a Barbie Doll? I would also like a My Little Pony, some Legos, a pretty bird house and an elephant. I hope that I have been good enough to get these things. Thank you and I love you very much.  
Justice Hodge

Dear Santa  
I know you have alot of houses to visit on Christmas Eve but I hope you don't forget to stop by mine. I wish you would bring me a Spongebob Flying Dutchmen Ship. Dont forget the sword! I would also like a stuffed Sonic the Hedgehog and a Buzz Lightyear toy. I won't ask for much because I have two brothers who would like you to bring them a couple of things too. This year I will put out brownies and boiled custard for you because I know how much you like that.  
Brock Jones

Dear Santa  
I have been a really good boy this year. For Christmas I want a Batman Cave Castle, play motorcycles that goes really fast. I also want a hungry hungry hippos board game, moon sand, and a scooter. I want lots of clothes and toys.  
Aidan Olds

Dear Santa  
I want a John Deere tractor. A John Deere truck with a trailer on it. Little John Deere toys, a lots of them. I want video games, hot wheels cars and trucks. Thats all.  
Jaylin Parrish

Dear Santa  
I want an army man with the tank and motorcycle. I also

want a star wars trooper man. Most of all i want a PSP with the grand theft auto game.  
Malik Springfield

Dear Santa  
My name is Collin Thompson. I have been very good this year. I wish for Christmas to get a 4wheeler, electric guitar, and a Playstation 3.  
Collin Thompson

Dear Santa  
My name is Kanye Weatherspoon. I love Hannah Montana wig and some of her clothes. I like Barbie and lots of baby dolls. I like to have tea parties with my friends and baby dolls. Santa, please tell Baby Jesus i said Happy Birthday because I love him. Santa, I hope you remember where I live. I love you Santa.  
Kanye Weatherspoon

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a bow and arrow and swords. A jeep I can drive too. A drum i can play even though my mom says I can't have one. Can you please bring my sisters ashes and switches because they get on my nerves. Please don't bring me coal. Don't forget to put a coat on the reingdeers.  
Gabe Pilcher

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I want a dirt bike, a puppy fur real, Hannah Montana microphone, Blendy pens, and a crayola art desk with all the accessories. Hope I was a good enough girl this year. PS. I'm helping mommy make you some snowmen cookies this year!  
Adriana Dennis

Dear Santa  
Please Please bring me a new bike, and a new kitchen set and doll house. Oh and a new flat screen tv and I want all kinds of Barbie dolls and their clothes. This is my last thing I want and its a Barbie Jeep. I have been really really good. I love you Santa Clause.  
Brooklyn Hall

Dear Santa  
I've been a good girl this year! Could you please bring me a Moxie Girl, a Moxie Girl van, art stuff, a kitten, Chixo's, a new baby doll, Barbies, new books, games, a magnifying glass, a horse, and new movies. Could you please bring my Nana and Pawpaw an elf to help fix their new house and my Mama some makeup.  
Heather Conrad

Dear Santa  
I want a skateboard, with helmet and knee pads, cars, monster trucks, puzzels, tractors and a plow, and a football. I love Santa!  
Seth Crook

Dear Santa  
I've been a very good girl this year. I was hoping you could bring me a crayola color explosion glow board, a Wii game systaten, a lifestyle party-time kitchen, and a Barbie hair salon. I hope you have a safe trip from the north pole. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you and tell your reindeers I will sprinkle food out for them too. Merry Christmas!  
Paris Taylor

Dear Santa  
I want a 4wheeler, Legos, Woody and Buzz Lightyear, Playstation, skateboard, horse-riding thing, deer hunting DS game!  
Steel Woodard

Dear Santa  
My name is NARiyah. I would like Bratz Dolls, Moxie Dolls, Barbie with ice cream, Dora, clothes and shoes!  
NaRiyah Lee

Dear Santa  
I want a dirt bike, skateboard, cars, dumptruck, bicycle, and a new Cars bed. Thanks Santa!  
Chaston Henson

Hey Santa  
All I want for Christmas is an Ariel costume, twinkle toes shoes, Zhu Zhu Pets, glasses, and a guitar. I have tried really hard to be good this year and

Can't wait to leave you some milk and cookies and food for your reindeer. Hope you have a safe trip!  
Aubree

Dear Santa  
My name is Makayla Spivey. All I want for Christmas is a bicycle, knee pads, DS games, and a skateboard. Thank you!  
Makayla Spivey

Dear Santa  
I would like a real dirt bike and a flat screen tv for my room. I would like a new Mario game, and a bad mitten set. Please don't forget my brothers too!  
Needham Goodwin

Dear Santa  
I have been good, a little. I won't a teddy bear, hat, jacket, a toy computer, candy with Spiderman on them, a new golf toy and a basketball, and hot wheels. I also won't Bob the Builder tool set. I love you Santa.  
Jacob Yute

Dear Santa  
I would like a bike and a dirt bike for Christmas. Please send

me a new toy gun. I have been good. Please send Adriana and my brothers some toys. Merry Christmas.  
Martavious Lumley

Dear Santa  
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a dirt bike, a computer, a skateboard, and a new bike. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for Roudolph!  
Devin King

Dear Santa  
I would like a sprayza, Nintendo DS, Bendaroos, a robot, and would like some new shoes for Sundays. I would like Pixos. Thank you.  
Braxton Pham

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a real 4wheeler like my friend Luke's. Thank you Santa Claus!  
Ben Wilson

Dear Santa  
I want a pet shop coloring book for Christmas. I want toys for all the kids who don't have any. I want a gumball machine. Thank you Santa.  
Ashton Eastep

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Dear Santa  
My name is Keona. I have very good so could you bring me Barbie doll, write pad, clothes, gloves, hat, and Sponge Bob. Bring my sisters something too. They have been good too.  
From Keona with love

Dear Santa  
I would like a Barbie house and camper. I would also like a Strawberry Shortcake house. I love you and you are in my heart. Please bring my kitty cat a toy.  
Callie Rose

Dear Santa  
I would like for you to bring me a Wii by Nintendo. I also want the new Super Mario Bros on Wii. I want a Tony Hawk skateboard game, and a Sponge Bob game on Wii.  
Mylan

Dear Santa  
I would like small 4wheeler, brand new Wii Mario game, a lemonade drink stand, toy gun, belt shelf case for taekwondo belts, red cell phone, blue camera, new power ranger, Nerf gun, and Leggos. Thank you.  
Kayden Neal

Dear Santa  
I have been good this year. I would like to have new earrings, jewelry, cupcake maker, heeies, play kitchen set with a microwave, Barbie stuff, bead set, and please bring Bubba and Sissy some toys too!  
Brianna Hall

Dear Santa  
I want a basketball goal and a basketball, a Batman remote control car, a light saber, an iPod, a hot wheel race car set and some games for my handheld leapster2. Oh yeah I almost for to tell you I will leave some big cookies and warm milk for you!  
Justin

Dear Santa  
I want a hitman game, a GI Joe uniform, a 4wheeler, scateboard games, a Nerf football, toy tractor, a new pair of shoes

becausew the light in mine won't go off! A Spongebob Wii game, and a Star Wars sword.  
Logan

Dear Santa  
Please name surew that all of the children in the world are blessed this Christmas. Even the ones who are a little naughty. And if you have time could you please bring me a real life cell phone? Thanks and Love.  
Jordan Bane

Dear Santa  
Come and visit me. Thank you for my toys when I was good. Thank you for bringing toys to the kids so fast that we can't even see you! I love you Santa. I want a new flashlight, Tennessee football helmet, football, baseball, and an airplane that can fly with a remote control. Goodbye Santa. I'll miss you until the next Christmas.  
Drew Bentley

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I want a computer, a Wizard of Waverly doll, a little puppy, Barbie Horses, crayons and coloring books, and for everyone to be happy and love everyone!  
Shelby Mitchell

Dear Santa  
I want a Barbie tent, Pony's, moon sand, a real horse, a new real cat because mine ran away, a real dog, Wii, Barbie dolls, bendaroos, pink, blue, purple paint and thats all. Thank you.  
Makayla Henderson

Dear Santa  
I would like Pixos, I want a scarf, a new Dora hat, some mittens, little play car, and I really want Bendaroos. I would like U.B. Funkeys. I want some New Bakugan's please.  
Bailey Benson

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I would like you to bring me a Stawberry Shortcake set, a Barbie house, and I would also like a doll house. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk, so you don't get hungry!  
Kaitlyn E. Williams

Dear Santa  
I love you Santa. I want live babies, and I want a DS, and I want a Mom and Dad robot too. The end.  
Kaylee Roberts

Dear Santa  
My name is Justin Robert Cullen. I want a BB gun. I will only shoot it at the pumpkins in the field. I want a red tindo DS. I want a notebook to write in and a gun game.  
Justin Cullen

Dear Santa  
I want something for my real cat. I want a bed for my real cat. I want a squeaky toy for my real cat. I want some Aspirin for my Daddy. I want a Nintendo DS and I want a clubhouse. I want games for my computer and make-up. I want a Abba Kadada Magic.  
Sophia Stollings

Dear Santa  
I want Barbies. I would like a now cone maker, bracelets, earrings, and matching necklaces would be awesome! Santa please bring me more body pants. I also want some more Play Doh and more Zhu Zhu Pets. Thanks! I love you Santa!  
Abbey Lovelady

Dear Santa  
I would like a Dora mermaid, a makeup kit, a store kit, an Easy Bake Oven, a new Dora house, a coloring book with crayons, and markers, and the last thing I would like is a real Sharkboy and Lava Girl 4wheeler, etc.  
MyAnna Jones

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me Lego Darth Sidious, Lego Luke Skywalker, Lego Batman and Robin, Lego General Grievous, and Lego Joker. I also want Lego Indiana Jones 2 for my DS. I also want a Lego Santa Claus. I love Legos, so anything else Lego is okay! Thank you for my presents!  
Alex Keen

Dear Santa  
I love you thank you for

my toys. I love your reindeer. I want some little ponies, a black and white baby kitten, a new puzzle, a camera, and a blue DS. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Miranda Brown

Dear Santa  
I have been good. Please bring me a Nintendo DS and a horse game. I would also like a Moonstick and a music player. A Hannah Montana doll would be really cool too. Don't forget about Big Bubba and Tucker- they really need some switches! Be careful delivering the toys and going back home. Give Mrs. Claus a hug for me. I will make you some milk and cookies. I love Mrs. Claus and Santa!  
Mollie Ozment

Dear Santa  
My name is Austin Terry and I am going to leave you some milk and cookies and I want Power Ranger and Transformer suit and an Optimus Prime and some Playstation games and a Chocolate Pie. Thank you and Merry Christmas and make it snow!  
Austin Terry

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. For Christma. I would like a blue walkie talkie, a red truck with a trailer and boat, a red 4wheeler,  
Ronnie Joe Moore

a red Nova with black flames, and a cowboy hat! Thank you, Merry Christmas!  
Alton Watson

Dear Santa  
My name is DaMarion Young. I have been a very good boy this year. I would like to get a Nintendo Wii and a hunting game, an airplane, a bike, and a car for Christmas. Ive been real good boy and also a toy for my little brother and sister. Thanks.  
DaMarion Young

Dear Santa  
I want a pink DS lite, and an American Gril Rebecca doll, a heated blanket that is blue, a clicker thing that is purple, Moxie girls, my own calendar, a big desk like Mrs. Bailey has with a rolling chair and a laptop and a nitestand. I love you Santa Claus and be safe!  
Abbie Sondgeroth

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I would like a Cricket rifle, a necklace, a skateboard, a PSP and two games with racing and deer hunting, a guitar, Nerf stuff, a camera, a basketball goal, a remote control car, a bike, a cell-phone, and shoulder and knee pads.  
Ronnie Joe Moore

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\*La...La...La...La!**

*While we're singing the praises of our fine-feathered friends and neighbors, we'd like to throw in a round of best wishes, too.  
Merry Christmas and many thanks for your kind support.*

**Emily's  
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Dear Santa  
I would like a Wii for Christmas and a flat screen TV and for my family to be happy.  
Markel Shaw

Dear Santa  
This is Tutz' and I would like a baby doll with a bottle, a Barbie doll, a DS game, some clothes, and a new kitchen set for Christmas. Thank you and I love you! Merry Christmas!  
Alexia Winbush

Dear Santa  
I hope you have had a good year. I have been a good girl most of the year. I want a Zu Zu Pet, a baby that walks, Play dough set, a camera, and most of all my family all together.  
Nikki Allen

Dear Santa  
I want a Tinker Bell baby doll, a princess movie, and alot of Barbie toys.  
Chloe Brewer

Dear Santa  
I live in Halls, TN. I am 5 years old. My favorite things I want for Christmas is a bicycle, cars with eyes, Transformers, a yo-yo, Bendaroods, the movie Transformers II and Cars with Eyes II. A new backpack with red flames, a new jacket, and new shoes, and some hot wheels. Thank you for what you will bring.  
Caleb Bradford

Dear Santa,  
I hope you give me a lap top, toy car, DS game, a remote control helicopter, but most of all a horse for my sister.  
Jack Kent

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a Hannah Montana guitar, baby dolls, drum a DS game and a lot of clothes.  
Your friend,  
Khandi Gooch

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sarah. I want Daniella the LIV doll, a yellow Dora dress up costume, a I Carly remote and a Dora puppy game for Christmas. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Sarah Beth Etheridge

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a DS and a North-Face jacket for Christmas. I would also like a play phone. I would like to have some perfume and some earrings.  
I would like to have some new puzzles, because I have fun working them. Please don't forget to get me some lotion. Please have a safe trip and don't work too hard. Hope you will like the milk and cookies I leave out for you.  
I love you,  
Megan Belton

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Wii game, clothes and a remote control truck. And an Ipod for Christmas and a cell phone and also a 4-wheeler and money. I would also like a go cart and a basketball globe.  
Thank you,  
Demarcus Pitts

Dear Santa,  
Here is what I want for Christmas: a bike, a guitar, clothes, a DS, a barbie doll, coat and boots.  
Thank you and I love you,  
Nakayla Dixon

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control boat, a jeep, a gun, a coloring book, a new lunch box, a new backpack, some playdough and a motorcycle.  
Love,  
Thompson Johnston

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I want a princess computer, baby doll stroller, Nintendo DSI with a Tinker Bell game and an ICarly game. I really want a baby kitten, a black one if you can find one! See you soon Santa! I can't wait!  
Love,  
Alexis White

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Wyatt. I have been a pretty good boy this year except for a few bad days, but I am doing better! I would like you to bring me a BB gun, extra BBs and some goggles to wear. I would also

like a Deer Hunting game, a Playstation 2 Cars video game, and a Hungry, Hungry Hippo game. I will leave you some boiled custard and some oatmeal chocolate chip cookies for when you come to my house. Thank you!  
Love,  
Wyatt Leggett

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year because I did everything Mommy said. So, I want a guitar, Sing It that has Taylor Swift on it, Band Hero and Mama Cooking 3. Thank you!  
Carson Kimble

Dear Santa,  
I have been waiting all year just ask you how do you like your cookies and milk? And of course I'd like to have an monster truck with remote control for Christmas. Thanks.  
Joseph Harrell

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dollhouse and I want a Barbie. I love you!  
Carley Apperson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll set, a tent, and some blocks to build with. Love you.  
Erin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ayiyah Dasha Nance and some of the things that I would like to have for Christmas is a baby doll, a princess power wheel car, and a babydoll carseat.  
Amiyah Nance

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a big truck. A new bike. And would like some snow to play in. And could you get me a toy guitar. A real one costs too much! And could you if you have time give the homeless people some food and shelter. Have safe and happy Christmas. Tell Rudolph I said hello and give all the reindeer a hug for me.  
Christian

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman bike, a dirt bike that's really big. I really want a four wheeler that

is blue and a motorcycle thing that goes fast, and a punching bag. Merry X-mas!  
Dalton Burse

Dear Santa  
Santa I have been a good boy. I want a toy racing car with a remote. I also want a Huffy-men rock it bike for Christmas. I want some DS games for Christmas. I won't Tony Hawk the game. I have been a good boy Santa I love you.  
Cobe Maners

Dear Santa  
I want a remote control monster truck, new bike, Hot Wheels, Wii game taki, football, TV, transformer movie, gun, and bow. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Tyler W. Colburn

Dear Santa  
I would like a blue Nintendo DS with the Monster Jam game. I would also like the Spiderman joystick game that hooks to the tv if that not oo much trouble I would also like more DS games and some clothes.  
Jeremy Billings

Dear Santa  
My name is Gage. I want Santa to bring me a transformer, a toy gun and some toy motorcyces and a game to hunt deer.  
Gage Pride

Dear Santa  
Thank you for so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a horse and a bigger bike. I nneed stuff to put on horse. Also Will you please bring warm clothes for children that need them. I will leave warm cookies and milk for you.  
Hunter Shane Ray

Dear Santa  
My name is Farrell Gooch. I am 4 years old. Here is a couple of things that I want that I know you can carry. I want a bike, 4wheeler, SPiderman bed, and clothes. Thank you a bunch.  
Farrell Gooch

Dear Santa  
I have been a good little girl this year. I want a baby alive doll and a new bike, movies, books. Please bring me and my sister some toys.  
Savannah Ditto

Dear Santa  
I want lots of toys for Christmas. The toy I want the most is a 4wheeler, but a Bat Man Castle and Hot Wheels are at the top of my list too! I have been a really good boy this year. Please check your list for me. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table. Thanks Santa.  
Christian Maness

Dear Santa  
I want every kid to have at least one toy for Christmas

Dear Santa  
I want: basketball goal, bat man, guitar, DSI and games, skateboard. Dont put my sister on the good list but I've been good.  
Shakyren Gooch

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Dear Santa  
I want a Lightning McQueen Car. I also want a Spongebob Game and a Big Balloon.  
Keith Taylor, Jr.

Dear Santa  
I want a remote control monster truck, new bike, Hot Wheels, Wii game taki, football, TV, transformer movie, gun, and bow. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Tyler W. Colburn

Dear Santa  
I want a remote control truck and a back hole and bulldozer for Christmas. And a deer hunting game for Playstation 2. And spongebob pajamas.  
Major White

Dear Santa  
I want a PSP go and a Spider-man game, basketball goal and a 4wheeler. Thank you.  
Richard K. Harrell

Dear Santa  
I have been good this year. Here is my wish list: Dora Doll House, Dora Kitchen Set, five Barbie Fashion Dolls, Dora Explorer Cover Girl.  
Fantasia Barbee

Dear Santa  
I want a guitar, a baby doll with a bottle and carrier. Another Dora kitchen, a pretty bike and a toy car. I will leave cookies and candy canes for you. Love, Riley Bug.  
Riley Blakley

Dear Santa  
I have been very good. Will you please bring me a Star Wars toy and a toy sword. I want a fourwheeler and truck. I will make sure to leave extra cookies and milk!  
Landon Johnson

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a toy and a snaglab. I need hot choc clit. Also will you please bring Rudof for me. I will leave milk and cocoe for you.  
Alyssa

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a dog and a Z Z

Pet. I need sof buse. Also will you please bring paproni for DS will leave chogt chep cug and milk for you.  
Lexie

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a DS and a Chager. I need Barbie underwear. Also will you please bring my Sister a game for her computer. I will leave cookies and milk for you.  
Shelby H.

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a Hulk video game and a Play Statshie 3, I need a pare of snow boots. Also will you please bring shirts for Mom. I will leave cookeise and milk for you.  
Austin

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a Moxegldol and a Nutcracr. I need a new tuth brush. Also will you please bring livdoll for Shea. I will leave cuces and mick for you.  
Shelby D.

Dear Santa  
Thak you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want Barbi and nez. I need a hat. ALso will you please bring for Tristan a bed! I will leave coke and milk for you.  
Emily

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a DS and DS games. I need socks. Also will you please bring my cusin something. I will leave milk and cuces for you.  
Ayiden

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought me last year. This year I want a barbea doll and boots. I need a scarf. Also will you please bring something for MyAnna. I will leave choklet cake and milk for you.  
Malays

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Malays

Dear Santa  
Thank you so much for what you brought last year. This year I want some glass and a playhouse. I need cout. Also will you please bring apples for Daddy. I will leave milk and some cookies for you.  
Princess

Dear Santa  
I want a scooter, Barbie, Baby Alive, camera, flip flops, a ring, picture frame, bike, puzzle, and a skateboard.  
Precious Williams

Dear Santa  
My name is Michael Barson and I have been good this year. I want a bike, a remote controlled truck, a toy tractor, a motorcycle, clothes, a skateboard, and some bakygans.  
Michael Barson

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I would like a bike, a new TV, a Wii and a new V-Tech, Diego stuff, dvd player, shoes and clothes, cat, dog, race track, cars, cds, mp3, Soldier Boy.  
Jamarion Brown

Dear Santa  
I want a doll, a little bike, ice cream, race track, choo-choo train, new shirt, and pants, a race car, drinks. Thank you Santa I like the reindeer. I love you Santa.  
Muriel Buchanan

Dear Santa  
I want the Astro Boy Game for Christmas. I am a good boy. Please bring my brother a game too! He is a good boy too. Please bring all the kids at St. Jude Hospital toys too, because that will make them happy. Thank you Santa Clause.  
Gavin Hopkins

Dear Santa  
I would like a new stuffed bunny rabbit and a new stuffed horse. I would also like a new green dress and a bunny puzzle. And also I would like a Dora game for the Nintendo DS. See you on Christmas Eve!  
Adri Carmack

Dear Santa  
Can you please bring me some make-up and Cody some

too? Can you please bring me a new dump truck and a new phone, a scooter, an airplane, some new red sissors, boots, Barbies and dolls, bunches of fingernail polish and new clothes. Merry Christmas!  
Jodie Burns

Dear Santa  
My name is Kalyn. I want mittens. I want a Nintendo DS puppy game, a play horse, necklace and a play puppy. I like the bag you carry in your slay. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.  
Kalyn Hargett

Dear Santa  
My name is Tristan Jobe. I've been a good girl this year. I would like a flute, trumpet, jack-in-the box, a real phone, Barbies, video games, Wii, new camo backpack and anything else you would like to bring me. Thank you.  
Tristan Jobe

Dear Santa  
I want a Nintendo DS video game, Spongebob lamp, deer hunting game, Playstation 3, stuff I can use to go hunting, Moonsand, card table for me and my Mommy to play cards on.  
Alan Runions

Dear Santa  
I wish I had a Nintendo Ds and Mario Kart. I would like some ABC blocks too.  
Briar Garrett

Dear Santa  
My name is Hanna. I would like for you to bring me a pink Nintendo DS and my brother a blue one. I would also like some Nintendo DS games along with a baby doll. If not to much trouble I would like to have a cupcake decorating kit and the

Dear Santa  
I want a pool table, a blue bike that has a real motor, a spider-man toy, an electric guitar, a Power Rangers movie, a DVD player, a George of the Jungle movie, and an Xbox with the game Astroboy.  
Thank you,  
Jackson Young

Dear Santa  
I would like to have for Christmas this year a new TV for my room, a race car track, and some DS games. Lastly, I would like a Wii and some games with it. Thank you Santa.  
Griffin

Dear Santa  
I want a train. I would really like a red and yellow one. I would also want lots of food for other kids. Something else I want is a car even though I can't drive. And of course I want alot more toys!  
Elvis Chavez

Dear Santa  
I'm glad your going to be here at Christmas! I want a pink guitar and a music box. I have been good at school and home everyday! I hope I'm on the good list. Thank you.  
Faith M. McManus

Dear Santa  
I would like a toy weed eater, a pretend fire station, a police station, a red race car, a robot, and a toy x-mark.  
Tylan Patrick

Dear Santa  
I want a Nintendo Ds, a soft pillow and a new guitar.  
Mikkie

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Welcome The Season!  
At this special time of year, we'd like to join our neighbors in giving thanks for the Lord's many blessings including your kind friendship.  
You've really made us feel welcome here.  
W. Dan Douglas  
Attorney  
109 N Main 635-5113



Dear Santa  
All I want for Christmas is a Playstation and a math computer.  
Kenasia

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a Gameboy. Please bring me skates.  
Blair

Dear Santa  
I really want a red razor and a Barbie camper, and the movie Parent Trap.  
Layne

Dear Santa  
I want a Playstation 3 on a rocketship phone, a Michael Myers toy PSP, Monopoly game, Ninja Turtle game, and Batman game and Guitar Hero.  
Cameron

Dear Santa  
I've been good this year. I wish you will bring me an intendo DS and a scooter. I also would like toys for my new puppy.  
Lexi Bane

Dear Santa  
All I want for Christmas is a new bike and different games for PSP and a new charger for my PSP. Thank you.  
Dalton

Dear Santa  
I want a Moxie girl, Barbie campin Jeep, Xbox 360, four-wheeler the color green and pink, and a boom-box that plays many great songs.  
Megan Cherry

Dear Santa  
I think I have been good. I want you to surprise me. I want duck hunter. Thank you for what you brought me last year.  
Joseph Meeks

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I want a xbox 360 and a Wii. I want a new shoes and a new clothes to. I want a laptop computer. I want a book.  
Shemar

Dear Santa  
I want a big magic tricks. It would be great! I will leave you milk and cookies. Will you put me on the good list? I've made some mistakes.  
Gideon

THANK YOU!  
I would like a bigger bike. Can you please give Mom, Dad, and J.R. some stuff. Thank you.  
Joslyn Prater

Dear Santa  
I would like you to bring me a new jacket, cat, shoes, and a build-a-bear. I love Santa.  
Kimberly

Dear Santa  
I hope you have more people on your good list then your bad list. Santa I will always believe in you.  
Ketha

Dear Santa  
I want a Wii for Christmas eve and a game to put in it to play. Have a good Christmas eve to Santa from Dra.  
DraDarius Rivard

Dear Santa  
I have been a really good girl this year, for Christmas I want a Barbie camp, Moon Sand, Hungry Hungry Hippos board game, and lots of clothes and toys.  
Madison Olds

Dear Santa  
I want some new Barbies, imagine fashion dessiner DS game, Barbie glam camper, shower and show Barbie horse.  
Tarah

Dear Santa  
I want a miniature real four wheeler, police city Legos, Temple of Doom Indiana Jones Legos, Bendaroos, and Xbox Elite.  
Ben

Dear Santa  
I wish I can get alot of persents. and big boys not baby girls not baby boys not little boys or little girls. When everybody sets up the Christmas tree. You can us presents alot of presents alot of presents. I wish Christmas comes fast me too. Santo Clouse comes at the middle of the night and gives the persents.  
Brennan Seidel

Dear Santa  
I would like a camera for Christmas. I would also like the game Life, I would like a Wii game, I would like a game for the DS called Pets Nursery, and

year. And I want some Hollister purfume. Can I have a voyager because I need a new phone. Can you give my grandmother Katherine a necklace.  
Paiton Blackwood

Dear Santa  
How are you and the rain deer doing? What do the eat? What do the rain deer eat? Have you and Misses Cloves enjoyed your year off? Help the other kids that don't have Christmas. Help the kids in charaty.  
Clay Gibson

Dear Santa  
I love you. You are my bestfriend. I want lots of toys. I want a play dirt bug. I want some monters trucks. I want some drums for the xbox. I want some people to get better.  
Brett Binkley

Dear Santa  
I want a Webkin and a big dog and a makeup kase and books and bardoll stufed neom and DS games and DS charger and a dollhouse and a lot ofd balus sliper.  
Mady Fain

Dear Santa  
I want a bike and a book, fake Barbies and clothes, a changing table, a high chair, a mat and a map, a dancing mat, fake puppies, a fake cat, a fake John Deere tactor, car seats, a purse, a blanket.  
Jaycie Beal

Dear Santa  
I would like a 4wheeler and a Transformer and a DS game. Please give the other kids that don't have anything something. And the kids in the hospitle. I can't wait until you come to my house.  
Emily Escue

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a remote control truck and I DS and a ipod, a Playstaion Wii and tshirt and paints.  
Tyler Cents

Dear Santa  
I want for Christmas is a laptop if you can't give me that give me a dog. Can you give me lots of chocolate candy in my stocking like you did last

**Catch The Spirit!**

At the birth of our Savior, we'd like to join you in giving thanks for the many blessings we share including the gift of Friendship.

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Dear Santa  
Can you get miss murphy and miss shanna and my class something and my mom something and for my family to come and for us to have a good Christmas and everybody to have a merry Christmas.  
Antaja Jennings

Dear Santa  
I have been good. I would like some cars and a model car. I would like a dirtbike. If you can, will you please bring my cousins Beth and Carlee a present? I will leave you something good to eat.  
Minika Thurmond

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I would like a little toy puppy that swims, a puppy in my pocket, a baby alive, woopsie doo and hair styling doll. Please bring my brother tractors, trucks and cars.  
Caitlyn Kelly

Dear Santa  
How is the weather in the North Pole? I want a 4wheeler and alot of toys. Merry Christmas!  
Ariana Wooden

Dear Santa  
I love you Santa. I wish I could see today. Can i have a Nintendo Wii? I have been very good. I really like baukgun. My mama needs a new car because my sister wrecked our old one.  
Gage McCammon

Dear Santa  
I have been really good this year. I want a brown and wite peg bike. And i want a bow and arrow so I can hunt with Dad. Say hello to Rudolph.  
Andrew Dunham

Dear Santa  
How are you and your elves doing? I have been good boy this year. I would like a PSP with a wrestling game.  
Kylan Bonds

Dear Santa  
Are the elves working hard? How is the North Pole? I need a computer, some clothes, I need some glasses that are blue, I need some pink shoes, I need lots and lots of toys. Santa I need a new backpack. And toys for my brother and sisters and toys for all of the children in the world. You are the best Santa in the world.  
Hane Leigh Dorse

Dear Santa  
I have been good for Christmas. I want a Wii Fit, a DS, U-Create Music game, Indiana

Jones and the Temple of Doom, Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull.  
Cole Harris

Dear Santa  
I would like a mind flex game, and a darbie glawl camper. I would like a pair of cow girls boots. You don't have to get me a cat, my Mom and Dad will.  
Marissa Riley

Dear Santa  
How is the North Pole? Are your elfs wor fast? I want a comforten set with horses, and some pajamas with horses on it. I like to have some games for Christmas. I want a horse coat. I want a horse and some hose clothes.  
Allison White

Dear Santa  
I want Clue the game, lots of magic treehoue books, Iclops, mini pregertor, havicely helicopter, papronis, Wii game Rockband with microphone and drums.  
Ally Holcomb

Dear Santa  
How are you doing? I just want to get a few toys. Well the first thing is some new games for my Nintendo and a new mp3 player and I will want a necklace.  
Asia Herring

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive, some blocks, a teddy bear, and a new dress.  
Abigail Scott

Dear Santa,  
I want lots of new toys. I want a new Buzz Lightyear. I want an airplane with a fireman.  
Jalen Stafford

Dear Santa,  
I want circus airplanes, a Lightning McQueen car, Spiderman, Gingerbread house, and a dolly. I also want a robot and a puppy dog.  
Grace Danehower

Dear Santa,  
I want some cars with traffic signs, the color song CD, and I want a new lunchbox.  
Jo Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball, football, and I might want a Batman toy. Maybe, I want that lightsaber-making kit like my brother got.  
Christian Cates

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy dog, Spiderman, Superman, SpongeBob, Snowman, and a Batman Bike.  
Trey Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want a Christmas tree and

a snowman, Santa Claus, fish, dog, hot wheels, motorcycle, and another dog.  
Parker Terry

Dear Santa,  
I want a SpongeBob game, a notebook, Spiderman game, and that's all I want.  
Benton Ream

Dear Santa,  
I want a Carhart jacket, a golf set, a fishing game, a pair of Levi Jeans, an mp3 player, and an electric piano.  
Thornton Terry

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**To Our Loyal Readers At Christmas**

As we wrap up another holiday edition, we'd like to deliver an extra measure of thanks and best wishes to all of you.

Here's hoping all your news is good news this season.

*The Staff at*

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*Merry Christmas Everyone!*



# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!!! Mr. Pam and Miss Pam took me for a ride last night. Miss Pam put on my Christmas thing around my neck so I knew it must be about Christmas. We rode for a while and then we stopped. I took a nap on the way and when we stopped, I looked up and saw lots and lots of lights. Now I know that two leggers put lights outside of their two leggers houses for Christmas, but this was different.



There were lights everywhere. I jumped out of the truck and took off looking at all of the lights. Miss Pam took me to a house and there he was - Santa. I knew who he was after just looking at him for one minute. He was dressed in red clothes and boots. He had lots of hair on his face and head. Miss Pam told me how he would look and I have really been looking for him because Miss Pam says that he watches us so we have to be good. I walked up to him, to smell of him and he smiled at me and called my name. I was surprised that he knew my name. I got right up next to him and he patted my head and rubbed my back. He told me that he knew that I had been a good boy and that he would bring me, Rusty and Little Girl some new toys and new treats this year. Wow, he even knew about Rusty and Little Girl. I really liked this two legger. Miss Pam took our picture. She is always taking pictures of me. Miss Pam told me that it was time to go because there were little two leggers waiting to get in to see Santa, too. I licked his face and turned my head to him to ask him not to forget about us on that special night, I really do like new toys and treats. We walked out of the Santa house and I really was smiling as we walked back to the truck. You should have seen this place, it is beautiful.....

We are out at the Club today and I have been telling all of my Buds that Santa is real. Everybody is talking about Santa. Fred, the chocolate lab, told me that he thinks that he had seen Santa before. Sheba, the white shepherd, was really listening about Santa because she had never even heard about Santa. Oh well, she is young. Lucy, the basset and beagle mix, and all of her beagle friends are outside and everybody is all talking at one time about Santa. I really had fun telling all of the schnauzer mix puppies, the beagle puppies, and the bird dog puppies about Santa. All of the puppies were jumping and hoping for Santa to come and see them. Of course, all they want for Christmas is a two legger to take them home.

In the office, all of the two leggers are talking about going shopping just one more time. Mr. Buddy says that Linda Bryant came out to the Club and liked Little Man and took him home. Joseph Walker adopted a male shepherd. Anna Drumwright came out to the Club and took home two four leggers and a cat. Joseph Walker took Sam home with him. Amanda Tart took home beagle puppy four legger. Eddie Modlin took home Saber. Jimmy and Peggy brought some food out for my Buds. Mike Allmond made a generous donation for my Buds.

My Aunt Shirley made a generous Christmas donation for my Buds. Donations were made in memory of Dennis Strayhorn by Karen Nor-

fork, in memory of Mary Williams by John and Barbara Williams and in memory of Mary Jo Laxson by the employees of Ripley Power and Light.

Have your four leggers spayed and neutered so that we do not have so many puppy and kitten four leggers out here at the Club. Take your four legger to see the Doc for their yearly checkup and shots. Remember Miss Pam

says that a healthy four legger is a happy four legger and a happy four legger makes a two legger happy.

Send your two legger out to the Club with us some food. We are always in need of food donations because my Buds stay hungry all of the time. If you do not want to come out to the Club, just drop off your food donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon and we will come and pick it up. Come

and see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

Cold weather is here so make sure that your outside four leggers have shelter from the cold so that they will stay warm.

Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. You really need to be good since I have found out that Santa is real....

Zeek out!!!!



Merry Christmas To Each & Everyone

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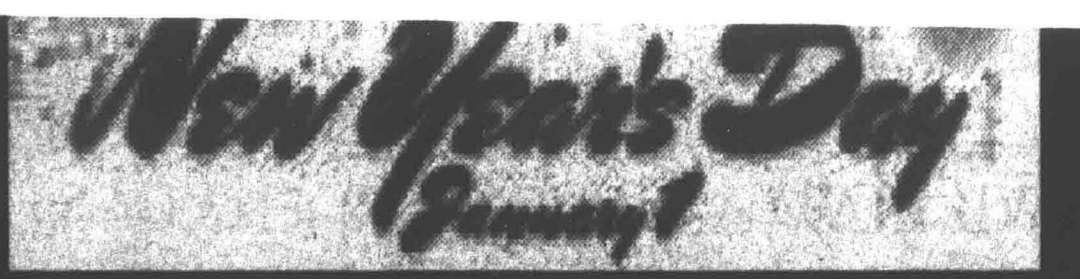
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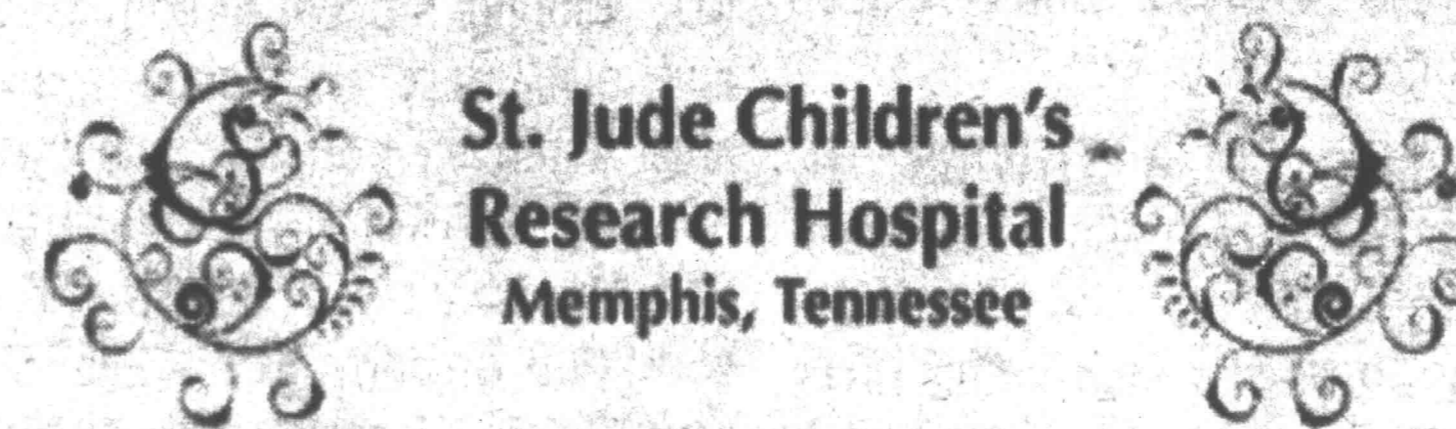


## Cookbooks Arrive



Cooking With Hannah

And Big Sister Haley



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
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**THE COOKBOOK**, *Cooking With Hannah And Big Sister, Haley*, is available at several locations in the county. Hannah Ellis, 2-1/2 year-old daughter of Heath and Pam Ellis, of Ripley, was diagnosed with ALL, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in August 2008. After a series of blood tests, she was referred to LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis. Upon admission, Hannah underwent a bone marrow extraction surgery, along with surgery to place a central IV line. A spinal tap concluded that Hannah had no cancer cells in her spinal fluid. However, as a precautionary measure, doctors began the process of chemo into her spinal column to ensure that the cancer would not spread. Hannah is now in remission after two weeks of chemo and a second bone marrow aspiration. Although in remission, she still undergoes chemotherapy weekly at St. Jude. Proceeds from the cookbook will benefit the Ellis family and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information, or to obtain a copy, call Nancy Brewster, 836-5959 or 413-8957, or Ashley Hutcherson, 413-4712.

## Democratic Primary Petitions Returned

Gary L. Wilson (I) picked up a petition for Register of Deeds in the May 4th election during the Lauderdale County Democratic Primary. Other candidates include Charletta Campbell (D) seeking the trustee's seat; Jimmy Johnston, (I) register of deeds; Brian Kelly (I) sheriff; and Richard Jennings (D), circuit court clerk. All, but Wilson, have returned their petitions.

Candidates have until February 18th to qualify and February 25th to withdraw their petition. Early voting will begin April 14th through 29th. Voters must be registered by April 5th to cast a ballot.

## McBroom Wins All-West Honor

The *Jackson Sun's* All-West-Tennessee volley-ball team notes honorable mention for Halls High School's Megan McBroom.

## Citizens To Tour Places In Chicago

The Lauderdale Commission on Aging and Diamond Tours has scheduled to visit Chicago Monday, June 14th through 18, a five day and four night trip. Places of interest include, Shedd Aquarium, a guided tour of Chicago, skyline cruise on Lake Michigan, the historic Navy Pier, the Art Institute of Chicago, the world famous Willis Tower observation deck (formerly Sears tower) and more. Deadline for deposit is January 29th.

For more information and cost, call 731-836-5444.

## Greetings From Ripley



**THE GREETING CARD**, which President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, sent this year was printed in Ripley by employees at American Greetings. This is not the first time they have printed cards for the White House. They have also printed cards for the governors of Tennessee and Arkansas. The facilities in Osceola, Ark. and Bardstown, Ky. assisted in the production by folding, cutting, and packaging the cards. The cover is cream colored with a thin maroon border and depicts a gold wreath encircling a gold presidential coat of arms.

## Holiday Hours Set For Offices

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and

*The Halls Graphic*, 145 E. Jackson, Ripley, will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday and reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, January 4th.



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### Land Transfers

Dec. 20th - Dec. 16th  
Jennie McClain to Andrea Hughes, Dist. 12, lot.  
Mike L. Voss and Michael L. Voss to Alvin Bell, Jr., and Gloria Bell, Dist. 7, 122.392 acres.  
John L. Miller to Ernest E.

Bell and Rebecca J. Bell, Dist. 14, lot.  
Kristofer S. Smith and Rachel Smith to William Wyatt, Dist. 2, 0.31 acre.  
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., to Sec. of Housing and Urban Development, 0.233 acre.  
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ie Knolton Ridley to David Kuchan and Patricia Prescott, Dist. 14, 1.0 acre.

### Marriages

December 18th - Michael Gene Shoemake, 70, to Linda Michelle Floyd Allison, 66, by

Dwight Shoemake, Sr. December 19th - Michael Anthony Tolbert, 20, to Kristen Michelle Stephens, 19, by Steve Marlin.

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# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!! Well, ole Santa has come and gone. When Miss Pam told me that it was the night for Santa, we went outside and put Cheerios out in the yard for the reindeer to eat while Santa was bringing us new toys. I had a plan. I didn't go to bed with Miss Pam, I just stayed on the couch. I was going to see Santa this year and I had to watch the cookies and milk that we left out for Santa. I didn't want Rusty to eat them. I stayed awake as long as I could but I left one of my ears up so that I could hear him come in. After I had a good nap, I woke up and there was nothing under our inside tree. I wondered did Santa forget us this year. Now, when I talked to him, he said that he would come and see us. I went over to the door to see if Miss Pam had left it unlocked. It was unlocked so I went back to the couch. It was really late and I was sleepy so I went back to sleep.

When I woke up, the sun was shining and I looked around and there were new toys under our inside tree. I jumped off the couch and looked and there were even new treats under our tree. I ran into the bedroom and jumped on Miss Pam's bed and woke her up. She asked me did Santa come to see us. I jumped off the bed and ran back into the room with the tree and Rusty and Lil Girl were in there looking. Miss Pam finally got up and came in there with us. She told us that we must have really been good to have gotten so much from Santa. Miss Pam looked over and told us that Santa must have been hungry this year because he ate all of his cookies but he didn't drink all of his milk. I just smiled inside.

Now, I don't know how he can come in our house, eat cookies and put our new toys and treats under our tree without one of us four-leggers hearing him. Miss Pam just says that it is magic. Whatever that means.....

Miss Pam and I are out at the Club. I have been telling all of my Buds about Santa. Some of my Buds don't believe me. I told them that when they get to have a two-legger home that Santa will come and see them. Mabell and Lucy, the two tri colored basset/ beagle mix, were laughing at me about being so excited. Fred, the chocolate lab, that is so smart, knew about Santa. Sheba, the white shepherd, and the schnauzer mix puppy four leggers were all out playing and running in the sun. The labs outside were all talking about having a two-legger to go hunting with them and the border collies were all talking about running other four-leggers.

I went to the office to see what was going on in there. All of the two-leggers were laughing when I went in. Mr. Buddy asked me if Santa had been to see me. I smiled real big on the inside. Mr. Buddy told me that William Spencer had come out to the Club and taken four beagles home with him. He must really like beagles. Shannon Pryer took home a Jack Russell mix with her. Pamela Adkinson took home Basil. Lucky Elrod took home a cat.

Mike Allmand made a generous donation for my Buds. Karen Norfolk made a donation to the Club. Za Za's Eatery ladies came out to the Club with my Buds some food and treats. Mrs. Cleo Awalt made a generous donation to my Buds from the Modern

Woodmen. We sure do thank all of ya'll.

Send your two-legger out to the Club with my Buds some food. We always need food because my Buds are always hungry. If you don't want to come all the way out to the Club, just drop off your food donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon and we will come and pick it up. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, or mail us something a P. O. Box 172 Ripley, or just give us a call a 836-PETS (836-7387).

Have your four-leggers spayed or neutered so that we don't have so many puppy and kitten four-leggers out here at the Club. Take your four-legger to see the Doc for their yearly check up and shots. Miss Pam says that a healthy four-legger is a happy four-legger and a happy four-legger makes a two-legger happy.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. Remember when I told you that Miss Pam thought that Santa eat all of the cookies? Well, he ate some of them, but I ate the rest of them before I woke Miss Pam up..... Zeek out!!!!!!

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Obituaries

Store Buyer



**ONA WEBB VOSS**, 90, of 815 Arp-Central Rd., widow of Murry Voss, died Monday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Grace Baptist Church at Central, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was born May 30, 1919, to the late Jeff and Katie Walsh Webb.

A graduate of Nankipoo High School, she had been a buyer for Goldsmith's Department Store in Memphis for 25 years.

She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church at Edith.

She had been a member of the Bexar Family Community and Education Club.

Survivors include a son, Jim M. Voss, of Bartlett;

daughters, Debbie Neill, of Somerville, and Joyce Dempsey, of Michie; a brother, Parnell P. Webb, of 7278 Edith-Nankipoo Rd.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Phil Garrett Won Medal For Plane Crash Rescue**

Phil Osborn Garrett, 90, formerly of 80-A Park Meadows Cove, Halls, died Thursday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Sunday in Gates Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was born at Gates, Nov. 25, 1919.

He won a Carnegie Medal for civilian heroism in 1944, when he rescued an airman from a B-17 which crashed on his farm, near Halls.

Survivors include sons, Darrell, of Gates, and Danny, of Franklin; a daughter, Gloria Burrough, of Halls; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Earline Green**

Earline Layne Green, 88, died Thursday of last week in Health & Rehab in Truman, Ark.

Rites were Saturday in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a sister, Margie Sawyer, of Bartlett.

**'Dave' Parham**

Thomas "Dave" Parham, 77, of 683 West Church, Alamo, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump.

He was born at Maury City, May 1, 1932.

He leaves sons, Proctor, of Friendship, and Vincent, of Cleveland, Tex.; a daughter, Vicki Ebone, of League City, Tex.; a sister, Helen Burns, of McKenzie; nine grandchildren, including Candice Billings, of Gates; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Rickey Cates**

Rickey Dwayne Cates, 58, of 299 Old Glimp Rd., Ripley, died Monday.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Enon Cemetery.

He was born at Halls, Oct. 2, 1951.

Survivors include a son, Josh, of Newbern; brothers, Alan and Michael Cates, of Ripley; sisters, Anita Cates and Shirley Mustion, of Ripley, and Glenda Lawrence, of Burlington; and two grandchildren.

**Barbara Gaines**

Barbara J. Gaines, 64, of Covington, mother of Michael D. Gaines, of 36 Morris, Ripley, died Monday of last week.

Rites were Monday in St. Stephen Baptist Church in Covington, with burial in St. Matthew Cemetery at Stanton, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She had been a bus driver for Tipton County schools.

Survivors include a daughter, three other sons, two brothers, four sisters, 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Carpenter**

Florence Ann Carpenter, 68, of Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

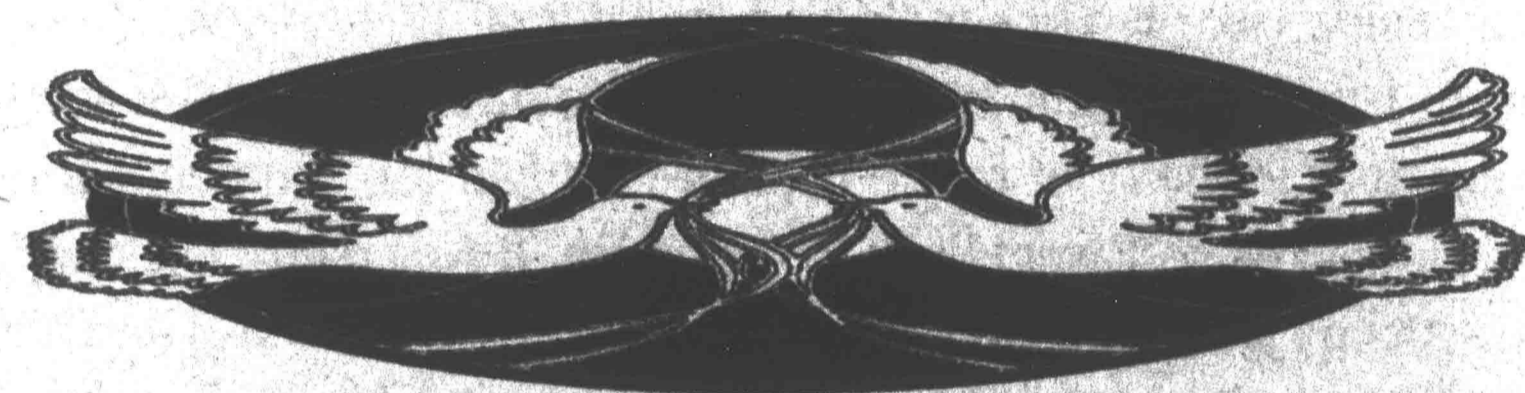
Rites were Sunday in Mt. Lebanon Church in Henning, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Hersurvivorsincludeadaughter, Donna Carpenter, of Halls; a brother, Danny Ray Jackson, of Arkansas; sisters, Margaret M. Segarra, Ruby Pearl Carter, and Shirley Jean Harbaugh, of Illinois; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of the late Louis Hudson, Jr. deeply appreciated your kind expressions of sympathy in our great loss. Our family appreciates all those who sent flowers and sympathy cards, donated personal services, called with the kindest words, and thought of us those days. Your thoughts and efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

The family of Louis Hudson, Jr. Adv.P.



**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.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold a watch night service beginning at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, December 31st. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Praise Temple Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., will hold a watch meeting beginning at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, December 31st with mime dancing and ten ministers speaking. The theme is "Ready for the Next Move of God in 2010". Garie Andrews, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

**Residents Receive Hand Bells**



LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING provided hand bells to residents at Lauderdale Community Living Center December 15th.

**Halls Popcorn Winners**



MEMBERS of Halls' Cub Scout Pack 167 celebrated Christmas with a pizza party at Halls First United Methodist Church December 15th. Scouts and their siblings exchanged gifts. Prizes were awarded for popcorn sales and trophies were given to the top three sellers, Blake Webster, third; Jace Moore, second; and Blayne Murley, first. They are pictured with David Ream, left, assistant Cubmaster, and Kelly Tillman-Moore, right, "popcorn kernel".

McDowell, Douglas Woods, Bobbi Younger, Heidi Strong, John Thomas Sammons, Chris Hurt, Deborah Layne, Logan Robinson, Sonja Pipkin, Linda Maxwell, Matthew Williams, Wagoner, Crystal McAlister, Marty Ellis. Hollie Mitchell, Haylee Pittman, Marie Bing, Martha Scofield, Steve Brown, John Michael Johnston.

**Anniversaries**

Dec. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Carmack, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Crowson.

Jan. 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard West, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutcherson.

Jan. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Colvin.

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

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

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

Jan. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phagan.

**Birthdays**

Dec. 31 - Ashton Gaines, Brent Tucker, Ken Sutton, Caitlyn Hurt, Sarah Callender, Violet Burks, Jamie Holder, Ashley Adkins, Olivia Gaines, Bethany Allysa Buckner, Charlie Miller, Makayla Holmes, Chris Nelson, Mia Maxwell.

Jan. 1 - Martha Thornton, Liz Craft, Joy Beard, Emma Bonds, Perrilyn Cherry, Gertie M. Davis, Janet Hurt, Jimmy Haynes, Katheryn Dunigan, Richard West, Olgie Patrick, Bill Pollard, Jennifer Terry, Richard Adams, Arthur R. Walker, Barbara Walker, Bobby Baker, Jackie Webb, Jennifer Camper.

Jan. 2 - Alexis Bolden, Lee Hunter, Billie Ann Hendren, Alan Jordan, Crystal Adams, Marvin Searce, Vince Robinson, John William Goforth, Lloyd Dycus, Chase Binkley, Caleb Sellers, Sue McBroom, Savannah McWherter, Ineita Walker, Jim Summar, Jr., Clint Poston, Brenda Fox.

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

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

Jan. 5 - Bob Pasley, Pam Stanfield, Colby Baker, Danielle Sanders, Anna Carol



**School Lunches**

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, January 4th  
No School  
Inservice Day

Tuesday, January 5th  
Chicken Fajitas w/Trimmings  
Tacos w/Trimmings  
Corn Nibbles  
Grapes  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, January 6th  
Baked Ham  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Banana  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, January 7th  
Menu  
School's Choice  
Friday, January 8th  
Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
BBQ On Bun  
Fresh Broccoli w/Dip  
Homemade Baked Beans  
Peaches  
Pear Halves  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

**School Lunches**

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

Monday, January 4th  
No School  
Inservice Day

Tuesday, January 5th  
Chicken Fajitas w/Trimmings  
Corn Nibbles  
Grapes  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, January 6th  
Baked Ham  
Whipped Potatoes

Banana  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

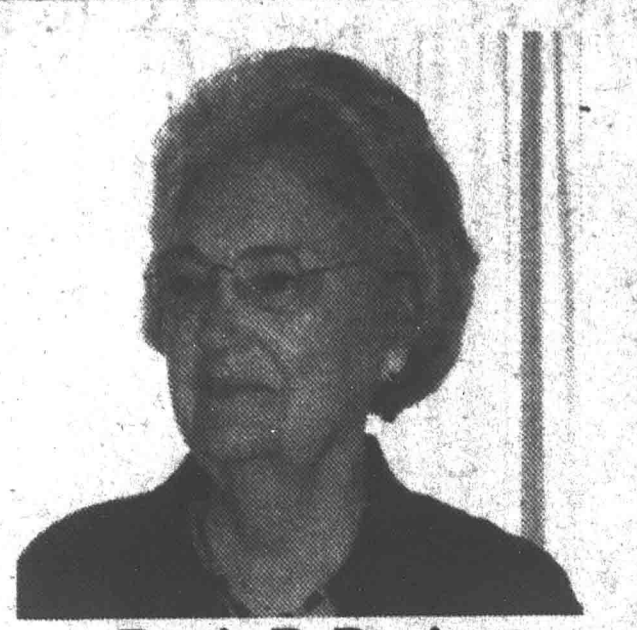
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Peaches  
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Choice Of Milk



# Yesteryear

Margaret Voss Allen's  
Memories of Growing Up  
in Lauderdale County  
Preserve our history  
...discover your heritage.



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Imagine living without electricity—no refrigeration, no indoor plumbing, no television! I distinctly remember the first radio at our house. It was during cotton picking time and it was customary for our family to finish picking a bale on Friday afternoon, no matter how late. Then Saturdays were free for Mother and us girls to do laundry, starch and iron all the clothes we'd be wearing during the next week, polish our "Sunday shoes," mop all the floors, and get most of Sunday dinner prepared. Then, if all went well, we might even get to go to "town" on Saturday afternoons. This usually meant going to Gates for Mother and Daddy to do their weekly trading, although in later years it could mean going to the Halls Theater to watch the weekly shoot-em-up with the exciting serial thrillers. Who could ever forget the adventures of The Purple People Eaters, for instance? Our cousins, the Cliffs, lived in Jackson and sometimes visited us during the summers. They still recall those Saturday thrillers. Well, on this particular Friday we did not finish the bale, for what reason I do not now know. Daddy said, "If we'll all pick real hard it won't take long to finish this up on Saturday morning." Groans (although it seems looking back that wouldn't be any harder work than the above-mentioned household chores) and sad faces answered him. Then, magic words. He smiled as he said, "And we'll buy us a radio." Well, we picked that cotton, and he bought us a new Zenith radio. It was a small table-top in a pretty wooden cabinet, and by that time we did have electricity, and the radio was electric. What joy! I think Daddy enjoyed that radio as much or more than we did.

I also remember when electricity came. There were only bare electric light bulbs screwed into white porcelain fixtures in the ceilings. Each one had a long chain hanging down. PULL—THE LIGHT BULB LIT UP. PULL AGAIN—THE LIGHT BULB WENT OUT. But that event did allow the housewives of those days some extra-ordinary time savers and conveniences such as they had never dreamed of. Such things as refrigerators, electric washing machines and sewing machines, electric irons, vacuum cleaners, etc. Not all at one time, mind you, but progressively and with much enthusiasm for each one. Talk about change. Back then the electric company gave cards to each household showing the last meter reading, and you, yourself, were trusted to write in the month's meter reading and mail in the card to them each month. It was an "event" just to read the electric meter. I sit here amazed as I write this down at the simplicity of our life back then.

The first electric washing machine at our house was a Sears wringer type. It was nothing short of miraculous! It sat on the back porch, had a long cord to reach the available electrical socket, and even though water still had to be hand drawn from the outdoor well, there was no comparison to the prior method of laundering clothes. That meant drawing water from the well to fill the black iron wash pot, under which a fire had to be built for the hot water. Then the Number 2 galvanized wash tub had to be filled, and all the clothes were scrubbed by hand on a metal wash board. Very hard on knuckles, especially when you got to the heavy denim bib overalls with metal snaps on the shoulder straps! Home-made lye soap was often used, then we were able to buy P&G bar soap, and later, we used Oxydol washing powders. Blueing was used, especially to make the white clothes sparkle. And sparkle they did. After the boiling, scrubbing, blueing and bright sunshine

there was no way not to. And, back then, the clothesline had to make a statement. I remember hearing some very snide comments about the way some ladies hung their clothes on the line "every which way," and "those sheets aren't white," and "she left her clothes on the line all day and (in extreme slothfulness) over night!"

To see the agitator spin round and round on the new electric machine was as big an event as I can recall back then, and it was even fun to put the clothes through the wringer, and STILL into the Number 2 wash tub of rinse water. There were endless cautions of being careful of the wringer; we had heard tales of people who got their hands, arms, even their hair, caught in the wringer.

Getting the clothes on the line, dried, folded, and ironed was really and truly a BIG job, especially with a family as large as ours with the laundry's including the heavy work overalls, and the voluminous crinolines that we teenagers wore. Most everything was made of cotton material and had to be starched. My goodness, it makes me weary to think of all that work, usually on Saturdays, week in and week out, no matter what the temperature.

One thing about growing up as we did is the treasure trove of unending memories of our extended family. Not only was our household itself large, with Mother and Daddy and seven children covering a seventeen-year range, but my widowed Grandfather Bob Furr, and unmarried Aunt Effie and Uncle Herman Furr all lived with us at one time or another. Also, my Grandmother Nana with her son, William Langley, and her brother, Uncle John Wesley Williams, and his son, Thomas Williams, lived for many years within sight of our house. They also lived at one point with Grandma and Grandpa Williams on Forked Deer Road, as did Uncle John's daughter, Shirley Williams. Aunt Demetra and Uncle Guy Williams lived close by them. Uncle Werter and Aunt Willie Burks with their eight children lived just "down the hill" from us. His mother, Ma Ed, was often there. Aunt Kathryn and Uncle Junior Voss and two sons lived off Highway 88, not far "across the fields." I remember her parents, Mr. Barney and Mrs. Annie Robison. Uncle Harold and Aunt Marie Furr lived around Woodville, and we visited her parents, Mr. Emmett and Mrs. Ona Mai White and their eight children. Daddy's cousin Vester and Lucille Voss and two daughters lived nearby. Uncle Will and Aunt Mattie Clift and their four children lived at Jackson, and Mother's cousins, the Glossons, lived in Benton County. Great-aunts and cousins lived in and near Memphis, and were often at our house on Sundays. All of these people, and gracious me, so many more, are all entwined in memory as "family."

School was grades one through eight at Gates Elementary and grades nine through twelve at Halls High. There were four teachers at Gates Elementary; they each had one room with two grades in that room. Miss Pansy Griffin taught me grades one and two. She remains in my memory as the prettiest, sweetest, smartest person I had ever met. She gave gold stars for the best reader, and I am not embarrassed to say I won a good many of them. And I'll always remember the big blackboard with the alphabet in both small and capital letters always there. There were lines showing the letters so correctly written above and below that line. My dream was to have handwriting just exactly like that, but I'm afraid haste is one of my downfalls, always in a hurry to finish one thing just to get going on something else, so no perfect handwriting for me. The memory is there, just the same.

Miss Inez Martin taught me grades three and four; Mrs. Faye Coffman taught me grades five and six; and Miss Sara Martin taught me grades seven and eight. Miss Sara was also the Principal. (She also taught my Daddy.) Each classroom had the classic George Washington portrait sternly looking down at us.

The old red brick school building (no longer there) with the huge oak trees out front are part of my earliest memories. The giant oak limbs held several swings with board seats and the older children took great pleasure in pushing the younger ones in those swings. Their aim was to make the swingers' feet touch certain high-up limbs of the trees. Those of us who were being swung would scream, but then would try to grab a handful of leaves to show off when our feet touched ground again. A wooden bench was built around the trees to cover the large

gnarled roots. In fact, one of my sisters (Betty Jo) broke her arm when she fell off the bench in first grade. She started writing with her left hand at that time, and despite all efforts by our parents and her teachers, continued to use her left hand, and still does.

We had morning "assembly" upstairs during which we had prayer, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang two songs. The two songs that I'll never forget the words to are "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching," and "The Bells of St. Marys." Seems we sang those two songs most mornings.

We always lined up outside the front door and marched to Assembly—NO PUSHING, NO GUM CHEWING, NOTALKING, NO GIGGLING. These words must be engraved on my memory, they are forever clear. Tardiness was one of the greatest sins to be committed by a student, and a line on our report cards reflected "Tardiness." That was a subject of stern lectures from our parents, too; I mean, after all, what possible excuse could there be for tardiness when we all left home at the same time? Most of the entire student body of Gates Elementary School arrived at the same time, either by the school bus, or on foot. Mr. Harry Witt drove the school bus for several years and then Mr. Harry Moore drove it for several more. I remember both of these people as very gentle and easy-going gentlemen with whom any child could talk and laugh. They were trusted and trusting. They were friends to us and to our parents. They were, like all figures of authority back then, respected. I remember the day Daddy came home after the War (WWII) was over. I was in high school. Normally, the school bus route took us from Halls to Highway 88 almost to the Forked Deer River Bridge where it turned around and swung by our house on Concord Road. This was its last leg since Mr. Harry lived at the end of the route. But on this particular day, he drove us home first, his smile as big as his heart. He did this for us because he knew Daddy was at home waiting for us. I will never forget that simple act. I'm sure no one said "thank you," but I sure wish I had.

## Bank Of Ripley Recognizes Team Members



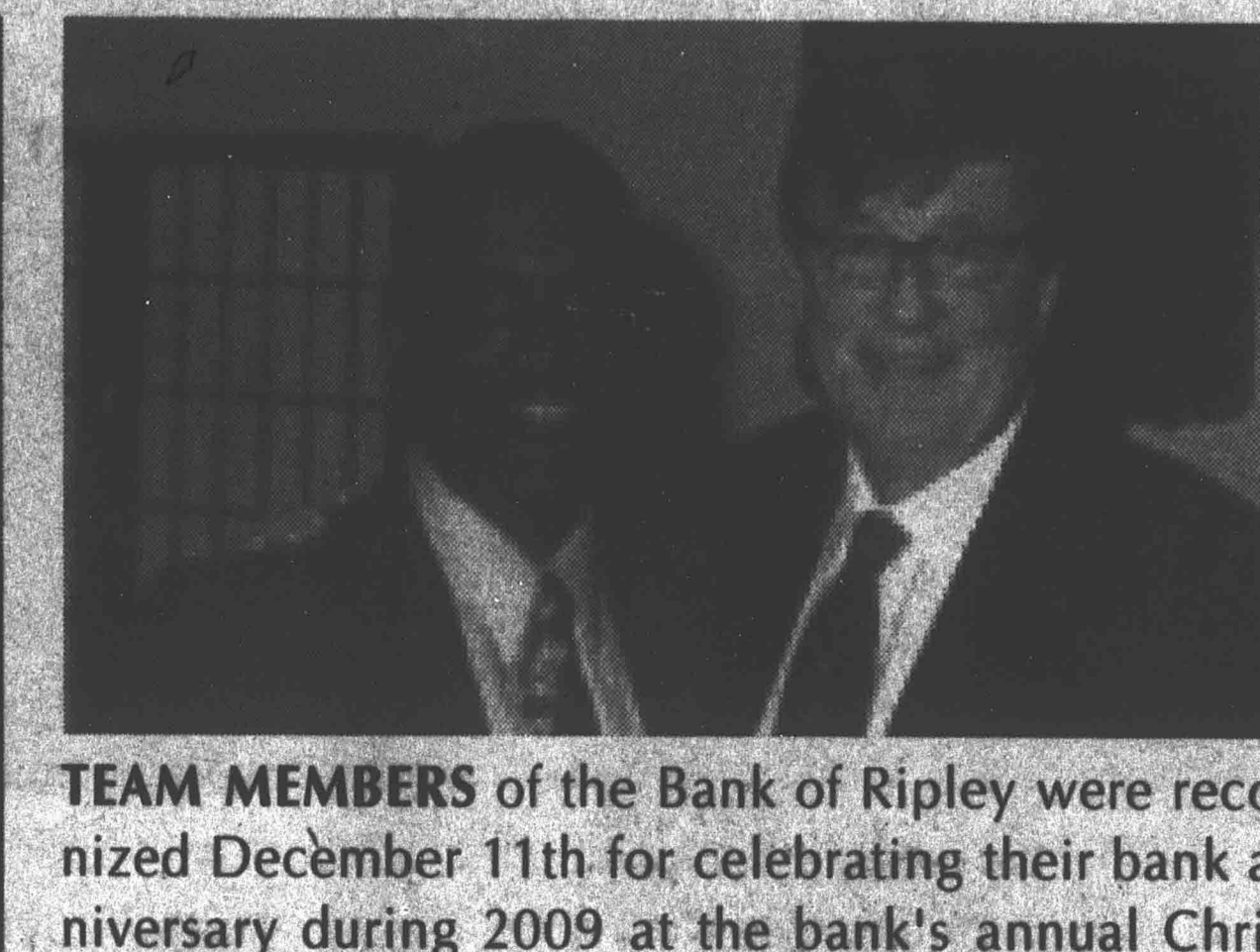
EVA DRAIN, left, was recognized for 30 years of service with Bank of Ripley during the annual Christmas dinner December 11th. She announced her retirement earlier in December. Mrs. Drain was accompanied to the dinner by her family including, her husband, Milton; daughter, Debora Drain-Tyus; grandchildren, Deidre Tyus and Ulysses "Trey" Tyus III; and Trey's fiancée, Nikita Coy, of Knoxville. The bank encourages "community spirit" and Eva has lived it by serving various local and civic organizations. She has served three terms as a member of the Board of Education and two years as Board Chairman. She is the treasurer of the Palmer Turner Community Center, as well as a mentor of the Lauderdale Family Resource Center, board of director of the W. G. L. Rice Park Community Center, and vice-president of Projecting A Positive Image (P.A.P.I.). After retirement, she plans to continue to serve in the community, travel, and spend time with her family. Craig Fitzhugh, right, CEO, stated her Bank of Ripley family would miss her and wished her well.



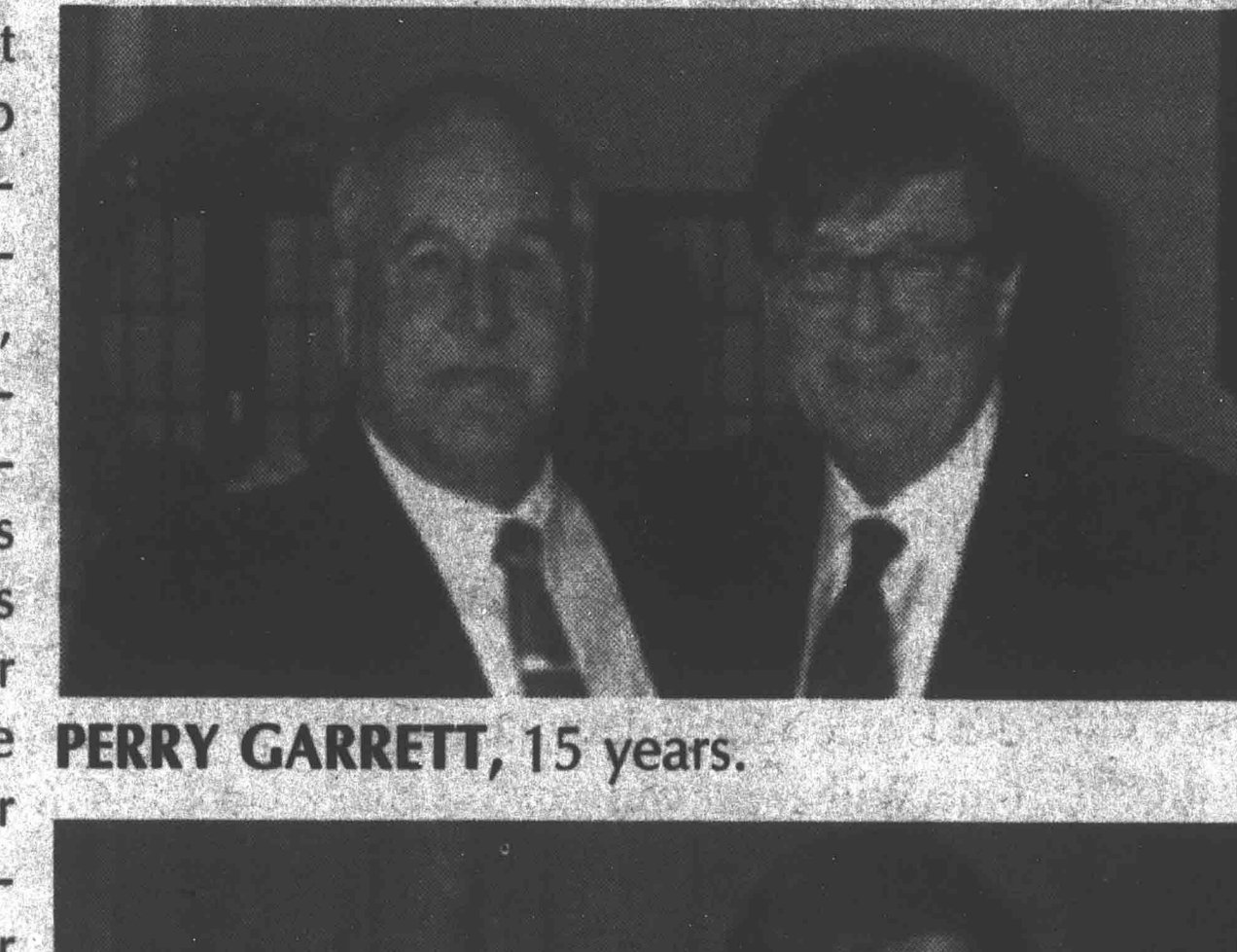
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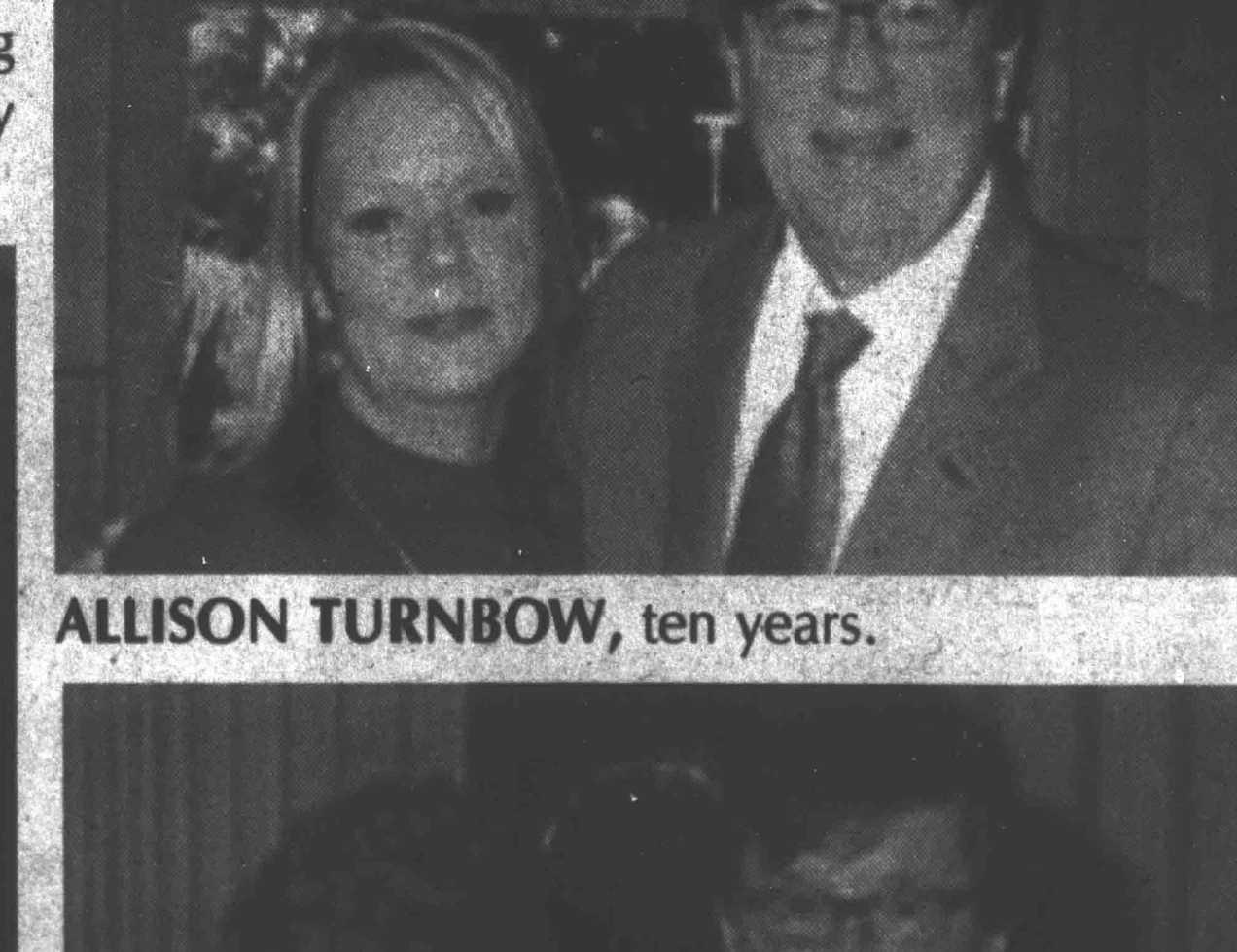
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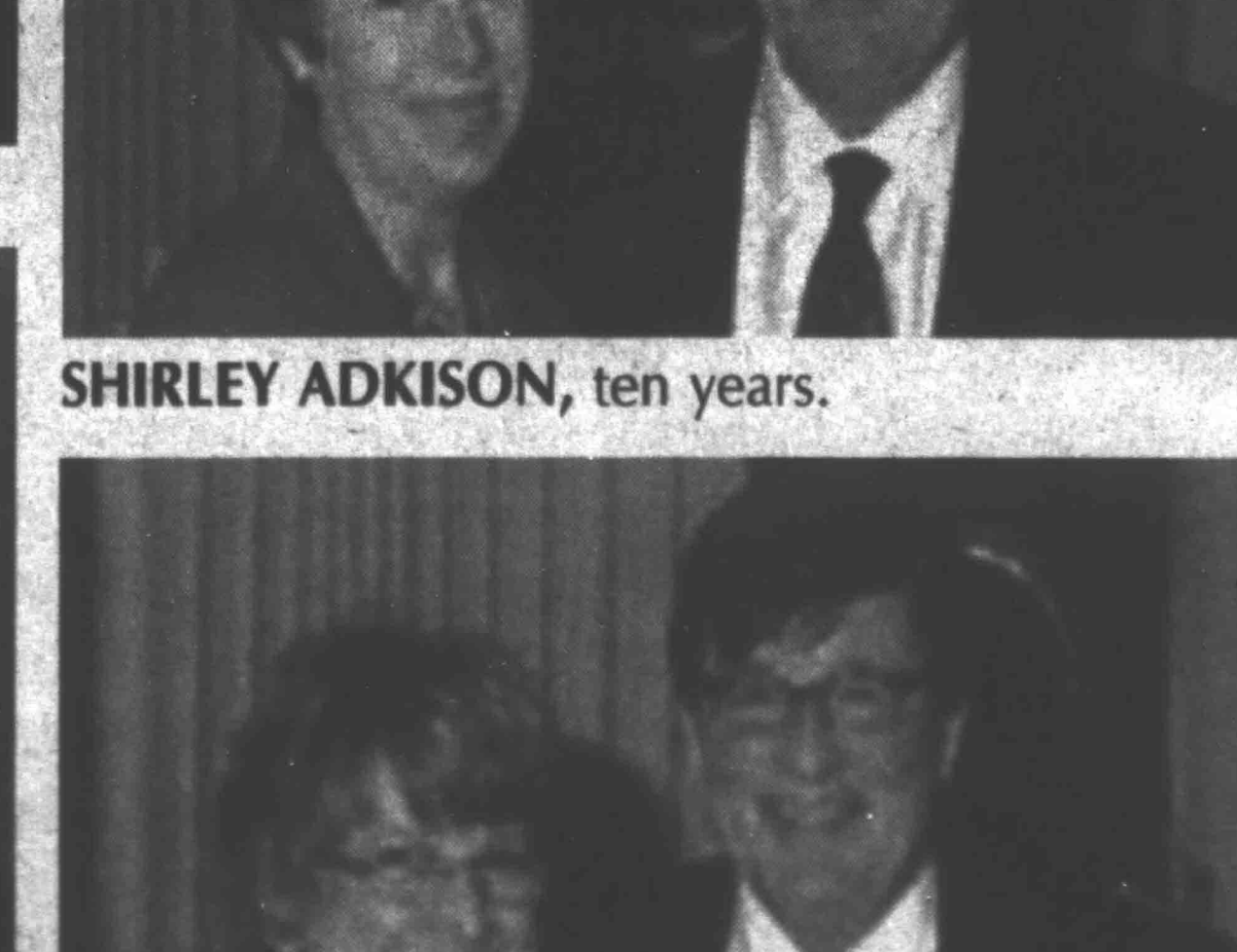
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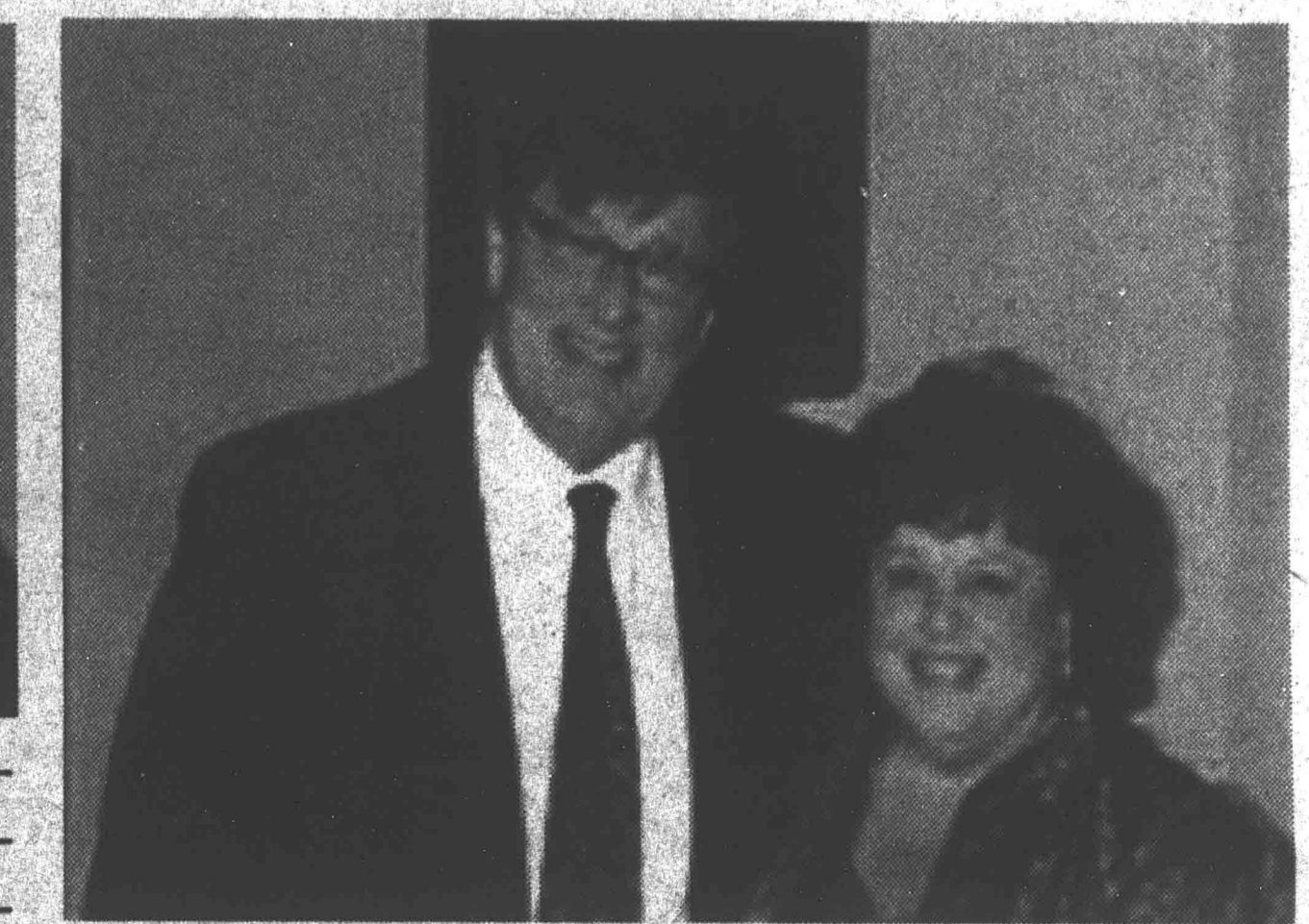
ALLISON TURNBOW, ten years.



SHIRLEY ADKISON, ten years.



MARY DEVERELL, ten years.



BETH ABLES, 30 years.



JULIE NEAL, 30 years.



JANICE SMITH, five years.



DIANNE HONEYCUTT, five years.

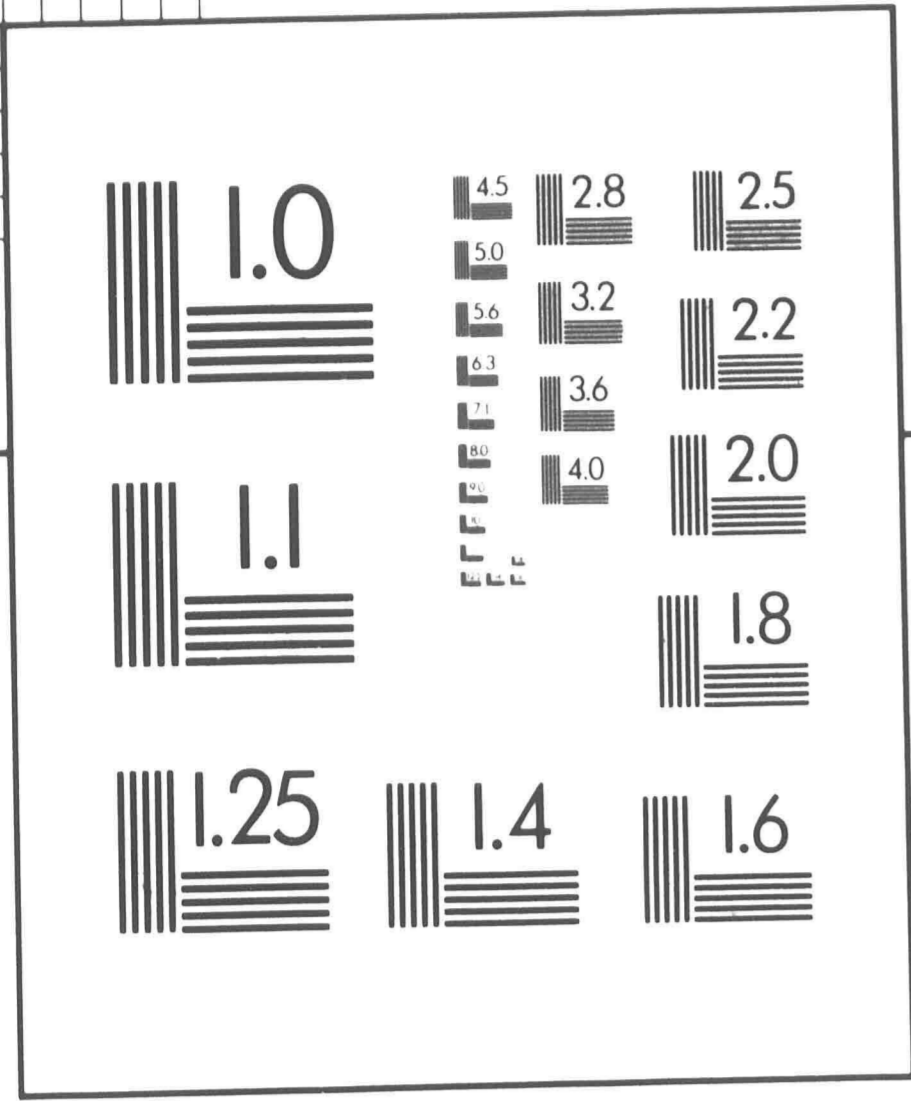


## Commission On Aging Happenings



**PARTICIPANTS** of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging experienced the 23 days of Christmas during the month of December with Christmas crafts, sing-a-longs, a field trip, entertainment by local students, a visit by Santa, informative programs from the extension office, and performances by the Golden Tones, LCCOA's hand bell group. Bro. Jim Hickson and his family, of Grace Baptist Bible Church, shared the meaning of Christmas in message, song and gifts for everyone. Linda Weeks helped the seniors capture memories on paper. Service recipients from the Helen Tucker Adult Developmental Center performed Christmas songs. Cindy Johnson, of Baptist Tipton Home Health and Hospice, performed free health checks to keep their blood pressure under control. They traveled to Carter's Nursery in Jackson, where the largest hickory tree in Madison County is located, along with bushels of mistletoe high in the top of the hickory tree and viewed the Koi ponds. Staff members assisted citizens in Lauderdale County with Medicare Part D Open Enrollment. Exercise classes were held on Mondays and Fridays with Randy Kostiuk, the Get Fit Stay Fit instructor, to help work off some of that "Figgie pudding". The Belton Family, Jessie, Megan, Dustin, Trevor, along with Kari Escue and Danielle Oswald entertained with vocals and instrumentals. Santa appeared at the Christmas party and distributed goodie bags and calendars created by Emily Weaver, LCCOA's receptionist, while entertainment was provided by the Millington Navy Band Brass Quintet. After a brief rest during the Christmas break, LCCOA is gearing up to start the new year off right with exercise classes, trips, educational programming, health screens and much more. If anyone is tired of sitting at home, looking at the walls, Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has something for you. Call the center, 731-836-5444, for details and a monthly calendar.

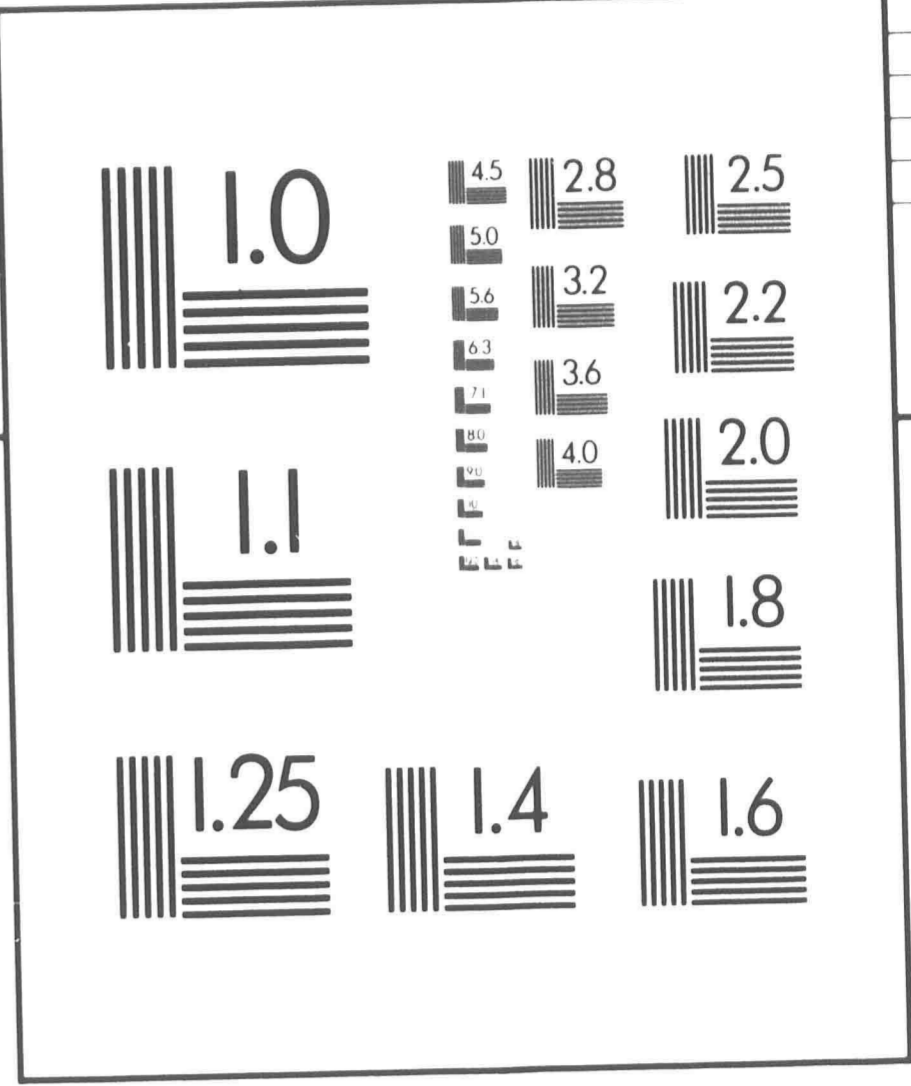




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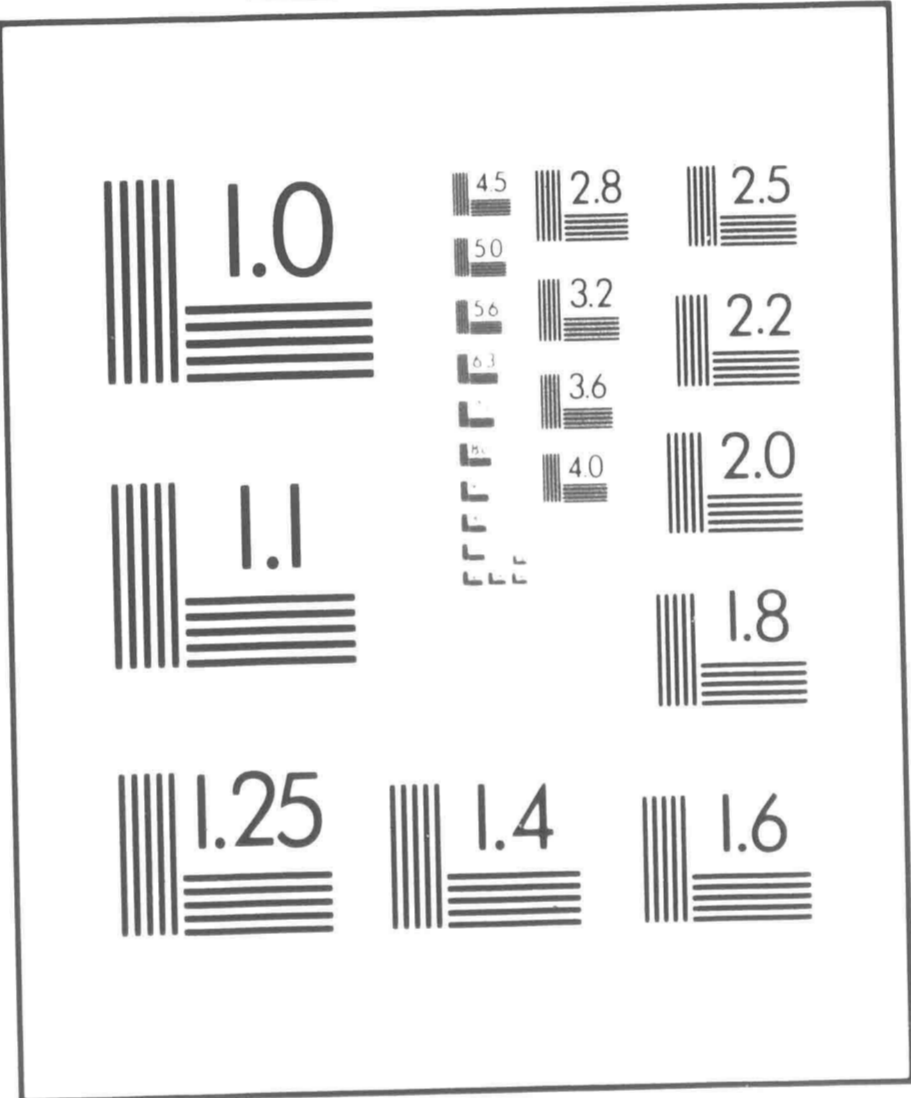
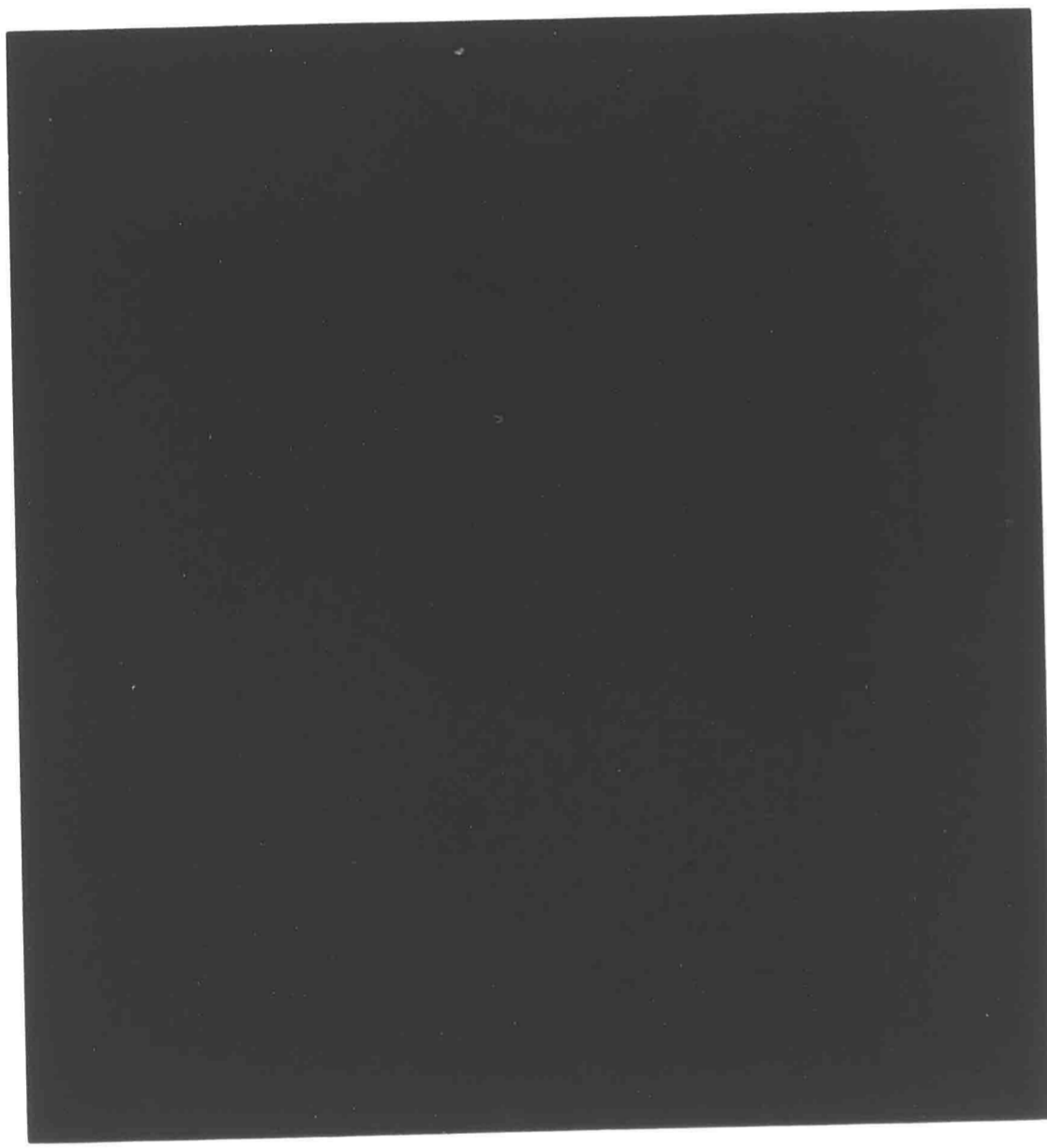
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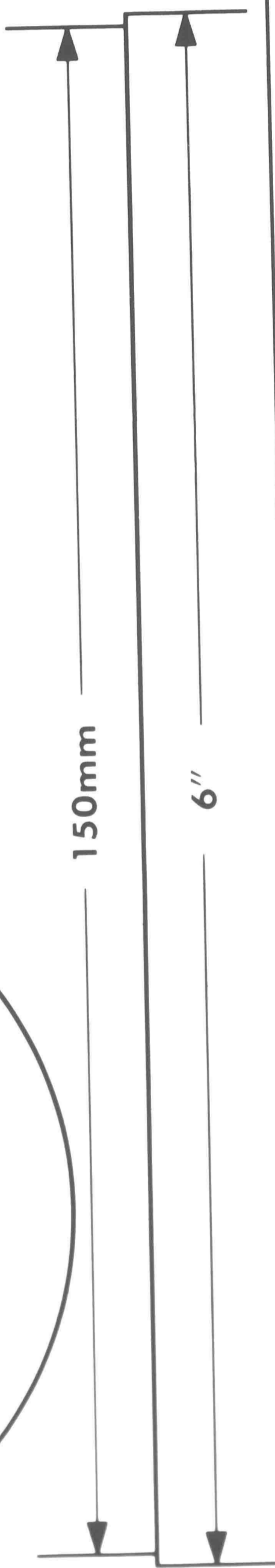
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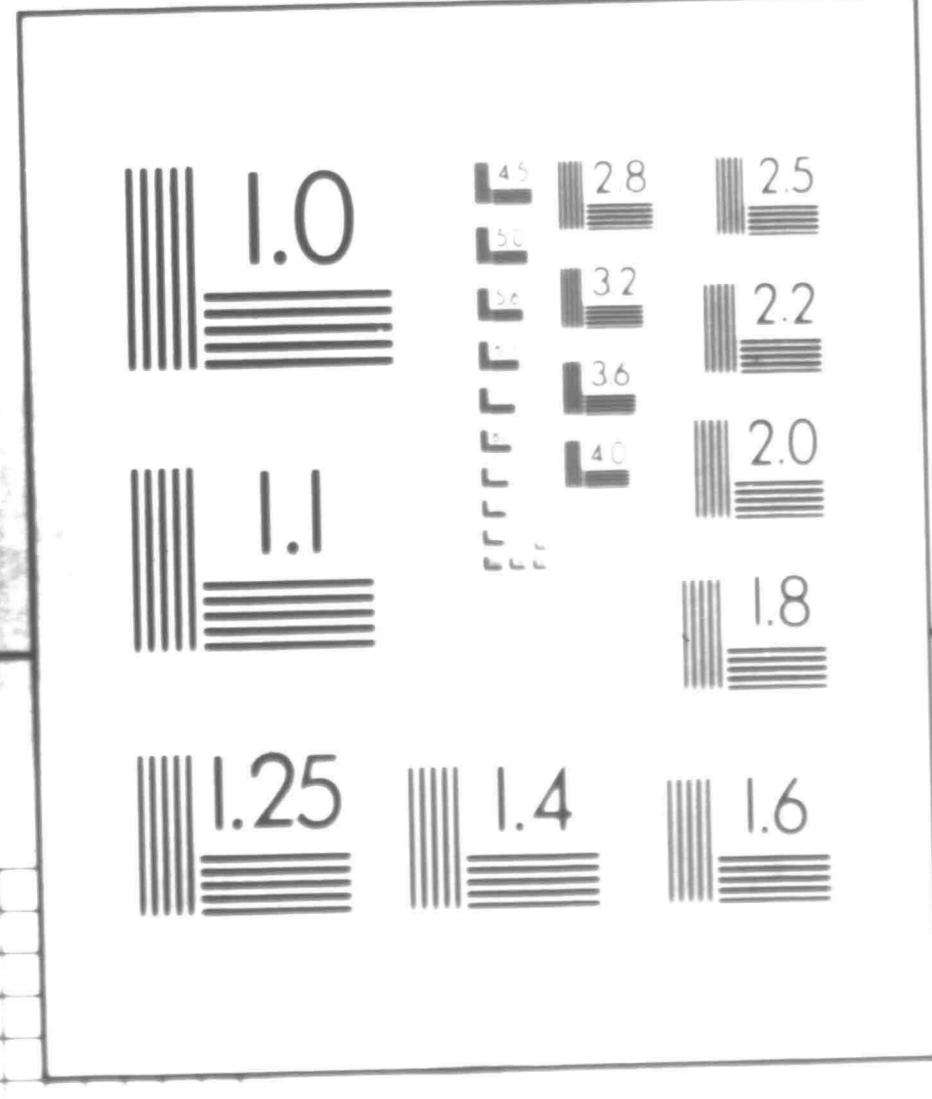
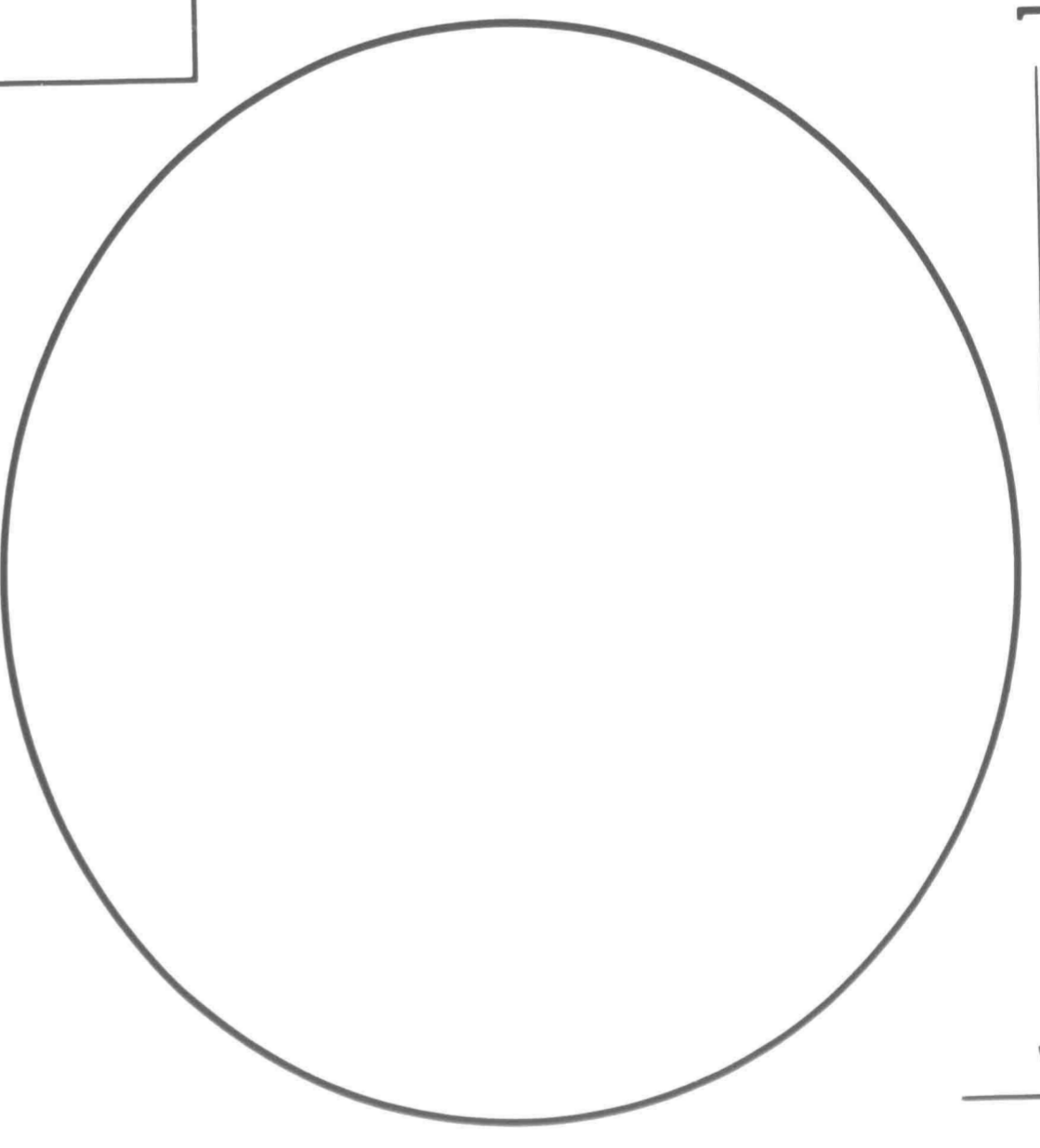
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