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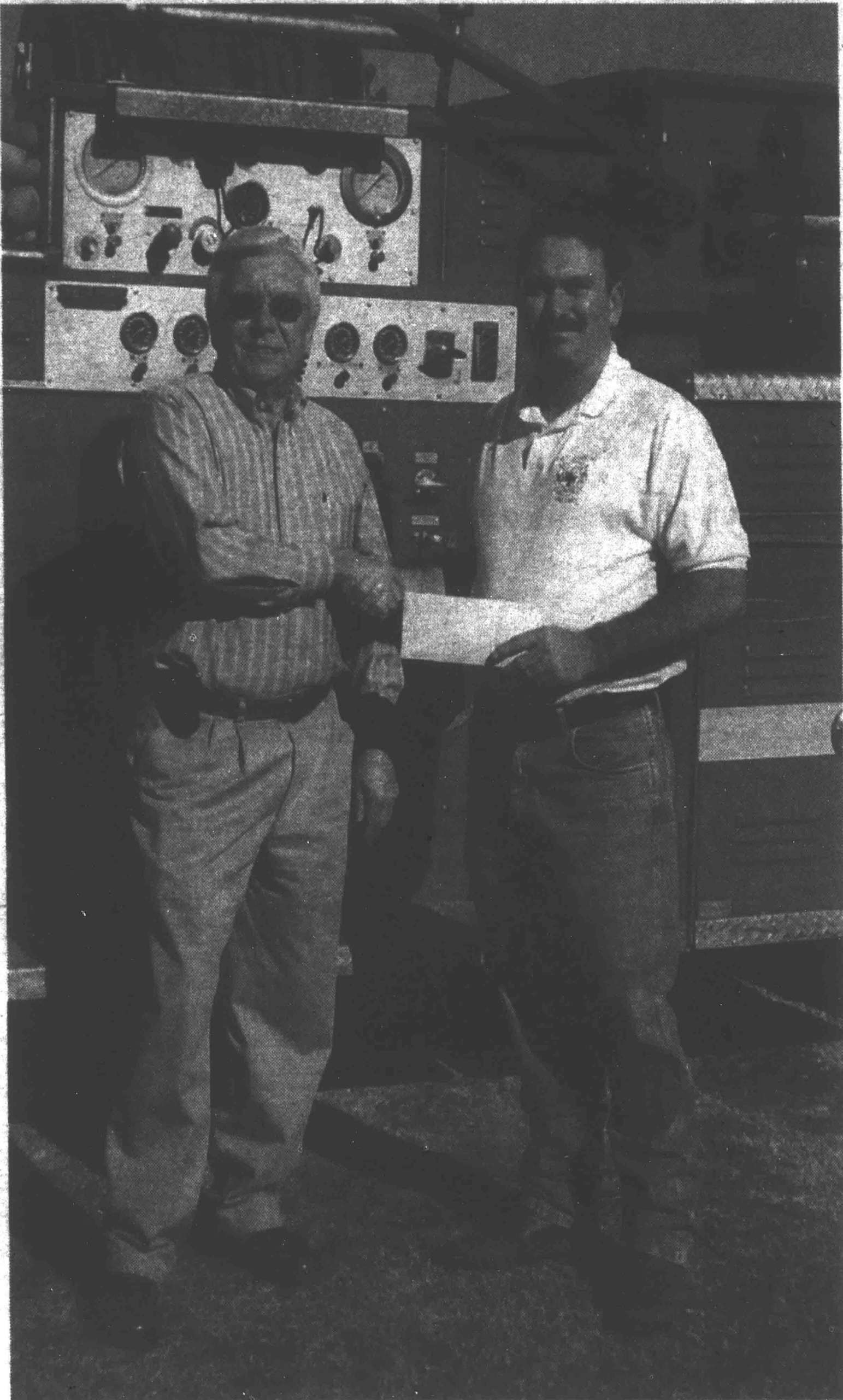
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## Matching Funds Grant



**DAVID NEWMAN**, right, of the East Lauderdale Fire Department, accepted a matching funds check from **Ronny Vaughan**, left, representing Dyersburg Modern Woodmen of America Camp December 29th. A spaghetti supper was held December 6th and raised \$2,442 which was matched by the Modern Woodmen for a total of \$4,884. The money will be used for an addition to the fire department. The Matching Fund program offers Modern Woodmen camp members nationwide the chance to show their support of a community

## Business In Gates Robbed Sunday

Bologna Joe's, 2nd St., Gates, was robbed at approximately 7 p.m. Sunday, according to Town of Gates Police Chief Jeff Crowder. The clerk stated that one male entered the store with a handgun, wearing a ski mask, and demanded cash. Anyone with information is asked to call Chief Crowder, 731-413-8427.

## Tenn. Nursing Homes Third Worst In U.S.

A federal report ranks Tennessee's 319 nursing homes, as a group, third worst in the nation, topping only Georgia and Louisiana.

Most of this state's nursing homes rated well below average.

The Tenn. State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro was rated much below average.

Less than 7% were rated well above average.

Last year, the state received 3,035 complaints about nursing homes.

Complaints through October of this year have totaled 3,694.

cause, organization, or individual.

## Yesteryear

### William Stephens and the Handcar

The railroad was a target for law suits almost as soon as it arrived in the county in 1882. Numerous times horses or cows wandered onto the track and were injured or killed, and the owner sued the railroad for damages before justices of the peace. In those cases the railroad usually settled for an amount set by a committee of three—supposedly disinterested—neighbors. Occasionally the injury was done to an individual; such was the case in *William Stephens versus the Illinois Central Railroad Company et al* filed in Circuit Court in 1909. The "et al" in that case were J. J. Hathaway, section foreman, and Thomas Rucker, a brakeman, who was one of the section hands riding with Hathaway on a handcar on the railroad track. When an individual sued the railroad only, the case would be heard in the United States Circuit Court in Memphis because the railroad, which was based in Illinois, was a "foreign corporation"; when Lauderdale County citizens were included as defendants, the case would be heard in Ripley where jurors would likely be more sympathetic.

William Stephens was 47 years old when he brought his suit, and had lived in the area that became Halls since 1874. His home was east of the business section of Halls, across the tracks. His testimony was that on September 26, 1906, he had been out in the country west of Halls in a buggy and, on his way home had stopped at the store of his brother, Tolly Stephens, on Main Street to buy some tobacco. Tolly Stephens' little son and daughter climbed in the buggy with him to ride to their home which was also east of the tracks. It was between 5 and 6 o'clock, time for train 105. Stephens said that he traveled east on the dirt road called Main (also called Depot) Street, and when he got to Front Street, parallel to the tracks, he listened, and looked for smoke or any sign of an approaching train; when he heard and saw none, he continued toward his home at a slow trot. Just as the horse approached the track, a handcar came down the track from the north. Stephens jerked his horse to the right to avoid the vehicle, and, frightened by the passing handcar, the animal took flight. Stephens and one of the children were thrown from the buggy. The child was apparently unhurt, but Stephens' hip, back, and head were bruised, his collar bone and right arm were broken, and his shoulder joint was crushed. He remained unconscious for several days, and during his recovery he was treated by Doc-

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# Happy New Year!

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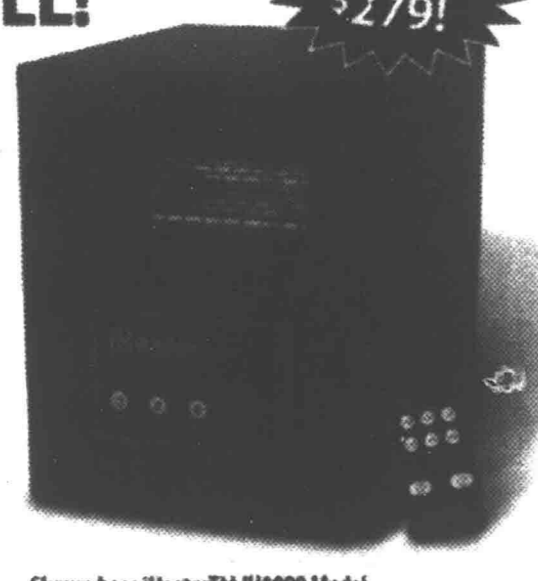
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# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! Boy, do I have a story to tell ya'll. Last night when we all got ready to go to bed, Miss Pam put some cookies and milk out on the table. She told me and Rusty not to bother them that they were for Santa. I have been waiting and waiting on this two-legger named Santa. I really wanted a new toy. So we all went to bed. When I thought that everybody was asleep, I eased up out of the bed (not to wake up Miss Pam) and went to go get the cookies. When I got to the cookies, I ate every one of them real fast and I turned around to go back to bed when I heard something at the door. I didn't want to bark at the noise because I would wake up Miss Pam and she would be mad at me for eating all of the cookies. I heard the noise again and I saw the door opening. Miss Pam must have left it unlocked. I jumped up on the couch and acted like I was asleep. Then I could not believe my eyes. A fat two-legger with red clothes came thru the door. The hair on the back of my neck stood up! I was so scared that I could not bark. He put some new toys under the pretty tree. Then he came over to the table where the cookies used to be. He picked up the milk and drank it right on down then he looked for the cookies. I was really scared now because I had cookie breath. He walked over to the couch and called my name. I looked up at him and he smiled at me. He told me that I had been a good four-legger and so had Rusty and that he left me and Rusty new toys under the tree. As he turned to walk back to the door, I got a big sniff of his back side and decided that he must be Santa. As he walked out the door, he said "next year don't eat my cookies". I was so happy that I went to wake everybody up. Mr. Pam told me to go back to bed but I was too excited. I finally woke up Rusty and told him that Santa had been to see us. He laughed at me until I showed him our new toys. Santa is one good two-legger. The next morning, Miss Pam saw our new toys and was so happy for us. I wish that I could tell her about Santa but I guess that will be our secret.

At the Club the next day, I was afraid to tell anybody about Santa. I thought that my Buds would laugh at me. So I went to see everybody and to see what they were all talking about. We have some new four-leggers this week. Fancy, a tri colored beagle, and Pee Wee, a cute little brown mix, were busy talking about how they got to the Club. Doc, a tri colored walker hound, with a big orange collar was talking about going hunting with a two-legger. Sissy, the red cocker mix, was lonesome and wanted to go home with a two-legger. She made me sad. Cocoa and Charlie were talking about the new girl four-leggers. Sandy, the fiest mix, said she needed a home with no cats around. I asked her why she did not like cats. She told me that they always scratched her and that they always had to have their way and they never wanted to share any food. I agreed with her and then I thought that I better not say anything bad about cats since Mr. Buddy says that we have to get along at the Club. Dustin Mayfield came out to the Club and found a new friend.

He took home a puppy. Stacy Johnson took home a bird four-legger so he would have a hunting partner. Miss Kathleen Doss brought my Buds some food this week. Donia and Tommy Williams also brought us some food. Mocha Latta send his two-leggers out with food and cleaning supplies. My friends, Rob and Leslie Schwab, brought my Buds some food and some treats this week. Betty and Bubba Kirkpatrick and Lee and Michelle Richardson brought us food this week. Peggy Jones and Tammy Barron also brought us some food. Mrs. James Graves was sent out to the Club by her four-legger, Mischief, with food. A bunch of Boy Scouts came out to the Club this week with lots of food. The Big Lick goes to the Halls FFA this week for their generous donation of lots and lots of food. Thanks to everybody because we were in need of food.

Well, I had better go for now. I was up really late last night and I really need a good nap if I can get Scooter out of my chair. Don't forget that my Buds need your help and we need food. So keep on coming out to the Club with your donations. I need to start making a list so that I can tell Santa next year who has been a good two-legger - since we are first name friends now. Don't forget to be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. If you need a good four-legger just give Mr. Buddy a call at 836-PETS (7387) or write him a letter at P.O. Box 172, Ripley, TN 38063.

Zeek Out!

## Birthdays

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

**SNOWFLAKE PAGEANT**  
A Snowflake pageant is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, January 10th, at Milan High School Band Room.

For more information, call Pat Pike at 731-414-4335 or email patsy.pike@yahoo.com or Jeane Smith at 731-326-7095 or email jsmith2261@charter.net.

## Anniversaries

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 Crifield.

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

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

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

by Baker, Jackie Webb, Jennifer Camper.

Jan. 2 - Alexis Bolden, Lee Hunter, Billie Ann Hendren, Alan Jordan, Crystal Adams, Marvin Scearce, 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.

**DIABETE CLASS**  
Dining with Diabetes classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Fridays, January 23rd and 30th and February 6th and 13th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St. in Halls. Pre-registration is required.

To register or for more information, call 635-9551 or 836-5444.

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

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

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

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

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# Obituaries

## Hugh Spray

Hugh William Spray, 63, of Ripley, died December 28th at Dyersburg Regional Hospital in Dyersburg.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Grace Cemetery.

He leaves a son, Christopher Spray, of Millington; a daughter, Tracie Lusher, of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Jimmy Spray, of Halls; and sisters, Mary Beasley and Nona Broglin, of Ripley, Virginia Wilkerson, of Dyersburg, and Cheryl Dickhaus, of Bonne Terre, Mo.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

## Teddy Fincher

Teddy Gene Fincher, 58, of 103 Buddy Davis Loop, Halls, died Friday.

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

He was born in Dyersburg, Dec. 14, 1950.

Survivors include sons, Jake and Zach, of Nashville; and brothers, Darrell, of Halls, Jimmy, of Dyersburg, Henry, of Alamo, and Phil, of Bells.

## Dianne Walton

Dianne Walton, 61, wife of Ronnie Walton, of 3537 Tibbs-Forked Deer Road, near Gates, died Dec. 20th in Haywood Park Community Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were Monday of last week in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Theron Lawson.

Survivors include a son, Bradley, of Gates; a brother, Ronnie Lawson, of South Carolina; and two grandchildren.

## Hazel Bane

Hazel Louise Bane, 75, of 332 Keltner, Halls, widow of Raymond Bane, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in South Fork Cemetery.

She was born at Corinth, Miss., July 31, 1933.

Survivors include sons, Cary Lee Bane and Michael Edward "2-Ton" Bane, and a daughter, Elisha Chadell Gray, all of Halls; another son, Barry Lynn Bane, of Cumberland, Md.; a brother, Troy Fowler, of Millsfield; a sister, Barbara Fair, of Dyersburg; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and three step-great-grandchildren.

## Alan Ward

Alan Thomas Ward, 51, of Bald Knob Road, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the Langley family cemetery near Ripley.

He was born, June 23, 1957, in Chicago, Ill.

He was a member of Enon Baptist Church near Halls.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry; a son, Jeremy, of Halls; a daughter, Rachel Stanfill, of Ripley; and brothers, Brandon, Johnny, and Paul, of Halls, Patrick, of Ripley, Jeffrey, of Maury City, and Chris, of Livingston; and a grandchild.

## Harry Walton

Harry Eugene Walton, 62, brother of Ronnie Walton and Alice (Mrs. Hal) Mills, of Forked Deer, died Wednesday of last week, of cancer, in his home in Brownsville.

A memorial service was held Saturday in Brownsville Funeral Home.

He was the son of the late Henry D. "Red" Walton and his wife, Betty.

A veteran of Army service in the 2nd Airboat Platoon (formed in 1967) of the 9th Infantry Division in Viet Nam, he had recently retired as a lieutenant in the Brownsville police department.

Survivors include his wife, Deane Cummings Walton; sons, Lee Mann Warren, of Brownsville, and Timothy E. Walton, of Huntingdon; a daughter, Rebecca (Mrs. James) Watson, of Brownsville; and three grandchildren.

## Robert Maxwell

Robert D. Maxwell, 52, of 233 Kellar, Ripley, former factory worker, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

Survivors include a son, Jamie L. Maxwell, of 199 Grimes Store Rd., Ripley; brothers, Donald Maxwell and Roger Goodman, and a sister, Diane Burns, of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

## 'Al' Maharrey

Alton E. Maharrey, 54, of 137 Siyil Circle, Covington, died Saturday, in his home.

Rites were Tuesday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

He was born at Covington, June 14, 1954, to the late Homer Lavere Maharrey and the late Myrtle Davis Maharrey.

He was a maintenance worker for Turner's Dairy, near Covington.

Survivors include his wife, Ivonda Bolin Maharrey; sons, Billy and Steven, of Henning, and Robert, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a daughter, Amanda Faye Embry, of Henning; brothers, Charles "Bubba" Maharrey, of Henning, Danny Maharrey, of Ripley, and Doug Maharrey, of Alabama; a sister, Sandra Lilly, of Covington; and eight grandchildren.

## Virgil Lee Smith

Virgil Lee Smith, 79, of Millington, brother of Joyce Young, of Durhamville, died Saturday in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were Tuesday in Munford Funeral Home's Millington Chapel, with burial in Northridge-Woodhaven Cemetery in Millington.

A farmer, he was a member of Crosspointe Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife for 57 years, Doris Grissom Smith; a son, Garry, of Dawsonville, Ga.; a daughter, Carol (Mrs. Terry) Brinley, of Millington; other sisters, Jean Blair and Marie Ballard, of Millington, and Elizabeth Walker, of Texas; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

- Baked Beans
- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

## School Lunches

- Lauderdale County Schools**
- Monday, January 5th**  
No School  
Inservice Day
  - Tuesday, January 6th**  
Pizza  
Chicken Fajitas w/Trimminings  
French Fries  
Corn Nibbles  
Banana  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk
  - Wednesday, January 7th**  
Steak Fingers  
Fish Fillet  
Broccoli Bites  
Black Eye Peas  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk
  - Thursday, January 8th**  
Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Grapes  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk
  - Friday, January 9th**  
Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
BBQ Pork Ribblet On Bun  
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip

- Ripley Primary School**
- Halls Elementary School**
  - Pre-K to 3rd**
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### This and That



**MYRTLE JACKSON** wowed the seniors at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in Halls November 17th with her creativity. She created a Christmas wreath in the twinkle of an eye and a centerpiece. She was accompanied by her helper, James. The wreath and centerpiece were donated to the Center for door prizes. Those in attendance received dafodil bulbs and were shown how to recycle a two-liter plastic bottle to make a bulb forcer. This "N' That Gardening workshop will resume in March, 2009.

### Alzheimer's Workshop



**RUTHANN SHELTON**, Executive Director, and **J.J. Dough-tie**, Development Director of Alzheimer's Day Services of

### Five Generations Gather



**FIVE GENERATIONS** of the Booker family gathered at the Halls home of Christine Booker, seated center, December 21st. Attending were her granddaughter, Melissa Lenderman, seated left, and daughter, Phyllis Stover, seated right, and in rear, great-grandchildren, Dana Watson, Joey Lenderman, and Dana's twin, Donna Conrad. Great-great-grandchildren include, from left, in front, Shayne Conrad, Seth Watson, and Abby Lenderman.

### Commission On Aging

#### Land Transfers

December 21st-December 27th

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Kris Mansfield and Anna Mansfield, Dist. 16, 1.79 acres.

Thomas E. Bowers and Shirley L. Bowers to Tonya Eve Goodman, Dist. 6, 2.1 acres.

Elmo Len Holmes and Diann Rigsby Holmes to Jason D. Sanders, Dist. 3, 2.6 acres.

James Robert Harper, Jr., to Sarah Webb, Dist. 1, 16.45 and 6.5038 acres.

Memphis, Inc. conducted a workshop November 9th at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. Tools were on hand to show caregivers how the patient sees and how it feels for them to use their motor skills. The workshop brought awareness to the concerns, problems and hardships associated with Alzheimer patient and for their caregivers.



**LARRY TURNER**, Outreach Coordinator for Aging Commission of the MidSouth, Vicki Thompson, State Health Insurance Program Coordinator, Pat Bryant, State Health Insurance Program volunteer, were on hand November 9th at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging to help seniors view and compare Medicare Part D options to ensure their present coverage will be sufficient for 2009. Changes to current plans should have been made by December 31th. The group also shared tips on how to avoid the "donut hole" by using generic drugs when possible, taking advantage of the \$4 generic drug option and mail order. Nick Kistenmacher, Field Director from Senator Bob Corker's office was present to hear the seniors' comments. The hardship of medical cost to Seniors in Tennessee, was one of the primary issues discussed with Mr. Kistenmacher. He noted concerns to share with Senator Corker.

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### Yesteryear xxx

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tors Tucker, Craig, Millen, and Nunn.

He said his vision had been obscured by the depot and by box cars on the side track west of the depot, and he could not see the approaching handcar. There were trunks, baskets or boxes on the depot platform, and logs, timber, and the cotton platform that had also prevented his getting a good view of the track.

On cross-examination Stephens was asked by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the railroad's attorney, why he had sued Tom Rucker, the black brakeman, and J. J. Hathaway, the section foreman, inasmuch as he was expecting to get nothing from them, and he replied, "My lawyer told me to." At that point Kirkpatrick asked the Court to remove the case to United States Circuit Court. The judge, S. J. Everett, admitted it was a close question, but decided to proceed with testimony, and to decide the question later. He later refused Mr. Kirkpatrick's request.

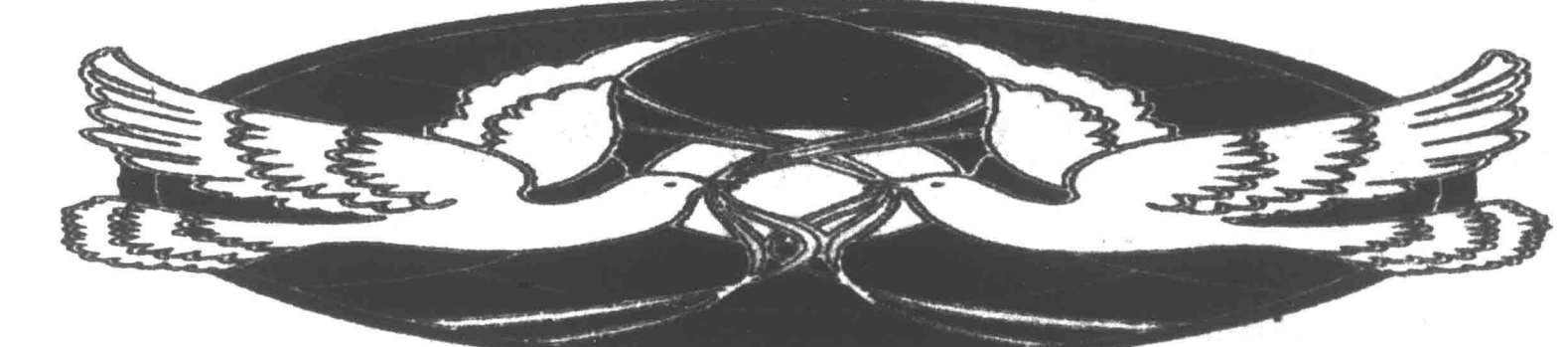
Testimony from both sides included a lot of measurements to try to convince the jury whether Mr. Stephens could or could not have seen the handcar coming if he had exercised due diligence, and the plaintiff and defense differed on whether the handcar had stopped short of the crossing or had continued across it. The defense even produced six pictures of the site which had been taken by Miss Susie Anthony, a Ripley attorney. Miss Anthony may have also been the court reporter who recorded the testimony; when, during his testimony, Dr. Millen asked Mr. Stephens to remove part of his clothing so he could show the jury the extent of his permanent injuries, a "Miss Susie," the court stenographer, was excused, and someone else recorded that part of the testimony.

Among Stephens' witnesses



## Millington Navy Band

**MEMBERS** of the Brass Quintet division of the Millington Navy Band performed November 19th at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging's Christmas Party. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas music. The members of the band were served lunch before departing for their individual home. Those in attendance wished them a Merry Christmas and safe traveling to different parts of the United States. Santa also stopped by for pictures and to hand out goodies.



## 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 Moon, 123 N Front St., Halls, will host Anavox, of Nashville, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight December 31st with local artists and singers, an outdoor scavenger hunt, food and free door prizes. Make a Resolution that counts, attend this event.

The Greater Harvest Church of God In Christ, 7560 Hwy. 51, Henning, will sponsor Marvin Sapp, gospel recording artist, at 7 p.m. January 10th at the Carl Perkins Civic Center, in Jackson. Felix Moore, pastor, invites the public. Proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

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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was W. A. Beasley, his son-in-law, who testified about measurements around the depot, and said that Mr. Hanna's store was 73 feet east of the railroad track, and that there was a walkway eastward from the depot to "the hotel." Another was Stant Oldham, a black man, who testified that he was standing on the south end of

whose testimony was recorded were William Lynch, Illinois Central agent at Halls; J. J. Hathaway, section foreman; Tom Rucker, brakeman on the handcar; T. J. Murchison, telegraph operator, a Halls resident for 18 years; J. B. Hurley, town marshal; and Will Taylor and Louis Harris, section hands who were on the handcar. Louis Harris said that his son, Gaudy Harris, and Howell Palmer were also riding on the handcar.

Other witnesses shown on the bill of costs but whose testimony was not included in the file were Sam Lyons, Will Thomas, Howell Farmer, John Clay, Sherman White, E. L. Graham, and H. Lancaster.

The jury obviously returned a decision favoring William Stephens, because the defense moved for a new trial (denied), and they filed numerous exceptions to the action of the Court—including the Court's failure to remove the case to United States Circuit Court.

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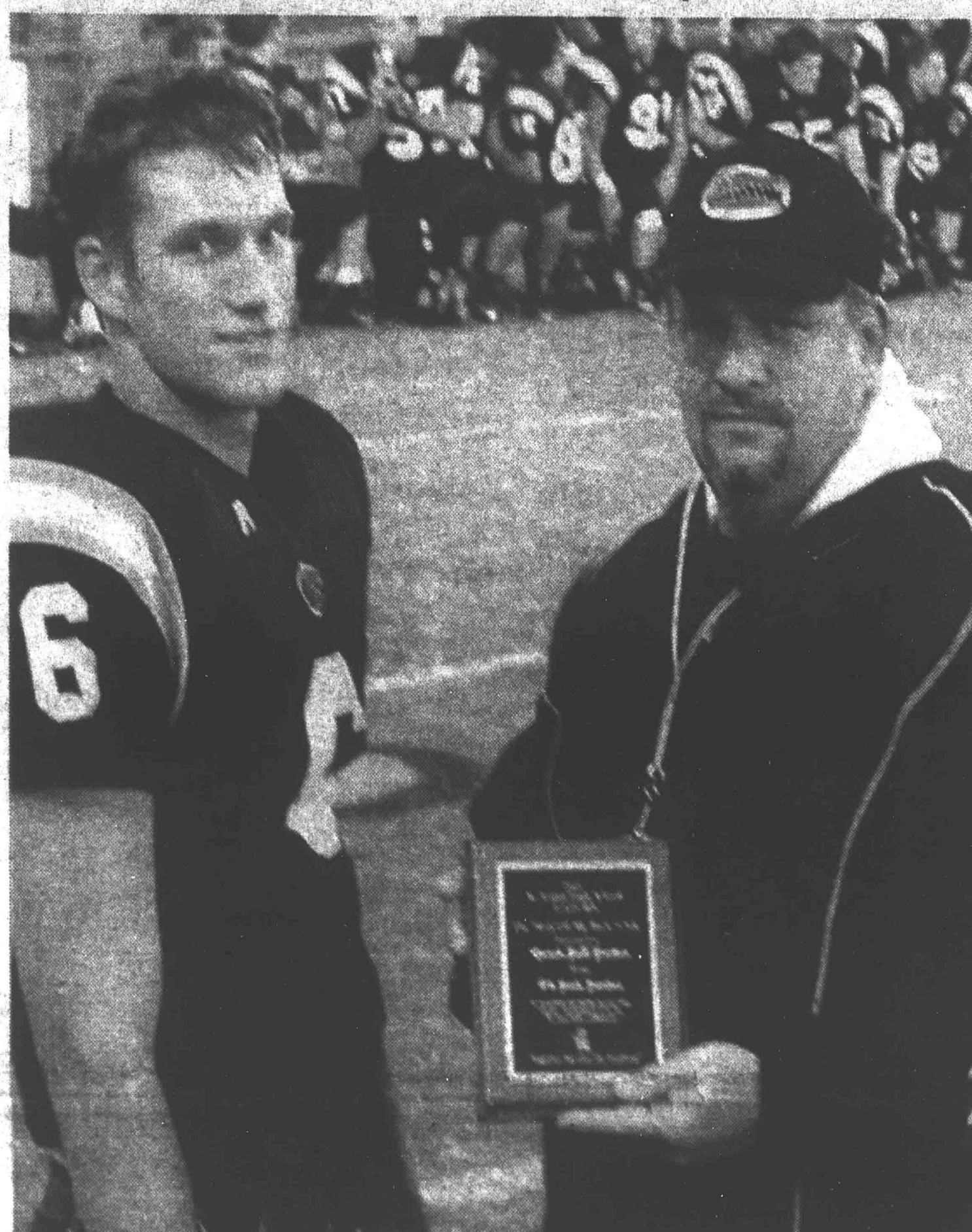
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## Played In Liberty Bowl



**JOSH JORDAN**, pictured, left, of St. Amant, La., quarterback for East Carolina University Pirates, played in the 50th Auto Zone Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis January 2nd losing 25-19 to the University of Kentucky Wildcats. He is the grandson of Mott and Jerre Jordan, of Halls, and a two-time Louisiana State Javelin Champion.

Josh is pictured with his dad, Jeff Jordan, who played in the 1985 Liberty Bowl for Louisiana State University.

## Webb Receives Medical Leave

**Dr. Bobby Webb**, 61, Lauderdale County school superintendent for 14 years, who has been Shelby County school superintendent since 2002, Wednesday began an extensive medical leave.

Webb, who has earned nearly 300 sick days, will continue to receive his annual salary of \$231,750, up 32% from last year.

Shelby County commissioners approved the

## Deadline Nears For Candidates

Candidates for the Halls mayor and alderman elections have until noon February 19, 2009 to qualify and noon February 26th to withdraw in the May 7, 2009 election.

Trent McManus has picked up his petition for re-election as Halls Mayor. Bobby (Roho) Jacobs and Jennifer Moore have picked up petition for alderman positions.

Candidates for the Henning and Gates mayor and alderman election have until noon March 19, 2009 to qualify and noon March 26th to withdraw in the June 4, 2009 election.

Baris C. Douglas, Thomas R. Harris, and Charles V. Wilson have picked up petitions for Henning Mayor. Deborah Bates Taylor and Vanora Allen have picked up petitions for Henning alderman. Douglas, Wilson, and Allen have returned their petitions.

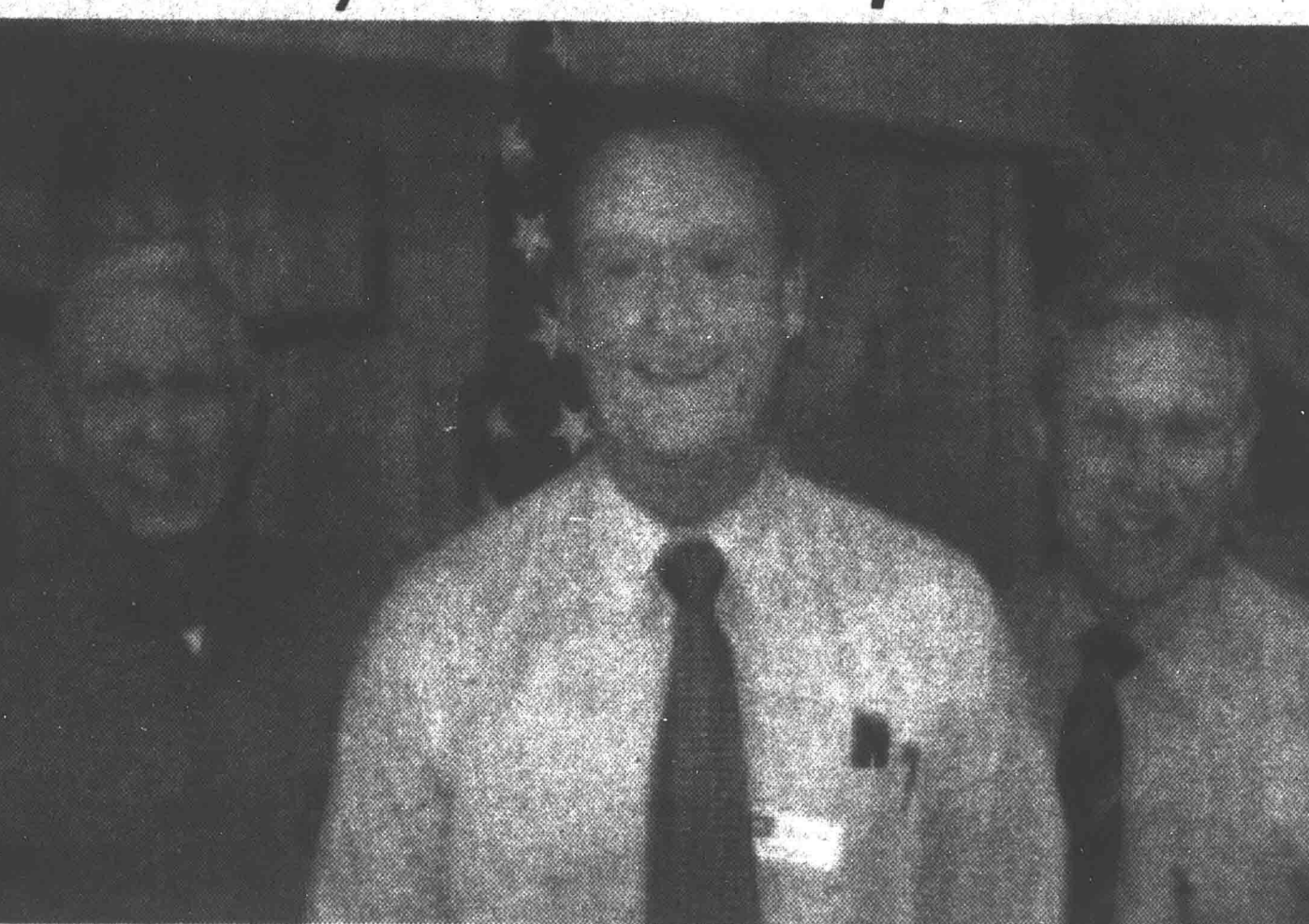
Jeffrey Crowder, Sr. has picked up a petition seeking the position of Gates Mayor. Cindy Marvel has picked up and returned her petition for Gates Alderman.

## Halls Board To Interview Five

Members of the Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will interview five candidates for the position of Chief of Police to replace Rod Ward who retired October 2008. Candidates will have the opportunity to state their qualifications and answer questions Thursday, January 8th at the Halls City Hall.

Candidates include Ricky

## Rotary Guest Speaker



**BEN LITTLEPAGE**, center, community representative for the American Cancer Society, was the guest speaker for the Halls-Gates Rotary Club January 5th. He was the guest of Rotarian Jerry Stanley, left. The American Cancer Society's goal is to eliminate cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering, through research, education, advocacy and service. The four areas indicated in the mission statement receive financial contributions each year as a result of the tireless efforts in more than 5,000 communities, including Lauderdale County. They are pictured with James Smith, Rotary president.

## Officers Find Drugs Livestock Association Scheduled Meeting

Alicia Henson, 24, of Ripley, was charged with possession of controlled substance, theft over \$500, and aggravated burglary, after a wreck Christmas morning when officers found several bottles of pills near her vehicle. According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Deputies Kenneth Richardson and Tommie Simpson, she allegedly broke into a home on 5th Street in Gates and took three different types of medications in tablet form. The next morning after wrecking her vehicle, she threw the containers out the window. Officers noticed the bottles on the ground and found another bottle belonging to Henson's grandmother. The other three containers still had the label with the name of the Gates' homeowner.

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## SEEKS INFORMATION

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department is seeking information on the person or persons responsible for a home burglary December 29th on Hurricane Hill Rd. Anyone with information is asked to call 731-635-1311.

After questioning, she admitted to taking the prescriptions.

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Monday, January 12th

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- Tater Tots
- Carrot Sticks
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, January 13th**

- Tacos w/Trimming
- Corn Nibbles
- Grapes
- Banana
- Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, January 14th**

- Chicken Tenders
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, January 15th**

- Menu
- School's Choice
- Friday, January 16th**
- Corn Dog
- Vegetable Soup
- Celery Sticks w/Dip
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

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

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- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

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**School's Choice**  
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Vegetable Soup  
Pear Halves  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

## Birthdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jan. 14 - Marcia Ivory, Scott White, Jr., Lisa Scott, Mark A. Brown, Tony Cannon, Maudie Gaters, R. C. Ward, April Jetton, Bob King, Lorie Lovelace Barnett, Ellis Graham, Virginia

Holcomb, James Colvin, Sr., Williams, Bobbie Hunter, Patti Dr. Courtney Hoffman, Thelma Rowan, Zelma Latham.

# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! This has been a good week. Miss Pam told me that this is a new year. She said that it is 2009. On the day that she told me about this new year, we all went to Momma Jayne's house to eat lunch. Now, normally love my Grandma's food but today was different. All of the two-leggers got around the table and told what they all wanted to see happen in the new year and then they all started eating. Rusty and I did our normal begging and about that time Momma Jayne put us a plate on the floor. She told us that we needed to eat this two-legger food so we could be healthy, wealthy and wise. I turned my head to her and she just patted me and said enjoy. I took a big bite of the little ball looking things and almost had to spit them out. But I chewed and then swallowed. Then I looked at something that looked like green flat grass and it was awful. There was a piece of meat on there that I really liked, so I ate all of that. I looked over at Rusty and he was licking his dish clean for her. Miss Pam told me to finish eating but I just could not eat anymore. I shook my head and ran to the couch in the other room. Momma Jayne followed me to the couch and asked me was I feeling alright. How could I tell her that this food was the worst that I have ever had. I just laid my head down and acted like I was going to sleep, so she would think that I didn't feel good. After she went back to the other room, Rusty got on the couch beside of me and I asked him how could he eat that awful food. He just laughed and said that I would like it as I get older. I told him that I would really have to be old to like that. I could not wait to go home and get my four-legger food because I was hungry.

We didn't get to go home, because Miss Pam said that we needed to go to the Club and wish everybody a happy new year. I was hoping that Mr. Buddy didn't make my Buds eat that two-legger food. When we got there, Mr. Buddy was with my Buds singing a song about a happy new year. I looked up at him and turned my head and he told me not to ask any questions. Boy, was he in a good mood today.

We got some new Buds this week. I guess you could say that this is a hunter's dream (that is what Mr. Buddy said). A two-legger brought out four-hunting dogs. Mable is a blue tick hound and she told me that she loves to go hunting with two-leggers. There are 3 black and tan hunting girls that came with her. They can really do some singing. I think that was why Mr. Buddy was out singing with the four-leggers. Gizmo, the brown wire hair terrier, was trying to get everybody to be quiet since it was his nap time. King, the husky and belgium mix, was talking to his friend Cocoa, the chocolate lab, that likes kids so much. We have another four-legger, named Cocoa, the chocolate cocker spaniel. She was lost from her family and is really sad and is missing her two-leggers. She needs a two-legger to come and take her home and brush her hair. Just kidding Cocoa....Two of my favorite Buds got homes this week. Molly went home with Andrea and Amanda Floyd. Boy, she is

one lucky four-legger to get to go home with two-sweet girls. Curly got to go home with Miss Pat Waldrop. He is also one lucky four-legger to have such a good two-legger and home. Mocha Latte sent his two-leggers out this week with food and cleaning supplies. He is the boss at his house. David and Audrey Jennings brought my Buds some food this week and so did our favorite friend, Miss Kathleen Doss. Steve Webb made a donation to us for some food. The Big Lick goes to Lucy, the chocolate lab, that was returned to her owner, Stewart Meyer. Lucy, if you read this do not run away again because your two-legger family missed you - so stay at home.

Back in the office, Mr. Buddy and Scooter are talking about going home and leaving me here. I jumped up and went to go find Miss Pam. She was outside with all of the cute puppies. We sure do have some fluffy puppies. I stayed right by her so I would not get left because I sure am hungry. We all got in our trucks and went home. Miss Pam told me that we needed some food for our Buds. So if you can, bring us some food out to the Club. It will make you feel good about yourself. (I heard Mr. Buddy say that) Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are.

Come see us at 3265 CurveNankipoo Road or send us something at P.O. Box 172, Ripley, TN 38063 or call us at 731-836-PETS(7387). Don't forget that your four-leggers need shelter and water with cold weather coming. If it gets too cold, bring them in the house with you. It will be fun for them to get to spent the night inside with their two-legger. Miss Pam tells me to remind you to spay and neuter your four-legger. I try to forget that sometime.

Zeek Out!!!

## Obituaries

### Teacher



**ALICE FRANCIS CLOUGH**, 76, of Halls, widow of Ramon Clough, died Wednesday of last week, in her sleep.

Rites were Friday in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Daughter of Robert and Deborah Nunn, of Halls, she was graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she was a member of Chi Omega.

She took a master's degree from the University of Memphis, taught in White Station 10 years, then moved to Germantown to teach there for more than 30 years.

Survivors include daughters, Christy Williams and Lea (Mrs. Jerry) Robinson; seven grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and a great-granddaughter expected in April.

### Mr. Delashmit

Robert H. Delashmit, 59, of Covington, brother of Greg Delashmit, of Ripley, died Monday of last week.

Memorial services were held Friday in Covington Funeral Home.

He was a parts clerk for Auto Trac.

He was a son of the late Hayes and Marie Delashmit.

Survivors include his mother, Frances Delashmit, a son, Ryan, brothers, Fletcher Delashmit

### James R. King

James Ralph King, 77, of 11250 Edith-Nankipoo Road, father of Debbie Lynch, of the home, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

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

He was born at Ridgely, Sept. 15, 1931.

Survivors include sons, Dennis, Floyd, and Kevin, of Dyersburg, and Allen, of Alpine, Tex.; other daughters, Sherry Maupin, of Humboldt, Tammy Petrillo, of Baldwin, Iowa, and Linda King, of Eureka, Calif.; brothers, Paul, of Ridgely, Arthur, of Phoenix, Ariz., Bill and Herman King, Jr., of Crescent City, Calif., Chris, of Lake Tahoe, Calif., Larry, of Eureka, Calif., and Gary, of Yakima, Wash.; 24 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

### Ora Cobb

Ora Cobb, 94, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Brownsville, mother of Clarence Fields, of Ripley, died Sunday, December 28th, at Christ Advocate Hospital in Oakland, Ill.

Graveside services are set for 10 a.m. Friday, January 9th, at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She was a minister at Huddleston Baptist Children's Home.

Other survivors include her daughters, Cora Lee, Jannie Moore and Betty Bonner, all of Chicago, Ill.; and sister, Jessie Wilson, of Rockford, Ill.; 50 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

and Jeff and Randy Max, and sisters, Melissa Delashmit, Christi Billings, Diane Fleming, and Mary McCage, all of Covington; other brothers, Ricky, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Steve, of Bowling Green, Ky.; and other sisters, Cindy Kidd, of Burlison, and Teresa Oliver, of Memphis.

### 'Billy' Taylor

James Robert "Billy" Taylor, Jr., 68, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Gates Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife for 49 years, Josephine; sons, James, Jr., and Billy Joe Taylor, of Ripley, and John Wayne Taylor, of 18515 Hwy. 87, Henning; a daughter, Sheila Coker; brothers, Tom, of Ripley, and Sammy Joe Taylor, of Henning; sisters, Marie Florek, of Ripley, and Marcelle Crumbley, of Covington; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Fannie Hart

Rites Dec. 27th in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, mourned Fannie Hart, 89, of Union City, formerly of Brownsville.

She died Dec. 23rd, at home. Survivors include a daughter, Clementine Swaggard, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and three stepchildren.

### Stimulus Payments Non-Taxable By IRS

The Internal Revenue Service attempted, last week, to stop the confusion about the taxability of Economic Stimulus Payments received by many taxpayers in 2008.

"People are starting to do their taxes and are noticing that the 2008 return instructs them to report the stimulus payment they got," said IRS spokesman Dan Boone. "Some are mistakenly assuming that means the stimulus payment is taxable."

Boone says that is not the case. The 2008 stimulus payments are not subject to federal taxes.

"Tax filers are asked to report the amount of Economic Stimulus Payment they received in 2008 to determine eligibility for the new Recovery

## Sharing Christmas



**CHILDREN** enrolled in the Safe Haven Christian Childcare in Halls, including Matthew Keen, left, son of Beth and Randy Keen, of Halls, and Benton Ream, right, son of Cindy and David Ream, of Ripley, pictured with their teacher, Nacole Hilliard, center, raised over \$800 from local businesses to purchase gifts and stuffed stockings for nineteen children at Youth Villages in Dyersburg.

Rebate Credit, a sort of 'second chance' at getting a stimulus payment," Boone said.

Taxpayers who did not receive an Economic Stimulus Payment in 2008, or did not receive the full amount, may be eligible for a Recovery Rebate Credit of up to \$600 per individual or \$1,200 per married couple filing jointly. However, the new credit generally is reduced by the amount of any

stimulus payment already received.

Two online tools on IRS.gov will be available soon: the Recovery Rebate Credit Calculator will help taxpayers figure the amount they should claim on their 2008 tax return; and How Much Was My 2008 Stimulus Payment? will help taxpayers determine the amount of stimulus payment they received.

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## Thailand Wedding



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID VANCE** were married at 4 p.m. December 1st in Koh Samui, Thailand in a double ring ceremony. During the ceremony, three local Buddhist Monks blessed the marriage followed by a traditional Thai water ceremony. Afterward, the couple shared their written vows and exchanged wedding bands. The moment was not complete until they rode off into the sunset on a baby elephant. As the sun set, they prepared

## Marriages

December 23 - Octavius Davis, 37, to Devlyn Demere Green, 43, by John W. Payne.

December 25 - Matt Lusk Gaines III, 46, to Peggy Sue Cox Chipman, 45, by Rocky Gilliam.

January 1 - Christopher Leon Alston, 34, to Jennifer Denise Payne, 29, by Larry L. Dixon.

January 2 - Geoffrey Colin Webb, 22, to Leslie Michelle Cox, 23, by Gary A. Green.

January 3 - Russell Edward Adkerson, 28, to Kimberly Mae Levels, 25, by Rocky Gilliam.

## Anniversaries

Jan. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose.

Jan. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jordan.

Jan. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean.

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

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

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

to light the Thai Fire Lanterns and make a wish.

The bride, the former Melissa Robison, is the daughter of J. W. Robison, of Halls, and the late Shirley Robison.

The groom is the son of Ruth Tiller and Stephen Knapik, of Atlanta, Ga.

All family and friends are invited to view the wedding photos on [www.vancefamilybliss.blogspot.com](http://www.vancefamilybliss.blogspot.com).

After a honeymoon trip to Japan, China, and Thailand, the couple are residing in Dallas, Tex.

## In Tourney



**HANSEN HURT**, 11, of Spartanburg, S.C., placed second December 13th in a county wide Karate tournament representing Spartanburg Martial Arts in the advanced brown belt form competition. She is the daughter of Robert Hurt, of Greer, S.C., and Traci Hurt, of Spartanburg, and the granddaughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Phillip Hurt, of Halls, and Mrs. Betty King, of Covington.

## Crockett Tops Halls Cagers

Halls High School's basketball teams lost both games Friday at Crockett County High School in Alamo.

Crockett's first quarter lead, 27-10, proved fatal for the Tigers, despite their losing the next three quarters only 12-9, 14-13, and 15-12. Final score: 68-44.

Qaylon Smith posted 17 points for Halls, including a 3-pointer. Reginald Glass and Emmit Henning had 9 each; Cory Walker 4; and Nathan Smith 2 (3 points not attributed).

The loss put the Tigers at 2-9 (2-4 in District 14-A).

The girls' game mirrored the boys' -- Crockett taking the first period, 19-7, the second and third only 11-7 and 16-11. Halls led the fourth quarter, 8-7, for a final score of 53-33.

Keyanna Parker scored 14 points for Halls, including two 3-pointers. Becki Lents added 6, Jessie Ellison 5, Ashlee Nichols 4, and Cassidy Hardee and Lateia Humphrey, 2 each.

The game put Halls' girls at 0-10 (0-6 in 14-A).

Mrs. Phillip Hurt, of Halls, and Mrs. Betty King, of Covington.

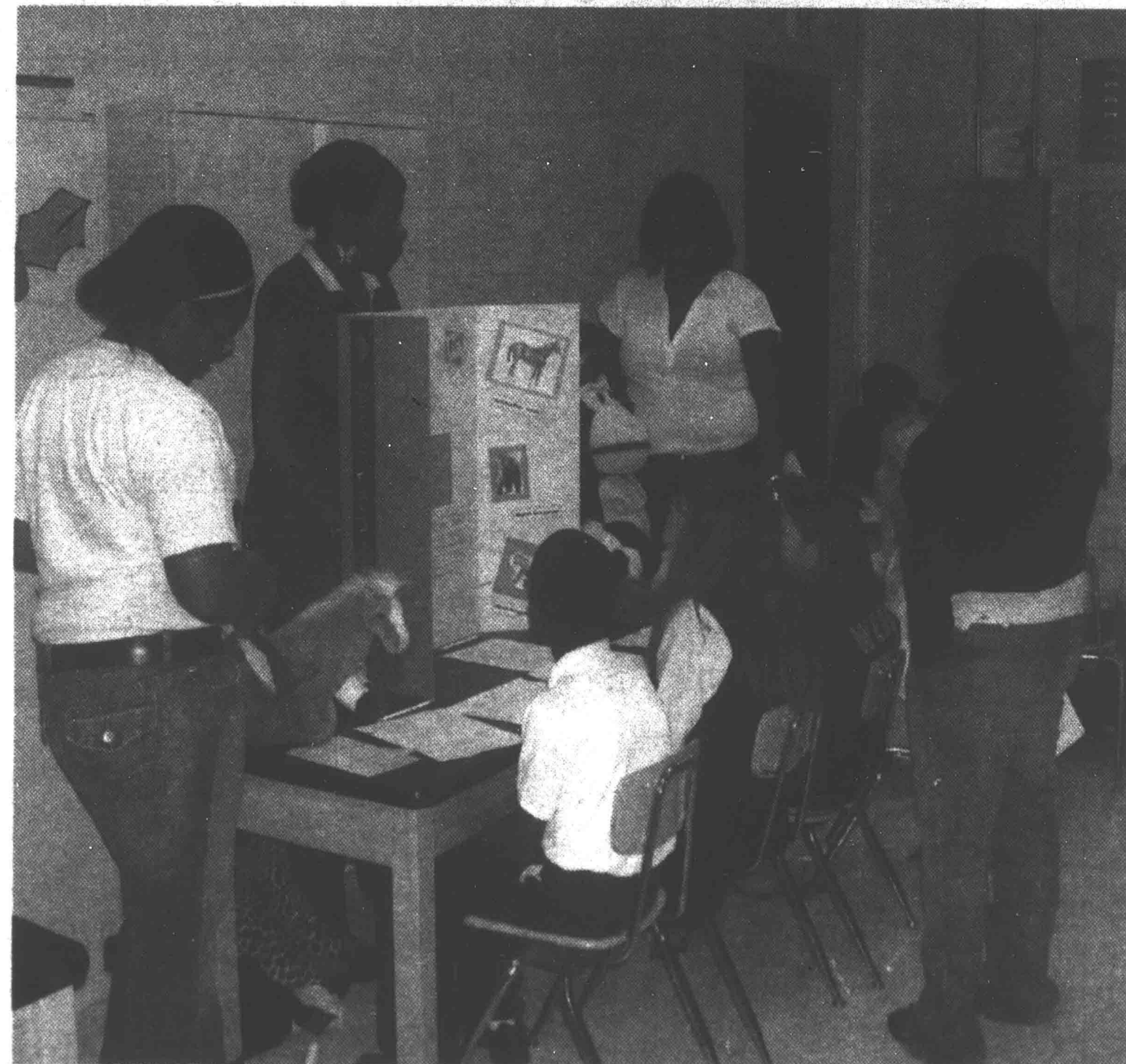
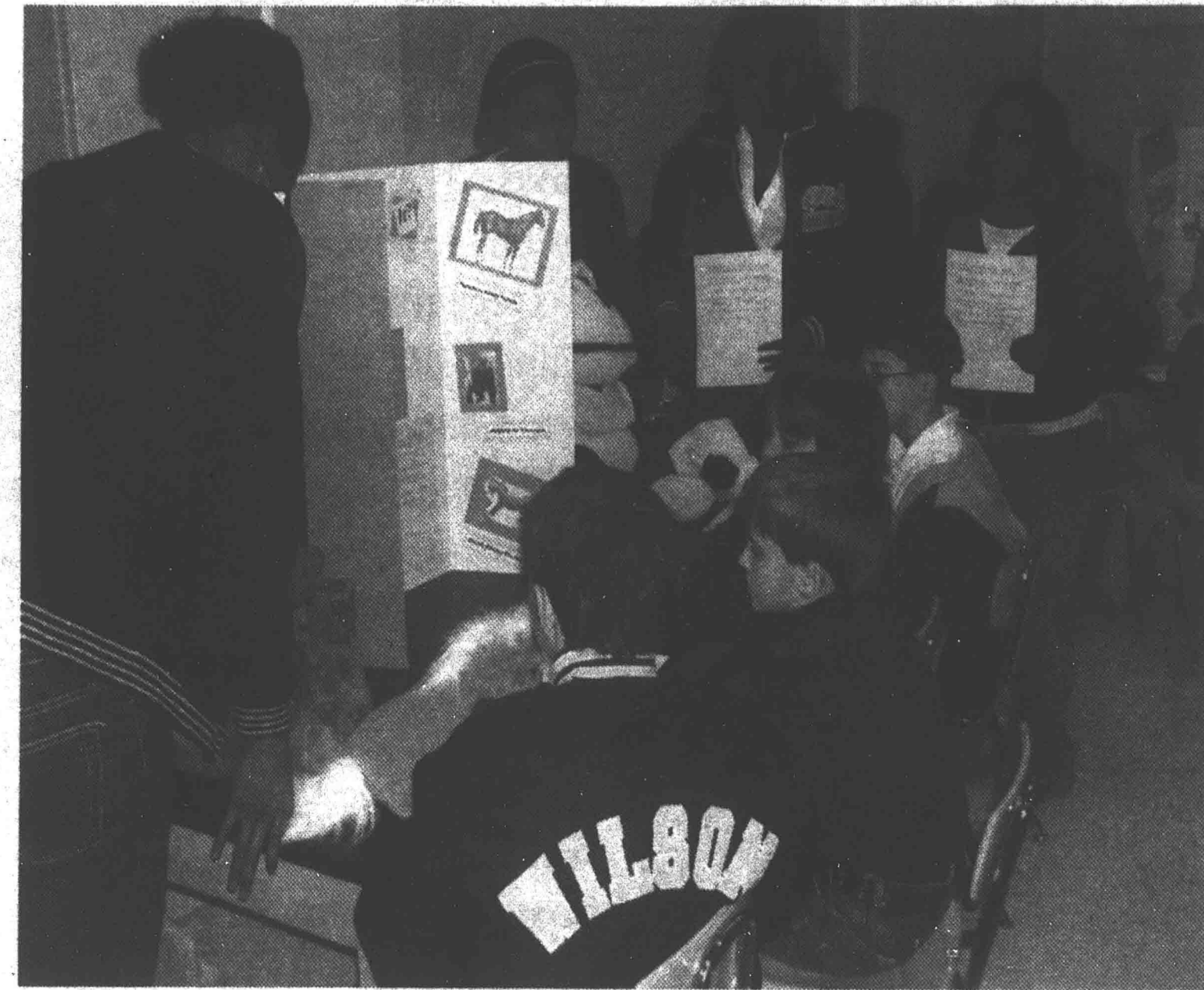
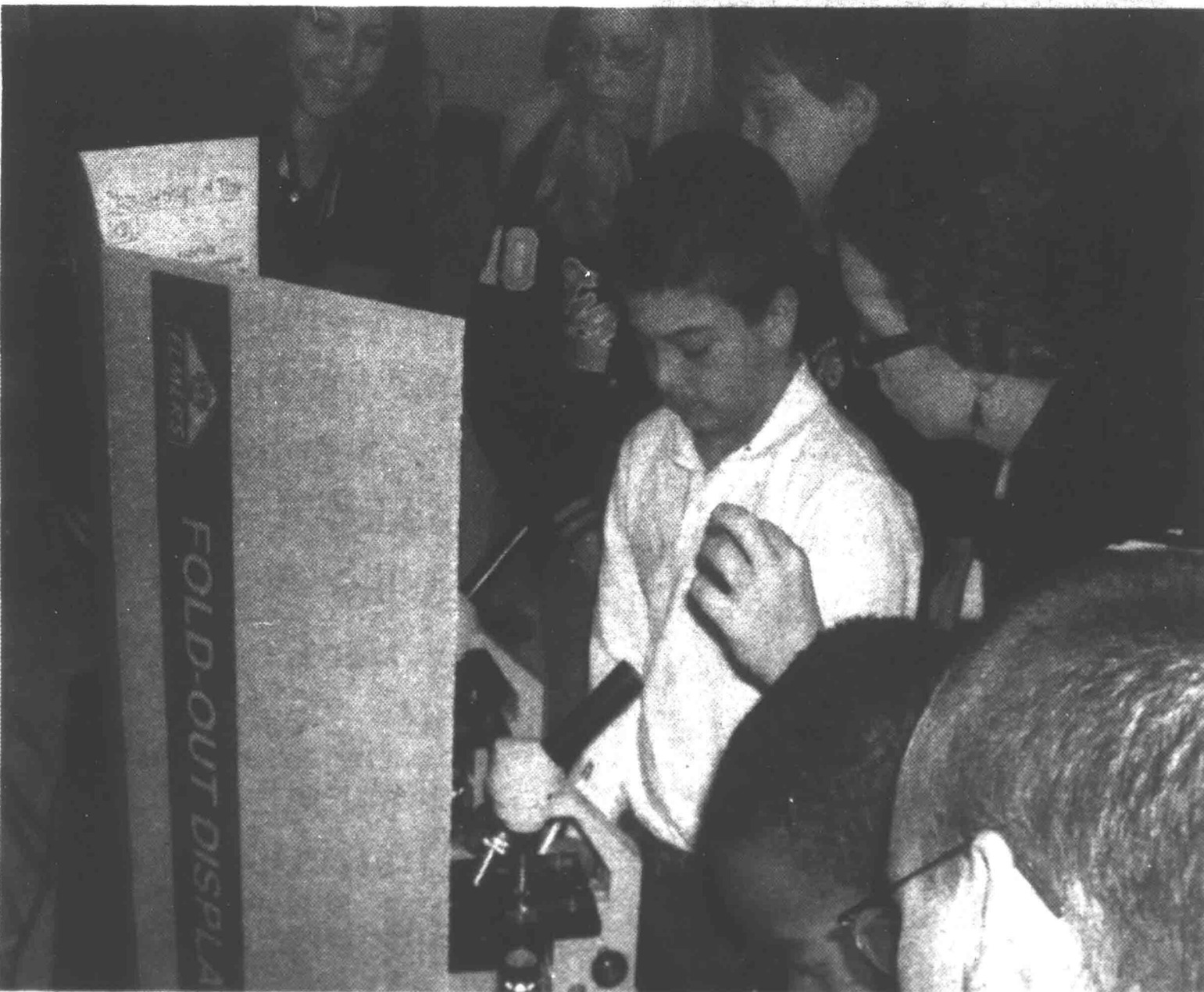


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## Science In Action



**STUDENTS** in the Biology II class at Halls High School visited the 5th grade students at Halls Elementary School December 11th. They presented CSI-Halls, an interactive science project. The scenario for the activity was Rudolph had been kidnapped and the 5th grade students would need to analyze evidence to determine who was the culprit. There were six workstations that each student spent five-minutes evaluating evidence. After examining the evidence at each station,

## Land Transfers

December 28th - January 3rd

Ricky Henson and Eva Kelly Henson to Ronald V. Roberts and Nina C. Roberts, Dist. 12, lot.

Nancy Mooney and Molly Jackson to Jonathan Mooney and Nancy Mooney, Dist. 6, tract.

Becky Uselton to Marilyn Sue Browner Gable, Dist. 10, lot.

Randy Mason to Joel A. Hassell and Kathryn N. Hassell, Dist. 2, lot.

David Kissell, Amanda Jones and Amanda Jones Kissell to Latham Homes, LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

Mid-South Realty Holding Corporation to Eric D. Maben, Dist. 2, lot.

Queen Reed to Ricky Bennett and Angela Bennett, Dist. 8, 3.5791 acres.

Andrew T. Criner and Rachel T. Criner to Jimmy Dale Duvall, Sr., and Peggy Jean Miller Duvall, Dist. 11, tract.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Lloyd Barnes and Shaneatha Dowell, Dist. 2, lot.

Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee 1, LLC, to Bobby Underwood, Dist. 2, lot.

the elementary students, with the help of the biology students, were able to narrow down the suspects. Upon completing the activity they were able to determine who had kidnapped Rudolph. The stations were analyzing simulated blood for typing, identifying unknown animals using a dichotomous key, identifying different types of fingerprints, testing for sugar in an unknown solution, observing the differences between plant and animal cells, and using basic math and a plaster cast of a shoe print to determine the approximate height of the person who wore the shoe. The goal of the high school students was to show the 5th graders how exciting science can be and how it is used everyday.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT

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

### Change Is On The Way Right In Your Own Living Room

On a cool Saturday afternoon in the fall of 1956, I remember standing in the front yard of our Rutherford County farm watching a man climb on our home's tin roof with a very strange looking item in a television antenna that prongs and it was being to pick up signals from purchased a Sylvania day and everyone gathered in the yard to the age of household the new television was greenish colored screen phonebook, but to us greatest thing that had farm since we turned few years back.

After that day, our lives and today as I search the worth watching, I often best. That Sylvania television entered our little four-room farmhouse on that day and immediately decreased the size of the world. However, it also brought things inside those walls that without its existence we would never have seen. I saw John Glenn orbit the earth on that television along with John Kennedy being elected president in a close race with Richard Nixon. I watched in fear during the Cuban missile crisis and later spent a sad weekend in our country's history when President Kennedy was assassinated.

That old antenna television also connected me to the world of western cowboy programming, Howdy Doody, Saturday afternoon baseball, daytime only World Series games, I Love Lucy and the first episodes of Andy Griffith. It also was a time when you had to wait for the test pattern to end early in the morning to watch cartoons that were actually funny and attempt to hold on to remaining conscious until the programming signed off at midnight. You could also watch programs with the whole family in the room and not be embarrassed by even the commercials. The language was clean enough for you to invite the preacher over and the news was on for only thirty minutes at a time.

Then something happened. Bonanza came on the air in living color and we all had to have a color set to keep up with Ben, Hoss and Little Joe. Since then it has been nonstop television in this country. Many homes still use the antenna to get a signal, but most have gone "antenna less" and added cable or satellite for their viewing pleasure. We still used an antenna at our house for the bedroom TV up until this past summer when we painted the house and had to take ours down. I didn't bother to put it back because we sort of liked not having a TV in the bedroom. We are now a one TV household and it is sort of like the old days. If we can't find anything worth watching, turn it on the food channel and read a book.

Now homes have to have digital, flat screen, LCD or plasma sets the size of the drive-in theater that used to be in business out on the main highway that got put out of business by video stores. Those same video stores are now having problems staying open because of consumers getting all hooked up to digital TV, computers and DVDs.

And, due to digital tuners taking over the TV business, folks with analog formatted tuners (those like the ones used in our old Sylvania) come February 17, 2009, will have to get a converter box to keep getting a signal from their antenna. Television stations in this nation will stop broadcasting on that date in analog and go to digital-only broadcasting.

It seems Congress mandated the change to digital, to help free up some of the broadcast space for use by police, fire departments and rescue squads for public safety communications. Since our

electd officials are somewhat responsible for this decision, they saw fit to make a way to help you buy a converter box if you need one. If you are one of those who still have an older analog-only television set and don't subscribe to cable or satellite services, you will need to install a digital-to-analog converter box to keep getting a signal. Coupons for \$40 toward buying a converter box are available from the government.

You can apply for up to two per household at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or by calling 1-800-DTV-2009. But, don't wait to the last minute because it takes a while to get the coupons. Change is coming to the way you watch television and it is going to happen February 17 whether you're ready or not. I just wish they would also work on the programming, as well as the quality of the signal and sound.



his hands. The item was contained maybe eight placed on our chimney Nashville. My father had television earlier that within five miles had watch our move into electronics. Of course black and white with a the size of a fairly large it was possibly the ever happened on our electric lights on only a

were changed forever channels to find something wonder if it was for the

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Despain who will speak at 6 p.m.; Jay King, at 6:30 p.m.; Jerry Mitchell, at 7 p.m.; Richard Mauppins, at 7:30 p.m.; and Rob Harrison, at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and hear their presentations.

Other business included passing a resolution to regulate the business district and to set the salary of the mayor at \$1,000 a month and aldermen at \$300 a month, effective in June after the new board takes office. Elections for Town of Halls Mayor and Aldermen will be held in May.

During the first reading, Ripley Power and Light was awarded the power contract for the Town of Halls after submitting the only bid for a 20 year agreement.

The next trip planned for the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, Senior Center, involves a trip to Washington, D.C. Contact Joni Cook, director, for more information.

Letters were read from officers who complained about Alderman Jennifer Moore after she allegedly interfered in traffic stops involving her son and nephew. No action was taken on the matter by the board.

A letter was read from Auzzie Harrell informing the board of his retirement from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The letter is reprinted below.

To Mayor McManus and Aldermen

From Auzzie Harrell, Chairman, Halls Board of Zoning Appeals

Dear City Officials,

I am submitting this letter of resignation as a member and chairman of the Halls Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately.

Family needs have required me to relocate to another place of residence.

To everyone, I would like to say that it has been a pleasant and learning experience to

serve on this board. To my fellow board members, I would like to thank you for your interest, concern, enthusiasm, and especially your support; keep up the good work; to Vanda, Tammy, and Zina, thank you for keeping me on track and helping me get things together in a timely manner; to Phillip Hurt, thank you for getting me involved; and last to the Mayor and Board for the confidence in not only allowing me to be a member, but serve as its chairman.

Any issue brought before the board, when making my choice and casting my vote, I tried to do what I felt in my mind and heart was in the best interests of not only those directly involved, but, also, the effects upon this town and its citizens. I have no regrets or doubts about any decision on votes I made.

To the citizens of Halls, I say this, and offer this challenge, the sign that people read when they enter Halls, is that it is "A good Place To Live", which is true. Your job is to make it better. This can only be accomplished by cooperation, support, involvement, and encouragement.

I hope what little I did in my official capacity has made this a better place to live.

In closing, I say this with humility and pride, though I am leaving Halls, it will always be a part of me where ever I go.

Sincerely and Respectfully submitted  
Auzzie Ray Harrell  
January 5, 2009

### Association xxx

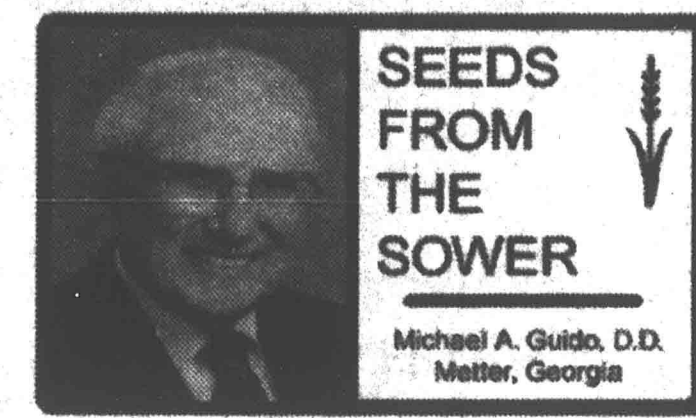
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steak meal will prepared, call no later than Monday, January 12th, with the number attending in your party.

Guest speakers include, Charles Hord, Jr., executive vice-president of the Tennessee Cattleman's Association, and Nate Jaeger, of the National Cattleman's Beef

Association.

For more information and cost, call J.C. Dupree at the University of Tennessee Extension office at 635-9551 or Gwinn Matthews, president of LCLA, at 635-1582.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER  
Michael A. Guido, D.D.  
Mayor, Georgia

An American doctor was making a visit to a hospital in London. As the staff was showing him around, he became interested in their system of abbreviation.

S.F. stood for scarlet fever. T.B. stood for tuberculosis. But he was puzzled by the letters GOK.

"What do they mean?" he asked.

"When we don't know what's wrong with a patient," they said, "we write GOK. That means God Only Knows."

So many things puzzle us. We don't know what to do. There's an epidemic of GOK.

But the Bible says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, and it will be given to him."

## Machines Seized



**GAMBLING MACHINES** were seized from Miss Ann's Cat's Meow, on Highway 209, Friday, January 2nd by Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders and Deputy Jeff Tutor. Virginia Ann Taylor, 63, of Ripley, was charged with one count of possession of an illegal device. She could face a \$250 fine. Sheriff Sanders stated he has seized approximately 20 machines while in office and will continue to issue citations if more are reported. All machines will be demolished.

## December Sing-A-Long



**PARTICIPANTS** in the December 16th Sing-A-Long, held at the Veterans' Museum in Halls, included, in front, from left, Pat Higdon, Jennifer Pittman, Sonny Higdon and Barbara Hendren, and in rear, Terry Charest, Roger Charest, Shane McCaslin, and Dale McCaslin, plus, not pictured, Lisa Godsey and Gary Wooster, pianist, gathered to sing Christmas carols and talk about childhood Christmas memories. Unlike the other sessions, the "weather outside was frightful." Many who had planned to attend decided not to brave the cold and ice. This session was the final for 2008 and is scheduled to resume on Thursdays in December, 2009.

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## Rotary Guest Speaker



**NICK KISTENMACHER**, center, field representative for Tennessee Senator Bob Corker, was the guest speaker for the Halls-Gates Club meeting Monday. He was the guest of Rotarian Paul Stout, left. Mr. Kistenmacher spoke about the upcoming changes in Washington and the Economy in general. James E. Smith, club president, is pictured with them.

## Inmates To Pay Some Expenses

The Lauderdale County Mayor, Rod Schuh, and the Lauderdale County Commissioners voted unanimously for inmates in the county jail to be responsible for paying a portion of their upkeep during the board meeting Monday evening. Inmates will be charged a jailers fee of \$10 daily for being housed in the county jail and \$3-\$3.50 for the hygiene pack, including razor, soap, toothpaste, etc., they receive upon arrival and for each one received during their incarceration. They will also be required to pay \$8 for their doctor and dental services received at the county jail or \$10 for services provided elsewhere and a nominal fee for any medications received such as \$0.50 for Tylenol. An inmate requesting to attend funeral services for an immediate family member or needing hospital care will be required to pay \$5 for in-county

or \$10 for out-county escorts. The charges incurred will be paid by the county deducting monies from the individual inmate commissary account. The county will not be allowed to take from an account with a balance of \$5 or less. However, when money is deposited in the inmates account at any time during their incarceration, that money will pay for any money

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## Pedestrian Struck On Wal-Mart Lot

According to Patrolman James Treadway of the Ripley Police Department, Nancy Ward, of Halls, was airlifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis Monday after she was struck while walking out of the south exit at Wal-Mart. Ward was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale with head injuries. Charges are pending on the driver of the SportTrac, whose name was not released.

## Nominated



**TRE HARGETT**, 39, son of Adj. General and Mrs. Gus L. Hargett, Jr., of Nashville, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Vaughan, of Wingo, Ky., received the GOP nomination for Secretary of State for Tennessee. For the first time in 140 years, Republicans have the majority vote. Caucus members were scheduled to vote Wednesday for State Treasurer, Secretary of State, and State Comptroller. To win the vote, nominees need to get 35 of the 69 members. Hargett currently serves as chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, a position he will have to resign if elected.

The Secretary of State is charged with keeping a register of official acts and proceedings of the governor and when required, the legislature. The most visible duty of the Secretary has to do with the fact that the State Election Commission, the Tennessee Ethics Commission, and the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance are attached to the Department of State for administrative matters. The Secretary of State appoints each county's election officials.

Tre is married to the former Dawn Simbeck, of Lo-

## Charged



**DUSTY HAYNES**, 27, of Halls, is charged with taking cigarettes worth \$460 in a burglary of the Murphy Oil Co. in Dyersburg, Dec. 18th.

Haynes was identified after the Dyersburg State-Gazette published the security camera photo above.

retto, and they have two children, Cole, 5, and Conner, 1. A 1992 graduate of Memphis State University he received a master's degree in business administration with a 3.4 grade point average and a bachelor's degree in business administration with honors in 1991.

In his application, Hargett stated, "The Secretary of State post will allow me to capitalize on business, managerial, and strategic skills I have developed. In this position, I can best help our Republican party demonstrate to the citizens who have entrusted

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## Editor Judges Nat'l Contests

Bill Klutts, *Lauderdale County Enterprise* editor, has been asked to serve, for a third year, among the judges of the National Newspaper Association's annual Better Newspaper Contests.

He will be the sole judge of four categories of the contests.

Awards will be made at the NNA convention in Mobile, Ala., Sept. 24-27.

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## Deadline Nears For Candidates

Candidates for the Halls mayor and alderman elections have until noon February 19, 2009 to qualify and noon February 26th to withdraw in the May 7, 2009 election.

Trent McManus has returned his petition for re-election as Halls Mayor. Bobby (Roho) Jacobs, Jennifer Moore, Regina A. Nash, James L. Tyus, Owen D. Lilly, and Wayne Belton have picked up petitions for alderman.

Candidates for the Henning and Gates mayor and alderman election have until noon March 19, 2009 to qualify and noon March 26th to withdraw in the June 4, 2009 election.

Baris C. Douglas, Thomas R. Harris, and Charles V. Wilson have picked up petitions for Henning Mayor. Deborah Bates Taylor and Vanora Allen have picked up petitions for

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## NOTICE

NOTICE - Ellen Jackson is writing locals for the Halls area. Please call 836-9622 with any information. 17-1f

NOTICE - The Halls Graphic welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed and include the writer's full name, address, and phone number for verification purposes. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity if longer than one typewritten page. We reserve the right to disregard and/edit letters that are potentially libelous. Only one letter per person or family per subject per month. Published letters are not necessarily the opinion of this newspaper or its staff. 16-1f

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Emmitt Smith

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# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! I learned how to slide this week. The other day it was raining and really cold outside. I really needed to go out to do my business but I sure didn't want to since it was so cold. Miss Pam asked me several times, but I didn't go. Finally the time came when I could not wait any longer. I went to the door and scratched. Rusty told me to be careful going out in the cold that the steps might be slippery. I took off at the door and when I got to the first step I slid down the other three-steps and didn't stop until I hit the fence on the other side of the yard. I stood up and shook my head. I did not know what just happened. Rusty ran over to me and asked if I was alright and said, "I told you so". I looked at the steps and Rusty told me that the steps had ice on them. He also told me that ice would make you slide when you tried to walk. Why does he always have to be right and why does he always say, "I told you so"? I went back to the steps and looked around. There was some shiny stuff on them. I looked over at Rusty and told him that I slid down the steps on purpose. He just laughed. I did decide that it was pretty fun so I went back up the steps and slid down them again. After about three or four-times, my feet sure were cold and I really wanted to go back in. So, I went to do my business and then I went in to get warm on my couch. I told Rusty not to tell anybody about what happened outside.

Miss Pam and I went to the Club to see my Buds. She said that we needed to be thankful for the heat at the Club since it was so cold outside. Mr. Buddy and Scooter were inside in the office. We went in to see them first. Mr. Buddy was telling Scooter about all of the basset hounds that we now have at the Club. We all went in to see our newest Buds. We have two-black and white basset-mix females. Big Boy is a big tri-colored basset and Dodger is a smaller tri-colored basset. They all need good homes. There are two red-bone puppies. One is a girl and one is a boy, so you can have your pick. I went around the corner to see Midnight, a black cocker spaniel. He was telling Blue, the black and white feist mix with blue eyes, that he was hoping for a two-legger so he could have a home again. Blue said that he really hoped for a two-legger because he had been at the Club for some time now. I went on around the corner and that is when I saw the big yellow lab, Cocoa. He was sad and I told him that everything would be okay. I told him that Mr. Buddy and Scooter would take good care of him.

I made my way on toward the cat room. Mr. Buddy told me that I needed to go in the cat room because he thought I did not talk enough about the cats. Well, you all know how I feel about the cat room. I put my head down and went in. I told all of them hi and they just ignored me and kept on playing. One gray and white cat hissed at me and I knew that it was time for me to go. I backed up and got out of the door before one of them got my nose. Cats are so weird....

Leanne Clem reclaimed her four-legger, Cocoa, this week. Freddie Haislip took home four-hunters with him. He must really leave without one of the wire terrier pups. Sonny Brown took home a shepherd mix puppy. Susan Short and Bradley Olds took

## QUOTA HUNT SET

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service will begin application procedures for the 2009 turkey quota hunts to be held on the Long Point and Grassy island units of Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge on April 10th through 12th.

In March, a computer drawing will be used to randomly select 25 permittees each for the two areas from applications postmarked within the month of February.

Call the refuge office, 731-538-2481, for further information.

## FREE SEMINAR

The Lauderdale County Commission of Aging, at 605 Airport St., Halls, will hold a free seminar on snoring and sleep apnea at 11 a.m. January 16th.

Dawg, the goat, home with them this week. I knew the Club smelled better this week. Only kidding Dawg! The Big Lick goes out to Gizmo, aka Bengie. His two-legger, Connie Moore, came out to the Club and found him. He had been missing since October. That story almost makes water come to my eyes.

Miss Pam says that it is time to go and I am glad because I always need a nap and getting a nap at the Club is not easy since I have to share my chair with Scooter. We need food at the Club. We really need some puppy food. So if you can send your two-legger out with some food for my Buds, we surely would thank you. Don't forget to be as good as your four-legger thinks you are.

Come see Mr. Buddy and Scooter at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Rd or mail us something at P.O. Box 172, Ripley, TN 38063 or call us at 836-PETS(7387). Don't forget about your four-leggers out in the cold. Take care of them. Always spay and neuter your four-leggers, then we won't have so many puppies at the Club. Watch those slippery steps!

ZEEK OUT!

# Couple Pledge Vows



**MR. AND MRS. CLINTON LUTHER McPEAK** were married at 2 p.m. December 20th at Hutcherson Chapel Church of God in Halls, with Tommy Morgan, pastor, officiating the ceremony. They were honored with a reception in the fellowship hall afterwards.

The bride, the former Casey Gilbreath, is the daughter of Shawn Gilbreath, of Dyersburg, and Brenda Gilbreath, of Halls.

The groom is the son of Jimmy and Teri McPeak, of Halls.

The couple plan to reside in Halls.

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## NOTICE

The Town of Halls will hold its planning commission meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, January 22, 2009, at City Hall Board Room. Regular meeting.

**Town of Halls**

## Obituaries

### Carol Faye Blair

Carol Faye Pitts Blair, 45, of Memphis, former Riplian, died Thursday of last week in Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites are set at 11 a.m. Saturday in Holy Divine Apostolic Church in Henning, with burial in Love Cemetery near Halls, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include her grandmother, Juanita Pitts, of Saginaw, Mich.; her husband, Lawrence Blair, a son, Parsha Harris, and a daughter, Ashaundra Barbee, all of Memphis; sisters, Jenna Kirby, of Nashville; and Bertha Smith, of Fayetteville, N.C.; and a grandchild.

### Shirley Jackson

Shirley Jackson, 68, of Ripley, retired correction officer, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

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

She was the widow of Donald Jackson.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Kissell, of Ripley, and a brother, George Haislip, of Lawrence, Mich.

### 'Liz' Barnes

Mary Elizabeth Barnes, 74, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites are set at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church near Henning, with burial in the Strayhorn Cemetery, near Gates, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include her husband, The Rev. Willie T. Barnes, and sisters, Charlene Tyus, Ester Harris, and Mary Mann, all of Ripley.

### Terry Ward

Terry Ward, 47, of Henning, died Sunday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites are set at 1 p.m. Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in the Morrow Cemetery near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Hill Ward, a son, Zachery Henning, daughters, Felicia, Linda, and Sandra Henning and Diana Theus, brothers, David, Johnny, and Landrum Ward, and sisters, Patricia Ward, Amy Muex, and Willie Robinson, all of Ripley, and another brother and sister, Isaac Ward and Angela Lee, of Henning.

### Stella McMullin

Stella Gavin McMullin, 54, of Maury City, sister of Jimmy Twitty, of Ripley, died Jan. 3rd in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Thursday of last week in New First Baptist Church in Maury City, with burial in Preston Grove Cemetery, H. H. Hudson Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Benny, a daughter, Tarissa Gavin, another brother, Lewis Jelks, and a sister, Martha Snipes, all of Maury City.

### Joann Eison

Joann Eison, 74, of Dyersburg, sister of Gene Ezekiel, of Ripley, and Larry Ezekiel, of Gates, died Friday in Dyersburg.

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

Survivors include her husband, Jackie Eison, daughters, Cathy Jones and Patty (Mrs. David) Rose, step-sons, Barry, Malcolm, and Tracy Eison, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of Dyersburg; a step-daughter, Aymee Berry, of Gilbert, Ariz.; six step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

### Mittie Reed

Mittie Pauline Reed, 53, of Halls, died Saturday, January 10th, at Methodist Central in Memphis.

Rites are set for noon Saturday, January 17th, at New Jerusalem Temple in Dyersburg, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, H.H. Hudson Funeral Home of Dyersburg in charge.

Survivors include her son, Ricky L. Bernard, Jr., two brothers, Andrew Grandberry and Dossie Grandberry, and four sisters, Minnie Avery, Mary Bumpus, Sussie Curry, and Aquillah Muhaymin, all of Dyersburg; a daughter, Stephanie Bernard, of Nashville; and four grandchildren.

### Robert Herren

Robert Herren, 32, of Ripley, formerly of Memphis, died January 7th in his home.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ at White Station in Memphis.

Survivors include his parents, Scott and Vivian Herren, of Memphis; sisters, Gwendalynn Lingerfelt and Johannah Herren, both of Memphis; and his fiancée, Barbara Savage.

Donations to the Church of Christ at White Station Good Samaritan Fund are requested in lieu of flowers.

### Angel McClish

Angel Jalae McClish, newborn daughter of Porshia McClish, of Ripley, died January 11th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were held January 14th at Bluff Cemetery, Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home had charge.

Survivors include two sisters, Ronaria McClish and Ceykayla McClish, both of Ripley; grandparents, Tammy McClish, and Keith McClish, of Henning; and great-grandparents, Minnie Robinson, Donna McClish, and Pete McClish, all of Ripley.

### Rosetta Carroll

Rosetta Carroll, 78, of Dyersburg, mother of Ma-ry Baggett, of Halls, died Jan. 4th, in her home.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in McCullough's Chapel Cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Joseph Peter Conder and Dovie Marie Allen Conder.

She had worked for 30 years for Heckethorn Manufacturing Co. in Dyersburg.

She was a member of the Bradford Church of Jesus Christ.

She was the widow of Frank Carroll.

Survivors include sons, Carlton, of Newbern, and Billy Joe Carroll, of Dyer; other daughters, Bobbie Sue Morrow, of Yorkville, and Maxine McCraig and Patricia Moore, of Dyersburg; a sister Nellie Joe Brown, of Frederick Town, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

### Fannie Hart

Rites Dec. 27th in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, mourned Fannie Hart, 89, of Union City, formerly of Brownsville.

She died Dec. 23rd, at home. Survivors include a daughter, Clementine Swaggard, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and three step-children.

### LCCOA TRIP

The Lauderdale County Commission of Aging, at 605 Airport St., Halls, has

### Landon Jackson

Landon Eli Jackson, 21 month old son of Lisa Bridges and Jackie K. Jackson, of Osceola, Ark., died January 12th in Great River Medical Center, Blytheville, Ark.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in Concord Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Other survivors include his sister, Arie Elizabeth Jackson, of Osceola; his grandparents, Jackie Jackson, of Ripley, Pat Rose, of Covington, and Brenda Hopper, of Osceola; and great-grandparents, Perry Jackson and Sue Jackson, of Gates,

### Beverly Hilliard

Beverly Darlene Hilliard, 47, formerly of Milan, sister of Robert and Thomas Layne, of Halls, and mother of Clint Vickery, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Trenton Health Care.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

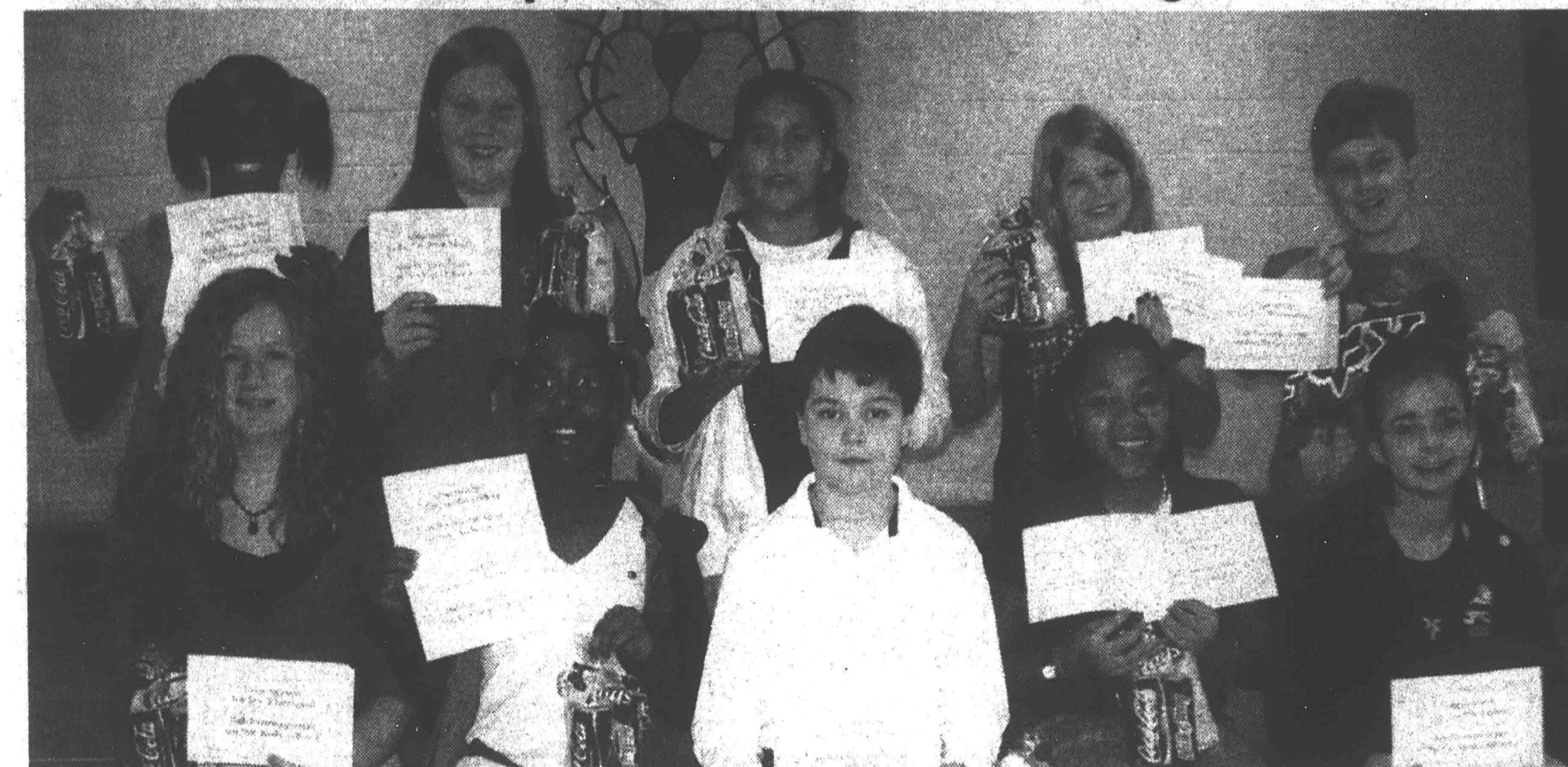
She was born in Memphis, June 21, 1961.

Survivors include her father, Wiley Layne, of Big Sandy; another son, Hunter Hilliard, of Milan; and another brother, Ronnie Layne, of Covington.

scheduled its next senior trip to Washington, D.C. from Thursday, April 16th to Tuesday, April 21st. Seats are limited. Deadline for deposit is January 23rd.

Call 836-5444 for more information on rates.

## Halls Top Readers Recognized



**STUDENTS** recognized at Halls Elementary School for top Accelerated Reader points for the second nine weeks, in upper photo, include, in front, from left, 1st place, Julie Hill, 214.1 pts; 2nd, Srivelle Dewalt, 206.2 pts; 3rd, Drew Whiteside, 112.9 pts; 4th, Valerie Patrick, 90.8 pts; 5th, and Ally Cherry, 90.0 pts; and in rear, 6th, Quenatassja Elijah, 89.7 pts; 7th, Grayson Morris, 85.1 pts; 8th, Melisa Chavez, 84.9 pts; 9th, Alissa Belton, 80.7 pts; and 10th, Chase Ward, 77.4 pts, and for the first semester, first and second nine week period include, in lower photo, from left, 1st place, Julie Hill, 413.7 pts; 2nd, Srivelle Dewalt, 399.3 pts; 3rd, Quenatassja Elijah, 192.4 pts; 4th, Valerie Patrick, 166.7 pts; and 5th, Grayson Morris, 148.9 pts; and in rear, 6th, Melisa Chavez, 144.5 pts; 7th, Ally Cherry, 142.6 pts; 8th, Chase Ward, 134.5 pts; 9th, Drew Whiteside, 128.1 pts; and 10th Logan Hurt, 119.9 pts. The top ten readers from 1st through 6th grade were recognized and presented with certificates. The top ten students for the semester received a school uniform shirt showing that they are Top Ten AR student. Classes who were 100%, meaning that every student in class earned all required points were also recognized and were allowed, January 9th, a day out of uniform dress code. For the second nine weeks, 16 classes were 100%, which is a record. The entire fourth grade was 100%.

### Crop Assistance Deadlines Set

Producers seeking Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage of eligible crops should contact their local USDA Service Center, 310 Lake Drive, Suite B, Ripley, 731-635-7686, before the deadline to identify applicable

crops and file an application. There are no late-file provisions. In addition to submitting an application, producers must pay applicable service fees and provide a certification of prior crop years production for the crop by the closing date.

Closing dates include January 31st for fresh cabbage, fresh spinach, and turnip greens; and February 28th, fresh beets, broccoli, sweet corn, popcorn, fresh and sweet potatoes, cherry or fresh, on plastic and drip irrigated, tomatoes, and tomatoes.

Financial assistance is provided to producers for eligible crop losses and prevented planting due to natural disasters. For more information on eligible crops, call 731-635-7686.

### Play-Off Gates Off, Solutions?

The Board of Control of the Tenn. Secondary School Athletic Assn., governing high school sports in about 390 schools, noted, Thursday of last week, that attendance at the football play-offs last fall fell 17%, to 187,246, netting TSSAA \$536,011, about \$150,000 less than in 2007.

Revenue also fell in cheer/dance, girls' soccer, golf, and volley-ball.

The board's June meeting will consider an increase in football play-off ticket prices, which have been \$7 through the semi-finals and \$10 for finals.

### Finals Site Uncertain

The board set Week 1 in football Aug. 28, 2009. Teams can play Aug. 21st.

Cities bidding for the finals must host eight games in three days, virtually requiring artificial turf.

It's available at Middle Tenn. State University in Murfreesboro, the host for football, basketball, track and field, and baseball finals since 2000,

It's also available at Tenn. Tech in Cookeville and at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. Both have shown interest in acquiring some or all of the finals.

MTSU charges nothing for use of its facilities, but the

### Halls' Boys Win 1st Tilt In Seven

Halls High School's Tiger broke a 6-game losing streak with a romp over Gleason, Tuesday of last week, 66-21.

Gleason went to 5-7 (2-6 in Halls' District 14-A).

Halls' girls lost to Gleason, 52-33.

Gleason girls went to 10-4 (5-3 in District 14-A).

In Trenton, Friday, Halls' boys lost by seven points, 73-66, for a 3-10 record (3-5 in 14-A).

The girls lost, 63-16, for a 0-11 record (0-8 in 14-A).

TSSAA must hire ticket takers, ushers, security personnel, and other workers for the finals.

These costs are on the rise. Some state athletic officials feel TSSAA's expenses in Murfreesboro are excessive in view of the economic benefits the finals bring to the area.

Advantage in any bidding: MTSU is a central location in the state, with Cookeville 80 miles east of Nashville and Chattanooga far in the south-east.

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## New Nurses Begin Instruction



**MEMBERS** of the Four Rivers Regional Practical Nursing Program at the Tennessee Technology Center Ripley began a new class January 5th with 26 enrolled from Lauderdale and the surrounding counties, including Britney Bane, Misty Barbee, William Bolds, Amber Casperson, Kelly Dicus, Paige Emerson, Ashley Ferguson, Brittany Hearn, Mandy Lovette, Tabitha Rogers, Queimeka Rogers and Luvery Young, from Lauderdale County. They will endure 1,296 hours of class and clinical with hopes of graduation in December 2009 and will be instructed by Beth Mills, RN.

## Books From Birth President Named

Jeff Conyers has been appointed by TN Governor Phil Bredesen to the Governor's Books From Birth Foundation Board. He is succeeding Lady Bird, who will retire January 31st, as president, effective Feb. 2nd.

Conyers previously served Bredesen for five years coordinating travel for the governor across the state. This experience allowed him to develop a broad and geographically-diverse network of contacts, including ties to key community leaders across Tennessee. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of the South in Sewanee.

Lauderdale County currently has 812 children signed up to receive books each month. Parents can now register their children by calling 731-635-9541, or online at [www.dolly-simulationlibrary.com](http://www.dolly-simulationlibrary.com).

Contributions to the program can be mailed to Books

from Birth, c/o Lauderdale County Education Foundation, P. O. Box 643, Ripley, TN 38063.

If anyone wishes to volunteer, call the Lauderdale County Chamber/ECD, 635-9541, or Lynn Harmon, 635-3791.

## Benefit To Be Held At VFW

A benefit for Carolyn Hunsucker, niece of Shirley Rogers, is scheduled for 6 p.m. January 17th at the V.F.W., located at 3105 Hwy. 209. Mrs. Hunsucker had minor surgery August 27, 2008, and was released. She was placed in the Tupelo Hospital August 29, 2008, with renal failure, septic and hypotension. She has had surgery and washout treatments nine occasions and was placed on full ventilation for several weeks. She will have to have several more surgeries before the doctors will be able to close her ab-

domen. This benefit is to help her and her family with medical and financial expenses. Activities include a cake walk and a \$50 drawing.

For more information, call Mrs. Rogers at 635-7121.

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

**Monday, January 19th**

No Classes  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

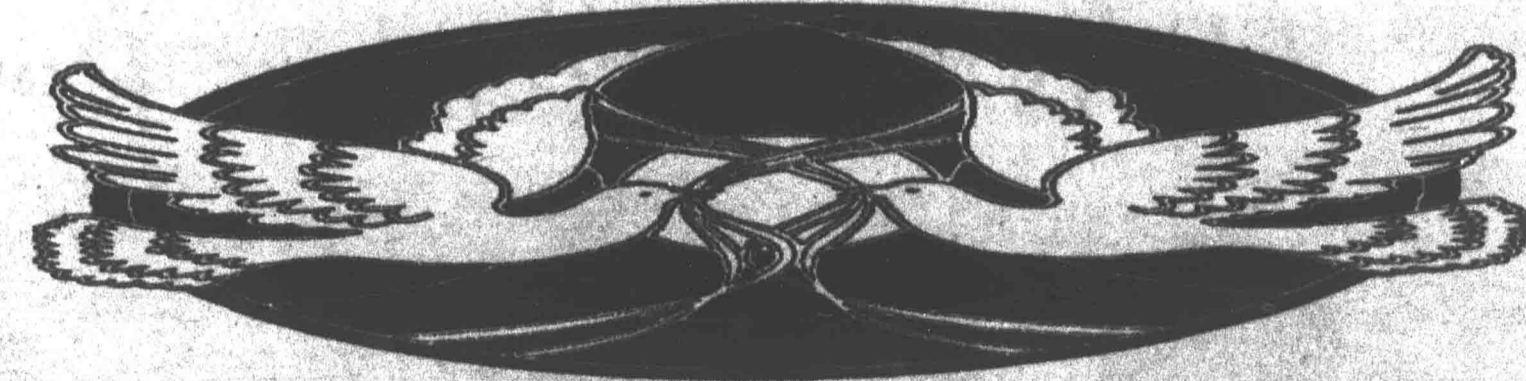
**Tuesday, January 20th**

Cheeseburger  
Pizza  
French Fries  
Sandwich Trimmings  
Fruit Mix  
Applesauce  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, January 21st**

Roasted Turkey w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Apple Slices  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, January 22nd**



## 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.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold an Alive Worship Conference at 6:30 p.m. February 6th and 7th featuring guest speaker, Barry Cox, and worships bands, Remnant and Constant Witness. The weekend project is for all ages.

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

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

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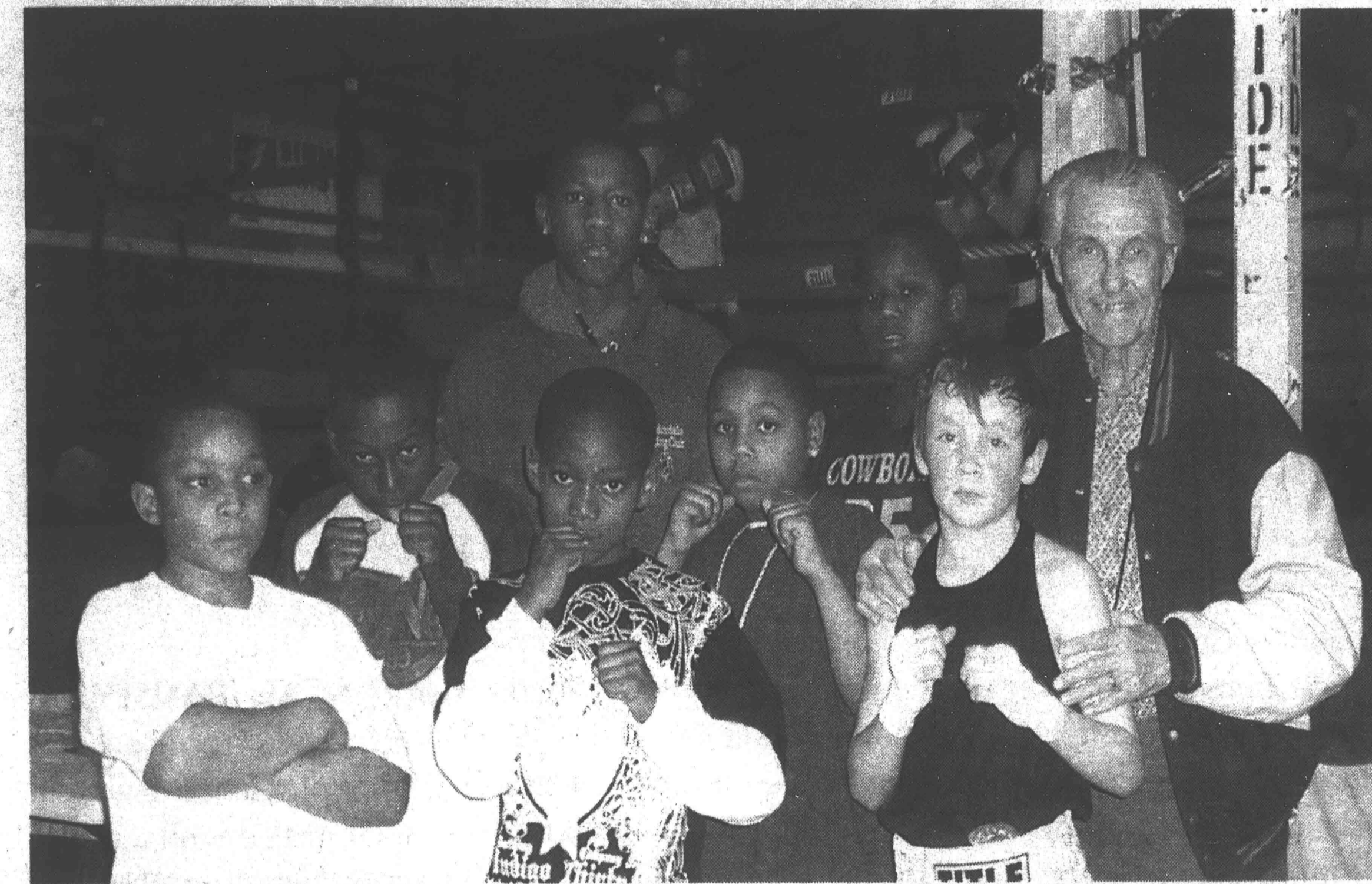
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## Local Boxers Compete



**MEMBERS** of the Lauderdale Boxing Club, in front, from left, Toddy Pedigrew, Deundre Smith, Chuckie Driver, and Brandon Smith, and in rear, Sportez Currie, Kani Coleman, Olajowon Smith, competed at the Hot Springs Boys and Girls Club facility Saturday. The team learned that the activities at the Boys and Girls Club, as well as, the boxing team really kept juvenile delinquency at a bare minimum in the Hot Springs area. Of the three staff members on payroll there, they pick up approximately 60 kids from the city schools and bring them to the Boys and Girls Club facility. Upon arriving, the kids get their homework and are assisted with any subjects they are struggling in by volunteer tutors. After the academic support, they have structured athletic programs available such as boxing, basketball, tennis, volleyball, baseball, billiards, etc. "It was a really great trip for our athletes and coaches which created lots of hope. You know we could offer something similar to this in the big Rip Town, we could come up with resources, we probably already have the facility, but do we have the interest in our youth? Either so called at risk kids and college bound kids as well could benefit from such programs. These guys and gals are our future," said Coach Clay Conrad. The team had the opportunity to meet Ray Rogers, right, in rear, the founder of the Ray Rogers Boxing Club in Little Rock where world champion, Jermaine Taylor, learned to box as well as many other top professional competitors and amateur national champs.

## Reception Held



**JOEY HASSELL**, third from right, the new superintendent for Lauderdale County Schools, was honored with a reception prior to the board meeting in Ripley Elementary School Thursday of last week. During the meeting, Mr. Hassell stated he had visited seven of the eight schools and has met with faculty at the inservice, supervisors and support staff at the district office, Mayor Rod Schuh, Charles Smith, the supervisor of maintenance, Mark Newman, supervisor of transportation, and Youth Leadership and Economic and Community Development board.

He plans to meet with the mayors of each town, county commissioners, juvenile authorities, the sheriff and to re-visit and spend more time with staff and students in the schools.

## Land Transfers

**January 4th-January 10th**

James M. Kiestler to Bradford G. Williams, Dist. 2, lot. HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., to Mike Douglas, Dist. 12, lot.

Federal National Mortgage Assoc. to Carla Smith and Daniel Smith, Dist. 7, lot.

Federal National Mortgage Assoc. to Melinda Rose-Roberts, Dist. 3, lot.

## Anniversaries

Jan. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Criehtfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kiestler.

Jan. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lankford.

Jan. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan.

Jan. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson.

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We Appreciate Everything You Do To Help Us Help Others.  
New Officers For Rescue Squad



**NEW OFFICERS**, of the Lauderdale County Resue Squad, include, James 'Bubba' Blakley, captain; Cecil Crowder, Sr., unit director; Jerry Best, field captain; Dan Day, assistant field captain; Ronnie Flowers, equipment officer; Bob Ward, sergeant-in-arms; Brenda Blakley, secretary; Letha Nelson, treasurer; and Dan Day, chaplain. In picture, 2nd from right, seated, are State President Jim Williamson, and 3rd from right, Past Regional IV Vice-President Bill Sowell.

**Inmates xxx**

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owed prior to the inmate being allowed to spend it.

In other business, the warning sirens that were installed in Ripley and Halls will be tested at 1 p.m. Monday, January 18th, to ensure there are no malfunctions and to see how many decibels they are.

Joey Hassell addressed the county mayor and commissioners stating his two goals are accelerated graduating students and schools that are safe and welcoming.

The board voted against raising the litigation tax. It will remain at \$28.50.

**Hargett xxx**

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us with this majority that we are fully prepared, not only to lead and serve, but to lead and serve with excellence. I know my service as the Secretary of State will have a great impact on the future of our state in areas ranging from commerce to education to public records. I am eager to accept the challenges of this office with a strong sense of humility for the trust being place in me."

**Deadline xxx**

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**Birthdays**

Jan. 15 - Phillip Neal, Anita Swinford, Maurice Waninger, Mary Harrison, Michael Douglas, Scooter Hardee, Melanie Maxwell, Angie Smith, Phil Vestal, Chris Pegg, B. G. Robbins, Steve Arnold, Luanne

**Treadmill Purchased**



**PARTICIPANTS** at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, including Billy Bell, Tommy Roberts, Charles Burks and Ernest Bell, are enjoying the commercial grade treadmill, purchased, with a grant, through the generosity of the H.W. Durham Foundation. The H.W. Durham Foundation's mission is to enrich and improve the quality of life for older citizens and their communities. The Foundation promotes independence and individual autonomy for older people living at home or in institutions. The theme for the year at LCCOA is "A Wealth of Health at LCCOA". Get off the couch and visit the Center for exercise, socialization and education. They are committed to offering programming to keep the mind and body sharp as long as possible. Call the Center for information about programming 731-836-5444.

Tillman, Louise Maners, Dr. Alice Scott.

Jan. 16 - Nina Carmack Hopkins, Rachel Taylor, Russell Langley, Jr., Bonnie Sanders, Alma Ward, Danny Bailey, Krishenna Patrick, Jerry W. Colvin, Brian Woodard, Paul Buckner, Charlotte Bartlett, Cheri Baynes, Doris E. Brown, Elaine McCoy, Brian Fiedler, Charlotte Hamilton, Stacy Manley, Aaleigha Buck, Gail Griffin.

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

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

Jan. 19 - Deborah Demeris, Dianne Yarbrough, John James, Lynette Currie, Annie Louise Adams, Martha H. Kirkpatrick, Frank Evans, Joyce Lee, Ann

Lazure, Carolyn Horner, Gloria Burrough, Krista Hardy, Verma Alexander, Leona Herron, Holly Crews, Joe Brown Barfield, Jr., Gannon Davis, Ken Tyler, Steven Brogdon, Kate Conner, Perrilyn Cherry, Walter Smith, Kaleb Northcott, Clif Fox.

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

Jan. 21 - Gayle Miller, Elizabeth M. Brogdon, Barbara G. Ward, Allison Garner, Kevin Hardy, Velma Baker, Sylvia M. Todd, Wayne Woodard, Pat Watson, Stephanie McCaslin, Jimmy Garrett, Karen Duvall, Melissa Escue, Corey Gesford, Rabbit Buckner, Andrea Ammons.

**2009 Official TN Map Available**

The official 2009 Tennessee Transportation Map is available to assist travelers in their planning efforts. This year's state map has been totally redesigned to feature larger, easier to read information and interstate mile and exit markers list-

ed right on the map. The 2009 map includes the same important information about TDOT's SmartFIX40 accelerated construction project in Knoxville, a listing of Tennessee's Biofuel Green Island Corridors, information about emergency reference markers, and Tennessee 511 as in years past, but is produced on a larger scale making it easier to read.

"We believe motorists will find the new map to be a big improvement," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "The new 2009 map is designed on a larger scale which makes it much easier to read, but we were able to retain the same size of the overall map which meant no extra cost went into the publication."

The state map is available on the TDOT web site at [www.tn.gov/tdot/maps.htm](http://www.tn.gov/tdot/maps.htm).

"The map is a service TDOT is pleased to provide to the public each year," said Judy Steele, Director of TDOT's Community Relations Division. "The map is free and available at welcome centers and rest areas across the state."

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**Graduate**



**SHARON M. RAMSEY**, of Fresno, Tex., received her bachelor of science degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology from the University of Houston, Downtown Campus, Sunday, December 21st. She is employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

A 1991 graduate of Ripley High School, she is the daughter of Gregory and Lillian Scott, of Fresno, and Robert Maclin, of Halls. She is the mother of Tasheena and Marquis Ramsey.

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**Six-Year Sentence For Newbern Riot**

Darnell Madison, 21, of 255-B Gay St., Ripley, one of three Lauderdale Countians charged after a riot in Newbern, Feb, 27th, has pleaded guilty, in Dyer County Circuit Court, to attempted first-degree murder, and has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Madison and Colton Dequan Whitelow, of Halls, were charged with first degree murder of Tamara Brown, 20, attempted first-degree murder of Donald Lee Wilkes, of Newbern, and aggravated assault of Ashley Livingston.

Whitelow's trial is set for Feb. 18th. Davonta Duffie, 15, of Gates, captured in Illinois, May 13th, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault.

**Hargett New Sec. Of State; House Drama**

Tre Hargett, 39, grandson of Gus Hargett, of 1211 Jeff Webb Rd., Ripley, was elected Tennessee's secretary of state, Thursday of last week, on a 70-61 vote by combined House and Senate members of the state legislature.

Tuesday, the House, supposed controlled by Republicans, for the first time since 1970, 50-49, had ended the state and national record reign, as House speaker, since 1991, of Jimmy Naifeh, of Covington.

But not as expected: The 50 House members elected as Republicans had pledged unanimous support for Rep. Jason

**Wreck On Hwy. 51 Injures Passenger**

According to Investigator Richard Mauppins, of the Halls Police Department, at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 20th, a company van, belonging to Servpro, driven by Tina Robertson, 36, of Newbern, driving southbound on Hwy. 51 when it hit gravel on the shoulder and slid into a deep embankment. Passenger, Shelia Ciechan, 44, of Dyersburg, was taken by ambulance to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and airlifted to The Med. Robertson was uninjured.

Mumpower, of Bristol, in Sullivan County, Republican leader in the House.

But one of the elected Republicans, Rep. Kent Williams, 59, an Elizabethton farmer and cafeteria owner, who has served only one 2-year term in the House, was elected by 49 Democrats and his own vote.

To the consternation of hundreds of people who came to Nashville to see Mumpower enthroned.

Republicans are seeking to oust Williams from the party for violating his oath to support Mumpower.

Williams says that after his oath, Mumpower failed to deliver on some promises he

**Named Teachers Of The Year**



**ANN CARMACK**, pictured, center, of Ripley, and her daughters, Jennifer Carmack, right, of Hermitage, near Nashville, and Beth May, left, of Arlington, were each named Teacher of the Year at their respective schools. Beth, a teacher at Arlington Elementary School in Shelby County, was notified Tuesday, January 13th, after her sister, Jennifer, a teacher at Stratton Elementary School, near Nashville, was notified Friday, January 9th. Ann was notified Wednesday, January 14th, of her honor at Ripley High School where she taught senior English for 35 years and has been the schools librarian for 10 years. Steve Carmack, husband and father and Lauderdale County Trustee, retired from teaching after 31 years with the Lauderdale County Schools. Ann plans to retire at the end of this school year. All of them were Ripley High School graduates. Jennifer, the eldest daughter, has been teaching pre-K to second grade children with autism for 12 years. Beth has been teaching first grade

**Morgan Named Deputy Governor Deadline Nears For Candidates**

Governor Phil Bredesen named John Morgan as deputy governor. He replaced Deputy to the Governor Stuart Brunson.

Morgan, 57, is a 31-year veteran employee of the state of Tennessee. He was elected controller of the treasury in 1999 and served five consecutive two-year terms as one of the state's three constitutional officers.

made to Williams.

"I'm a Republican in my heart," Williams says.

"If I have to be labeled an independent, I'll be labeled an independent."

Candidates for the Halls mayor and alderman elections have until noon February 19, 2009 to qualify and noon February 26th to withdraw in the May 7, 2009 election.

Trent McManus has returned his petition for re-election as Halls Mayor. Bobby (Roho) Jacobs, Jennifer Moore, Regina A. Nash, James L. Tyus, Owen D. Lilly, Wayne Belton, Matthew Henderson, and David Jennings have picked up petitions for alderman. Owen D. Lilly has returned his petition.

Candidates for the Henning

and Gates mayor and alderman election have until noon March 19, 2009 to qualify and noon March 26th to withdraw in the June 4, 2009 election.

Baris C. Douglas, Thomas R. Harris, and Charles V. Wilson have picked up petitions for Henning Mayor. Deborah Bates Taylor, Vanora Allen, and Ross N. Bates have picked up petitions for Henning alderman. Harris, Bates and Taylor have not returned their petitions as of noon Tuesday.

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Jan. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack.  
Jan. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rob

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Riviere, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crowder, Sr.  
Jan. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gibson.  
Jan. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gatlin.  
Jan. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McWherter.

**Marriages**  
Robert Lee Oneal, Jr., 33, to Sandra June Love, 51, by Leon Jones, Jr.

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# Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! Miss Pam and I are out at the Club today. We have walked around and said hi to everybody and I even went into the cat room. Mr. Buddy and Scooter are in the office worrying about where they are going to get some puppy food. Mr. Buddy says WE NEED PUPPY FOOD. I scratched on the door and Mr. Buddy let me out. I went on out to do my business and then I saw two-leggers out working next door. I walked over to see what was going on. Normally, Miss Pam does not let me go out by myself, so I looked back to see if she was watching me. I did not see her so I kept on walking. Mr. Clint was getting in his truck and told me to get in and go for a ride with him. I jumped up in the front seat with him. We did not ride too far and then Mr. Clint told me to get out of the truck. When I jumped out and looked around, I could not believe my eyes.

There was stuff everywhere - big hills of stuff. This must be dog heaven. I walked to the edge of the big stuff and smelled. It smelled like everything that I love. I jumped over into the stuff and you can't believe everything that I found. There was things that smelled like hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, chips, crackers and other smells that I have never smelled of. I was so happy to know that this great stuff was so close to the Club. Why had nobody ever brought me back here before? I rolled around in the stuff and I even ate a few things that really smelled good. I looked for Mr. Clint to see if I was in trouble yet, but he was busy working. I walked all around in the stuff and thought that I could not wait to tell my Buds about this place. I did not know the name of this place but it was already my favorite. After some-time went by, Mr. Clint called me and told me to get in the truck. As I jumped up into the truck, he told me that I smelled terrible. He made me get out of the front of the truck and told me to get in the back. I have never been in the back of a truck before. Boy, Mr. Clint is a cool two-legger. We rode backup a big hill and we rode over to the Club.

Miss Pam was standing outside with a bad look on her face. When we pulled up she told me that she had been looking all over for me. I knew that I was in trouble. Mr. Clint told her that I had rode back to the land fill with him. Land Fill - so that is what that great place is called. I jumped out of the back of the truck and when toward her and she even told me that I smelled terrible. I thought I smelled good. She told Mr. Clint thanks for letting me ride and get stinky. I ran into the Club and started telling everybody about a great place called the Land Fill.

Big Boy, the tri-colored basset, and Dodger, the other tri-colored basset, were really interested. I went around the corner to tell Midnight, the black cocker spaniel, but he had gone home with this two-leggers. I was so glad for him. Charlie, the spotted short dog, and Blue, the black and white feist mix with blue eyes, told me I smelled different since the last time I was in the Club. I told them about all of the great stuff I rolled around in. Everybody in the Club was talking and it was really loud in there so I went to the door of the office so I could see if I could get in my chair for a nap. Scooter let me in the office and then he made me go right back out. Four-leggers sure are funny about smelling good. Miss Pam was putting a blanket in my seat of the truck.

She just pointed her finger at me and told me to get in. I hoped that she would let me ride in the back of the truck like Mr. Clint had - but I guess not. On our way home, she told me the first thing we would do when we got home was the BATH. Oh well, I guess an afternoon in the Land Fill is worth a bath. Rusty will not believe everything that I saw. I will have to take him there one day.

Miss Pam tells me to remind you that with cold weather here, make sure that your four-leggers have warm shelter and fresh water everyday. She says that if it gets too cold bring them inside with you. I sure am glad that I have a bed and blanket to sleep on and so will your four-legger. Remember to spay and neuter your four-leggers so we will not have so many puppies that need homes. We really need food but we really really need puppy food so send your two-legger out to the Club with some food.

Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road or call us at 836-PETS or 836-7387 or write us at P.O. Box 172, Ripley, TN 38063.

If you do not want to bring the food to the Club just drop it off at the Antique Mall on 51 Hwy. and Mr. Buddy will pick it up. We are really making a lot of improvements at the Club so come by and see what your donations have done.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are.

Gotta go hide - I hear the water running!!!!

Zeek out!

**School Lunches**  
Lauderdale County Schools  
**Monday, January 26th**  
Pizza  
Chicken Fajitas  
French Fries  
Corn Nibbles  
Banana  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk  
**Tuesday, January 27th**  
Steak Fingers  
Fish Fillet  
Broccoli Bites  
Black Eye Peas  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk  
**Wednesday, January 28th**  
Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Grapes  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk  
**Thursday, January 29th**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Peaches  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk  
**Friday, January 30th**  
Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
BBQ Pork Ribbitlet On Bun  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Veg. Cup w/Dip

Pear Halves  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk  
**School Lunches**  
Ripley Primary School  
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Steak Fingers  
Broccoli Bites  
Orange Sections  
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**Wednesday, January 28th**  
Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Grapes  
Roll  
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**Thursday, January 29th**  
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**Friday, January 30th**  
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## Obituaries

### Mr. Robinson

Eddie Frank Robinson, 58, of Covington, father of Joseph A. Carruthers, of 503 Silver Cove, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in St. John Baptist Church in Atoka, with burial in its cemetery.

A brick-layer, he had also worked as a laborer for Children and Family Services.

Survivors include his wife, Muzette; another son, Anthony Kemp, of Dyersburg; brothers, David, of Memphis, and Robert, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; sisters, Verta Woods, of Covington, and Johnnie Mae Blount, of Milwaukee; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Jaxon Morris

Jaxon Layne Morris, newborn son of Monica Jackson, of Gates, and Adam Morris, of Finley, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg.

Rites were Saturday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

Survivors include great-grandparents, Frank Jackson, of Ripley, John and Jean Morris, of Dyersburg, Buck and Sue Moore, of Finley, and Carolyn Standley, of Hayti, Mo.; and grandparents, Patsy Whitson, of Gates, Pattye Morris, of Finley, and Gregg Morris, of Atlanta, Ga.

### HES HONOR ROLL

Students named to the principal list at Halls Elementary School for the second nine-week period include 3rd grade, Erin Adkerson, Cameron Blackwood, Zaylee Brown, Landon Carmack, Tobie Caviness, Myles Clark, Mackenzie Dew, Andrew Harris, Logan Hurt, Tabor Hurt, Alex Hutcherson, Madison Johnson, Sarah Kissell, Savannah Pham, Evan Taylor-

### Leslie Lightfoot

Leslie Carter Lightfoot, 90, farmer and retired U.S. Forest Service worker, died Saturday in Asbury Cove Assisted Living in Ripley.

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

He was a member of Lightfoot United Methodist Church.

He was the widower of Lucille Moore Lightfoot.

Survivors include a daughter, Leslie Elaine Mueller, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a sister, Jeanne Williams, all of Ripley; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Larry Heggie

Larry Thomas Heggie, 56, Ripley street department worker, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites are set at 11 a.m. Saturday in Morning Star Baptist Church in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son, Anthony Barnes, and sisters, Lashali Sutherland, Shirley Fulton, and Valerie Owens, all of Ripley; daughters, Sebrina Maclin and Shasca Haley, of Decatur, Ill., and Samantha Flowers, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; another son, Jerry Haley, of Paris; a brother, Al Sutherland, of Brownsville; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Rogers, Brian Terry and Tristan Terry; 4th grade, Jonathan Barham, Brie Bluew, Megan Bullock, Hunter Burks, Ben Click, Mary Cox, Dylan Crowder, Ashley Haley, James Ryan Hilliard, Camryn Hudson, Amber Hutchison, Alee Jones, Robert Parsonson, Noah Reaves, Drew White, and Olivia Woodall; 5th grade, Brianna Burse, Mariah Carmack, Keana Gooch, Addison Meeks, Evan Reaves, Allison Webb, Drew Whiteside, J.T. Wright, and Erin Young; 6th grade, Srivelle Dewalt, Emery Gillion, Julie Hill, Maddie Hutcherson, Leah Jacobs, Grayson Morris, Valerie Patrick, and Dalton Young.

Honor roll students include

### B.O. Thurmond

Bobby O. Thurmond, 70, of Woodville, died Tuesday at Regional Medical Center in Dyersburg.

Services were not available at press time, Garner Funeral Home will have charge of arrangements.

### Shirley Smith

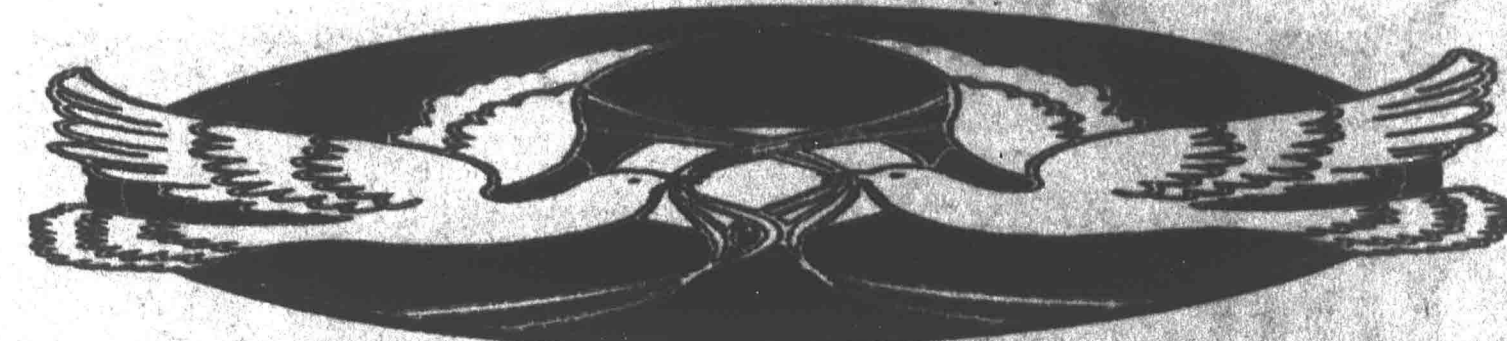
Shirley Nadine Smith, 73, of Ripley, widow of Teddie Lewis Smith, died Tuesday of last week, in her home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Terry "Buster" Smith, of Ripley, and Russell Smith, of Dyersburg; daughters, Cindy Kiestler, Debbie Walker, and Vickie Rolland, of Ripley, Gail Carlton, of Dyersburg, and Tina Merchant, of Millington; a brother, James Roy Smith, of Memphis; a sister, Ruby Hendrix, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

3rd grade, Kelsey Bane, Tyler Barnes, Cassidy Beal, Noah Bing, Cameron Brown, Bethanie Buckner, Brianna Burns, Morgan Cates, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Maranda Fraizer, Fletcher Gillon, Lauren Harp, Britney Harris, Will Hartman, Blake Hicks, Ryan Hilliard, Destinee Humphrey, Cassidy Hurt, Ryan Jones, Tamaya Lockett, Shania Matthews, Hailley Maxwell, Jordan Medford, Hayden Meeks, Enrique Mendiora, Cade Moore, Garrett Morris, J.R. Prater, Tanner Ream, Molly Shands, Alexis Terry, Brooke Wallace, Breanna Walters, Colby Warren, Quintaya Wilder, Hanna Willis, and Kobe Young; 4th grade, Kolton Agee, Kayla Brogdon, Victoria Cain, Skyler Caviness, Jared Clanton, Dylan Clark, Warren Coleman, Blake Colvin, Hope Comeaux, A'nyzha Dennis, Ryan DePriest, Lucy DeSpain, Alexis Dixon, Jordan Eno, Shamar Fisk,



## 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 Women of Purpose of Elam Baptist Church, 46 Durhamville Rd., will hold the third annual Women's conference beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, January 24th. Guest speakers include Ellena Gooch and Carla Evans and workshop speakers include Gennie V. Bradford and Yolanda Davis. Lunch will be provided during the event, entitled "Don't Turn God's Grace Into Disgrace". For more information on registration fee, call 612-2717.

The Tabernacle of Praise in Halls will have services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, February 1st, with Evangelist George McGregor. The public is invited.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold an Alive Worship Conference at 6:30 p.m. February 6th and 7th featuring guest speaker, Barry Cox, and worships bands, Remnant and Constant Witness. The weekend project is for all ages.

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.

TeAsha Glenn, Hunter Haislip, KeAshia Harrell, Armani Harris, Matthew Henderson, Julia Kent, John Lilly, Alexis McCord, Carmen McKinney, Quentella Pearson, Julius Person, Alee Pilcher, Marco Shannon, Courtney Spires, Amanda Spivey, Justin Terry, Alena Thayer, Britnie Tustin, Cody Walters, and Payton Walton; 5th grade, Andrew Belton, Austin Bennett, Eathan Campbell, Ally Chery, Chelsea Cox, Lauren Crews, Kennedy Criehtfield, Keely Fowler, Kayla Glynn, Shakya Gooch, Cheyanne Goodman, Matthew Greer, Adrian Haley, Noelia Hernandez, Stephanie Hostetler, Jakeem Kincaid, Lauren Kissell, Clayton Lovett, Kynlee Reynolds, Dylan Rose, Havana Silva, Alan Smith, Jacob Smith, Kirsten Solomon, Dakota Stacy, Garrett Steelman, Tierra Thompson, Cameron Ward, Chase Ward, Kaitlyn Warden, and Zack Wilson; 6th grade, Trysten Barlow, Morgan Baynes, Alissa Belton, Zan Bostic, Matt Buckner, Melisa Chavez, Robert Davidson, Dashun Duffie, Quenatassja Elijah, Makayla Flowers, Austin Frazier, Elizabeth Gunter, La'Kia Harvey, Chris Hildreth, Madison Holcomb, Haleigh Hurt, Jeremy Lents, Chad Lewis, Ella Maupins, Robert Newman, Tyler Nichols, Anna Runions, Jessie Sorrell, Jacob Walters, and Drew Wright.

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## Yesteryear

### Clayton Fitzpatrick's Heirs Determined

Clayton Fitzpatrick, a black man, died without a will at his home in the First District of Lauderdale County on December 19, 1909. He and his wife, Mandy, had no children, and after "diligent inquiry" it was determined that he had no relations of any kind except Mandy and that she was entitled to inherit the land he had. At his death, he owned two tracts—one of 35 acres conveyed to him by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Anthony, and another of 70 acres which he had bought from John Fitzpatrick, 19 acres of which he had sold to Willie Fitzpatrick. He also owned a horse and a mule.

But, just in case Fitzpatrick should have some relatives she had never heard about, Mandy had commissioners appointed to set aside to her a homestead and dower out of his land. They chose 43 acres for her homestead and 14-1/3 acres for her dower.

Fitzpatrick had debts when he died and not enough money to pay them, so it would be necessary to sell part or all of the extra land to pay his creditors. At Mandy's request, Gabe "Tobe" Lee paid the debts, and he was to be reimbursed \$178.39 from the sale of the land.

A. J. Barbee was made administrator of the Fitzpatrick estate; he advertised for any unknown heirs of Clayton Fitzpatrick, and none came forward. Mrs. Fitzpatrick said that she and Clayton had lived together as man and wife about 50 years and she had never heard of any kin, and that her husband had often told her that he had none. In that case, she would be entitled to the land that was left after enough was sold to pay his debts.

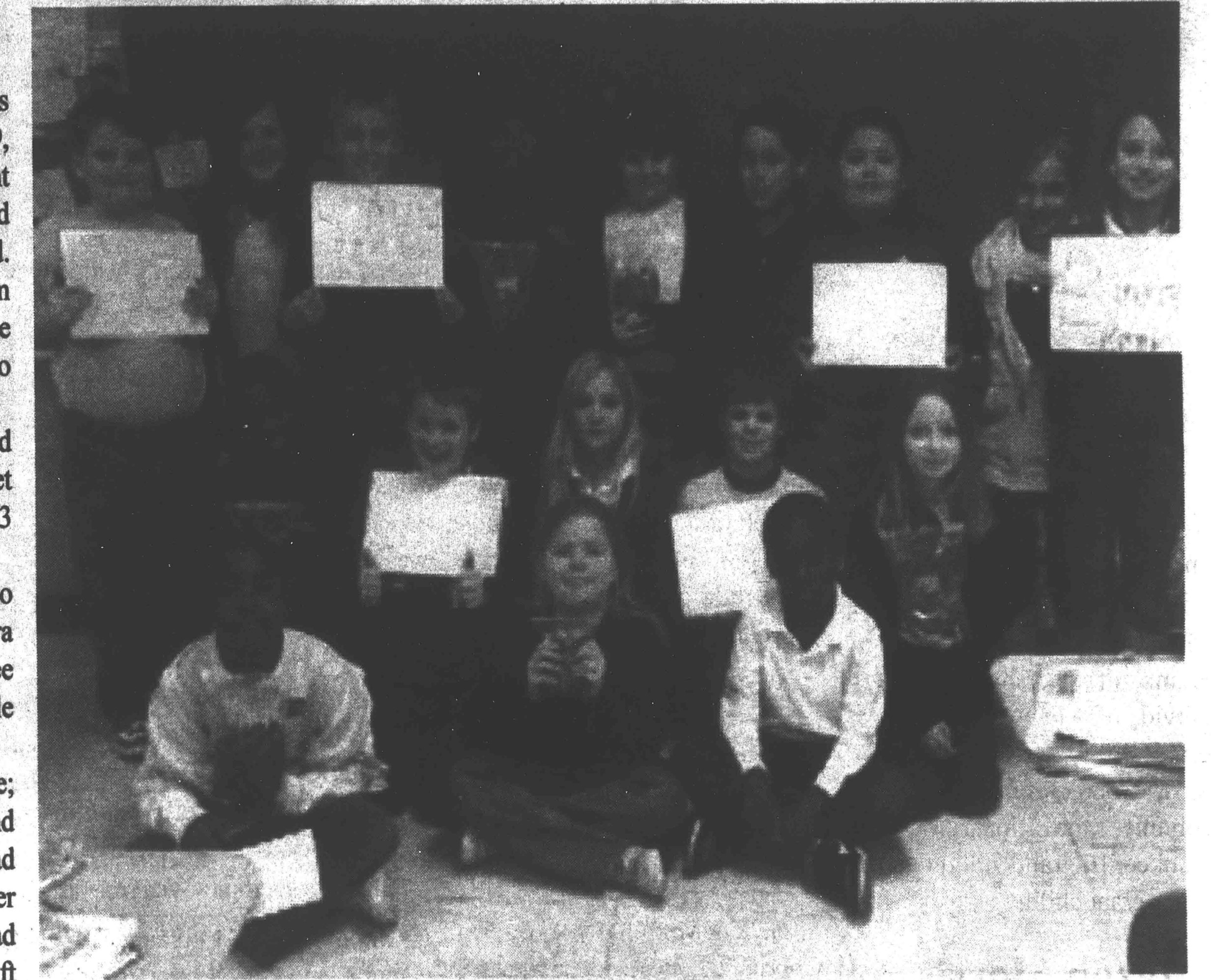
On August 24, 1910, Gabe "Tobe" Lee, also a black man, bought 29-2/3 acres of the Fitzpatrick land for \$470.00 cash at the sale at the east door of the Courthouse. That was enough to reimburse him for paying the estate's debts and for looking after the affairs for Mrs. Fitzpatrick, who was old and feeble, for the fee of the attorneys, McKinney and Pierson, and for the cost of laying off the homestead and dower with some left over. The excess was paid to the widow.

Mandy died in December of 1910 with enough money to pay all her debts. In her will, she appointed E. R. Anthony as her executor, and she bequeathed her land to her sister, Eliza Flowers.

Some three years later, one Wash Williams, about 60 years old, appeared. On June 23, 1913 he filed a petition showing that he, the only child of a deceased brother of Clayton Fitzpatrick, was Clayton's only heir-at-law, and that Mandy had not been entitled to the land. His petition said he had lived in the country near Brownsville for more than 40 years, that he was unlettered, unlearned, and ignorant, that he took no newspaper and knew very little of the things that were happening, and nothing whatever of court proceedings. In fact, the petition said, he had always steered clear of the courts. He said further that he knew nothing of the proceedings about his uncle's estate until the prior March or April, long after Mandy's death. His petition stated that he had the right under the law to come into the cause within three years of the final decree, and was entitled under Tennessee laws of descent and distribution to inherit Clayton Fitzpatrick's property.

Two and a half weeks later A. J. Barbee, Eliza Flowers, Gabe "Tobe" Lee, and E. R. Anthony came to Court to quash Williams' petition. Their motion said that Williams, who would have been born about 1853, had not proved that he and Fitzpatrick had been born free persons of color, and that if they were not, he was not entitled to inherit the Fitzpatrick estate because only the children of deceased

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former slaves who were married during slavery were entitled to inherit their estates.

Wash Williams dismissed his petition, and the Court decreed that he and his sureties, J. L. Dupree and B. L. Capell, were liable for all the costs incident to the petition.

(Information for this case appears in A. J. Barbee, administrator of Clayton Fitzpatrick, deceased, versus Mandy Fitzpatrick, filed in County Court in 1910.)

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### HES ATTENDANCE

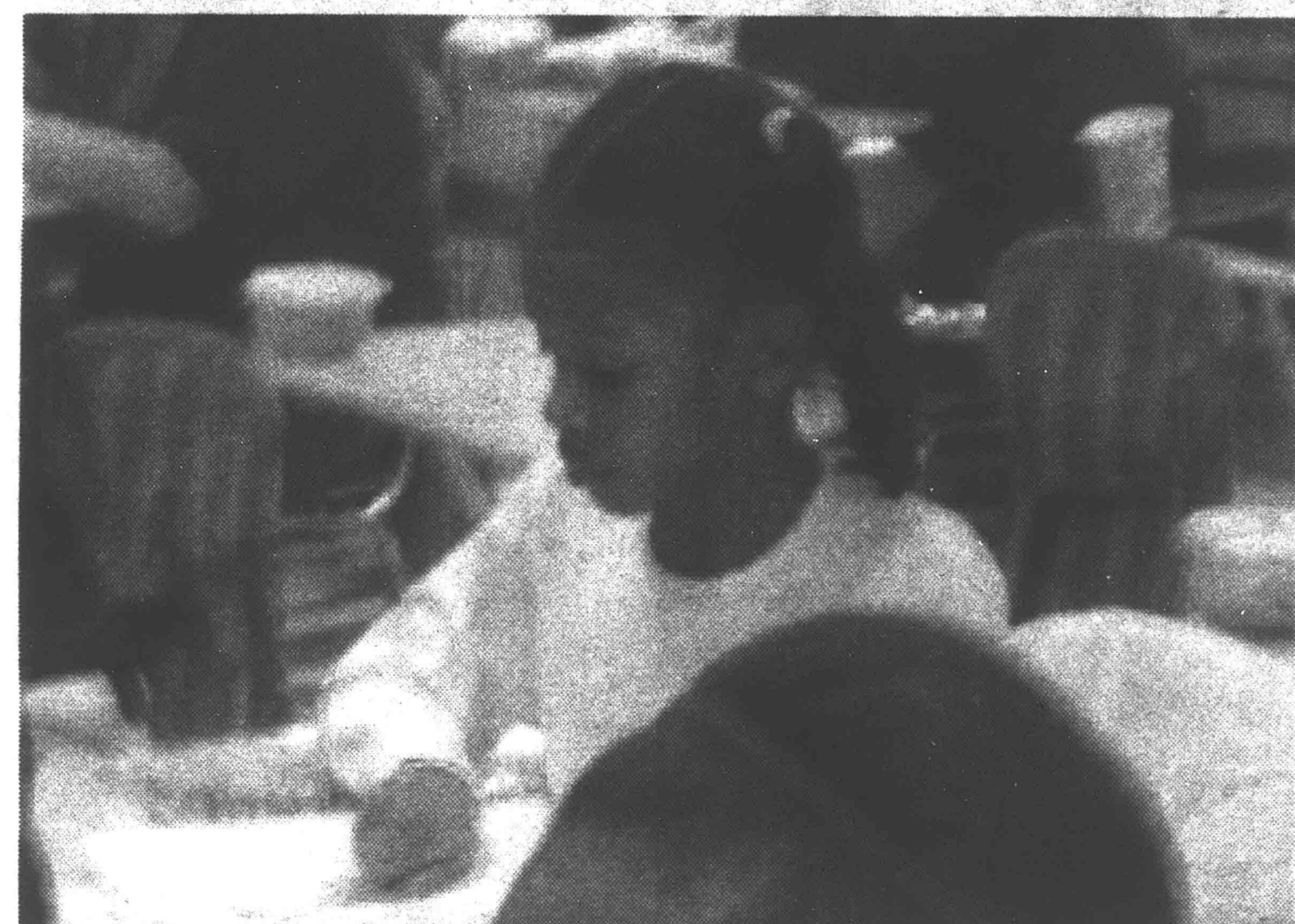
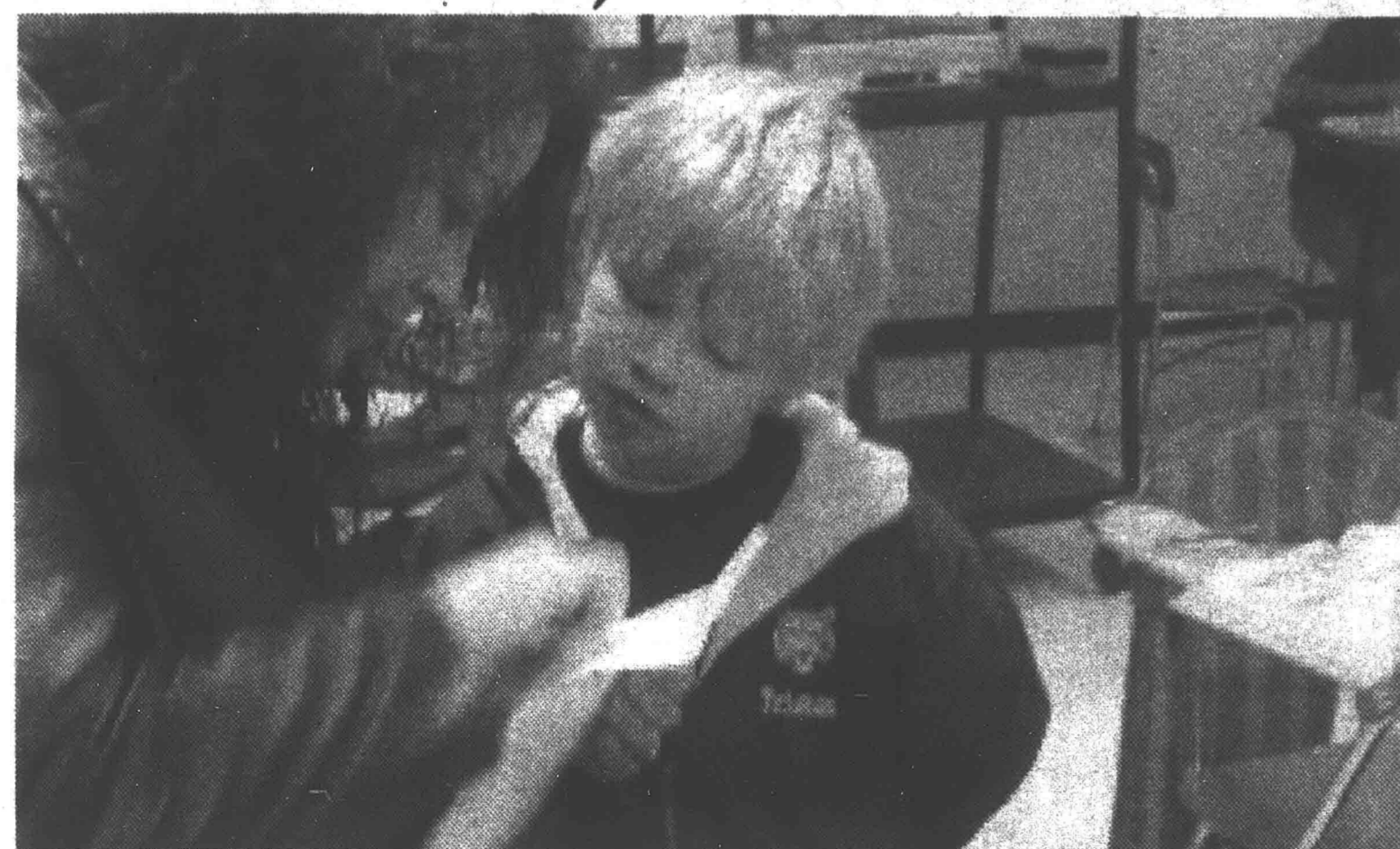
Students named to the perfect attendance list at Halls Elementary School for the second nine-week period include pre-K, John T. Davis and Tylan Patrick; kindergarten, Jaquavias Barbee, Madelyne Jones, Shamyia Jordan, Kimberly McCord, Eleignja Payne, Jameila Pitts, and Joshua Wray; 1st grade, Shundra Barbee, Jamison Brown, Alycia McCord, and Grant



**HALLS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** in Mrs. Lee Ann Harrison's 3rd grade class used, for the first time, January 16th, materials purchased by grant money received from the Bank of Ripley.

Ream; 2nd grade, Derick Gil- Bullock, Hunter Burks, Ben Click, Warren Coleman, Asia eye Stenson; 3rd grade, Callie Belton, Jasmine Bronson, Tybrisha Dennis, Quayla Dewalt, Kacee Goforth, Logan Hurt, Hayden Meeks, Jackson Dakota Stacy, and Christian Sweet; 6th grade, Billy Bates, Srivelle Dewalt, Tyler Lumley, Robert Newman, and Keondre Scott.

### HES Project L.E.A.D.



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School are hard at work each afternoon in Project LEAD. Second and third grade students are working in the computer lab practicing math and reading skills, while fourth, fifth and sixth grades are working on their homework.

### Birthdays

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

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

Jan. 24 - Rachel Best, Cindy Cherry, Maxine Hardy, Ed Allmon, Dennis Weaver, Jr., Will Bringle, Guilford Williams IV, Floyd Taylor, Sue Jennings, Alan Austin, Tyler Lynch, Carole Whitnel, Cheryl Leo, Alison Griggs, Jennifer Litles.

Jan. 25 - Lindsey Thebeau, Randy Morris, Carolyn Vickery, Mary Demps, J. R. Reed, Yelonda Lynch, Mark Weaver, David Jennings, Scotty Watkins, Justin McNeill, Paul Lague.

Jan. 26 - John Yarbrough, Flossie Taylor, Jean Jackson, Kevin Gardner, Waurine Jordan, Julie Burton, Kevin Coulston, James R. Fitzhugh, Sarah Kissell, Shanon Crowder, Caitlyn Harrison, Tim Adams, Georgia Carden.

Jan. 27 - Linda Caldwell, Kristina Burks, Sandy Ward, Stan Anderson, Joe Williams, Craig Hutcherson, Clay Dew, Donna Ewell, Mary Younger, Eddie Rayner, Mary Gesford, James Grimes, Emma Bonds, Jason Latham.

Jan. 28 - Koralee Langley, Ray Clark, Wardell Parish, Pam Tillman, Wendell Wiley, Dave Sondgeroth, Warren Lee Grammer, Justin Robert Davis, Cary Wright, Wyatt Jones, Jennifer Carroll.

### First Deer Killed



CONNER WRIGHT, 8-year old son of Kevin and Kami Wright, of Gates, killed his first deer Sunday morning near the Lauderdale and Haywood County line while hunting with his father during the juvenile hunt.

### COURSE OFFERED

A course and an update on laws regulating tattoo establishments will be offered from 1 until 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 20th, at the West Tennessee Regional Health Office, 295 Summar, in Jackson. All tattoo artists, body piercing tech-

nicians and operators are required to be licensed in order to operate. Licensure requirements include completion of an Infection Control Course followed by an examination and an inspection of the facility by the Tennessee Department of Health.

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### DSCC Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Dyersburg State Community College will celebrate its 40th anniversary by hosting a dinner Thursday, February 5th, in the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus for all faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. The evening will begin with a reception hosted by the DSCC Alumni Association. The program will include current members of DSCC's jazz choir Syncopation joined by alumni members of the choir for a unique performance, a special video production called Reflections will

be shown, and The Dempsey's, a unique musical trio based in Memphis, will perform. They are known for their brand of high octane rockabilly music and their much talked about live show. Child care for the evening will be provided by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. To reserve a spot, please contact BCM Director Stan Cavness at 731/285-3750.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, Jan. 30th and are available at the business office on the Dyersburg Campus and at the front desks of the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County and the DSCC Gibson County Center.

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### "Love Notes" To Be Held At HJHS

Halls Junior High School will present "Love Notes", an evening of music and sweets, to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, February 13th, in the gym of Halls Jr. High School. Music will be performed by Bill Butner, harp; Tommie Currie, jazz sax; Mario Hayslett, keyboard; and Bill Kelly, piano. Featured vocalists will be Carla Barnes Evans, Keith Gambill, Mekia Reynolds, Lori Morris and Jana Parnell.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 836-5579.

### Halls Tigers Top Bradford, 54-42

Halls High School's boys last week lost at Dresden, 57-52, won at Bradford, 54-42, and lost at Madison, 75-48.

Halls led Bradford 65-24 Dec. 2nd. Bradford has won only one game this season, from South Fulton, 62-53.

The girls lost at Dresden, 70-17, at Bradford, 61-23, and at Madison, 64-19.

Tickets will sold until February 9th, with proceeds benefitting the school Spirit Fund.

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## READ ALL ABOUT IT

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

### Food Prices Drop Due To Farmers

As the Nashville political atmosphere heated up during the last few weeks with legislative surprises and debates on who's on first and what's on second, consumers across the state and nation realized a drop in retail prices for food at the supermarket, and it had nothing to do with isolation. It all happened involved in agriculture so, even with farm price uncertainty. In the fourth quarter of 2008, according to the latest American Farm Bureau's Marketbasket Survey, the total cost of 16 basic grocery items crease from the year's surveys. AFBF, the nation's organization, conducts its Marketbasket Survey as a price trends. A total of 16 basic grocery items crease from the year's surveys, however, reflects from the 2008 first quarter items surveyed, 11 de-



creased in price compared to the 2008 third-quarter survey. Apples, flour, cheddar cheese and bacon showed the largest retail price decreases. Apples dropped 29 cents to \$1.51 per pound; flour dropped 16 cents to \$2.46 for a 5-pound bag; cheddar cheese decreased 15 cents to \$4.76 per pound; and bacon decreased 14 cents per pound to \$3.37.

Several survey items dropped in price by 10 cents or less: whole milk, down 10 cents to \$3.82 per gallon; ground chuck, down 9 cents to \$2.86 per pound; corn oil, down 8 cents to \$3.55 for a 32-oz. bottle; pork chops, down 4 cents to \$3.58 per pound; sirloin tip roast, down 4 cents to \$3.94 per pound; vegetable oil, down 2 cents to \$3.17 for a 32-oz. bottle; and a five-pound bag of potatoes, down 2 cents to \$3.36.

"Reversing an upward trend over the prior three quarters, ground chuck and sirloin tip roast prices decreased during the fourth quarter," said Jim Sartwelle, an AFBF economist. "These downward moves, along with the decrease in prices of our pork items, reflect weakened retail demand for these meats during the end-of-year holidays. Whole milk is the only item in the basket that is less expensive now than it was during the same time in 2007. Weakened export demand for U.S. milk products coupled with increased domestic milk production added up to lower milk prices at the grocery store."

As your retail grocery prices have increased gradually, the share of the average food dollar that America and Tennessee's farmers receive has dropped over time. "In the mid-1970s, farmers received about one-third of consumer retail food expenditures for food eaten at home and away from home, on average. That figure has decreased steadily over time and is now just 19 percent, according to Agriculture Department statistics," Sartwelle said. "The farmer's share of this quarter's \$48.19 marketbasket total would be \$9.16."

Even with the farmer's share of the food dollar continually decreasing, his production of safe and wholesome food helps keep America's food supply abundant and affordable. In comparison to working 37 days to pay for food, Americans worked 77 days to pay their federal taxes, 62 days to pay for housing/household operation, and 52 days for health/medical care, according to The Tax Foundation.

Thanks to the hard-working farm families who produce our food, it is still one of the most

### Nursing Student In Lab



MICHELLE BARNES, of Halls, is in the nursing lab in the Glover Building on the Dyersburg State Community College campus.

affordable items we have to have each day. And remember, "Just like the farmer, if you eat, you are also engaged in agriculture."

#### HALLS LIBRARY

Halls Public Library friends group will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, January 26th, at the library.

For more information, please call Marie Sumrow, 836-5302.

#### Divorces

Donna Jean Bates vs. John Charles Bates III.

Steven Scott Holcomb vs. Kathy Darlene Vowell Holcomb.

If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. You may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

Abraham Lincoln

#### Land Transfers

Jan. 18th - Jan. 24th

Carter Custom Home LLC to Larry J. Coleman, Jr., and Tiffany Coleman, Dist. 2, lot 8.

William Calvin Crook and Joe Lynn Crook to Gerald W. Woodard and Linda F. Woodard, Dist. 5, lot 2 tracts.

Tony Prescott to Shawn Kissell and Billie Kissell, Dist. 14, tract.

Betty Diebold to Dee W. Ballard, Dist. 13, 3 acres.

Fred Daniel Taylor and Karen Taylor to Tonya Kissell, Dist. 11, 4.83 acres.

Agape Properties LLC to Deborah Maclin, Dist. 1, lot.

Rufus T. Smith and Delene C. Smith to James L. Treadway and Lula Treadway, Dist. 15, 10.4 acres.

U.S. Bank NANA to James Michael Douglas, Dist. 6, lot.

John Scobey to Michael Jr. Barham and Crystal Barham, Dist. 15, lot.

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## American Drug Charge Deadline Nears Greetings Hits Teacher For Candidates Cuts Jobs

American Greetings plants in Ripley and Osceola, Ark., will share a loss of 60 jobs.

The plant in Bardstown, Ky., is losing 100 to 120.

The Carlton Card retail division at AG headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, is losing 15.

AG will close 60 of about 415 of its retail outlets by the end of next month.

## Halls Girls' Best Effort

Tuesday of last week, Halls High School's Lady Tigers (0-15) hosted Union City (13-7, 6-4 in Dist. 14-A), to whom they had lost, Dec. 5th, 64-31.

They lost again, but only 52-35, for their smallest margin loss in 16 games.

UC took the first period 13-5, the second, 24-14, and led in the fourth by as much as 26 points, which Halls cut to 17.

## Halls Boys Drop Two

UC's boys led Halls, 85-50, to run their record to 11-8 (8-3 in Dist. 14-A, trailing only the state's two top-rated teams, Humboldt and Lake County).

Halls led 6-0 before B. J. Marshall sank three 3-pointers to spur the Tornadoes to a 23-10 first period margin.

It was 42-20 at the half.

Union City opened the

## Drug Charge Deadline Nears

Karl McGowen, of 900 Tickel, Dyersburg, an eighth grade teacher in Lauderdale Middle School in Ripley, has been charged with possession of about 3.5 grams of marijuana found in his car when it was stopped, for speeding, by Halls police officer Terry Williams, at 10:06 p.m. Jan. 18th.

Halls police say that after Joshua Vaughn, of Covington, failed to fully stop at a stop sign, about 1 a.m. Monday, he was charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Queen of Hearts Pageant Planned

Members of the Lauderdale County Junior Auxiliary Crown Club will host the third annual Queen of Hearts Scholarship pageant February 14th in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School. Age groups, six to 21 years old, will qualify for the Strawberry Festival. The winner of the 16 to 21 year old division will receive a scholarship.

Applications are available at BankTennessee, Dazzles, and Cathy's Corner in Ripley, and C&A Company in Halls.

third period with a 12-2 run, pushing its lead to 54-22.

Fifteen of 16 Union City players scored.

Union City had won previously this season, 85-55.

Friday, Halls' boys hosted Lake (21-1, 11-1 in Dist. 14-A), losing 75-46.

Candidates for the Halls mayor and alderman elections have until noon February 19, 2009 to qualify and noon February 26th to withdraw in the May 7, 2009 election.

Eugene Pugh picked up a petition for Halls Mayor and Trent McManus has returned his petition for re-election as Halls Mayor. Bobby (Roho) Jacobs, Jennifer Moore, Regina A. Nash, James L. Tyus, Owen D. Lilly, Wayne Belton, Matthew Henderson, David Jennings, Cynthia Lacy-Jane, Leslie M. Shands, and Stan Young have picked up petitions for alderman. Lilly and Belton have returned their petitions.

Candidates for the Henning and Gates mayor and alderman election have until noon March 19, 2009 to qualify and noon March 26th to withdraw in the June 4, 2009 election.

Baris C. Douglas, Thomas R. Harris, Charles V. Wilson, and Michael Bursey have picked up petitions for Henning Mayor. Bouglas and Wilson have returned their petitions. Deborah Bates Taylor, Vanora Allen, Ross N. Bates, and Kathyne Farmer have picked up petitions for Henning alderman. Allen has returned the petition.

Jeffrey Crowder, Sr., Cleve Pike, and Booker J. Nance, Sr. have picked up a petition seeking the position of Gates Mayor. Pike has returned his petition. Cindy Marvel and Wymond D. Walpole have picked up petitions for Gates alderman. Walpole has returned his petition.

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## Guest Speaker



RANDY BUTLER, left, was the guest speaker for the January 26th meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. He was the guest of Rotarian Martha Crites, center. Butler operates the Dyersburg YMCA and informed the club of the many programs conducted to help area youths. They have 1,625 members and supervise sports leagues for 1,800 kids. They conduct after school programs with a variation of games in addition to the sports league. The activities building of the Halls First United Methodist Church is being utilized for the Halls area activities for children, ages kindergarten through 6th grade. Overall, their goal is to keep the children active for healthy bodies. The staff consist of three full-time employees and 20 part-time. James E. Smith, right, club president, is pictured with them.

## Norris Receives Coveted Award

Senator Mark Norris receives coveted Guardian of Small Business award by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) for standing up for entrepreneurs, family-owned businesses. The Guardian of Small Business award is the most prestigious honor NFIB bestows upon legislators in recognition of their support of small business. He earned a 100 percent NFIB/Tennessee Voting Record on issues affecting the state's entrepreneurs and family-owned businesses.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

UT Extension office has announced its upcoming events to include, a grain conference at 9 a.m. February 5th at the Dyer County Fairgrounds; cotton focus February 12th at the Jackson Research Station;

A Lauderdale County vegetable grower meeting at 9 a.m. February 25th at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley; and a Lauderdale County row crop meeting at 9 a.m. March 5th at Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley. All meetings will include pesticide points and maybe CCA points.

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Vicki Syler Coleman vs. Philip Eugene Coleman.

writing locals for the Halls area. Please call 836-9622 with any information. 17-tf

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## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! This morning, Miss Pam woke us all up and told us that we were going outside. She told us that it was snowing and she wanted us to play in the snow. We all hurried out to see the snow. I really did not know what to look for but Rusty and I went out the door. When we got in the yard, all I could see was something really little. She told us that the little, white stuff was snow. She even showed us how to catch snow in our mouth. Then she told us to catch the snow in our mouth. Rusty and I both tried. I would open my mouth and all I would feel was cold. The snow did not even taste good. It was kind a like the sucker that I got at the Bank, except the sucker tasted good but was gone too fast. Rusty and I ran around the yard, so Miss Pam would see us playing. When we stopped and looked around for her, she had already gone back in the house and we also saw that the snow had stopped. We ran up to the door and I got Rusty to scratch on the door so Miss Pam would let us back in. She came to the door and we both looked sad and cold, so she let us in the house. The snow sure did not last very long but I was glad because it was cold and I really didn't like the snow.

We came into the house and I went for the couch for a nap. Miss Pam told me to get back up that we had to go to the Club and see my Buds. When we got to the Club, I went in to see what Mr. Buddy and Scooter were doing. I looked around the corner to see if D.C. (the cat that Mr. Buddy lets stay in the office) was around. She is not very nice these days. I guess it is because she is getting so fat. I surely would not tell her that because she would have my nose.

I met a really nice four-legger. His name is Smokey. He is a border collie whose two-legger had to bring him to the Club because they are moving and for some reason he can not go with his four-leggers. He was sad but after he met some of the other four-leggers, he was having a good time. Dodger and Molly were really happy because their best friend Big Boy got to go home with a two-legger. Duke, the blue heeler mix, and Scout, the blue heeler, was talking about how much they looked alike. Dottie, the springer spaniel, was talking about being outside earlier and watching white stuff fall from the sky. I told her that I saw it too but not many other four-leggers believed us. I went out to see the momma black lab that has puppy four-leggers. She has black and chocolate puppy four-leggers. She told me that they were about three-weeks old and would be ready for a two-legger to take them home in about three to four weeks. Boy, she sure has her four-paws full with those puppy four-leggers.

Bobby Gauge came out to the Club and took home Molly with him. Heather Brasch came out to the Club and found her lost four-legger. Bruce Logan could not leave the shelter until he found a puppy four-legger to go home with him. William Broadnax found himself two-beagle four-leggers so he could go hunting. Jeff Crowder and his family took home a beagle just to stay in the house and be their new best friend. Jonathan Quilbio took home with him a beagle pup. Stacey Alley came to the Club and saw Big Boy and fell in love. We all laughed when we saw Big Boy jump up in Stacey's truck because he has short legs. Only kidding, Big Boy.

Mrs. Delene Smith and James Hall brought food for my Buds. We sure do thank ya'll for the food - we needed it. Don't forget to send your two-legger out with some food for my Buds. We need food for the puppies and I can't forget that we need food for the Cats.

Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, send us a letter to P.O. Box 172, Ripley or call us at 836-PETS (7387). Don't forget to spay or neuter your four-leggers so we won't have so many puppy four-leggers. Keep your outside four-leggers plenty of warm shelter. Bring them inside with you if it gets too cold at night. Don't forget to be as good as your four-legger thanks you are. Next time it snows outside, I hope Miss Pam does not see it.

Zeek out!

## READ ALL ABOUT IT

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

### In Life Always Follow The Example Of A Good Farm Dog

When the term farm animal is mentioned in conversation or in writing, most of us assume the obvious and think of a cow. Cows are important, along with sheep, goats, pigs, chickens and other animals that are vital farms. You can't pick up farms as its subject, without see being one of the fore there is also another animal in this land that has to be true farm. All across day, farmers and ranch-to face a days work with side that has been on ev-settlers arrived in Jame-world" we enjoy today. produce food, does not plow the fields or even haul the produce, but the farm dog is just as important as any animal that graces the pages of any "Old McDonald" storybook.



In the job I enjoy, I have had the opportunity to spend numerous days on Tennessee farms with farmers who usually have a trusted farm dog nearby. They often ride inside and in the back of pickup trucks eager to let the wind blow around their ears and usually with a tail wagging at a velocity that could power a TVA generating plant.

Many are used to herd livestock, as well as protect other farm animals from wildlife not very kind to domesticated farm animals. But, most are companion animals that become a farmer's best friend during long days of farm work. They are always there to support, greet and be a listening source that seems to understand when things are not just right, but attempt to make it right with a look that only your dog can give you.

In past articles, I have told you about our farm dog, Sally. We adopted her, some twelve years ago, when she was two and as a very large Dalmatian, she never lacked for energy. She was never able to herd livestock or even go for help in an emergency, but every afternoon when I would arrive home, there she would stand with her tail wagging and her tongue hanging out, looking as if she had the biggest smile on her face - if dogs smile - that you have ever seen. Her long pink tongue was always hanging to the side of her mouth and her thought cycle was almost as short as mine. But, when Sally and I headed out into the Tennessee woods of our farm on a fall afternoon for my walk and her run, she could transform my day of disaster into an afternoon of thinking about what is really important. She had the ability to make me see the beauty of a fall setting sun, listen to the evening call of a Bob White quail, and watch her enjoying herself in the browning farm fields. She could always accomplish what she does best, which was making me feel good. She loved without asking for anything back and was always there when I needed her.

You may have noticed I have used the word "was" when referring to Sally. That is because in the last few days we have had to make that difficult decision to let her go due to some very extreme health problems and old age. Thanks to a caring group at our veterinary hospital and Dr. Amy Shirley, what had to be done to ease her suffering was handled in a very caring manner. It was a very tough decision, but she had made me feel good too many times for me to allow her to suffer.

We could all take a lesson from Sally and dogs just like her. A writer once penned the following examples suggested by the actions of his dog. He suggested we should follow their example of when loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Also, never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be a moment of true enjoyment. When it's in your best interest, practice obedience. Let others know when they've invaded your territory. Take naps and stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily (Sally taught me this one). Thrive on attention and let people touch you. Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout ... run right back and make friends. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When your important someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently. And, always remember that a good pat on the back, or head, is always appreciated for a job well done.

Yeah, Sally was a good farm dog and most important of all a very good friend. Just like any farmer who no longer has their farm dog, I sure do miss her.

## Obituaries

### Mary Grimes

Burial in Old Chapel Cemetery at Halls, Saturday, followed rites in New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ in Dyersburg for Mrs. Mary Williams Lowery Guyton Grimes, 95.

Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, had charge.

She died Jan. 16th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include daughters, Dorothy R. Middlebrooks King, of Dyersburg, Evelyn V. Haymon, of Gary, Ind., and Mary R. Holder Jones, of Jonesboro, Ga.; 19 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren; and 72 great-great-grandchildren.

### Sue Jones Fann

Sue Jones Fann, 96, sister of Gladys Tillman, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Carriage Court Assisted Living in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel, with burial in Oakland Cemetery at Trenton.

She was the daughter of the late George and Ivie Jones.

She was the widow of Herbert Fann.

### Betty Jackson

Betty Lee Jackson, 77, of Bells, sister of Ruby Hiflin, of Ripley, and mother of Linda Plunk, of Bells, died Jan. 15th, in her home.

Rites were Jan. 18th in Bells Funeral Home, with burial in Alamo Cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Oscar and Bertha Bearden Spitzer.

Survivors include her companion, "Red" Murphy; other sisters, Jean Escue, of Huntingdon, and Thelma Stilts, of Bradford; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

## Mourning



**BOBBY OWEN THURMOND, SR.**, 70, of Woodville, died Tuesday, January 20th at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Services were Friday at Garner Funeral Home, in Ripley, with burial in the family cemetery at Woodville.

A farmer, he was a member of Woodville United Methodist Church and a former fire chief and volunteer firefighter of Haywood County District 6 fire department.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus F. Thurmond, Sr., he was born March 3, 1938.

Survivors include his wife for 52 years, Margaret; his son, Bobby Owen Thurmond, Jr., and his wife, Angela; his daughter, Beverly Hutcherson, and her husband, Mike; daughter-in-law, Shelia Thurmond; three grandchildren, Amanda (Mrs. Andy) Booker, Max Hutcherson, and Tyler Thurmond; two-step-grandchildren, Kaleb Ellison and Paige Ellison; and his pride and joy, his great-granddaughter, Reese Booker, all of Ripley.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Owen Thurmond, brothers, Wymond and Rufus, Jr., and sisters, Gracie Weaver and Mary Katherine Hoff.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Awareness would be appreciated.

### John Cannon

John Roland Cannon, Jr., 30, of Finley, grandson of Laura Cannon, of 158 Bud Jennings Road, Henning, son of John Roland Cannon, of Henning, and brother of Adam Cannon, of Ripley, died Saturday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

A former lieutenant with the Dyer County sheriff's department, he was a welder for Systems Contracting.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Pamela Diane McKee, of Lenox; his wife, Shannon White Cannon; daughters, Emma Cannon and Savannah Heathcott, of Finley; and sisters, Christian McKee and Kim Dew, of Lenox.

### Mr. Hendrix

Robert Forrest Hendrix, 55, of 115 Westwood Circle, Ripley, died Saturday.

Rites were Monday in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He was the son of the late Earl and Norma Hendrix.

He was a part of the Hurricane Hill Methodist Church family.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Woodard Hendrix; a daughter, Amy Flowers; a brother, William Earl Hendrix, Jr., and a grandson.

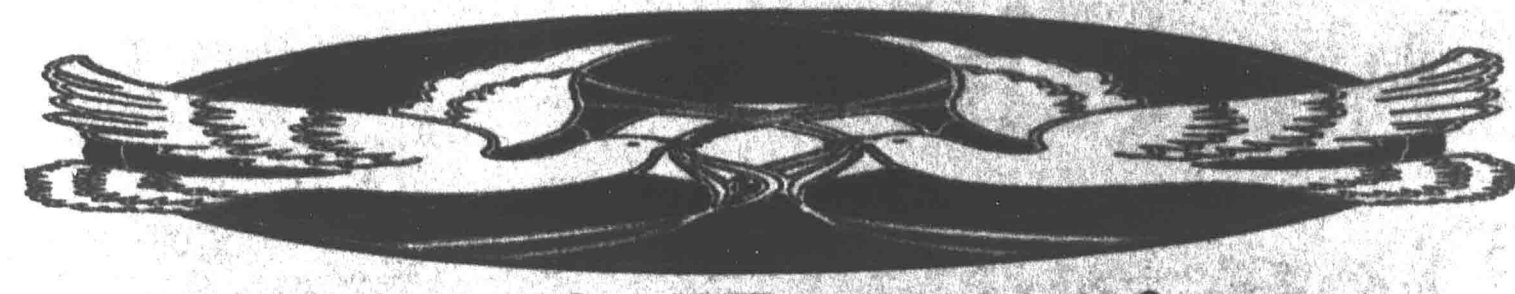
In lieu of flowers, he requested adoption of an animal or a contribution to the Lauderdale County Animal Shelter, P. O. Box 172, Ripley 38063.

### Ricky Watkins

Ricky Watkins, 48, of 289 Ross Rd., Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites are set at 3 p.m. Friday in Woodlawn Baptist Church at Nut Bush, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his father, Ollie Owens, of Brownsville; his wife, Gwenda, and daughters, Britney and Kimberly



## 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 Tabernacle of Praise in Halls will have services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, February 1st, with Evangelist George McGregor. The public is invited.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold an Alive Worship Conference at 6:30 p.m. February 6th and 7th featuring guest speaker, Barry Cox, and worships bands, Remnant and Constant Witness. The weekend project is for all ages.

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.

### Gracie K. Gray

Gracie K. Gray, 80, of 600 S. Washington, Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were held Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery at Frog Jump.

She was the widow of Wayne Gray.

She leaves a son, Roger, of Ripley; a daughter, Rita Arthur, of Bartlett; brothers, Hollis and Jack Riley, of Maury City, and D. J. Riley, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a sister, Mary Gilliland, of Covington; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

### Nelle Dodson

Nelle Deere Dodson, 89, of 3098 Unionville Road, Halls, widow of Harold Dodson, died Friday in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Sunday in Mount Vernon Baptist Church at Unionville, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Lexington, June 17, 1919.

Survivors include a son, Johnny, of Halls; a daughter, Jackie Puckett, of Mayfield, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

Watkins, of Ripley; another daughter, Rickesha Watkins, of Jackson; and a sibling, Connie Watkins, of Haywood County.

### Laura Wiggins

Laura Estelle Wiggins, 92, of Somerville, former Riplian, died Thursday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

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

She was the widow of Earnest Excell Wiggins.

Survivors include sons, Jeff, of Somerville, and Danny, of Byhalia, Miss.; daughters, Helen Martin, of Somerville, and Cora Jean Westling, of Orchard Hills, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### Joe David King

Joe David King, 80, of Ripley, retired brick-layer, died Tuesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

He was a Baptist.

He leaves his wife, Besie Land King; sons, Barry, of Ripley, and Randy, of Collierville; a sister, Helen Tunison, of Ripley; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.

-Chili Davis

## She's Eight She's Three



**TY'PRESHA JOHNSON**, daughter of April Richardson, of Ripley, will celebrate her 8th birthday January 31st with a High School Musical party at the Community Center on Nelson Street. She is the granddaughter of Prentise Pitts and Vincent Pitts, both of Ripley, and Charlie Morgan, Jr., of Henning, and the great-granddaughter of Charlie Morgan, Sr., of Henning, and Rosie Pitts, of Halls.

## Birthdays

Jan. 29 - Kim Connell, Don Meadows, Kenneth Neal, Hilton Vaughn, John Anthony, Vernon McBride III, Robert Ammons, Elizabeth Vaden, Glenda Ward, Charles Stephens; Marcia Kelly, Shareese Jones, Butch Eskridge, Kassie Barnett, Billie Jean Northcott, David Mills, Linda McBride Bumpus, Keely Marrow, Evelyn Andrews, Jimmy Seeley, Bobby Nelson, Lulu Latham, Alyssa Mota, Bimbo Pennington, Buddy Escue.

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**TAMIYA L. BROWN**, daughter of Tamika Brown and Nick Webster, of Ripley, will celebrate her 3rd birthday January 31st with a Dora the Explorer party. Her birthday was January 28th. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Davis, of Gates, and Brenda Taylor, of Ripley.

Rice, III, Sarah Grace Melton, Trey Rice, Jeri Hankins.

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

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## 98th Birthday Celebrated



**PROF. FRANKLIN A. RHODES**, of Halls, seated, left, celebrated his 98th birthday Saturday, January 10, 2009, with a dinner at Abe's Rib & Steak Restaurant in Dyersburg, hosted by his children Leon Rhodes, Sr., Jacob Rhodes, Sr., and Valena Rhodes Franklin, all of Atlanta, Georgia. Other family and friends attending were grandchildren, Leon Rhodes, Jr. and Vaneka R. Franklin; great-grandson, Jordan Rhodes; Beverly Johnson, director of the Alex Haley Museum in Henning; her mother, Mrs. Magnolia Johnson, of Ripley, a retired educator; and Jimmy Fair, of Dyersburg.

Prof. Rhodes was the only Principal of Halls Consolidated High School and served over forty (40) years as an educator in the Lauderdale and Dyer County School Systems.

During closing remarks, Prof. Rhodes mentioned events witnessed during his life time that had a significant impact on our nation and the world. The passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote; and the outbreak of World War I, which occurred during his early years. Other world

changing events and accomplishments were the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which ended segregation in public schools and other public places in the United States. He concluded by stating that he was happiest about the recent election of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States.

Prof. Rhodes said, "I am proud to live long enough to see the election and inauguration of an African American to the most powerful post in the nation and the world!"

Prof. Rhodes continues to reside in Halls and he remains active in business in Lauderdale County.

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**Lauderdale County Schools**

**Monday, February 2nd**

- Hot Dog
- Pizza
- Tater Tots
- Carrot Sticks
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

- Tacos w/Trimmings
- Corn Nibbles
- Grapes
- Banana
- Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, February 4th**

- Chicken Tenders
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, February 5th**

- Menu
- School's Choice

**Friday, February 6th**

- Corn Dog
- Vegetable Soup
- Celery Sticks w/Dip
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**School Lunches**

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

**Monday, February 2nd**

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

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

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

**Wednesday, February 4th**

- Chicken Tenders
- Whipped Potatoes
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, February 5th**

- Menu
- School's Choice

**Friday, February 6th**

- Corn Dog
- Vegetable Soup
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Spelling Bee Winners**



**WINNERS** of the annual school-wide spelling bee at Halls Elementary School held Friday, January 16th, include first through third grade winners, in upper, Alex Hutcherson, Landon Carmack, and Abby Henderson, and in lower, fourth through sixth grade winners Valerie Patrick, Lauren Crews, and Dalton Young. The winners received trophies and Wal-Mart gift cards.

**HHS HONOR ROLL** freshmen, Sara Bing, Matt Clark, Shamari Cooper, Molly Green, Austin Gunter, Des-tiny Harrell, Chelsea Hill, Rob-

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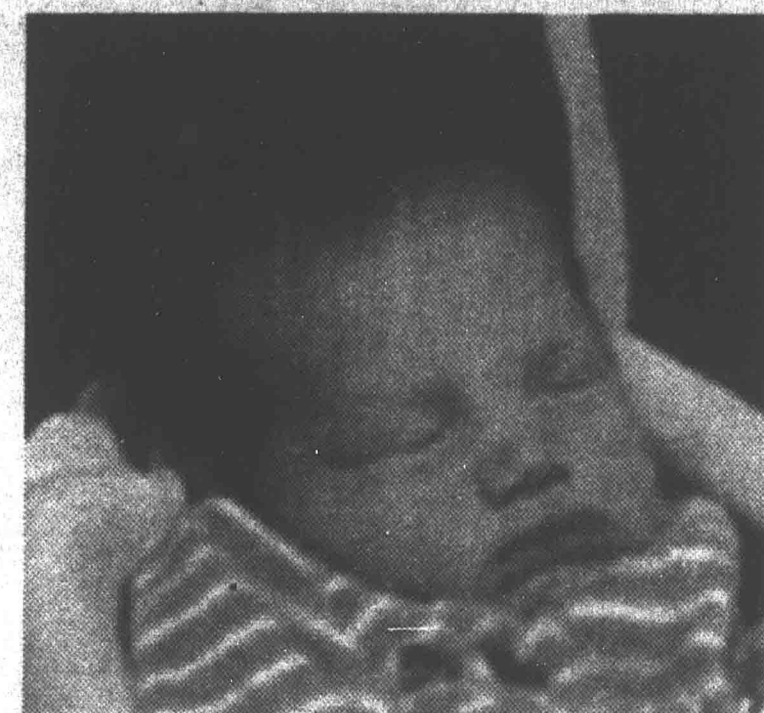
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ert Hill, Hayden Hogue, Becki Lents, Vanessa Moore, Melissa Shapiro, Alex Stanley, Hollie Wilson, Amanda Wright, and Luke Younger; sophomores, Logan Campbell, Katye Cherry, Kirby Cherry, Madison Davis, Krista Hardy, Hunter Harrison, Emilee Hartman, Lateia Humphrey, Chris Hutcherson, Kelsey Layne, Cassie Oakes, Courtney Robbins, Brittany Ward, Hayden Watts, and Tommy Wright; juniors include, Hollis Belton, Mickey Cherry, Jessie Ellison, Angelia Hanks, Cassidy Hardee, Victoria Moore, Leslie Patrick, and Clarissa Stark; seniors, Bradley Belton, Avonlea Brewster, Carley Cherry, Craig Davis, Heather Davis, Natalie Grantland, Madison Hamlet, Heather Hill, Casey Hogue, Tommy Isaak, Kristen McCallister, Jerry Patrick, Ashton Smith, Nathan Smith, Sarah Sorrell, and Kayla White.

Gold List students include freshmen, Tamara Adkins, Giovanni Dewalt, Hayley Gillion, Marqueston Hall, Chris Jenkins, Robert Johnson, Randy Langley, Emilee Moore, Bryant Nelson, Kalyn Pike, Logan Taylor, and Chelsea Vawter; sophomores, Taylor Barlow, Katie Farley, Dalton Green, Taylor Jacobs, Hannah Kelley, and Shelby Parsonson; juniors, Brad Cain, Casey Crockett, Grant Dew, Shameka Eison, Josh Lents, Candace McKenny, Melinda Meeks, Qaylon Smith, and Shamona Wells; seniors, Garvin Ferguson, Amber Hargett, Luke Hemby, Kristin Hinton, Curt Latham, Rebecca Morris, Tyler O'Bryan, Veronica Ray, Kelli Reynolds, and Jeremy Smith.

**Newborn**



**BRAYDEN LEVOIE NELSON**, 6 lb. 15 oz. son of Jessica Paris, of Halls, and Johnnie "Tank" Nelson III, of Henning, was born at 9:23 a.m. January 23rd at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. Measuring 18.5 inches, he is the brother of Kara Paris, the grandson of Linda Low and Levoie London, of Halls, and Karen Thomas, of Henning, and the great-grandson of Doris and James Paris, of Halls, and Eleanor Fowler and Jerry Mingo, of Henning.

**Marriages**

Jan. 2 - Corey Jarrod Walker, 28, to Theresa Lucille Reid, 27, by Rod Schuh.

Jan. 21 - Douglas Bur-chette McFarland, 38, to Deborah Ann Smith Caviness, 47, by Pam Deen.

**Anniversaries**

Jan. 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Turnage.

Jan. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley.

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

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

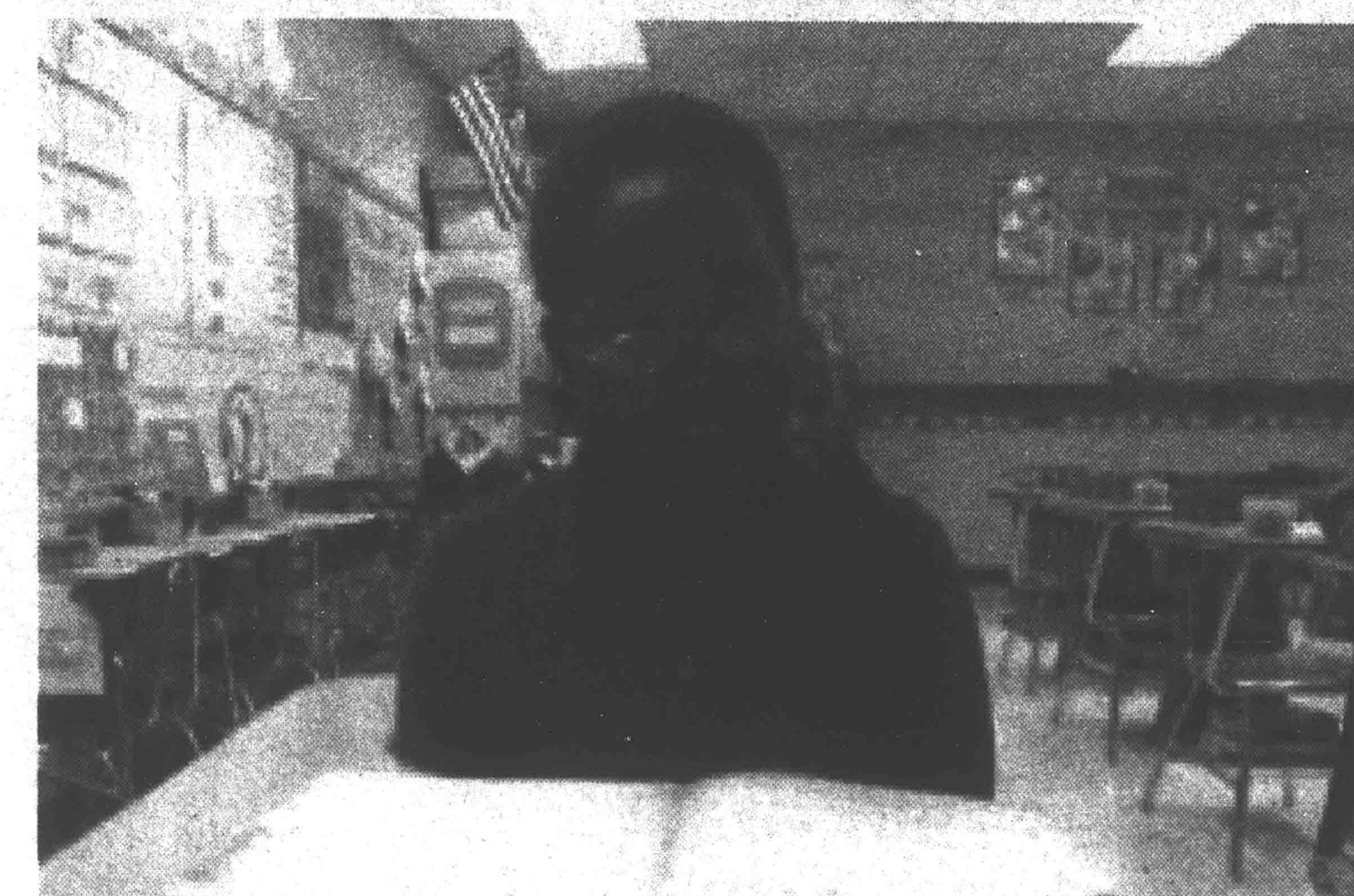
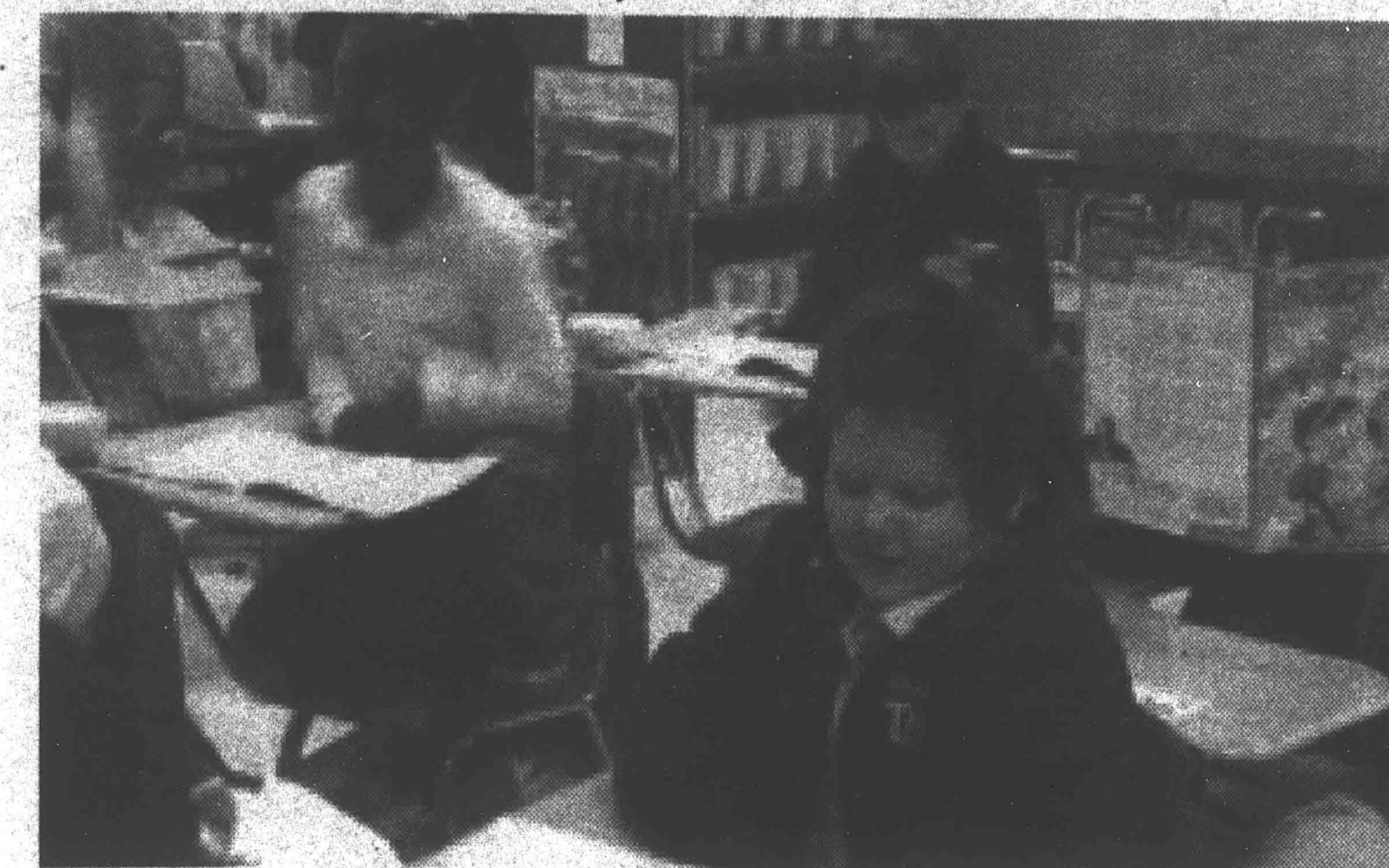
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**MRS. WINDY WILLETTE**, at teacher at Halls Elementary School, is incorporating music in Project LEAD, an after-school program. Students learn about different composers and different types of music. The focus this month is 'A New Beginning'.

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stands that, said Jim Brown, state director of NFIB/Tennessee. "He has been a leader on important small business issues, including tort reform and fiscal responsibility."

Sen. Norris helped lead the fight against a state income tax and championed the cause for workers' compensation reform that resulted in reduced premiums and dramatic cost savings for Tennessee businesses.

Sen. Norris represents the 32nd District, comprised of Dyer, Lauderdale and Tipton counties and part of Shelby County.

**Living Well Session**



**MEMBERS** of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Leadership Lauderdale Class held the annual session focusing on Living Well in Lauderdale County January 8th. The class began at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley and continued on to the TKS Fitness Center. Sue McLemore, director, provided a tour of the center and discussed programs available to citizens of Lauderdale County. The next stop was Lauderdale Community Living Center. The group was served refreshments, met with representatives from the center and toured the facility. They traveled to the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in Halls where they toured the facility and spoke with Joni Cook, director, about the various types of programs. The next stop was the Helen Tucker Center, where participants were given a tour of the facility and Cynthia Johnson spoke to the group about the different programs offered at the Adult Developmental Center. Before lunch, they stopped at Asbury Cove where the group spoke with Stephanie Etheridge, director, and received a tour of the facility. The group then traveled back to Baptist Lauderdale where they were served lunch, courtesy of the hospital. Daryl Blalack, administrator, spoke to the group about the services offered by the hospital, their accomplishments and plans for the future. A representative with Department of Human Services spoke to group about programs offered to residents in the county. The group concluded the day with a tour of the hospital. The goal was to expose participants to the many healthcare and social services available to people in Lauderdale County.

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# Yesteryear

## A Civil War Soldier Heard

The Tennessee State Library and Archives urges us to begin collecting our Civil War stories in preparation for the Sesquicentennial two years hence. Besides our own families' stories, two sources that come readily to mind are questionnaires that were sent by the State Library to all known Tennessee Civil War veterans in 1918 and again in the 1920's. The responses have been compiled and published in several volumes available at the Lauderdale County Library in "Questionnaires of Civil War Soldiers." The replies of several Lauderdale Countians appear in the collection and give a good picture of the veterans' war service, their education and living conditions before the War, something of their families, some names of soldiers—dead or alive—who served with them, and society in their communities both before and after the War.

Another source is pension applications. The Federal Government passed five Acts between 1862 and 1907 granting Union veterans opportunities for a pension. The Feds did not offer pensions to Confederate veterans, but in 1891 Tennessee passed an act to give them to her indigent veterans—both Union and Confederate. As the years went by their requirements became less stringent and numbers of veterans in Lauderdale County received them. In 1905 the Tennessee Legislature passed an act to make pensions available to widows of Civil War soldiers who had never remarried, and their applications, like those of the veterans, gave information about the soldier's war service and more family information. Numbers of Lauderdale County widows received them.

A list of veterans and widows who applied has been published in "Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications," also available at the Lauderdale County Library. The actual applications have been microfilmed and may be accessed at several libraries in Tennessee, the nearest to us being Memphis Public Library & Information Center at 3030 Poplar Avenue. More information about Federal and Tennessee applications can be found on-line by entering "Tennessee Civil War Pension Applications" in a search engine.

An example of a pension application is that of W. F. "Billy" Sumrow which was filed July 2, 1929 from Halls. He said he was born December 16, 1849 in Lauderdale County, and that he could not produce a copy of his military record along with his application because he had joined the army in October of 1863 before he became 14.

"I attempted to enlist with my uncle, Captain Richard Browning, and Uncle Joe Wright who were with General Stonewall Jackson's command," he said, "but on account of my not being 18 years old he would not permit me to enlist in his command, but sent me to General Forrest who

permitted me to join his command and placed me in the company commanded by Capt. Saunders of Co. G, 15th Tenn. Cavalry commanded by Col. Francis Stewart. Gen. Forrest told Col. Stewart to let me join the company of Capt. Saunders and let me draw pay, but that I could not be enrolled on the company roster because I was too young."

"Billy" Sumrow, a strong, well-built boy, spent his first six months in the army encamped at LaGrange where he was in a skirmish; then he transferred to Major Sanford's Company where he was engaged in scout and guard duty in West Tennessee and around Nashville. He said he was in numerous skirmishes and "made a sally into Memphis." He was wounded in the left knee in a skirmish at Holly Springs in 1865, but the wound was not incapacitating. When the War ended he was in Capt. DeLoach's company under Maj. Sanford, and "just before the surrender," he said, "(I) was captured at Brownsville but escaped." He said he was with DeLoach in Ripley in the Home Guard when DeLoach killed Cushman, leader of the Union troops in the area.

Near the end of the War part of his company was reorganized near Jackson and was on the way to Union City when they were ordered to report to Maj. Sanford at Covington to go to Selma, Alabama, to surrender, but his company was disbanded at Dyersburg without reaching Covington or Alabama. He said he never took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government.

Pension applicants

were required to provide statements of acquaintances that could vouch for their veracity and community standing. C. F. Cates, born 72 years earlier in North Carolina, said he had come to Lauderdale County when he was 7, and had lived in the community with Sumrow almost all his life. He said, "I remember the time during the war when he left home to go to the army and know when he returned from the army and I saw him with his uniform on. I know him to be a man of good reputation and honest and I believe that the facts set out in his application are true."

H. L. Carnell, age 80, born in Lauderdale County, said he had known W. F. Sumrow practically all his life and had gone to school with him. "And," he said, "it was norated around the community that he ran away from home to join the army." After saying in his unique way that everybody was talking about Sumrow's leaving, Carnell said Sumrow had served for a

considerable time and that he believed him.

When asked to provide names of compatriots, Sumrow said that Clayton Willis of his neighborhood in Lauderdale County served with him, and that Ashley Wilson of Tipton County was one of the Home Guard with him at the close of the War. "The officers are dead and the other men who were in my companies with me that I knew are dead or gone from the country," he said.

Sumrow's attorney, J. L. Sloan, was able to locate Thomas Lusk, Clayton Willis' nephew, who wrote, saying that he had heard his uncle Clayton speak of Sumrow's being in the same company and regiment with him.

W. F. Sumrow said that his wife was 73, and he had no children. His application, #15508, was accepted, and he received a pension for his Civil War service until his death, December 24, 1932.

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