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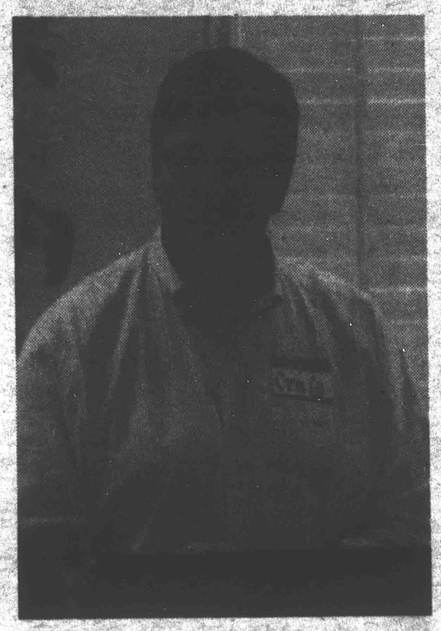

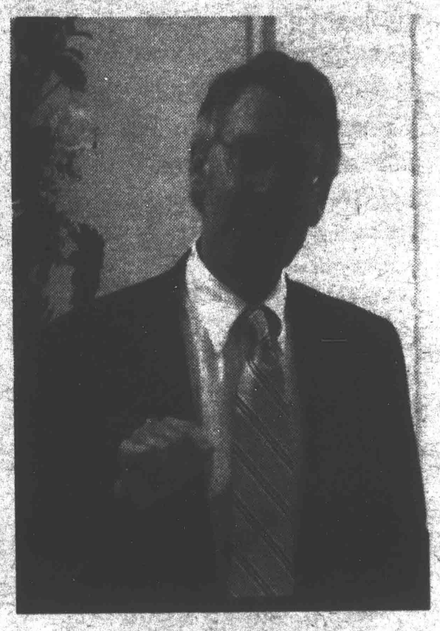

GUESTS, Craig Fitzhugh, left, State Representative, and Chip Forrester, right, Democratic State Party Chairman, served as speakers for the June meeting of the Lauderdale County Democratic Party. They were met by a large contingent of Democrats and county leaders. Representative Fitzhugh gave an update of the accomplishments of the 2009 State House of Representative session. He spoke about how challenging it was to pass a budget during these difficult economic times. He also spoke to the importance of next year's State House, State Senate, and Governor's race.

Chairman Forrester spoke about the party mission and outlined the goals of the Tennessee Democratic Party under his leadership. He expressed that he is very encouraged by the energy and solidarity of the Lauderdale Democratic Party and encouraged the group to continue with the momentum as into the 2010 election year.

The group meets every fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lauderdale County Bank, Armour Center, at 331 Cleveland Street in Ripley. The meetings provide local Democrats with information regarding current political issues, educational opportunities, guest speakers and a chance to meet party leaders and candidates for various offices.

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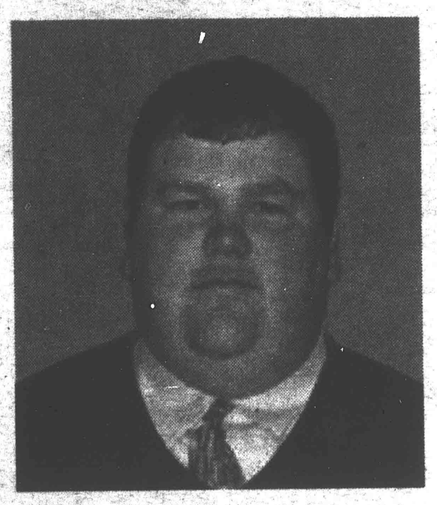

CALVIN ELDER, son of Philip and Kathy Elder, of Ripley, was selected to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the fall to pursue a master's degree in agricultural and extension education. He is a 2003 graduate of Ripley High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture business. Calvin is employed with the UT/TSU Extension Service in Dyer County as a 50/50 agent with responsibilities in 4-H Youth Development and Adult Agriculture.

While pursuing his degree, he hopes to win the regional, state, and national wildlife contest(s) with the 4-H Wildlife Judging team(s) he composed together in 2009 finishing in the top 10 for the first time Dyer County has ever had a team.

When finished with his master's degree, Calvin plans on possibly training under Dr. Craig Harper, of the University of Tennessee, to pursue a P.H.D in wildlife.

Halls Parade Planned

PARTICIPANTS of the 11th Annual Fourth of July Children's Parade will line up at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Abe and Beverly Taylor, 228 South College Street, Halls. All bicycles, scooters, wagons, and battery operated vehicles are accepted, no four-wheelers will be allowed.

Spivey's Murder Sentence: 40 Yrs.; Bricco's Pending

Eugene Spivey, Jr., 31, Riplian, has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for second degree murder.

Chad Ryan Bricco, 29, Riplian, has agreed to plead guilty to the same charge.

A jury had been seated, Wednesday of last week, in Crockett County Circuit Court in Alamo, to try Spivey for first degree murder, attempted first degree murder, and attempted robbery, when he pled guilty to second degree murder.

Spivey and Bricco were among four men charged in the fatal shooting of Leonard "John" Neely, 56, found dead, from numerous gunshot wounds, in his Maury City home, Jan. 22, 2003.

Leonard's brother, Lewis, a stroke victim unable to speak before the shootings, survived arm and shoulder wounds.

Jeffrey D. Allen, 34, of Maury City, a neighbor of the Neelys, was convicted, by a jury, in April, of murder in the perpetration of a felony, facilitation of attempted first degree murder, criminal negligent homicide, and attempted especially aggravated robbery.

He will serve at least 51 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

In Allen's trial, Bricco admitted helping to provide the death weapon.

Quantel Taylor, 29, of Brownsville, jailed in Alamo on a $2,000,000 bond, has not yet been tried.

Bricco's charges will be cut to second degree murder only if he testifies against Taylor.

Crockett County sheriff Troy Klyce believes it was Allen who shot the brothers, while Bricco and Taylor were outside the home.

Thompson Has Drug Charges

Brian Kelley, of the 25th Judicial District Drug Task Force, reports that Danny Oneal Thompson was arrested Wednesday of last week at 501 Church, Halls, after agents found 13 marijuana plants at 1470 Mill Creek Road, near Halls.

Thompson is held on $45,000 bond on charges amounting to manufacture of marijuana; pos-session of a .44 calibre. hand-gun during a dangerous felony; and possesion of drug paraphernlia.

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Golden Anniversary

MR. AND MRS. DONALD FLOYD, of Chestnut Bluff, will be honored with a reception for their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12th at the Halls Community Center. The event will be hosted by their children, Donna Ortega, of Ripley, Diane Bane, of Halls, and David Floyd, of Chestnut Bluff, and grandchildren. Your presence is the only gift requested.

Anniversaries

July 2 – Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burns.

July 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Page Box, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodley, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pridmore, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kerley, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams.

July 4 – Mr. and Mrs. James Judkins.

July 5 – Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Adron Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. James Crowder.

July 6 – Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fain.

July 7 – Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Dixon.

July 8 – Mr. and Mrs. Rozelle Criner, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Dunham.

TRIP SCHEDULED

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has scheduled a trip to Cape Cod and Plymouth in Massachusetts beginning Saturday, October 10th through Sunday, October 18th.

The deadline to register is July 17th.

To register or for more information, call 731-836-5444.

Marriages

June 15th – Timothy Darnell Currie, 33, to Sheritta Lynell Rogers, 35, by Melvin Garrison, Jr.

June 19th – Kenneth Warren Houchens, 52, to Sue Ann Winterhater Delashmit, 43, by Janice Craig.

June 20th – John Burton Moody IV, 29, to Sara Ellen Wright, 22, by Hirchie M. Schaffer.

Brian Lee Maclin, 27, to Jennifer Suzanne Newman, 24, by Dennis Lunsford.

Larry Quinton Randle, 39, to Zelinka Onaida Heslop, 38, by John E. Williams.

June 21st – Anthony Leon Jones, 41, to Gladys Dean Barnes Buford, 56, by Collis E. Brown, Sr.

June 22nd – Adrian DeAngelo Todd, 25, to Katina LaShay Hathaway Jackson, 36, by Robert T. Sims, Jr.

June 26th – Johnny Lefean Burgess, 22, to Alesia Alberta Bohannon, 22, by Howard A. French.

BENEFIT DINNER

Modern Woodmen, Camp 13926, will sponsor a fish plate dinner from 1 to 6 p.m. July 12th at the VFW, Ripley Post, 3105 Hwy. 209 N., to benefit Bobby Vaughan. Plates include catfish, white beans, Cole slaw, french fries, and hushpuppies. Desserts will be available for an extra charge. The money will be matched by Modern Woodmen's home office for Bobby's medical expenses. For more information, call Sandra Carter, 635-3427, or Avery Vaughan, 413-0700.

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Obituaries

Robert J. Vogt

Robert John Vogt, age 87, formerly of Ripley, passed away Friday, June 19, 2009, at the Decatur County General Hospital in Parsons, TN.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2009, at Brownsville Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jerry Hickson officiating, burial will follow in Trinity Cemetery, Nutbush, TN.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Luckett Vogt, his parents, John Vogt and Vera Butterfield Vogt, and a brother, Howard Vogt.

He is survived by three sons, Robert Vogt, Jr., of Minneapolis, Minn., Michael Vogt, of Pine City, Minn., and Dennis Vogt, of St. Paul, Minn.; two daughters, Nancy Tomczak, of Chisago, Minn., and Diane Bauman, of Circle Pines, Minn.; a sister, Alfreda Mae Linke, of New Brighton, Minn.; ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions, if any, may be made to American Cancer Society C/O Sharolett Osteen/Insouth Bank, P. O. Box 879, Brownsville, TN 38012.
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Ural Williams

Ural Frank Williams, 73, of Chicago, Ill., brother of Hazel and Mabel Williams, of 3672 Forked Deer Road, east of Gates, and Gentry Lacy, of 415 Fenton, Halls, died June 20th.

Rites were Saturday in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include sons, Ural, Jr., of Gilbert, Ariz., and Bryan Keith Williams, of Memphis; a daughter, Ann Cumeko Williams, of Matteson, Ill.; another sister, Ketrice Seals, of Perris, Calif.; and two grandsons, of Arizona.

Mrs. Washington

Sharonda Fuller Washington, 34, of Henning, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services were Wednesday in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Her survivors include her mother, Lula Mae Taylor, of 3918 Chicken George Trail, a son, Tommy Dominique Fuller, a daughter, Diamond Elexus Fuller, a brother, Claudie Taylor, and sisters, Marvene and Patricia Ann Taylor, all of Ripley; another brother, Maurice Taylor, of Covington; and another sister, Sharon Taylor, of Decatur, Ill.

Ann Halliburton

Ann Milam Halliburton, 75, wife of Robert Halliburton, of 539 Dogwood, Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital .

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

She was a Cumberland Presbyterian.

Survivors include a son, Robert, Jr., of 2132 Williams Switch Road, south of Ripley; a sister, Bettye Sanders, of Ripley, and two grandchildren.

Clinton Payton

Clinton "Shorty" Payton, 49, of 214 Jess Rice Road, Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital .

Rites were Saturday in St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Brownsville, burial in Walker Cemetery in Haywood County.

Survivors include his mother, Violet Jean Payton, and brothers, Charles, Levern, Maurice, and Saint Terry Payton, all of Ripley, and sisters, Denice Payton, of Ripley, Patricia Howard, of Brownsville, Terry Jean Payton, of Decatur, Ill., and Georgia and Shirley Payton, and Linda Bursey, of Chicago, Ill.

Noveline Hunter

Noveline Hunter, 81, of Horn Lake, Miss., mother of Patricia Land, of Ripley, died Friday.

Rites were held Monday in the Hernando, Miss., Funeral Home, with burial in National Cemetery in Memphis.

She was the widow of John Lee Hunter.

Survivors include a son, Calvin Lee Hunter, of Horn Lake; other daughters, Brenda Johnson, of Horn Lake, Joyce May, of Bartlett, and Nancy Dumas, of Cordova; sisters, Inez Whitsett, of Nashville, and Ivel G. Sarris, of St. Augustine, Fla; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

John C. Minner

John Charles Minner, 92, retired mechanic, was buried Saturday in Lightfoor Cemetery, west of Ripley, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He died Tuesday of last week in Southern Care Assisted Living in Franklin.

He was a Navy veteran.

He was the widower of Adelina Diana Gilbert Minner.

Survivors include sons, Calvin, of Franklin, and Rodger, of Independence, Mo.; daughters, Rita Sue (Mrs. Fred) Warner, of Franklin, and Janice (Mrs. Gerry) Eddleman, of Benton, Ark.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild, born June 19th.

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

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In memory of Corrine Herron by Jim Caldwell.

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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.

"An Evening in White" will be held at St. Mark Baptist Church, 375 Moorer Rd., Henning, at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 5th. All proceeds will benefit the Sisters of Faith and Hope Society scholarship fund. All attendees are asked to wear white.

Immanuel Episcopal Church will hold a Holy communion service Sunday, July 5th with The Rev. George Hart, vicar at Immanuel from 1973 until 1978 and former Riplian. A luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the service. The public is invited. Retired from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crossett, Ark., The Rev. Hart's visit is to help celebrate Immanuel's sesquicentennial (150 years) which is September 19, 2009.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th St., Gates, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday in July, beginning July 1st with the theme, "Building With God", for ages 3 to adult. Bible study, games, refreshments, and crafts will be available. For more information, call 836-7991. The public is invited.

Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., near Henning, will hold a "Spectacular 4th of July Celebration" beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday. A carwash for donations, barbecue plates, hot dogs, soda drinks, and desserts will be available alsong with water gun wars, surf-n-slide, and other water games. The band, Constant Witness, will perform at 7 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. Dr. Michael Berkley, pastor, invites the public.

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

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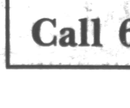
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And often: "You will not see your taxes incease one single dime."

Elected, Obama promptly approved a 258% jump in taxes on cigarettes, to $1.01 a pack.

And now, Obama is seeking quite a few dimes ($1,500,000,000,000) in new federal taxes to fund his (perhaps worthy) health care plans.

The Senate Finance Committee is mulling many possible new taxes, including a 3-cent tax on Coke, Pepsi, Gatorade, and other soft drinks (diet sodas exempt), and on flavored coffees and teas.

Susan Neely, of the American Beverage Assn., says the tax would hit the poorest Americans hardest, would probably not significantly cut consumption of drinks with no nutrition except sugar (promoting over-weight), and would provide only a whiff of the trillion and a half dollars sought.

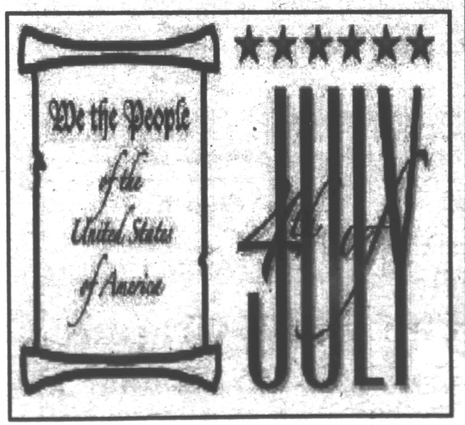
Senate Finance Committee member Ron Wyden, Democrat, of Orégon: "Before you tax Joe Six-Pack and Joe Junior on his soda pop at the Little League game, people are going to say, 'Can't you find some savings from the health care system?"

Costs of heath care in this country have, for years, been running viciously out of control.

Ominously, the soda tax proposal seems to be scraping at the bottom of the barrel.

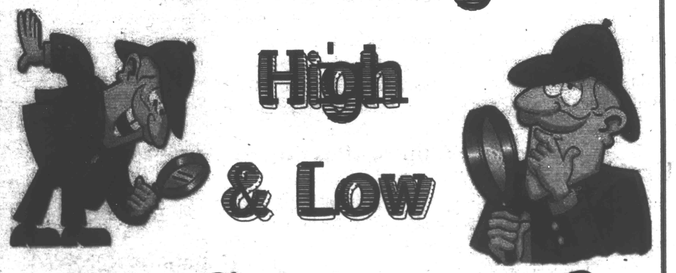
Not among the proposals the committee is considering is a tax on the air you breathe.

But don't think they're not working on it.



Stress Management Training

STAFF MEMBERS and homemakers, Nadine Leadford, Emily Weaver, Gina Baker, Beverly Long, Judy Fisher, LaTwanda Cooper, Gloria Theus-Jones, Debra Crowder, Sandi Fluker, Joni Cook, Jannette Payton, Dorothy Scott, Demetria Smith, Rufus Baldon, Inez Crews, and Annette Sanders, received stress management training May 19th. Sandi Fluker, community education director for Senior Care at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale, gave many tips, statistics and coping exercises concerning stress management in the workplace. The homemaker program offered through the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging provides assistance to persons having difficulty with one or more of the following instrumental activities of daily living preparing meals, shopping for personal items, managing money, using the telephone, and doing light housework. Mrs. Fluker pointed out that dealing with health and age related issues are stressful for all concerned.The key is to know the signs, think positive and learn to relax. Joni Cook, LCCOA director, encouraged the staff to apply the training in the workplace and in their daily lives.



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Dry Hill Dog News

By Zeek

Zeek here!! I have found a new favorite thing to do. Miss Pam has not been letting me and Rusty stay outside a lot lately. She says that it is too hot outside. I am glad because this hot weather makes me sleepy, so I have been taking a lot of naps on the couch. She went outside and then she came back in and told me and Rusty to come outside with her. She had water going up in the air. She told us to come on out and play in the water. Rusty and I just stood there looking at her and I turned my head to her to ask if there was some mistake. She told us again to come and play in the water and she got in the water. Rusty and I looked at each other and she said "come on, it is fun". So we both decided to get under the water that was going up in the air. It was hot outside but the cool water felt so good to me. Miss Pam even made the water go from side to side. Rusty and I jumped and ran after the water. This was so much fun to me and I wondered if I could take a bath out in this water going in the air. We played for a long time and Rusty got tired so Miss Pam turned off the water and dried us off and we went back inside. As we were going back inside, I decided that I like water that is outside.

Today we are out at the Club. I could not wait to tell my Buds about water that goes up in the air. I sure hope Miss Pam tells Mr. Buddy and Scooter about it so that they can make water go up in the air for my Buds. We have some new Buds out here. We have Oreo, a female heeler mix; Brownie, a female brown feist mix; Toby, a German shepherd; and Blackie, a black, fuzzy, lab mix. We still have Lucy, the red basset; Marshall, the heeler/dachshund mix; and the three walker hounds. I went into the puppy four-legger room and I saw Henrietta. She has puppy four-leggers. They are so cute. I knew that the last time that I saw Henrietta that she was a little plump looking - now I know why.

I went around the corner to go into the cat room when I saw a four-legger with big ears. I stopped and looked around to see if anybody else was looking and I shook my head. I have never seen a four-legger with big ears like this. He really didn't walk around, he kind of hopped around. I went up closer to get a good look at this funny looking four-legger and he was doing something fun with his nose. Mr. Greg came into the room and asked me if I had ever seen a rabbit before. I looked up at him and I guess he knew that I had never seen one. He told me all about this four-legger called a rabbit. He told me that his name is Blackjack. He is cute, but he sure is funny looking.

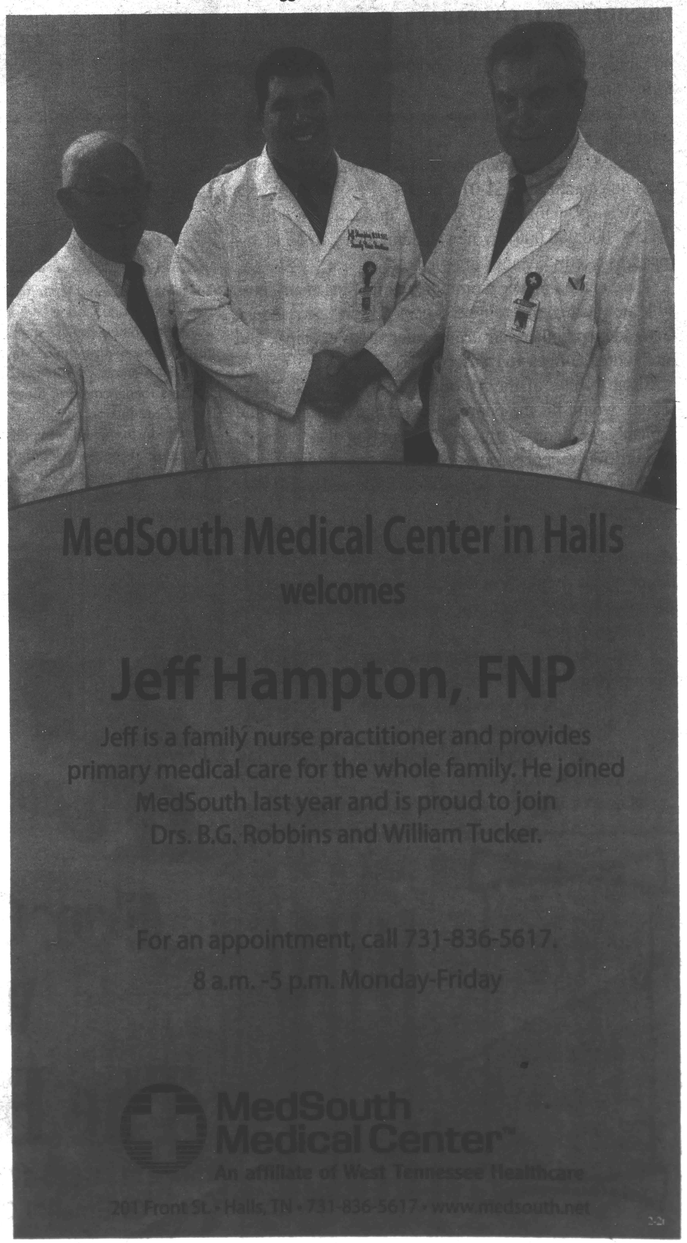
Doris and David Sanderson came out to the Club and took home the husky mix. Johnny Pittman was at the Club and saw Candy and he asked her to go home with him. Thomas Clayton and John Dylan Conrad came out to the Club and took home Odie, the Boston Terrier. My friend, Miss Leslie, bought my Buds some four-legger food this week. Thanks, Miss Leslie.

Send your two-legger out to the Club with my Buds some food. We always need food because my Buds are always hungry. Have your four-leggers spayed or neutered so that we do not have so many puppy four-leggers out here.

Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387). If you want to get my Buds some food and you do not want to come out to the Club, drop it off at Beasley's Treasures on Hwy. 51 and see Miss Sharon. It is hot outside so take good care of your four-leggers that live outside. They need plenty of cool fresh water and shade and never leave your four legger in a vehicle.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. Let your four-legger have some fun - let them play in water in the air. Mr. Pam says that the water makes the grass grow quicker - is that true?

Zeek out!!!!!



T-Ball Team Completes Season

MEMBERS of the Halls Jaguars, T-ball team, 4 to 5 year old, in front, from left, Kennedy Smith, Christian Cates, Tylan Patrick, Bennett Stutts, Brett Beavers, and Alan Runions, in middle, Devin King, Braxton Pham, Brennan Henderson, Richard Harrell, Grace Danehower, and Carley Apperson, and in rear, coaches, Chuck Danehower, Quoc Pham, Dustin Apperson, and Brent Stutts, plus, not pictured, Tory Patrick, Matt Henderson, Landress King, Stephen Korpi, Joey Beavers, Kris Smith, Danny Cates, and Richard Harrell, completed a successful T-ball season in the Halls Dixie Youth League. They were sponsored by Halls Trophy and Engravables. Danny Daniels and Paula Riley. They ended the season with a party at Pump It Up in Memphis.

Cub Scout Day Camp

LAUDERDALE COUNTY CUB SCOUTS from Ripley's Pack 63 and Halls' Pack 167, in front, from left, Cayden Michaels, Gage Barham, Emmandel Carney, Brandon England, Trent Rose, Will Tippett, Tanner Wakefield, and Tristen Greer; and in rear, Bryce Michaels, Shane Barham, Mac Fullen, Franklin Garner, Jeffrey Lee, Seth Byrd, Matthew Chalk, Tanner Ream, Daniel Coughlan, Myles Clark, and Grant Ream, plus, not pictured, Nate Greer, participated in the Big Hatchie District 2009 Cub Scout Day Camp, held June 9th through the 12th at Cobb Park in Covington. Scouts from all over West Tennessee enjoyed the Mad Scientist themed activities, as well as astronomy, archery, BB shooting, swimming, and other outdoor activities. Representatives from the Botanical Gardens taught about clothing fibers and natural dyes and assisted the scouts as they tie-dyed their own shirts.

Birthdays

July 2 – Natalie Wakefield, Pam Reviere, Ricky Howard, Lettie Rogers, Skipper Crook, Scott Nolen, Alexa Ray Jordan, Anna Smith, Alicia Burroughs, Alisha Smith, Becky Spray, Logan Glenn, Brianna Hughes, Audrey Dianne Tate, Doug Curtis, Aaron Dunham, Lindsey Hendren, Kelsey Lents, Randy Cooper.

July 3 – Jimmy Best, Jerry Best, Jane Snell, Rod Maples, Jennifer Osteen, Gaylon Smith, Angie Winkler, Ainsley Crawford, Shelia Newman, Loudean Cross, Robbie Ward, Chase Castellaw, Donald Ward, Barry Bates, Rachel Seigler, Shayne McKee, Hannah Day, Joe Bridges.

July 4 – Ellen Jackson, Shannon Little, Memory Crain, Theresa Green, Kelley Hensley, Dr. Elaine McNally, Leanne Fisher, Jeff Donaldson, April Ward, Jana Elmore, Noah Bing, Cathy Cherry, James Reese, Phyliss Wallace.

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

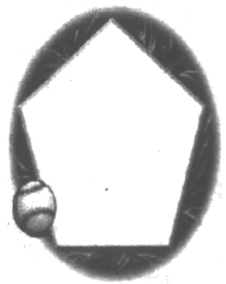
July 6 – Janice Rose, Roger Herron, Anita Ward, Kelly Crook, Elisabeth Ray, Raven Smith, Jacee Rose.

July 7 – Chase Tillman, Julie Neal, Kerry Carmack, Shania Rogers, Polly A. Dziedzic, James Cannon, Barbara Blakely, Brad Haynes, Robin Ward Taylor, Stephen Taylor, Cindy Teetzen, Elizabeth Ingle.

July 8 – Jen Hassell, Rachel Nelson, Buddy Bates, Lynn Gay, Amy Taylor, Carmen Barnett, Rhea Swims, Deavin Bradley Kent, Debbie Sumrow, Sauyna Richmond, Charlene Pilcher, Stacy Drew.

He's One

BRANDON ADAMS, son of Vincent Adams and Emily Terry, of Halls, celebrated his first birthday in his home Thursday, June 25th with family and friends. He is the brother of Adrian Terry, of Halls, and Keon Adams, of Dyersburg.



New Laws In Effect July 1st

Tennessee laws, passed during the 106th General Assembly, took effect Wednesday, July 1st including

• Prohibiting people from reading or sending cell phone text messages while driving.

• Allowing Tennessee consumers to have wine shipped directly to their homes.

• School districts will be required - not just encouraged - to create rules prohibiting bullying.

• Allowing school districts to sell color advertising on school buses

• Requiring increased energy efficiency in state buildings and vehicles.

• Prohibiting sex offenders from being within 1,000 feet of certain places where children are likely to gather.

• Ending a requirement for Tennessee firearms dealers to take the thumbprints of people buying guns.

• Forbidding aiming a laser pointer at firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

• Creating an offense for falsely wearing military decorations.

• Printing larger dates of birth on Tennessee driver's licenses to make them easier for retailers to read.

• Making it a criminal offense for a person to disseminate autopsy images without consent from the deceased's family.

• Requiring vending machines installed on state property after July 1st use energy efficient lighting, and mandates that vending machines needing repair must have the new lighting installed if they are on state property.

• The state's new budget will go into effect.

Scott Owen, minister in Dyersburg, father, and husband

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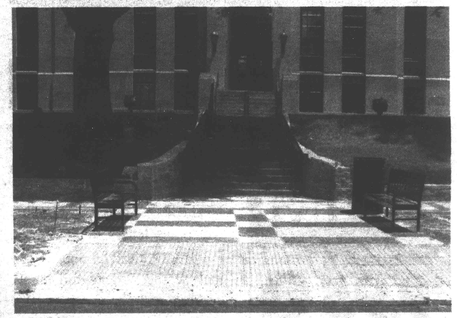
AAA Dixie Youth Champions

MEMBERS of the Halls All-Star team, in front, from left, Hunter Dunger, Andrew Harris, Klaeton Welch, Hunter Smith, Ethan Campbell, and Conner Wright; in middle, Tabor Hurt, John Tyler Brasfield, Addison Meeks, Demarco Gooch, Kolton Agee, and Zack Wilson; and in rear, Coach Ty Brasfield, Manager Russell Meeks, Coach Tim Agee, and Coach Terry Lents, remained undefeated in the AAA Dixie Youth, 9 and 10 year old, sub-district tournament. They defeated Covington, 16-9; Brighton, 17-7; Dyersburg National, 12-6; and in the championship game defeated Covington again, 30-7. The offense averaged approximately 19 runs per game. Pitching for the team were Agee, Dunger, Gooch and Meeks. Other teams competing were Dyersburg American, Ripley, and Munford. Halls, Covington, 2nd place, and Brighton, 3rd place, advanced to the District tournament in Jackson, which began Friday, July 3rd. In the first game, they lost to #1 seeded, Madison South, but went on to defeat Covington, 10-7, and Brighton, 16-0. In the next round, Halls lost again to Madison South in a battle that ended 12-8. This is the first Halls team to ever make a third round appearance in a district tourney.

All Stars District Champions

MEMBERS of the Halls Dixie Youth, 12 and under, softball team, in front, from left, Alexa Ray Jordan, Grayson Morris, Katie Hardy, Haley Bell, Mallory Hardy, and Kristin Davis; in middle, Maddie Hutcherson, Jessie Sorrell, Jamie McNeil, Amanda McBroom, Shania Rogers, and Leah Jacobs; and in rear, coaches, Tracey Davis, Steve Bell, and Michael Jacobs, won the All-Stars District Championship game, June 30th at the Ripley City Park. The team will move to the State Tournament in Dickson, beginning July 17th.

Renovation Continues



NEW BENCHES and trash receptacles have been added around the Lauderdael County Courthouse Square and completion of work around the court yard is getting closer. Sidewalks around the court square are expected to be completed this week, while work on new sidewalks on the northside will begin. Work has begun on the store-fronts on the east.

MEAL GUIDELINES

The meal guidelines for free and reduced price meals in Tennessee schools as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture has been approved for the 2009-2010 school year.

A household of two with an annual income of $18,941 or a household of four with an annual income of $28,665 should be eligible for free meals or add an additional $4,862 for each additional family member.

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BANDS SCHEDULED

The 26th annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival will be held Friday, July 10th, and Saturday, July 11th, at the Ripley City Park with the band, Magi, performing Friday night from 8 until 11 p.m. and Burning Las Vegas performing from 7 until 11 p.m. Others to perform Saturday include Dayton Gay, David Smith, Frog Jump Quartet, TNT, Derek McDaniel and Remnant. For a schedule of events, visit www.lauderdalecountytn.org.

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Dry Hill Dog News

By Zeek

Zeek here!! This week, I heard strange noises outside. I heard loud pops and booms. Rusty and I barked a lot. I would run to the window, but I did not see anything outside. Miss Pam told us not to be afraid that it was only the sound of fireworks. I turned my head to her and she told us all about July 4th and that two leggers celebrate with fireworks. Boy, fireworks sure do make a lot of noise. Rusty had heard this story before, so he went and got in his crate so he could take a nap. I stayed close to Miss Pam because I was not so sure that I liked fireworks. Miss Pam talked and talked about July 4th but I slept thru most of it.

We came out to the Club today. All of my Buds were talking about the noises that they had heard. I was so happy to be able to tell my Buds about two leggers celebrating the July 4th thing. This really made my Buds know that I am still Top Dog out here. The three walker hounds were quiet today. They told me that their throats were sore from barking so much at the sounds. Henrietta, the terrier, said that she was in the puppy room and she didn't hear too much. I guess that was a good thing since all of that two legger noise would keep her puppy four leggers awake. Oreo, the heeler mix, said that she had never heard anything like that before and so did Lucy, the red basset. Marshall, the heeler/dachshund mix, was telling everybody that he had heard loud sounds before. I went into the cat room to see if they were all upset over the noises. I stuck my head in and all of the kittens were running around playing. Some of the momma cats were all sitting in the corner looking at me. So I decided that they were more worried about me being in the room than they had been about the noise. I spoke to everybody and backed out. I have to back out so that I don't turn my back side to them because it hurts bad enough when they scratch my nose.

I went into the office. Mr. Buddy and Scooter were talking about needing food for my Buds. Not many two leggers have been out to the Club with food this week. I wanted to tell them about the July 4th thing and two leggers celebrating but I decided that they probably already knew about two leggers being really busy this week. So next week send your two legger out to the Club with some food for my Buds. My Buds stay hungry all of the time. If you don't want to come all the way out to the Club, you can drop off the food at Beasley's Treasures on Hwy. 51 and Miss Sharon will get it out to the Club for you.

Tom Dailey brought my Buds some food this week so did Camryn and Nathan McLemore. Miss Sue Watson gave us some money to buy some food for my Buds. Mandy Hankins found a puppy four legger and took her home. Richard Potter came out to the Club and took home Doby. Shawn Holland came out to the Club and was looking for a new best friend and found a four legger to go home with him.

Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, or mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley or give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387). Don't forget to have your four leggers spayed or neutered. This helps hold down the number of unwanted four leggers. Don't forget to take special care of your four leggers that are outside in the hot weather. Make sure that they have plenty of shade and fresh cool water to drink and plenty of food. Never leave your four legger in your vehicle alone in the hot weather.

Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. Oh yeah, what does celebrating mean?

Zeek out !!!

CLASSES OFFERED

Classes are scheduled at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging including estimate calorie needs at 11 a.m. July 13th, poison prevention at 11 a.m. July 17th, eat smart lesson 7 at 10:30 a.m. July 21st, shaping up and slimming down at 11 a.m. July 31st, and an eat breakfast lesson at 10 a.m. July 29th.

An exercise class, "Walk Away the Pounds" is scheduled for 10 a.m. July 20th and 27th in the community room at Ripley Housing Authority.

For more information, call Rachel Parker at 635-3101.

Obituaries

Joe McCarthy

Joe McCarthy, 80, of 224 S. Wilson St. in Halls, died June 30th at Dyersburg Regional Hospital in Dyersburg.

Services were at 2 p.m. July 2nd at Halls First Baptist Church, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home had charge.

He was born August 20, 1928, in Ratliffe, Miss.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patti Jo McCarthy.

He leaves his wife, Nelda and daughter, Gara McCarthy Strong, both of Halls; brothers, John Owen McCarthy and Billy Jack McCarthy, both of Mantachie, Miss., and Charlie Scott McCarthy, of Fulton, Miss.; a sister, Margaret Pedigo, of Baldwin, Miss.; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials, should be made to the Vision Fund at the Halls First Baptist Church.

Tommy Smith

Joe T. 'Tommy' Smith, 63, of Temple, Okla., formerly of Lauderdale County, died Tuesday, June 30th in a Temple nursing home.

Services were held Friday at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Temple, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

He was born June 8, 1946, in Brownsville.

He is survived by his daughters, Denise Gay, of China Spring, Tex., and Lisa Richardson, of Kingwood, Tex.; his parents, J.C. and Laverne Smith, of Temple; brothers, Hubert Wayne Smith, of Murfreesboro, and Tran Smith, of Temple; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

Mourned

SHARONDA FULLER, 34, of Henning, died Friday, June 26th.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 1st, at Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery in Henning.

She was a member of Holy Divine Church and sung in the choir.

She leaves a son, Tommy Dominique Fuller, daughter, Diamond Elexus Fuller, and her mother, Lula Mae Taylor, of Henning; brothers, Claudie Taran Taylor, of Ripley, and Maurice Taylor, of Covington; and sisters, Patricia Ann Taylor and Marvene Taylor, both of Ripley, and Sharon Taylor, of Decatur, Ill.

Bertha Ballard

Bertha Marie Ballard, 85, Millington resident for 60 years, sister of Joyce A. Young, of 1876 Durhamville Road, east of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

She was the widow of Talbert "Mutt" Ballard.

Survivors include a son, Jerry, daughters, Deborah (Mrs. Gary) Williams, and Theresa "Peaches" Gibson, and another sister, Jean Blair, all of Millington; another sister, Libby Walker, of Temple, Tex.; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Marie Burns Was Recorder For Henning

Marie Burns, 82, of Henning, the town's Recorder 23 years, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

A member of Henning's United Merthodist Church, she was a 50-year member of Ripley's chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas E. Burns; a son, Bobby, of Ripley; a daughter, Bettye Lynn (Mrs. Bill) Pollard, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Buddy McClellan

Walter B. 'Buddy' McClellan, 90, of Gates, formerly of Henning, a janitor at Currie's Funeral Home and a World War II veteran, died Sunday, July 5th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Friday, July 10th, at Elam Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Morrow Cemetery in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Mildred McClellan, of Owensboro, Ky.; eight sons, Matthew McClellan, of Radcliff, Ky., Walter McClellan, of Lorain, Ohio, Michael McClellan and Bobby Joe McClellan, both of South Carolina,Valonzo Hayes, of Mayfield, Ky., Dennis Beard, of Jasper, Ala., Joel Darren Beard, of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Tommy Beard, of Jasper, Ala.; two daughters, Christie German and Lela Mae Beard, both of Paducah, Ky.; two stepsons, James Roach, of Louisport, Ky., and Joe Hughes, of Owensboro, Ky.; six stepdaughters, Diana Thornton and Arlist Granie, both of Jeffersonville, Ind., Elizabeth Watkins, of Louisville, Ky., Beverly Roach and Mary Ann Young, both of Ervington, Ky., and Brenda Stanley, of Owensboro, Ky.; 22 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and a caregiver and friend, Florine Pierce, of Gates.

TRA Workshop

VIVIAN MICHAEL-WILHOITE, Tennessee Regulatory Authority Outreach spokesperson, provided vital information regarding the programs and services of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority July 6th to the seniors at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. The authority was created to meet the challenge of the changing telecommunications and utility environment and is charged with the responsibility of setting the rates and service standards of privately owned telephone, natural gas, electric, and water utilities. Vivian explained Link-up, Lifeline, Relay Services, Telecommunications Devices Access Program, Do Not Call Program, Slamming-Cramming Telephone Fraud, and Free Directory Assistance. She encouraged the seniors to be cautious about giving out information over the telephone. The group participated in a phone simulation to handle unwanted calls. They also learned about equipment available for the severely hard of hearing and the vision and speech impaired. If anyone is interested in any of the programs, call the center, 836-5444, or Vivian, 1-800-342-8359.

James E. Deaton

James Edward Deaton, 55, of 4206 State Hwy. 189, Friendship, brother of Lindsey W. Deaton, of 29 Dr. Conyers Rd., Halls, and of Catherine Jones, of 461 Smithville Rd., Ripley, died June 23rd in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were June 26th in Maury City Baptist Church, with burial in Belle Vernon Cemetery at Friendship.

He had been employed by the Crockett Mills Gin at Friendship.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy; daughters. Diana Deaton, of Friendship, and Wendy Gail (Mrs. Bronson) King, of Maury City; other sisters, Mary Ellen Stevens, of Friendship, and Janice Meadows and Pauline Leake, of Dyersburg; and two grandchildren.

Anniversary Celebrated

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT EUGENE HOLMAN, of Ripley, will be honored with a reception for their 50th wedding anniversary at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19th at Cressie's Banquet Hall, 284 Volunteer Dr., Ripley, with all family and friends invited. The event will be hosted by their family.

The couple have five children, Tabatha Mooney and Pam Glenn, of Ripley, Paula Rose, of Halls, Deborah Wakefield, of Henning, and the late Tony Holman, and six grandchildren, along with a grandchild and great-grandchild expected.

Eddie Pearl and Robert Eugene were married July 17, 1959 in Wheaton, Ill. The former Eddie Pearl Tillman was born March 20, 1943 in Tomato, Ark. Robert Eugene was born April 15, 1940 at Nutbush.

Celebrating Anniversary

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE THOMAS HAMMOCK, of Ripley, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Friday, July 3rd, hosted by five of their daughters, Johanna, Betty Sue, Bonnie, Carol, and Dee and staff at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation. The couple were married in St. Louis, Mo. July 3, 1952. Attending were, from left, Johanna Carmack and Bill Hammock, of Halls, Bonnie Sanders, of Ripley, Landon Carmack, Chisholm Vaughan, Mariah Carmack, and Shawna Moore, all of Halls, Betty Sue Ballard, and Mary Lucille Cox, of Ripley, Dee Wright, of Jackson, and Carol Harrell, of Halls.

The couple have four other children, Tom Hammock, Jr., of Illinois, Eugene Hammock, of Halls, Monnie Whitney, of Dyersburg, and Kenny Hammock, of Halls, 18 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren.

Marriages

June 27th – Morgan Kyle Steelman, 21, to Leah Rae Ward, 20, by Eugene Nichols.

Jason Scott Buckner, 31, to Rebecca Lee Newton, 28, by Frank McMeen.

June 29th – Scott Turner Wood, 45, to Janet Ann Lane Arwood, 49, by Danny Hartsfield.

Johnny Lee Triplett, 56, to Jacquelyn Burrell, 43, by Rod Schuh.

July 1st – Bobby Joe Ross, 57, to Kathie Delores Stone Nelson, 53, by Pam Deen.

July 2nd – William Glynn Reynolds, 35, to Demetra Ann Lenderman Lackey, 31, by Willie Crews, Jr.

Anniversaries

July 9 – Mr. and Mrs. Pat Smith.

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

July 11 – Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Keistler.

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

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

July 14 – Mr. and Mrs. David Jones.

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

August Vows Slated

JENNIFER LORENE PITTMAN, daughter of Joyce Hancock, of Ripley, Ronnie L. Moore, of Covington, and the late Jereld "Tuffy" Pittman, of Horatio, Ark., will marry Shane Allen McCaslin, son of Dennis and Diane McCaslin, of Halls, at 2 p.m. August 8th at Stein-Low Event Place in Dyersburg, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pittman, of Horatio, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hancock, of Ripley.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Millard E. McCaslin and the late Mr. and Mrs. Linberg Erwin, all of Halls.

The couple plan to reside in Halls.

Birthdays

July 9 – Ross Steelman, Justin Ivey, Cade Crawford, Jill Smith, Ann Marie Henson, Camryn Kelley Mullins, Keith Hamlin, Sarah McCormick.

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

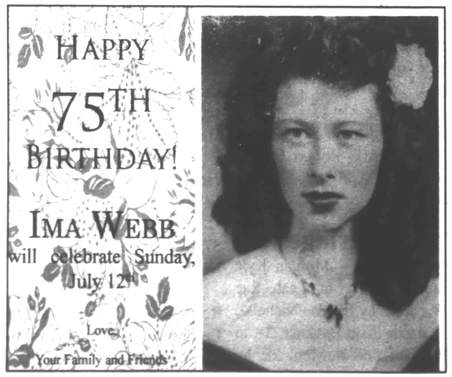
July 11 – Caitlin Tillman, Debbie Prater, Ashley White, Jerrod Sanders, Dorean Ward, Stan Paige, Luise Jones, Mary Martha Dyer, Chris Thurmond, Blake Bobo, Clay Criner, Sarah Williams.

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

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

July 14 – Tonya Watson, Vicki Talley, Mark Hargett, Jr., Preston Brady, Carthell Ross, Johnny Little, Dawn Nottage, Allison Connor, Elana Dale Willis, Donna Hairston, J. D. Green, Madelyne Kate Fain, Larry Tucker, Belinda Gibson, David Rose, Sr., Randy Castleman.

July 15 – Bill Davis, Elizabeth Garrett, Kim Kolb, Laura Keller, Brittany Nicole Goodwin, Brad Brown, Crystal Vincent, Justin Baker, Jerri Kay Ward, Becky Jones, Jean Garrett, Shirley E. Weir, Christy Coulston, Seth Sumrow, Myles Clark, Kim Grantland, Lila Sinclair, Nathan Mitchell, Greg Crihfield, Asia Gingery, Jackson Odom, Emery Rogers, Melissa Nanney, Erin Nanney, Nancy Moore, Kelly Stanley, Barry Lee Britt, Jr., Shirley



Tennessee T's Will Be Exhibited At Festival

Visit the Tennessee T's exhibit during the 26th annual Tomato Festival between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11th, which will display 10-12 Model T's ranging from 1914 to 1927. An old Lauderdale County car, the Lee Butner, a 1922 Model T, will be displayed. There is no charge for this event.

For more information, call the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD at 731-635-9541.

Couple Pledge Vows

MR. AND MRS. JIMMY W. ROWLAND were married at 2 p.m. June 6th in Greater Grace Temple Apostolic Church with Bishop Richard L. Smith officiating the ceremony.

The bride, the former Mary L. Wilson, is the daughter of Nancy Stanley, of Gates, and the late Charles E. Wilson, of Memphis. Wearing a strapless cafe ivory satin gown with crystal beads, she was escorted by her mother. The bride carried a bouquet of ivory roses with pink and white Fuji mums, accented with a blue butterfly. Mrs. Stanley wore an ankle length navy gown with navy crystal beading on the matching jacket and an ivory orchid.

Mrs. Jackie Pope, of Ripley, served as matron of honor and wore a blue gown. Mrs. Lisa Rodriquez, of Ripley, sister of the bride, served as bridesmaid and wore a blue gown with a matching sheer jacket.

The groom is the son of Wayne Rowland, of Ripley, and the late Mrs. Sharon Gibson, of Covington.

Lee Allen Pope, of Ripley, served as best man. The groom's father served as groomsman.

Codi Stanley-Rodriquez, son of Ricardo and Lisa Rodriquez, served as ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall in Brighton. The bride's four-tiered cake featured purple flowers and a butterfly heart topper.

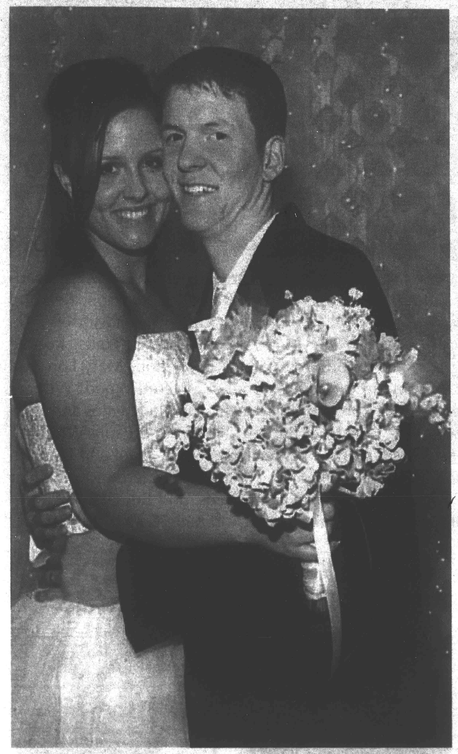
Tomato Tasting At The Tomato Festival

The 2009 Tomato Tasting will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, July 10th, in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Ripley. This event allows guests to sample various recipes featuring Ripley tomatoes is sponsored by the F.C.E. Council of Lauderdale County and Agriculture Extension Service. Tickets are available at the door. A shuttle will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Ripley City Park.

The 25th anniversary cookbooks will be available.

For more information, call the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD at 731-635-9541.

Double Ring Ceremony



MR. AND MRS. ADAM SHANE HAYNES were married May 30th with Bro. Harold Blackwood officiating the double ring ceremony at New Life Fellowship Church, in Ripley.

The bride, the former Maegan Bliss Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Ray, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gay, of Halls, entered the church on the arm of her father. She wore a white gown adorned with a beaded bodice and a full tulle ball gown skirt. She chose a simple matching tulle veil and her bouquet was flocked with a soft pastel floral mixture, accented with green hydrangeas.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Grantland, the late Marvin Floyd, and Wayne and Eva Sue Gay, all of Ripley, and the great grandaughter of James and Novella Tolbert, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Booker.

Serving as maid of honor was Anna Spray, of Ripley. Bridesmaids were Sally Jo Turner, of Ripley, Sierra Kattentidt, of Dyersburg and Kimberly Blackwood, of Halls. The attendants wore knee length dresses of tangerine all having their own unique style and carried bouquets of white calla lily and hydrangea tied with a single white silk ribbon.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Haynes, of Halls, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Barry Sanderson, of Halls.

He chose Alex Aitken, of Halls, as best man and groomsmen were Nathan Chumley and Ben Woodley, of Halls, and Eric Matthews, of Ripley.

Serving as flower girls were Lorian Arwood and Emma Sanderson, niece of the groom, both of Ripley. Ring bearer was Dayton Gay, brother of the bride, of Halls.

Register table attendants were Heather Moore, of Ripley, cousin of the bride, and Marla Haynes, of Halls, sister of the groom.

Guests were welcomed with a personalized photo shoot to add a unique accompaniment to the traditional guestbook.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall, which was decorated with floral arrangements, accented with tangerine tulle, ivy and tea lights to accent the arrangements.

A three-tier cake decorated with ivy and tangerine flowers, sat atop a silk covered round table in the corner of the hall, which was placed in front of a wrought iron archway adorned with tulle and clear lights.

Guests were served finger foods, fruit fall, wedding cake and pineapple punch.

After a honeymoon in the Domican Republic, the couple resides in Ripley.

Land Transfers

June 28th – July 4th

Homesales Inc to Mary L. Williams, Dist. 2, 3.67 acres.

Terry Neal Jordan to Larry Braden, Dist. 2, lot.

Chris Fleming to Syed Abbas A. Zaidi, Dist. 2, lot.

Carol Lea Walker, TR, Daniel B. Walker, TR, Daniel B. Walker Living Trust, and Daniel B. Walker, Living Trust, to Tennessee Dept. of Transportation and State of Tennessee, lot.

Allied Properties, LP, to Rodney D. Etheridge, Dist. 2, lot.

Pamela Webb to Christopher G. Daugherty II, Marjorie Davenport and Frank Davenport, Dist. 2, lot.

BOOK SALE

Friends of the Lauderdale County Library will hold the monthly used book sale from 9 to 11 a.m. Sat., July 11th in the green building behind the library, 121 Lafayette. The public is invited to purchase or donate books.

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 First Baptist Church will hold revival services Monday nights with the theme, "Monday Night Manna", at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13th with Bro. Frank Bowling as guest speaker; Monday, July 20th with Dr. Mike Priest; and Monday, July 27th with Dr. Mike Sams. The public is invited.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, 279 Mary's Chapel Rd., will hold Vacation Bible School for ages three through 6th grade, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 13th through 17th. Register between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. this week by calling Scott King, 731-635-9330, or register next week, at the church between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 E. Tigrett St., Halls, will hold its annual youth day at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12th with Bishop Nesbitt and Word of Faith Church, of Dyersburg, as special guests. Alonzo F. Green, pastor, invites the public.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th St., Gates, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday in July with the theme, "Building With God", for ages 3 to adult. Bible study, games, refreshments, and crafts will be available. For more information, call 836-7991. The public is invited.

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

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Annual Wood Family Reunion Held

MEMBERS of the William Robert and James Thomas Wood family gathered Sunday before last at the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Building in Ripley for the annual Wood family reunion. Attending, included, Justin Baynes, Don Walker, and Richard Roy, all of Jackson; Ken and Phyllis Doerr, of Drummonds; Billy Wood and Bill Wood, Jr., of Adamsville; Stephanie Elder, of Clarksville; Dot Green, Kara Morrow, Tia Shawn, Taylor McMurray, Scott Bassett, and David, Christy and Jimmie Sue Wood, all of Atoka; Tracy and Andy Angotti, of Halls; Robbie Smith, Patsy Langley, Kaylan Vanfredenberg, Roberta Haynes, Willie and Carolyn Griggs, Jim Wood, Betty and C.L. Shelton, Mary Lou McMahan, Sue Wood, Mitch and Sharon Wood and Lilly, Tyler and Dylan, Charles and Rose Marie Wood, Roy Shelton, Everett Wood, William Lewis, Sarah Wood, Autumn and Carmyn Humphreys, Carrie and Cathryn Goforth, Sandy Hutt, Ron and Susan Weir, Juanita Haynes and Vina and Michelle Poorbaugh, all of Ripley; J.R., Shelley and Laura Foreman and Kelsey and Kyle Roach, of Bartlett; Harold and Paula Whilhite, of Bolivar; Patty Walker and Clyde Faulker, of Camden; Tyler and John Shelton and Michael Jenkins, of Dyersburg; Scott, Janet and Hannah Wood and Nevel and Vivian Hendren, of Henning; Ann Yates, Jerry and Mary Jane Sanders, and Alberta Hooks, of Burlison; Jeremy and Linda Clements and Sabrina Foreman, Shelia Murphy, Diane and Tom Brigance, Chawn, Christy, Kristina and Dylan Davis, and Betty Hicks, all of Memphis; Gillian Brigance, Robert Ryan Vance and "Twiggy" Vivien Marie Vance, all of Munford; Janice, Mike and Katie Bell, of Millington; and Zach and Abby Gale, of Greenville, Miss.

Companion

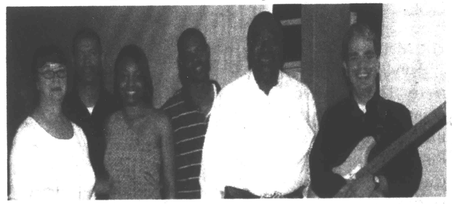
MARY JONES is a MIFA Senior Companion through the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. The Senior Companion Program was established in 1974 and is now a nationwide program, primarily funded by the federal government to provide volunteer service opportunities plus a series of economic and social benefits to low income seniors and to provide companionship and personal assistance to homebound frail seniors and respite to their families.

Senior companions offer their friendship and support by providing a stable and regular presence, listening and offering encouragement, assisting with meals, errands, light cleaning, visiting with people who might otherwise be isolated, and serving as a vital link between their client and the community. Mrs. Jones said, "being a senior companion does me as much good as it does the client."

The benefit to the volunteer is a stipend of $2.65 per hour, a cold pack meal, paid vacation and holidays, and a transportation allowance. Most importantly the feeling of service to someone in need.

If anyone is interested in serving as a senior companion, contact LCCOA at 731-836-5444.

Magi Friday Night



MAGI is scheduled to perform Friday, July 10th, from 8 until 11 p.m. on Main Stage in Ripley City Park for the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival. They are known for playing a variety of dance music including, Motown, oldies, new top 40 hits, funky dance, rhythm and blues, soul and disco including songs by Tina Turner, The Temptations, Wild Cherry, Marvin Gaye, Bob Marley, Clarence Carter, Donna Summer, Lionel Richie, the Commodores, Prince and many others.

Burning Las Vegas

BURNING LAS VEGAS, including, Brian DuNard,guitar and vocals, Cory Nichols, bass guitar, Josh Birkhimer, drums and percussion, Robin Raynelle, vocals and percussion, Mary Napels, vocals, April Adams, vocals, Mitch Reilly, saxaphone, Reggie Grisham, trumpet, and Andrew Bett, keyboard, perform funk, rock, rhythm and blues and soul music. They have performed with Patti LaBelle, Englebert Humperdink, Tiffany and James Brown.

Burning Las Vegas is scheduled to perform Saturday, July 11th, during the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival from 7 until 11 p.m. on the Main Stage at the Ripley City Park.

Divorces

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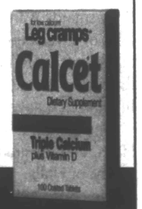

26th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival

Tomato Farmer Of The Year

COY SUMMAR was selected as the 2009 Tomato Farmer of the Year. He has grown tomatoes "all his life, except when he was in the Army, and he still farmed then". He grows Crista, Mountain Fresh Plus, and Amelia tomatoes. He was born in Lauderdale County and has lived within two miles of his childhood home all of his life. He and his wife, Annie, reside in the Whitefield community. Coy also serves Lauderdale County as the Veteran's Service officer.

Supplement to
The Lauderdale County Enterprise
And The Halls Graphic
July 9, 2009

Background is reproduction of "Tomato Capital" by the late Herbie Feist.

Saluting Artists In Lauderdale County

This year's special section focuses on the artists in Lauderdale County. The definition of an artist is wide-ranging and covers a broad spectrum of activities to do with creating art, practicing the arts and/or demonstrating an art. Everyone has talent in something, some just shine more than others. A talent is not necessarily painting or writing. Some artists have talents known only to close family and friends or known only to them. We salute each and every one in this special section.

Lauderdale County tomato farmers practice their art by raising the finest tomatoes around. They need the right type of soil, the best tomato plant, and fertilizer, while God provides the sunshine and rain (sometimes too much and other times, not enough). But, the farmers rely on their ability to produce a crop to support their families and provide a better tasting product.

The artist delivers a product that is enjoyable for others, either through their singing, drawing, painting, etc. Our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers were artists in the kitchen when they prepared our meals using farm fresh products. Appreciation is shown to the artist from the enjoyment of others. In the earlier years, the "artist" might only be well-known in his own family. While their talent is no less grand than the next, they were able to shine on their own. We wish to shine light on those in the county who have risen above and whose art is recognizable.

We were able to gather some facts about a few artists in the county and included them inside this edition. We regret that others were not included, either due to lack of time or lack of information. Their efforts are not without honor and we wish we had time and space to include each and every one.

Our thanks and appreciation to each and everyone who assisted in compiling the information for this section. Some of the information was obtained from the artist's website, online articles, and material from *The Lauderdale County Enterprise*.

Tomato Farmers Of The Year

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

1984 – Unknown
1985 – Unknown
1986 – Bruce Little
1987 – H. M. Tims & Neal Crain
1988 – Don Holcomb
1989 – Johnie Ford & Steve Watson
1990 – Bruce Little
1991 – Neal Crain
1992 – Barry Connell
1993 – Unknown
1994 – Unknown
1995 – Unknown
1996 – Herman and Neal Simpson
1997 – Mike Voss
1998 – Johnie Ford
1999 – Steve Watson
2000 – Coy Summar
2001 – Jimmie "Hut" Summar
2002 – Chris and Billy Hall Lankford
2003 – Russell and Lynn Kiestler
2004 – David & Barbara Holcomb
2005 – Mrs. J. A. Tims
2006 – Don Johnson
2007 – Mike and Deb Voss
2008 – Chris and Billy Hall Lankford
2009 – Coy Summar

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

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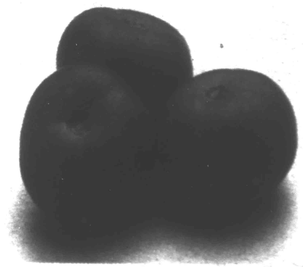

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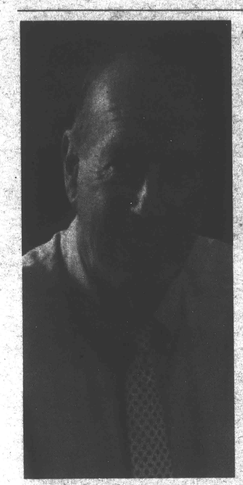

JAMIE MCMAHAN, of Cordova, formerly of Ripley, was recognized in the *Commercial Appeal* as the People's Choice Award, third place, at the Portrait Society of America International Co., held in Dallas. His self-portrait also won an honors award from the judging panel. He has a studio in Memphis. A portrait and fine artist, he has been a painter of people his entire life. His repertoire includes mayors, judges, governors and persons of all ages and backgrounds.

A traveler, college basketball player, sportsman, former businessman, and a lover of people and conversation, the artist has enjoyed a rich life. "I love a good story. That's sort of what we do as artists. We're telling a short story about someone and, ultimately, about ourselves," said McMahan.

He studied at the University of Memphis and graduated in 1965. "When I was traveling overseas years ago, the paintings by Hals, Rembrandt, Sargent and others started the ball in motion. I knew then that's what I wanted to do; to reveal the likeness of a subject on canvas and, yet, to capture that indescribable something else," McMahan said. He decided to become a full-time portrait painter after a two-year trip around the world.

He pursued dual careers for years. He was a marketing rep for IBM in the U.S. and Sydney, Australia and, when time permitted, he painted.

He has painted U.S. senators, governors, mayors, judges, university presidents, pets and a wide range of subjects in private collections. Among the many portraits by McMahan is the late Alex Haley, author of Roots. McMahan said, "Being a portrait artist enables me to get to know people on a personal level like no other profession I know of. Alex Haley is a good example. We sat down to discuss the project and pretty soon we were talking about family and writing and things that made his personality really come out. That would never have happened if we were talking about computers."

JAMIE McMAHAN'S self-portrait and winner of a People's Choice Award, 2006 Portrait Society of America International Competition, held in Dallas, Tex.

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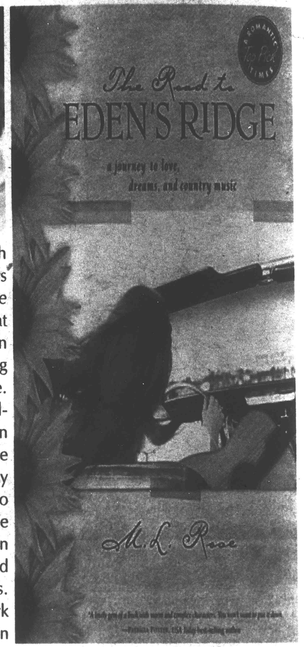
JAMIE McMAHAN is pictured in his studio at work on a portrait of Judge Richard Suhrheinrich, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, Ohio.

LINDA WEEKS, right, pictured with Myra McLarey, left are the co-authors of *The Road to Eden's Ridge, under the pen name of M. L. Rose*. Linda resides at Curve with her husband, Bob, and is an associate professor of English and writing at Dyersburg State Community College. In 2005, Linda was presented a Technology Champion award from the American Association of Community Colleges. She joined the Dyersburg State Community College staff in 1989. Weeks came to the college with extensive ex-perience as a writing con-sultant and made an impact by introducing technology-based programs to creative writing students. She attributes her success to her work environment, calling DSCC "a leader in technology-based learning".



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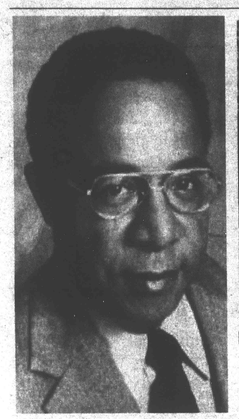

HALEY'S grandmother's home and his burial site is located in Henning and is now a museum.

ALEX HALEY, quite possibly the most famous Lauderdale County writer, was born August 1921 in Ithaca, New York, but spent his first five years in Henning with his two younger brothers. Haley was born to Simon Alexander Haley and Bertha Palmer. His father managed the family lumber business while his mother was a schoolteacher. Growing up, Haley became interested in his ancestry while listening to colorful stories told by his family. These stories, which traced seven generations, would become the source and inspiration for Haley's later work.

The younger Haley always spoke proudly of his father and the incredible obstacles of racism he had overcome. Alex was first sent off to college at the age of 15. At the age of seventeen, he returned home to inform his father of his withdrawal from Alcorn State University. Simon Haley felt that Alex needed discipline and growth and convinced his son to enlist in the military when he turned 18. On May 24, 1939, Alex Haley began his 20-year service with the Coast Guard.

He enlisted as a mess-boy and then became a Petty Officer Third Class in the rate of Steward, one of the few rates open to African Americans at that time. It was during his service in the Pacific theater of operations that Haley taught himself the craft of writing stories. It is said that during his enlistment he was often paid by other sailors to write love letters to their girlfriends. He talked of how the greatest enemy he and his crew faced during their long sea voyages wasn't the Japanese but boredom.

After World War II, Haley was able to petition the Coast Guard to allow him to transfer into the field of journalism, and by 1949 he had become a Petty Officer First Class in the rating of Journalist. He later advanced to Chief Petty Officer and held this grade until his retirement from the Coast Guard in 1959. He was the first Chief Journalist in the Coast Guard.

Haley's awards and decorations from the Coast Guard include the American Defense Service Medal (with

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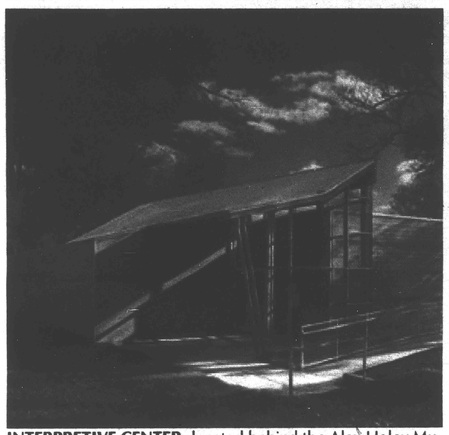

INTERPRETIVE CENTER, located behind the Alex Haley Museum.

"Sea" clasp), American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal (with one silver and one bronze service star), Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Coast Guard Expert Marksmanship Medal.

After his retirement from the Coast Guard, Haley began his writing career and eventually became a senior editor for Reader's Digest. He also was the ghostwriter for Profiles in Courage, although his contributions to this book were from more of a stylistic, editing standpoint.

Haley conducted the first interview for Playboy magazine. The interview, with jazz legend Miles Davis, appeared in the September 1962 issue. In the interview, Davis candidly spoke about his thoughts and feelings on racism and it was that interview that set the tone for what became a significant feature of the magazine. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Playboy Interview with Haley was the longest he ever granted to any publication. Throughout the 1960s, Haley was responsible for some of the magazine's most notable interviews, including an interview with American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell, who agreed to meet with Haley only after Haley, in a phone conversation, assured him that he was not Jewish. Haley remained calm and professional during the interview even though Rockwell kept a handgun on the table throughout it. Haley also interviewed Cassius Clay, who spoke about changing his name to Muhammad Ali. Other interviews include Jack Ruby's defense attorney Melvin Belli, Sammy Davis, Jr., Jim Brown, Johnny Carson, and Quincy Jones. He completed a memoir of Malcolm X for Playboy, six months before Malcolm X died in February 1965. The memoir was published in the July 1965 issue of the magazine.

In 1976, Haley published Roots: The Saga of an American Family, a novel based loosely on his family's history, starting with the story of Kunta Kinte, kidnapped in Gambia in 1767 and transported to the Province of Maryland to be sold as a slave. Haley claimed to be a seventh-generation descendant of Kunta Kinte, and Haley's work on the novel involved ten years of research, intercontinental travel and writing. He went to the village of Juffure, where Kunta Kinte grew up and which is still in existence, and listened to a tribal historian tell the story of Kinte's capture.

Haley also traced the records of the ship, *The Lord Ligonier,* which he said carried his ancestor to America. Genealogists have since disputed Haley's research and conclusions and Haley made an out-of-court settlement with Harold Courlander, who had sued him for plagiarism.

Haley was briefly a "writer in residence" at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He began to write "Roots" there. Many local people remember Haley fondly. He enjoyed spending time at a local bistro "The Savoy" in Rome New York where he listened to the piano player. Today, there is a special table in honor of Haley with a painting of Alex writing "Roots" on a yellow legal tablet.

Haley said the most emotional moment of his life was on September 16, 1975, when he stood at the site in Annapolis, Maryland where his ancestor had arrived 200 years before. Roots was eventually published in 37 languages and Haley won a Special Award for it in 1977 from the Pulitzer Board. Roots was also made into a popular television miniseries that year. The film reached a record-breaking 130 million viewers when it was serialized on television. Roots emphasized that African Americans have a long history and that not all of that history is lost, as many believed. Its popularity sparked an increased public interest in genealogy, as well.

In 1979, ABC aired the sequel miniseries Roots: The Next Generations, which continued the story of Kunta Kinte's descendants, concluding with Haley's arrival in Jufureh.

Late in his life, Haley acquired a small farm in Norris, Tennessee, adjacent to the Museum of Appalachia, with the intent of making it his home. Subsequent to his death, the property was sold to the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), which calls it the "Alex Haley Farm" and uses it as a national training center and retreat site. An abandoned barn on the farm property was rebuilt as a traditional cantilevered barn, using a design by architect Maya Lin. The building now serves as a library for CDF.

Alex Haley's grave is located beside his boyhood home in Henning. In the late 1970s, Haley began working on a second historical novel based on another branch of his family, traced through his grandmother, Queen, the daughter of a black slave woman and her white master. Haley died in Seattle, Wash., of a heart attack with the story unfinished and was buried beside his childhood home in Henning. At his request, it was finished by David Stevens and was published as Alex Haley's Queen; it was subsequently made into a movie in 1993.

The main galley at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Base at Petaluma, CA is named "Haley Hall" in his honor.

In 1999, the U.S. Coast Guard honored Haley by naming the cutter Alex Haley after him.

Haley was also posthumously awarded the Korean War Service Medal from the government of South Korea ten years after his death. This award, created in 1999, did not exist during Haley's lifetime.

To date, Haley's work remains a notable exclusion from the Norton Anthology of African-American Literature, despite Haley's status as history's best-selling African-American author. Harvard University professor Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., one of the anthology's general editors, has denied that the controversies surrounding Haley's works are the reason for this exclusion. Nonetheless, Dr. Gates has acknowledged the doubts surrounding Haley's claims about Roots, saying, "Most of us feel it's highly unlikely that Alex actually found the village whence his ancestors sprang. Roots is a work of the imagination rather than strict historical scholarship."

Haley himself described Roots as a "faction," a mixture of fact and fiction. Most critics agreed and evaluated Roots as a blend of history and entertainment. However, some voiced concerns—especially at the time of the television series—that racial tension in America would be aggravated by Roots.

Many activists viewed Roots to be an important part of the civil rights movement, where African Americans and other minorities fought for equality.

Barely two years after the book was published, Roots had already won 271 awards, and its television adaptation had been nominated for a record-breaking thirty-seven Emmys, the top awards for television programming. Over eight million copies of the book were in print, and the text was translated into twenty-six languages.

In 1985 Haley was working on a novel set in the Appalachian culture that he had researched extensively. The novel was centered around the relationships among a mountain father, son, and grandson. Because this book was not about blacks but primarily about whites, Haley said of the project, "I think one of the most fascinating things you can do after you learn about your own people is to study something about the history and culture of other people."

Haley also planned to write a book detailing the life of millionaire Madame C. J. Walker (1867–1919) and her daughter A'Lelia. Haley had signed a three-book contract with Ballantine for its new multicultural publishing program, for which his first title was to be a history of his hometown, Henning. Those who knew Haley well say his research on Henning predated the writing of Roots.

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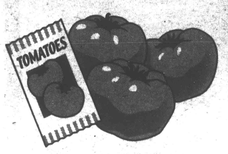

CASSANDRA HARRELL, of Jackson, was born in Halls and attended Dyersburg State College. She is a three-time book author, who has written two other books with her husband, Earl, which received national attention and reviews from *Men's Health Magazine, The Arsenio Hall Show, Industrial Safety and Hygiene News, and the American Library Association.*

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During her years in catering and food services, she received rave reviews, numerous features in newspapers, and interviews on television segments.

Among the top sellers were the hickory smoked barbecue, southern fried chicken, collard greens, and old-fashioned peach cobbler.

She has sponsored a youth training and development program to teach youth how to operate a business and to learn first hand how to conduct themselves in a business environment. For those efforts, her company was presented an award from the Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship.

Her cookbook, *Soul Food Lovers',* has recipes from three generations of family cooks including her mother, grandmother, siblings, and herself.

She attended a parent/teacher conference at Lauderdale Middle School where she provided samples of the foods from the book and signed copies.

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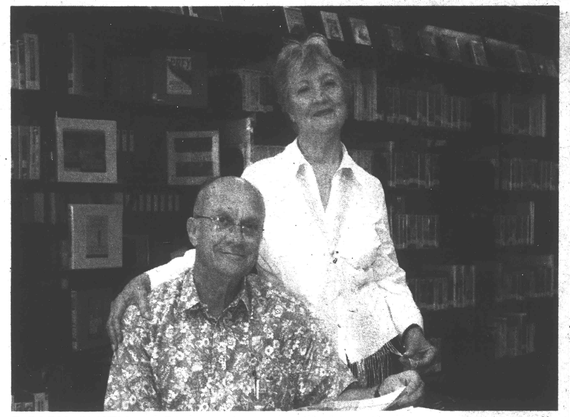

DOLPH SMITH, of Ripley, pictured with his wife, Jessie, is a nationally known watercolorist and paper maker. He also makes unique books with mixed media sculpture and paper making. Over 1,200 of his works are currently held in public and private collections.

Dolph received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Memphis College of Art and returned as a full time faculty member in 1965, where he taught for 30 years. Beginning in the late 1970's, he developed a curriculum for Hand Papermaking and later began an Artist's Book program. The Flying Vat is now one of the most prominent centers in America for that type of art education. He is a charter member of Friends of Dard Hunter Society of Hand Papermakers.

He has allowed school groups to tour his shop and is known for sharing his art appreciation with children of all ages. He also shared his art with David Bowie, who performed as Ziggy Stardust with his Spiders From Mars, in Memphis 1973.

It was the second Ziggy appearance in Memphis for Bowie, who had performed five months earlier in September 1972. This earlier visit was the second Ziggy show in America and Bowie was a big Elvis fan; they share the same birthdates, January 8th.

Dolph had learned of Bowie and the song 'Space Oddity' through students at the school and was inspired to do a series of watercolors based on the lyrics of Bowie's 'Space Oddity' and it's character, 'Major Tom'. Dolph had been using paper airplanes as a theme of 'fragile shapes against nature' and in-vigorously incorporated this element into the five pieces as well. The pieces were hung in an exhibit dedicated to line drawing. Dolph was criticized by local critic, Frederic Koeppel, for working outside the theme.

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Dolph used connections at FM100 to reach Cherry Vanilla, a former actress from the Warhol camp and Bowie's public relations person. Cherry visited the school, saw the work, and immediately informed Bowie that he should appear at the school, time allowing. Bowie appeared around 10 p.m. and brought two Spiders, Mick Ronson, guitarist, and Woody Woodmansey, drummer. Dolph presented Bowie with a watercolor piece entitled, 'A paper airplane having just spotted a fallen comrade.'

Dolph taught art and paper making for 30 years at Memphis College of Art and in 1995 was elected Professor Emeritus. He Has conducted art classes and seminars at various art schools across the country.

He has literally flown around the world teaching the making of books, as far away as Australia. Retired from a long university career, he is now very selective about where he will teach. He frequently shares his passion for bookmaking at Penland, Arrowmont and Haystack.

His own books, which he creates, are as much sculpture as book and combine the use of many different techniques. Yet, he adheres to the traditional structure of a book as containing pages, a text block and a cover. In his class, he shares his skills and knowledge in a playful and enjoyable way. He encourages experimentation and problem solving with various materials. Glass, metal, wood and polycarbonate are used to construct the covers, while traditional paper folios are stitched together to make the text block.

His artwork was featured in the Mid-South Community College exhibition, "Adrift On An Inland Sea" at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Educational Excellence and included his first painting as a student at the Memphis College of Arts. He presented his first show more than 40 years ago at the Merchants and Planters Bank in West Memphis, Ark. and his creations have been featured in many journals, magazines, and books.

"All of my work is about story telling. Visual story telling is what I do. I just keep adding to it and one of these days, it will be a big story," said Smith.

He was presented with the Tennessee Artist's Guild Shaman Award for Lifetime Artist Achievement at the invitational exhibition, Masterworks 2005, his second such award.

He donated a painting of *Great Field Barn Nesting,* to the Lauderdale Middle School Library, which has several other donated paintings hanging on the library's Tennessee Wall of Fame.

He is among the artists featured in The Penland Book of Handmade Books, published by Lark Books. The book focuses on artists, each of them

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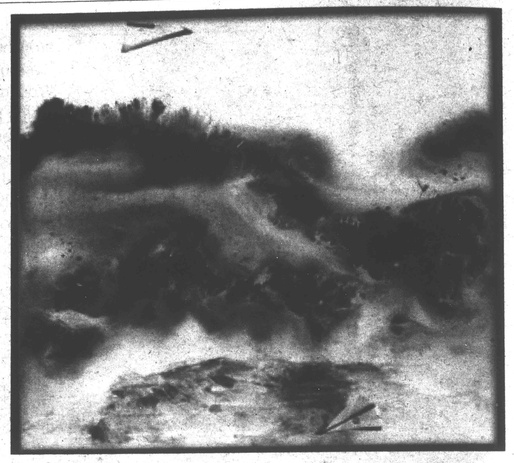
DOLPH and David Bowie.



WATERCOLOR art given to Bowie.

known for different techniques and ways of working, all of them have been instructors at Penland School, located in the Appalachian Mountains.

Since, his retirement, he works at his studio, Tennarkippi Field, on Hurricane Hill, near Ripley, where he devotes his time to sculptural works, one-of-a-kind artist's books, and painting.

His awards include an Arts and Humanities Medal for lifetime achievement in Visual Arts from Germantown Arts League, the only individual winner of a First Bravo Award from First Tennessee Bank and was invited in 2004 to give the commencement address at Memphis College of Art, where he was awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts.

Dolph and his wife, Jessie, have three children, Allison, Tim, and Ben. Allison has artwork in the book and has her own studio in Brooklyn, N.Y. She works at the Gagosian Gallery, the largest gallery in the country. Tim lives in California. Ben owns Tsunami Restaurant in Memphis.

In October, 2006, Dolph had a major retrospective at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis, Ark., sponsored by the Rocky Smith Foundation in which "Dolph Smith Day" was declared.

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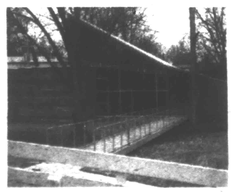

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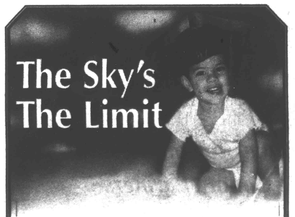

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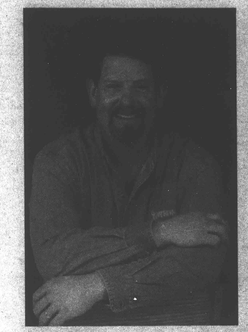
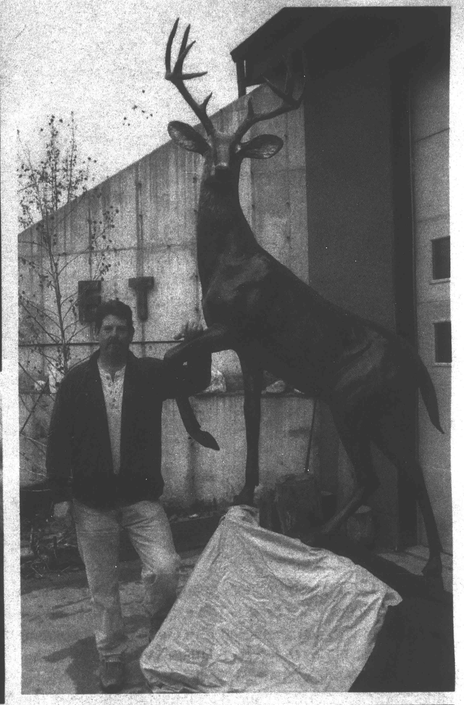


JOHN McCOY, of Olathe, Kan., son of Martha McCoy and the late Roger McCoy, Sr., of Ripley, was commissioned to design a bronze sculpture of a bronco for the new Spring Hill High School in Kansas. He is the son-in-law of John and Rose Snead, of Ripley. He and his wife, Teresa, have two children, Kevin and Claire. A 1976 graduate of Ripley High School, he earned a degree in graphic arts from Memphis State, now the University of Memphis.



He allowed senior citizens, Brownie scouts, children on field trips, and school children to assist with the wax form of the statue. The finished product a 1,000 pound, 12 foot tall horse was depicted rearing up on its hind legs among the rocks in the Bronco Plaza at the front of the building. Approximately 420 elementary school children placed wax on the form, so that when it was completed they were able to say "I helped form that", according to McCoy. "People usually just see statutes. They don't realize what goes into actually making one," said John. He began by designing a maquette, a small clay model, then he drew a blueprint of a life-size horse. A welded armature, or skeleton, was made from 1/2 inch rebar with sheets of pink housing insulation material wrapped around the form. He asked at the time, "How many 49-year old men get to play with clay for a living?" The oil based clay, about 250 pounds, was applied to the outer surface which was sprayed with wax so that the clay would stick. When the form was completed, he took it apart and make molds of the pieces to lend details to each part of the horse. Elden Tefft, 87, McCoy's mentor and owner of Tefft Terra Studios in Lawrence, Kan., assisted in the final process as they built a furnace around each of the 13 piece molds and heated them to 1,000 degrees for between three and seven days. He was commissioned in October 2006 after the school had raised money for the statute for 12 years. After the molds were formed, the molten bronze was poured and welded together. A patina finish was applied to make a honey brown-tined subject.

A former dental supply salesman, he said his talent is God given. He has enjoyed working with clay since he was six years old. He hoped the statue was an opportunity to create a work both current and future generations can enjoy. "This is something that's going to be around for a long time, and community members helped and were a part of that," said McCoy. A deer statue, which was completed by McCoy, is also pictured. He has also completed sculptures of a mother and baby deer to accompany the statue. He enjoys his work and states he really has enjoyed working with the public to complete the bronco sculpture.

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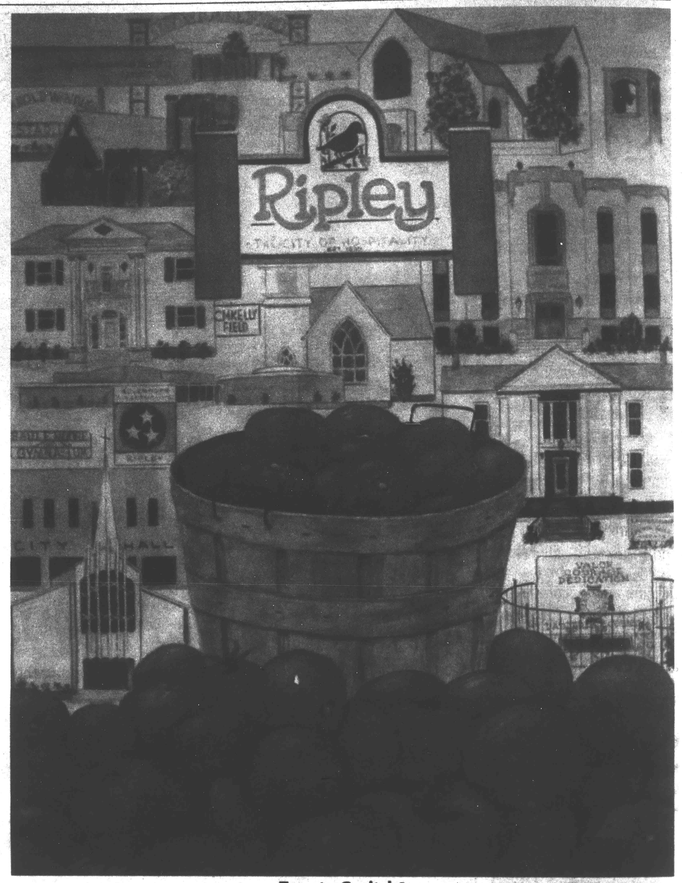

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HERBERT FEIST was born in Germany in 1919 and came to the United States when he was 15 years old. He was always interested in art and excelled at it in Germany. His parents sent him in 1935 to live with relatives in St. Charles, Mo. because of the war in Germany at that time. With the rise of Hitler and Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, they sent him to the United States for his safety and sent his brother and sister to Israel as they were older.

He began to work in his uncle's clothing store and was charged with setting up displays, painting signs, and designing advertisements

He attended St. Charles High, where he excelled in sports having been an outstanding soccer player in Germany. He attended Washington University Art School for a short time but was told that his pictures look so much like photographs and he would be better off in commercial art. During the war, he entered the Counter-Intelligence Corps and returned to Germany as an intelligence officer. He went on to help liberate concentration camps in Germany and also went on to interrogate Nazis (many of which ultimately went to the Nurenberg trials).

Around this time, he also met Betty Berg, from Ripley, who was attending college in St. Charles. They married and after the war, settled in Ripley where he went into business with her father, Sam Berg, at Berg and Schafer Co. He later started his own business, Remnant House, with his partner Mickey Rourk. When he started the Remnant House chain of fabric stores, he used his art skills to design the logos and advertising for the entire chain of stores

During this time, his art was mainly commercial, ads for the businesses, including *The Enterprise*, and dressing windows for Berg and Schafer. Not to mention, the many floats he designed for the Ripley Christmas Parade.

In the 1980's, after selling the Berg and Schafer business and retiring from Remnant House, he started painting again.

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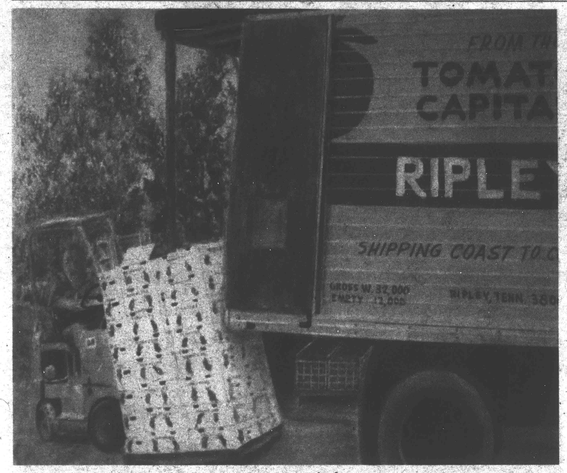

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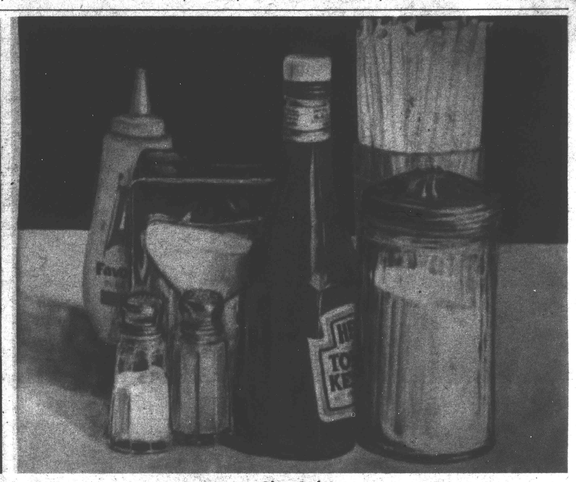

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He first took lessons from Mrs. Sutter, wife of Dr. Sutter and later began teaching on his own. He opened the Ripley Art Mall in the Berg and Schafer Building and the rest is history. His early art focused on the South and Ripley with such pictures as the Court House, "the Hole", Reelfoot and Open Lake, cotton fields and small farms. Some of his most popular works included painting called "Tomato Capital" celebrating the Ripley Tomato festival, a painting of the Lauderdale county courthouse, a painting of the Brownsville Jewish Temple, a painting of the old Ripley High School, and many paintings of landscapes including farms and scenery of life along the Mississippi River. He also focused on commissions to paint requests, such as homes, the old schools, and other requests. He was a member of the Germantown Art League and won many ribbons both at the fair and other art exhibits. He was well known for his Tomato pictures which were featured at the Tomato Festival. Much of his original art can be seen throughout Ripley at places like the Bank of Ripley. The

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Art mall remained open until a fire on the Ripley Square destroyed the Berg & Schaefer building in 2005. Herbert Feist died in October, 2005, his wife, a short time later.

Some of his prints are still available and if anyone is interested in obtaining them, contact his daughter, Alice Conte, at afconte@att.net.

BROILED TOMATOES WITH FETA CHEESE

6 plum tomatoes
salt and pepper to taste
½ tsp. Italian seasoning
⅔ c. crumbled feta cheese
¼ c. Italian dressing

Cut tomatoes in half lengthwise, and place, cut sides up, on a baking sheet. Sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper to taste, Italian seasoning, and feta cheese. Drizzle evenly with ¼ cup Italian dressing. Broil 3 inches from heat 2 to 3 minutes just until cheese starts to brown.

CHILI CHEESE SNACKS

Ona Voss

2 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese, soften
1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
¼ c. chopped green chilies
¼ c. sundried tomatoes, chopped
2 tsp. dried minced onion
¼ tsp. hot pepper sauce
2 8-oz. tubes refrigerated crescent rolls

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese. Add the cheddar cheese, chilies, tomatoes, onion, and hot pepper sauce. Separate each tube of crescent dough into four triangles, pressing the perforations to seal. Spread the cheese mixture over the dough. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long side. Cut each roll into 10 slices. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield: 80 appetizers.

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FRESH SALSA ★

2 cups finely chopped tomatoes
¼ cup chopped green onions
1 tbsp fresh lime juice
1 tbsp finely chopped fresh cilantro
¼ tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl; stir well. Cover and chill at least 3 hours. Serve with chicken or turkey or as a dip with chips. Yields 2 cups

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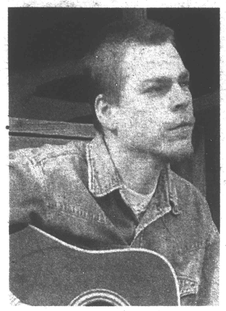


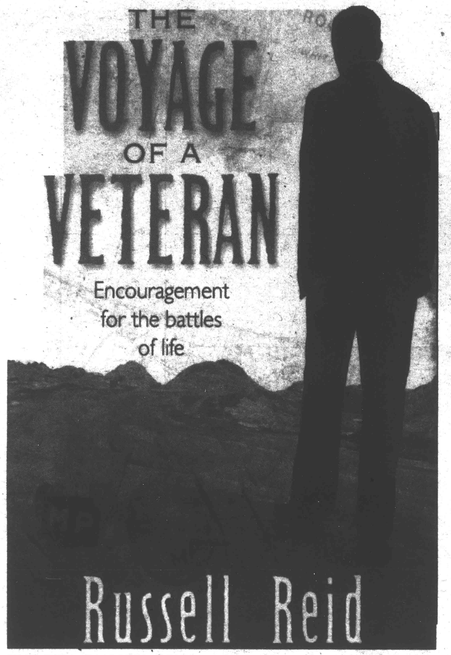
MATTHEW BOONE, of Ripley, singer, songwriter and musician, teamed up with Bill Rainey, a radio personality in Nashville, to begin recording on an album. The album will contain orginal material written by Matthew and Scott Williamson and presently has five completed songs. Boone has performed at events including, The Lauderdale County Tomato Festival, Relay For Life, and Hee Haw in Ripley, Youth Talent Contest, United Cerebral Palsy talent show and fundraiser in Memphis, and other shows in the Music Valley Area, near Opryland, in Nashville. He plans to perform at the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival in Ripley and the Barbecue Festival in Covington.

Bill is a booking agent with Tony Scott Agency, producer, publisher and radio deejay at NBRN, all in Nashville. His show re-broadcasts in Germany, Ireland and England.

Matthew has been selected as one of the new artist for a three-month tour in Germany and Ireland in the spring of 2010. Musicians on the C.D. include, Anthony Johnson, engineer, former keyboard player for Alan Jackson, James Freeze, bass guitar, Kelly Back, lead and rhythm guitar, Dirk Johnson, keyboard, Steve Hinson, steel guitar, from the Randy Travis Band and Eddy Anderson, drums, who played for Patty Lovelace and Ricky Van Shelton. Anthony and James currently play in the band of Whispering Bill Anderson and Dirk plays often at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Songs are played at radio stations in Brownsville, Covington, Union City, southeastern Missouri and in Nashville online on the web at www.NBRN.FM.

Boone has been offered a recording contract with Aaron Records, an independent record label, near Nashville.



THE REV. RUSSELL REID, of Ripley, a retired United Methodist minister and a veteran of World War II, signed copies of his book, *The Voyage of a Veteran*, at the Lauderdale County Library in January 2007. He pastured at Hurricane Hill, Asbury, and Lightfoot Methodist churches.

Born and reared in Haywood County, he attended Haywood County schools and was drafted into the United States Army in early March 1945 before graduating from high school.

His book was about his voyage and describes his experiences as a farm boy, a farmer, a family person, a husband, father, minister of the gospel, and a retiree.

The Rev. Reid states his purpose was to emphasize the relationship between faith and fortitude. He wanted to help individuals by providing examples of appropriate ways to respond in both positive and negative settings and to encourage them to make appropriate adjustments when necessary.

His first military assignment was to be a part of the sacrificial forces that were to land on the coast of Japan. He began his college career at the age of 35 and is a graduate of Lambuth College and Memphis Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Reid and his wife, Christine, have been married for over 60 years. They have a daughter, Jean (Mrs. Ivan) Criner, of Ripley, and a grandson, Clay Criner, of Knoxville.

GENE ROSE, of the Whitefield Community, sang during his younger years and recorded a "good ole gospel song", in his early teens with Ted Smith. He won his first talent contest at Arp School singing, *It Is No Secret What God Can Do*. At the age of 16, he was a part of The Guardsmen, which consisted of Bobby Jones, lead singer, Reese Quarter, baritone, Lucillis Allmon and Darrell Whitson, bass, and Dean Jones, pianist. Gene sang first tenor, but he could sing all parts, and often would switch in the middle of songs. The group toured all the hot spots, which at that time were schools and churches in Ripley, Haywood, Dyer, Crockett, and Covington.

He married his lovely bride, Sylvia Parchman, on April 9, 1955 and she accompanied him on his tours. He sang until he was diagnosed on January 15, 1957, with an illness that stopped his voice, but not his spirit. His music is still very much alive in his heart.

ANGELA CARMACK DEW, left, is a local singer and songwriter. She has had a long-standing dream of breaking into the music world and doors are starting to open, stated Dew. She has cut her first professional CD, "Morris Field" featuring her own songs, which will be out this summer. Angela is the wife of Randy Dew.

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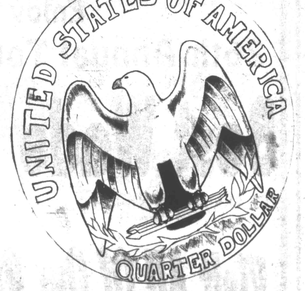
A MOSAIC MURAL, completed by Thomas Earl Anderson, a 2003 graduate of Ripley High School, is displayed near the water garden at RHS. He studied art under the direction of Pam Webb and Kelly Scott. He is attending Austin Peay Sate University. The quarter, pictured, was drawn, along with the front and back of all US currency, for Mrs. Eva Drain for the "When Money Talks" play at Canaan Church



Additional Artists In Lauderdale County

The following artists are a few of the local residents who have been featured in *The Enterprise* over the years, but photos were unavailable for this publication.

The Rev. Joe Barnes, of Lafayette, former pastor of Ripley First Assembly of God Church and Ripley native, has written, "If I Could Preach Just One More Sermon". He autographed copies at Accents Gift Shop in Ripley. The book is a collection of sermons written by ministers from across the State of Tennessee

Vanessa Cain, of Halls, was included in *Chicken Soup For The Working Mom's Soul*. Her essay, *The Button*, was also included in an internationally syndicated column distributed by King Features Syndicate. It appeared in newspapers in states, Canada, Barbados,

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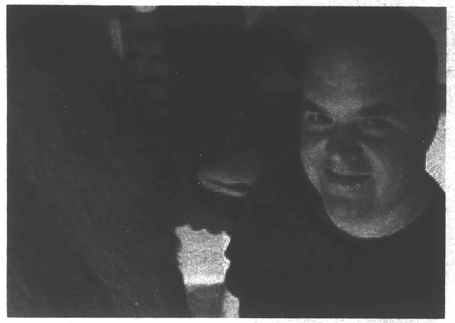

CHRIS PEGG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pegg, of Ripley, is the spirit behind Rockey the Redbird. He has found a career as the anonymous crowd-pleaser from Mascot Central. When the Memphis Redbirds are playing a home game at AutoZone Park, Chris is roaming in foul territory, acting wacky, attracting attention to himself, entertaining young children and adults as their mascot. He was featured in an article by Matthew Fite in the *Commerical Appeal* in May 2009.

Chris' Rockey is one of the character incarnations from his Mascot Central home business. But fans don't see Pegg. They see Rockey the Redbird. Inside the red mascot suit, Pegg is sweating, moving a lot, thinking how to make children happy and adults amused.

When he's not working as a contract employee for Memphis' minor league baseball team, he's running his own company, Mascot Central, which serves the market for mascots.

In recent years, Mascot Central has designed the Commodore mascot for Vanderbilt University; a mascot for Southeast Missouri State University; supplied a mascot, Guru, to minor league baseball teams around the nation; supplied personnel to wear mascot suits for a hotel chain, a cereal maker and other entities; and washed, repaired and stored mascot suits.

Mascot Central works with clients to determine what type of mascot suit is needed, then designs the suit and has it manufactured.

"I sell from a performer's standpoint," Pegg says. Cost of a suit is normally between $3,000 and $8,000.

From January to April, Mascot Central, based in Pegg's home in Arlington, worked with 15 to 25 companies, both local and out of town.

"We're a full-service mascot company," Pegg said.

It's a line of work, Pegg prepared for in college, not in the classroom, but rather at University of Memphis Tigers' basketball and football games.

From 1991 to 1993, he served as the Tigers' mascot, wearing the brightly colored Pouncer suit.

He graduated from the U of M in 1993 and continued his work as a mascot, performing for teams in the NBA, Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, the Memphis Chicks, the Memphis Pharaohs, the Memphis RiverKings and the Dallas Cowboys.

In 1998, he first donned the Rockey the Redbird suit. When the Redbirds needed a mascot, Allie Prescott, then the president and CEO of the ball club, hired Pegg.

"Our entire objective was to make it a major league experience, even though we didn't have a major league franchise," Prescott said.

Pegg contributed to this major-league quality, said Prescott, now senior advisor for Waddell and Associates. Pegg was "very creative and did some things I think some of the major league mascots wish they could have thought of."

In 1999, he launched Mascot Central LLC. His partners in this venture are his wife, Kim Pegg, and Chris Marshall. Besides wearing mascot suits, Pegg is the creative force behind his company. Kevin Benson, an employee, works as a mascot, along with ten others.

Harrison Lampley, the Redbirds' current manager for marketing and promotions, said, "Chris is a professional performer. He brings life to Rockey the Redbird and AutoZone Park with an infinite amount of energy and excitement. And he's always entertaining, as Rockey, or just Pegg. His energy doesn't seem to stop."

When Pegg was a full-time employee of the Redbirds, Mascot Central was a part-time enterprise. Today, it is his full-time job. When he lands a new full-time position, he said, it could again become a part-time venture.

On one occasion, when he was wearing the Rockey the Redbird suit at AutoZone Park, a boy, about 4, fell in the stands and sat there crying. Pegg picked the boy up and his tears stopped. Later, the boy's parents sent Pegg a thank-you note.

"If I can make young children happy," Pegg says, "and make the adults, for three or four seconds, think the character is real and there's not a person inside the costume, I've done my job."

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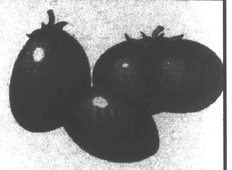

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BACON CHEESE APPETIZERS

Fannie Mae Williams

8 slice bacon, cut in half
½ lb. Cheddar cheese, sharp
Dash cayenne pepper
8 cherry tomatoes, halved

Slice bacon in half. Cut Cheddar cheese in small even cubes. Sprinkle cheese cubes with a dish of cayenne pepper. Wrap bacon slices around each cheese cube. Fasten with wooden picks. Place on a baking sheet or in an ovenproof glass dish. Broil for about 5 minutes, turning over after about 3 minutes or until cheese starts to melt and bacon is cooked to liking. Garnish with cherry tomatoes. Serve as an appetizer with celery or carrot sticks or tortilla or other chips. Serves 4.

BACON TOMATO CUPS

Joyce Wakefield
Do So Club

8 slice bacon, crisply cooked
1 med. tomato, seeded
½ onion
3-oz. Swiss cheese, grates (¾ cup)
½ c. Mayo
1 tsp. dried basil
1 can refrigerated flaky biscuits

Preheat oven to 375°. Coarsely chop bacon, tomatoes and onion with food chopper. Mix all ingredients except biscuits. Set aside. Separate each biscuit into 3 thinner ones. Hand each thin biscuit over a mini muffin pan cup. Press into cup gently. Using a small scoop fill each cup with bacon mixture. Bake 10 - 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 30 appetizers.

BACON, LETTUCE & TOMATO DIP

1 pkg. (8-oz.) cream cheese (softened)
½ c. Ranch salad dressing
1 med. tomato seeded and diced (about ¾ cup)
6 slice of cooked bacon or real bacon bits
½ c. chopped celery
2 T. chopped onion
1 tsp. sugar

Mix together and ready to serve.

BASIL SALSA

2 c. finely chopped tomatoes
¼ c. chopped green onions
1 T. fresh lime juice
1 T. finely chopped fresh cilantro
1 tsp. fresh jalapeño pepper
¼ tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl; stir well. Cover and chill at least three hours. Serve with chicken or turkey or as a dip with chips. Yield: 2 cups.

BLT DIP

Earline Gay

½ c. mayonnaise
1½ c. sour cream
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. onion powder
2 c. chopped arugula stems removed
18 slice cooked bacon, cooled and crumbled
4 tomatoes, diced fine
Melba toast, bread sticks or crackers

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic powder and onion powder in a medium bowl cover. Chill at least 5 hours, up to 24 hrs. Remove from fridge 1 hour ahead of guest arrival. Before serving, stir in chopped arugula, bacon and tomatoes.

BLT PIZZA

2 pkg. crescent rolls
1 c. mayo
2 8-oz. cream cheese
3 green onions
1 large tomato
Lettuce
½ lb. bacon

Spread crescent rolls in pan making sure they are sealed together at splits. Bake at 350°F till browned. Mix mayo & cream cheese, spread on. Mix mayo & cream cheese, spread on. Layer bacon, lettuce & tomato on top. Then top with chopped green onions. For Veg pizza - drop the bacon & lettuce off & add any other raw vegetable --- Broccoli, Cauliflower, carrots, cucumbers, etc.

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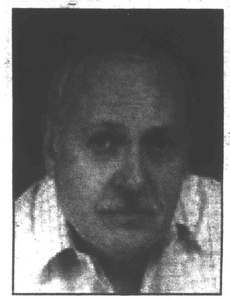

CLARK HOWARD, after a brief stint in a journalism college, worked until 1973 in advertising and public relations firms in Chicago, Ill., Las Vegas, Nev., and Los Angeles, Calif. He had published, by 1970, his third book, *The Doomsday Squad*, dedicated to the late Herbert Feist, manager of Berg & Schafer, "for the friendship he gave to a misplaced boy 20 years ago."

That novel recounted a World War II raid by U.S. forces on a Japanese base in the South Pacific.

Clark has written more than 200 short stories in other areas, but his specialty has been crime fiction.

His mystery stories have won the Edgar Award, a top honor in the field, and four Ellery Queen Readers' Awards. His work has been adapted for film and television, including *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*.

In dedicating the book to Feist, he said, "I was 16 at the time, and working at Berg & Schafer [on the east side of the Square in Ripley].

"I was madly in love, for at least a month, with, of the Miss Ripley 1949 contestants, Virginia Lee Anthony, Jean Brown, Betty Jean Hale, Carolyn Herron, Donnie Jean Garrett, Margie Newman, Norma Nunn, Rosa Lee Stewarf, Shirley Turner, and Betty Sue Volz."

Clark, born in Ripley, June 7, 1934, was soon an orphan in various foster homes on the West Side of Chicago.

He returned to Ripley to graduate from Ripley High School in 1950.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 18 and served as a bazooka gunner, in Korea, earning five deorations.

EIGHTEEN STUDENTS in the classroom of Stephen Korpi at Halls High School, including Kenny Bishop, Shawnee Burris, Brad Cain, Corey Clevenger, Josh Collins, Stephanie Conder, Reginald Glass, Alyssiah Harrell, Bianca Jackson, Curt Latham, Rebecca Morris, Kristen Obie, Tori Pease, Brandon Ray, Kelli Reynolds, Jessica Roberts, Brittany Ward, and Shamona Wells, won the state-wide TDOT Project Orange "Between The Barrels" video contest. Andy Pugh, HHS principal, worked with Tennessee Department of Transportation officials to organize a surprise assembly to honor the students involved in the winning video. Halls' 25 second video was selected from 76 entries across the state. It shows the tragedy that can happen when a group of teenages make a bad decision while traveling through a work zone. The video aired on television stations across the state to spotlight the importance of safe driving in work zones.

"We are so proud of these students for their tremendous efforts creating this safety video. These teens worked very hard and I hope their message helps educate and save the lives of not only their friends but also other teens across Tennessee," said Pugh.

The students recorded a public service announcement message in Memphis at WREG television station and toured the facility. Representatives from the Tennessee Road Builders Association presented $2,500 in gift cards and officials with Bridgestone presented five sets of tires to the group. Collins, Bishop, Obie, Conder, and Ray won the tires.

FRESH TOMATO DIP

Elaine

- 3-oz. cream cheese
- ¼ c. mayonnaise
- 2 clove garlic
- 1 rib celery
- 1 large tomato
- 2 T. lemon juice
- A few drops of hot sauce (optional)

Soften cream cheese and combine all ingredients in blender. Process until smooth. Chill and serve with vegetables or crackers.

FRESH TOMATO SALSA

Betty Chipman

- 4 c. chopped peeled fresh tomatoes (about 2½ lbs.)
- ¼ c. finely chopped onion
- 1 to 4 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 T. olive or vegetable oil
- 1 T. vinegar
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 clove garlic, minced

In a bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well. Let stand for about 1 hour. Serve at room temperature. Cover and store in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. Yield 3-½ cups. A jar of this homemade salsa and a bag of tortilla chips, makes a nice gift for an informal get together. Also try this as a topping for grilled chicken breast.

FRIED HERB TOMATOES

Joyce Wakefield
Do So Club

- 1 large unpeeled tomato
- 1½ c. herb-seasoned stuffing mix, crushed
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 T. oil
- 2 T. (½-oz.) Cheddar cheese, shredded

Slice tomatoes into ¼" slices. Coat tomato slices with stuffing mix, dip in egg and then re coat with stuffing mix. Fry tomato slices in hot oil in a heavy skillet over med-high heat, until browned, turning once. Sprinkle with cheese and serve immediately.

GARLIC TOMATO CREAMIES ★

Jane H. Connell
former FCS Extension Agent

- 3 small ripe tomatoes
- 1 minced garlic clovee
- toast rounds (tomato slice size)
- ¼ c. mayonnaise
- chopped chives
- 5-6 slices crisp bacon crumbled

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Peel and slice tomatoes. Cut as many tomato rounds as toast rounds. Put a slice of tomato on each piece of toast. Mix mayonnaise with garlic. Spread on tomatoes. Broil for 3 minutes, until brown. Sprinkle with chives and bacon. Serves 6.

GAZPACHO DIP

- 3 large ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 3 ripe avocado, chopped
- 4 green onions, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 4.5-oz. can chopped green chilies, undrained
- 1 4-oz. can chopped ripe olives, undrained
- 3 T. canola oil
- 1½ T. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper

Combine first five ingredients and set aside. Combine oil and remaining ingredients. Drizzle over tomato mixture and toss gently. Cover and chill up to 4 hours before serving. Serve with tortilla chips. Yield: 5 cups.

GOOD SEASONS SALSA

- 4 sm. tomatoes, chopped
- 1 3-oz. can sliced black olives, drained
- 1 4-oz. can green chilies, chopped
- 3 green onion, white and green parts, chopped
- 1 pkg. Good Seasons salad dressing mix, prepared according to package directions
- 1 8-oz. pkg. shredded Mexican cheese (Monterey Jack, Cheddar, and other mild cheese combined
- Corn chips scoops (like Fritos Scoops)

In a medium glass bowl, combine the tomatoes, olives, chilies, green onions, and dressing. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Just before servings, stir in the cheese. Serve with corn chip scoops.

GREEN TOMATO PICKLES

Tammy Algood

- small, firm green tomatoes
- 6 stalk celery, cut into 2-inch lengths
- 6 green bell peppers, quartered
- 6 clove garlic
- 2 qt. water
- 1 qt. distilled white vinegar
- 1 c. salt
- Fresh dill to taste

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Pack tomatoes in hot quart jars. To each jar, add 1 clove garlic, 1 celery stalk and the equivalent of 1 bell pepper. Combine water, vinegar and salt. Boil with dill for 5 minutes. Pour over pickles, leaving ½-inch head space. Remove air bubbles, wipe jar rims and adjust lids. Process for 15 minutes in a boiling water bath. Do not use for 6 weeks. Yield: 6 quarts.

GUACAMOLE DIP

Brenda Maclin

- 1-½ mashed ripe avocados
- 2 T. minced onion
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 2 T. finely chopped green chili peppers
- 4 drops Tabasco
- ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 large ripe tomatoes peeled, seeded and chopped

Combine avocado, onion, lemon juice, chili peppers, salt, Worcestershire, Tabasco sauce and garlic. Cook tomatoes in a dry skillet until moisture is absorbed and tomato pieces turn light brown; cool before adding to avocado mixture.

MEXICAN DIP

- 1 lb. beef
- 1 lb. sausage
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 block Mexican Velveeta
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup

Cook beef and sausage together and drain well. In a large pan put cheese, soup and tomatoes together and then add meat and cook till cheese is well melted.

MEXICAN DIP

Dean Davis

- 2 c. refried beans
- 1 c. diced tomatoes and green chilies (Ro-tel)
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 2½ c. shredded Colby Jack cheese
- 1 8-oz. container sour cream
- tortilla chips

Mix taco seasoning mix with refried beans; spread evenly in ungreased 9 x 13 baking dish. Spread tomatoes/chilies evenly over bean mixture. Sprinkle cheese evenly over last layer. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 350° or until cheese is melted and mixture is bubbly. Spoon sour cream over top and serve with tortilla chips. Serves 8 to 10. Option: Top with diced jalapeño peppers, black olives, lettuce, tomatoes, etc.

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TKS Fitness Center - 200 Knee St. Hosted by Lauderdale Chamber/ECD & City of Ripley

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

26th Annual Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony.....10:00 a.m.
Main Stage: State & Local Officials, Tomato Farmer of the Yr., local entertainment

Celebrating 26 years of the Lauderdale County Tomato Exhibition.....8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Bank of Ripley Lobby, Court Square - exhibit runs thru 7/31

Tomato Tasting (tickets $5.00) .....11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
1st Baptist Church Family Life Center, Sponsor: FCE Clubs of Lauderdale County
*(Shuttle available 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m. - Ripley City Park) * Sponsored by Delta Human Resource Agency)*

Tomato Contest (entry deadline is 12 p.m. noon on July 10th) .....1:00 p.m.
Regions Bank Hwy. 51, Judging: biggest, oddest shape, color, taste. Bring entries to
Regions anytime between Wednesday, July 8th and 12 p.m. noon July 10th.

Tribute to the Oldies (Scott & Ronnie Nelson) .....6:30-7:30 p.m.
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

HEADLINE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Saturday, July 11th

5K Run/Walk ..... 7:00 a.m.
Race begins at BMH Lauderdale front parking lot Sponsor: BMH Lauderdale & First Citizens Nat'l Bank

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

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

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

Celebrating 26 years of the Lauderdale Co. Tomato Exhibition..... 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. noon
Bank of Ripley Lobby, Hwy. 51 location - exhibit runs thru 7/31

Tennessee T's Exhibition (old model T Ford Cars)..... 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Ripley City Park

Methodist Market ..... 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Activities Building, downtown
*(Shuttle available 10:30am—2pm - Ripley City Park) * Sponsored by Delta Human Resource Agency)*

Dayton Gay (Gospel)..... 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

David Smith (Gospel/Singing Fireman)..... 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Tomato Festival Saturday Salad ($6.00/plate)..... 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Activities Building, downtown
*(Shuttle available I0:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - Ripley City Park) * Sponsored by Delta Human Resource Agency)*

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

Frog Jump Quartet (Gospel) www.frogjumpers.com..... 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

TNT (The New Testimonies) www.thenewtestimonies.com..... 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

Derek McDaniel www.derekmcdaniel.com..... 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Remnant www. remnantmusic. org..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Break - Set Up for Main Stage Entertainment ..... 5:30-7:00 p.m.

HEADLINE ENTERTAINMENT

Burning Las Vegas www.burninglasveqas.com.....7:00-11:00 p.m.
Main Stage, Ripley City Park

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

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

Sincerely,

Rod Schuh

Rod Schuh
County Mayor

BARBARA WALKER, of Ripley, is known for her fine porcelain paintings. In 2008, she was featured in the Dyersburg's *State Gazette* during an exhibit of her art at Dyersburg State Community College. She received special certification by the Tennessee Board of Regents to teach porcelain painting for full college credit for eight years at DSCC before she resigned to take the position of president of International Porcelain Artists and Teachers Inc. in 1990, where she served until 1992. She still serves the association as an instructor and has earned the title of Board Member Emeritus for her many years of service. While at DSCC, she worked as a media specialist and shared her techniques with the students for several years. Barbara has since traveled the globe to teach and learn the art of painting on fine porcelain.

One look at the vases, platters, limoges boxes, ginger jars, tiles and tea sets leaves no doubt of the quality of Walker's work, but her miniature portraits, such as the one of Wood Bell, Choctaw leader, captivate with their lifelike quality and minute detail. She paints on hard porcelain, imported from Japan, China, Germany, or France, not ceramics. Hard china was discovered in 10th century China.

She definers herself as a certified master artist and master teacher. She began painting in high school art class and proper painting of porcelain in 1975. Barbara took classes at the Hobby Center, Memphis College of Art, the University of Memphis, and Dyersburg State Community College. She has published her own book, "A Porcelain Artist's Interpretation of Oriental Brush Stroke Painting". Her subject matter is quite varied but she specializes in portraiture, both miniatures on porcelain and large oils on canvas.

"My main interest, my love is miniature portraits," said Walker.

Pieces of all sizes and subjects were displayed in the exhibit, including Walker's annual limited-edition Christmas ornament. This was the 24th year that she produced a limited-edition, hand-painted Christmas ornament, usually making about 40. Hand-painted, they are all slightly different

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Portrait of Wood Bell, Choctaw Leader

Cotton

Still Life- Zinnias with Glass Bowl

Fruit Painting On Porcelain Tile

versions of the same design.

Walker has a studio in her Ripley home where she paints pieces for herself and for commission. She holds classes and hosts workshops with fellow artists from around the world in her studio and travels regularly to show her work and instruct others. She teaches two days a week but can paint six hours a day. She has students from Covington, Dyer, Memphis, Union City, Jackson and two local students.

She has taught seminars in Texas and Louisiana, and traveled to Florida in January to teach and participate in the Florida State Porcelain Painting Show. She was also one of the demonstrating artists and teachers in Nashville at the International Porcelain Artists and Teachers Inc.'s first Tennessee show.

A urn with a child pictured won a gold ribbon at the Southern Regional in Memphis.

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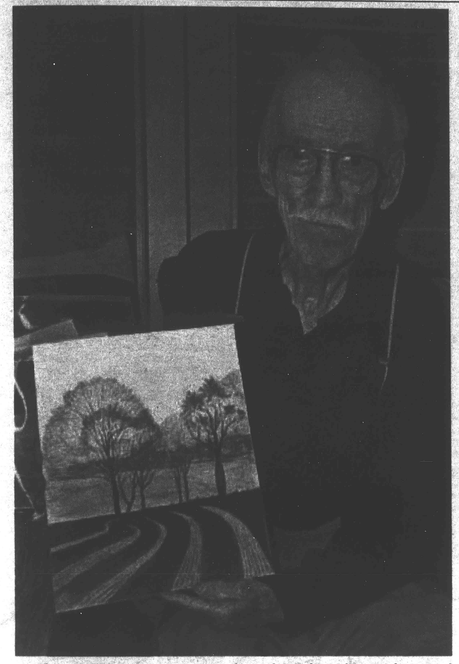

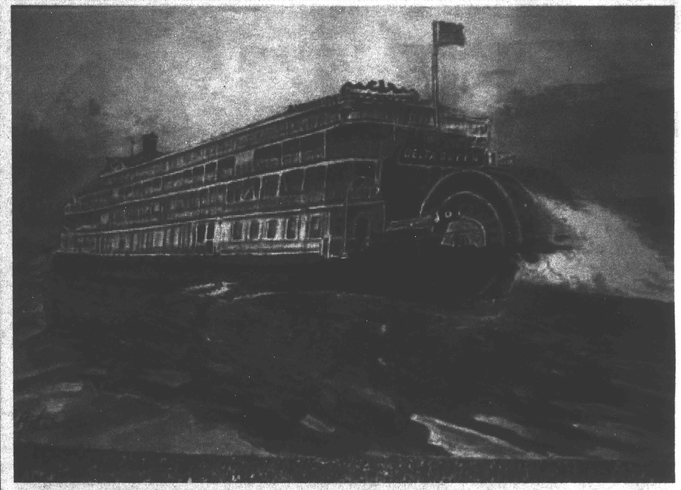

JOHN BUTTERWORTH, of Ripley, has been featured twice in Covington's *The Leader* for his artwork. He has given more than 50 years to develop his talent. Butterworth said he began drawing at the age of 4 or 5-years old while staying with his grandmother in Georgia. "I started drawing things I saw on grandmother's porch in south Georgia," said Butterworth. "Whatever she had up on that rock banister, like a pot of flowers or coke bottles. She had flowers all over the yard."

While the mainly self-taught artist starting drawing at an early age, he didn't start painting until he had reached college and seminary school.

"I took one art class when I was attending Rhodes College in 1953," explained Butterworth. "But that's all the formal training

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I've had." He has always loved to paint but had to stop when he was teaching at Ripley High School.

"I began painting in my seminary days but I had no time when I started teaching," said the retired educator. "I started back up in 1984 with the encouragement of my wife, Frances."

"When I saw how talented he was, I had to encourage him to start painting again," said Frances. "I asked him to make me a painting of Kenny Rogers and Vince Gill. He's also painted all the grandchildren."

Butterworth likes to paint from photographs, but has painted from memory occasionally.

"I've done a few pictures of Beale Street from memory that turned out pretty good," said Butterworth.

"He sold a lot of those," said Frances. "He made them with stick people window shopping and they just started selling."

Butterworth said he originally used to paint with oils, but they got to be too expensive for him, so he switched to watercolors and now he sometimes uses acrylics.

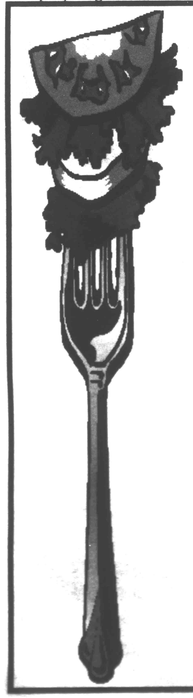
"I started using watercolor pencils about fours years ago," he said. "They are a lot easier to use, especially when making thin lines."

He's had some problems with his eyesight, which has impacted his ability to do consignment work for customers.

"I feel good when I paint," he stated. "I feel like I've accomplished something. My lifestyle has slowed way down, so painting had become my entertainment and I love it."

"Painting is good for him," added Frances. "His eyesight has really gotten him nervous, especially when he paints for someone else. He's such a perfectionist. But it relaxes him and gives him something to do."

His artwork is on display at Dyersburg State Community College until Aug. 15th, courtesy of DSCC and the Tipton County Arts League.



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BONITA FULLEN, of Ripley, uses dry water color as her medium. She studied under Margie Stewart and the late Herbie Feist. Bonita has been painting since an early age and enjoys painting scenery, barns, homes, and flowers. While she does not sell her artwork for profit, she donates some to charity or as gifts. She paints for family and friends, but mostly for fun.

Bonita is a member of the Lauderdale County Council of Arts, which is responsible for bringing the Germantown Symphony to Ripley for the Pops in the Park annual concert. The Arts Council also produces theater performances, featuring local "actors".

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Columbia, and South America reaching an estimated circulation of 2.8 million readers.

Angel Smith, daughter of Samantha Terry, of Ripley, was selected as a member of the Memphis Symphony Youth Orchestra. A fifth grade student at Ripley Elementary School, she will play the violin for the orchestra and will perform in different concert halls. She has been involved in music since the age of seven.

Tramarqus Brown was named the winner of the 2007 Congressional Art Competition for the county, while a senior at Ripley High School. His winning entry, "Range Rover", a pencil drawing, was entered into the District judging.

Brenda Roberts, of Halls, is the author of *The Zebra Means A Lot To. Me.*

Joan Hartman, of Ripley, is the author of *Sam's Cookie,* written after a Halloween cookie tragedy.

The late Irene Chipman wrote a book about "Golddust" featuring her memories and recollections.

Rip Gooch wrote of his military service and visited Ripley to sign copies of his book.

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DIANNE NEAL MATTHEWS, of Seymour, Ill., daughter of Thomas and Pamelia Neal, of the Hurricane Hill community, returned to Ripley in 2006 to autograph copies of *Classic Christmas: True Stories of Holiday Cheer and Goodwill*, a compilation of stories from several authors. Her story, *The Perfect Gift*, originally appeared in 'Focus on the Family' magazine in December 2000. All of the stories in the book take place in small towns. Ten of the stories, including Dianne's, are followed by a two-page profile of the town they are set in. While visiting her family, she visited the Lauderdale County Library and conducted research. After she returned to Illinois, she spoke with Susan Todd at the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, who answered questions and mailed brochures about Ripley. Dianne gathered as much background, about Ripley, as she could. The editor chose which facts were included.

Born and reared in Lauderdale County, her father raised cotton, drove a school bus, and worked at the Farm Store for many years. Her parents attend Durhamville Baptist Church. She attended school in Ripley for grades 1-4, Henning Grammar, for grades 5-8, and was a 1970 graduate of Ripley High School. Dianne received a degree in Liberal arts in 1974 from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a master's of education degree from Memphis State in 1977.

Her brothers, Tom, Phillip, and John, reside in Ripley. Tom and Phillip are teachers at Ripley High School and John is employed by American Greetings.

Her husband, Richard, was reared in Memphis. The couple met while at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They have lived in the Champaign-Urbana area, after Richard began a job at a nuclear power plant in Clinton, Ill., in 1982. They have two sons, Eric and Kevin, a daughter, Holly, and a granddaughter, Lacey.

Dianne has been writing since 1999. Her first book, *The One Year On This Day*, was released by Tyndale House Publishers in October 2005. She stated the book was a challenge and she rose to the occasion and felt she accomplished her goal, although she did not do it alone. "It was a result of many years of Bible study, of people who had been my Bible study leaders, friends that encourage me and prayed for me," said Dianne.

"I grew up in West Tennessee and received a bachelor's in psychology and English from the University of Tennessee at Martin (where I met my future husband). A few years later I earned a master's of education from the University of Memphis. Richard and I have lived in east central Illinois since 1982. In 1999 I began writing professionally after attending my first conference, Write-to-Publish in the Chicago area. Since then, I've written newspaper features and op-ed columns, magazine articles, and devotionals for websites, church bulletins, and publications such as The Quiet Hour.

"Tyndale House published my first book in 2005, *The One Year On This Day*. *The One Year Women of the Bible was published in September 2007*. I also contributed a story to the bestselling anthology, *Classic Christmas: True Stories of Holiday Cheer and Goodwill*," said Matthews.

Her awards include recognition by the Illinois Press Association and a Roaring Lambs Award from the Amy Foundation. In 2006, she received the Writer of the Year Award at the Write-to-Publish Conference. The judges declared the heft amount of research, strong writing, creativity, and excellent take-away value, was a gargantuan task of creating the 365 devotionals based on significant events and tying them to an appropriate Scripture.

Besides writing, she speaks and teaches at conferences whenever she gets the opportunity and is a 2006 CLASS graduate (Christian Leaders, Authors, and Speakers Services), a member of AWSA (Advanced Writers and Speakers Association), Christian Authors Network, Toastmasters International, and the online group, The Writers' View.

SAVORY HERB CHEESECAKE

Carolyn Simpson

Crust:
¾ c. each pecans and dry seasoned bread crumbs
3 T. light stick butter (use Land O' Lakes)

Filling:
2 8-oz. ea. bricks ½-less-fat cream cheese (Neufchatel), softened
1 11-oz. log goat cheese, softened
1 c. reduced-fat sour cream
¼ c. grated Parmesan
3 large eggs
½ c. oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained, finely chopped
1-½ T. each snipped fresh dill and chives
1 T. chopped fresh thyme leaves
Grated zest and juice from 1 lemon
2 tsp. minced garlic
Garnish: with fresh dill sprigs and cherry tomatoes

Heat oven to 350°F. Line the bottom of an 8 x 3-in. springform pan with nonstick foil and coat sides with nonstick spray. Crust: Pulse pecans and bread crumbs in food processor until nuts are finely ground. Add butter; pulse until mixture forms moist, coarse crumbs. Press onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until crust is set and pale golden. Cool on wire rack. Raise over temperature to 425°F. Filling: Beat cream cheese goat cheese, sour cream and Parmesan in a large bowl with mixer on medium speed until creamy. Beat in eggs until smooth, then remaining filling ingredients until incorporated. Pour into prepared crust and smooth the top. Place pan in oven; reduce temperature to 325°F. Bake 45 to 50 minutes until light golden on top and set in the middle. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cover and refrigerate. To serve, let cheesecake come to room temperature. Remove sides from pan; slide cheesecake from bottom of pan onto serving plate, removing foil. Garnish with dill and cherry tomato halves. *Cheesecake can prepared and baked up to 1 week ahead of time and refrigerated.

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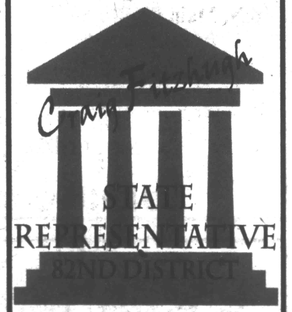
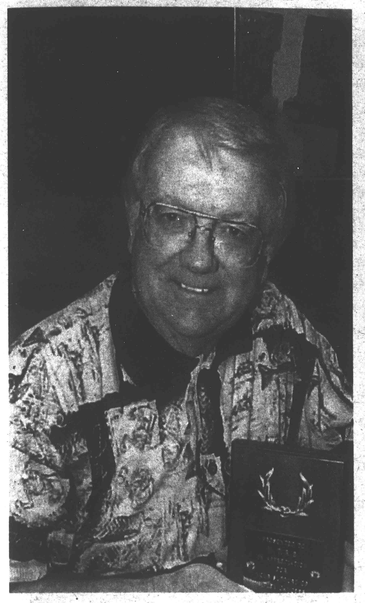
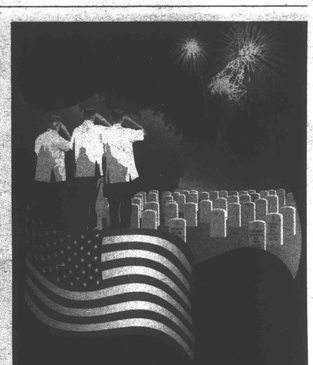




DON PARIS, long-time voice on WTRB AM-1570 radio station, was honored with an Appreciation Night reception in May 2007 after his many years of service to Ripley and Lauderdale County.

After approximately 50 years as the voice of Rip-ley, not only on WTRB, but also emceeing various community functions, pageants, Special Olympics, and much more, he announced his official retirement, due to health problems. He began his employment at WTRB, at the age of 15.

His wife, Anne, retired from teaching and head of Special Olympics. After 39 years of teaching special education in Lauderdale and Tipton counties, she spear-headed the county's effort in Special Olympics for approximately 30 years.



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DANNY B. KING, formerly of Ripley, transformed his life when he took guitar and pen in hand to spead the good news of the risen Lord. His musical background is a product of his diverse performances in various choirs, churches and tours with his own band. His hit, "The Great I Am", has two national releases, both of which climbed the national charts.

JANE WILEY, of Halls, has served the county with her artistic talents by sharing her love of God and His blessings. She provides sign language translations for musical performances. She is featured on YouTube with her interpretation of *"Revelation"*, filmed a guest who visited Mrs. Wiley and showed the video to their minister. The video was posted by New Generation Ministries and has over 150 hits so far.

In a car accident in 2005, she is still recovering from a broken back and other injuries. She was told that she may never walk again. She has since proved the doctor's wrong. A few months after the accident, in which her husband, Wendell, was seriously injured as well, their son, Brad, suffered a near fatal cerebral hemorrhage. Wendell was diagnosed with cancer patient afterwards and still cared for his family.

They do not let their illnesses stop them. Mrs. Wiley started the Caring Heart Ministries, which provides loving messages to the nursing home and hospitals. Each Christmas, they distribute Christmas cards to the residents, some who would otherwise never receive anything.

SUN-DRIED TOMATO PIZZA SNACK MIX

2 c. wheat cereal squares
2 c. unsweetened puffed corn cereal
2 c. crispy rice cereal
2 c. square mini cereal crackers
1 c. roasted sunflower seeds
1 T. grated Parmesan cheese
1 T. butter
2 tsp. Italian seasoning
1-½ tsp. garlic powder
½ c. tomato sauce
1 tsp. balsamic vinegar
¼ tsp. salt
8 - 9 sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, diced

Preheat oven to 250°F. Spray a 15 x 9-inch baking pan with a nonstick cooking spray. Combine cereals, cheese crackers and sunflower seed in a large bowl; set aside. Combine cheese, butter, oil, Italian seasoning and garlic powder in medium bowl. Microwave at high 1 to 1-½ minutes until foaming and herbs release their aromas. Stir in tomato sauce, vinegar, sugar and salt. Pour over cereal mixture; stir well to coat. Place in prepared pan and spread in single layer. Bake 55 to 60 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Stir in sun-dried tomatoes 15 minutes before finishing baking. Cool in pan on wire rack about 2 hours, leaving uncovered until mixture is crisp and tomato pieces have lost their moisture. Store in airtight container or resealable plastic food storage bag. Makes 7 cups.

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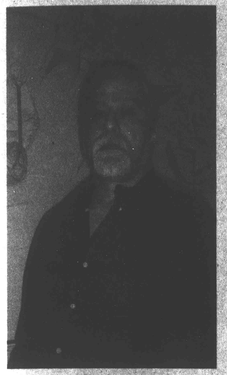
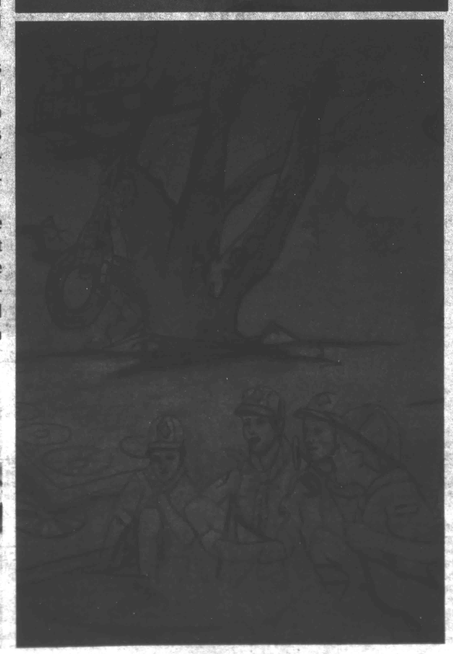
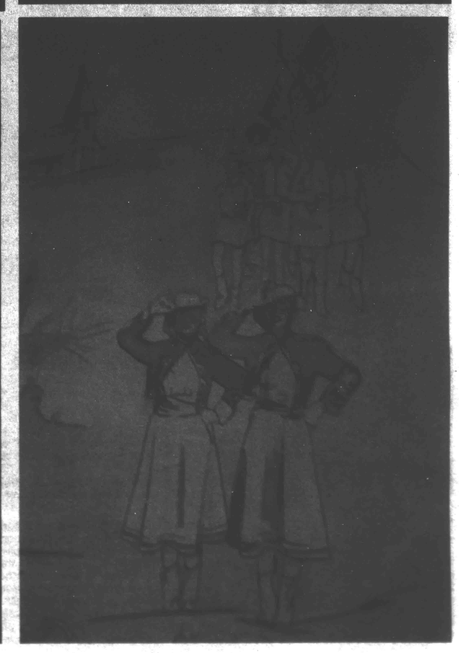


EMBRA ANDERSON, of Ripley, began drawing and painting in the second grade. He took art classes for four years at Ripley High School and attended Memphis College of Art for two. He began his career as an artist by creating sign productions for businesses in Memphis and the surrounding counties. His mural, gracing the wall in the main lobby of the Bank of Ripley, features many local Riplians, including Rufus Smith, 1984 RHS band field commanders, Lorie Carroll and Donna Swope, and Mrs. Oletta Wynn. The mural was completed in sepia using oil paint and was completed in one week. The portrait of his daughter, Katherine, is pictured. He specializes in portraits, people, their homes, and pets. A painting of the Last Supper is displayed at the Olympic Steak House and a painting of the Memphis Pyramid in in the Mudd Island Museum in Downtown Memphis.





Art work by Embra Anderson

TOMATO SPINACH SPREAD

1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
⅓ c. milk
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
2 med. tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 10-oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
1 sm. onion, finely chopped

PITA TRIANGLES:

1 T. butter, melted
1 T. olive oil
6 whole pita breads
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning

In a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, milk, salt and cayenne until smooth. Stir in the tomatoes, spinach and onion. Spoon into an ungreased microwave-safe 9-inch pie plate. Microwave, uncovered, on high to 5 minutes or until heated through, stirring once. Meanwhile, combine butter and oil; brush over both sides of pita's. Cut each pita into eight wedges; place on ungreased baking sheet. Combine cumin and lemon-pepper; sprinkle over both sides of wedges. Broil 4-in. from the heat for 2 - 3 minutes on each side or until lightly browned. Serve with spread. Yield: 4 cups (4 doz.) pita triangles.

BLACK EYED PEA SOUP

Fannie Williams

5 to 6 slice bacon, fried and cut into small pieces
1 c. onion, chopped
2 T. jalapeño, chopped
1 clove garlic
1 tsp. sugar
Pinch of salt and pepper
2 15-oz. can broth
4 15-oz. can black eyed peas, drained
3 c. cheddar cheese
1 c. chopped tomatoes

Fry bacon in kettle until brown. Add onions, jalapeño, garlic, sugar, salt and pepper. In bacon drip over heat for 5 minutes. Add broth, peas, tomatoes and stir. Simmer for 15 minutes. Before serving, add cheese.

BLACK-EYED PEA SALAD

1 can black-eyed peas, drained
Lettuce, chopped
1 bunch green onions, chopped (tops and all)
1 bell pepper, chopped
Chopped ripe tomatoes (add last)
Coleslaw dressing
Salt to taste

Mix all ingredients. Add the tomatoes last.

BILL BUTNER, Lauderdale County native and harpist, comes from a musical family on both sides (Wiseman and Butner). Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sister are all musicians. The Wisemans were on the Grand Ole Opry for years.

In the 1930's, his parents were part of a country/bluegrass family group on the Opry. Bill grew up on a farm, the son of Bill and Mary Sue Butner. All the kids had to sing and play instruments. At three years old, he would sit on his father's knee sing and play the mandolin. While in high school, in Ripley, he would play different instruments on the Ripley radio on Saturdays with his family. They did not want him to make music a life's work. They wanted him to work at a job, where he could make a living. He came to Memphis in 1960 to attend college for a couple of years, served four years in the Air Force, and then returned to finish college at the University of Memphis.

Bill retired as a civil service comptroller of the Navy base at Millington and then worked at the Memphis Area Teachers' Credit Union.

He studied harp at Southwestern University (now Rhodes College) and practiced six to seven hours a day while learning the instrument. After two years, he was "thrown into the symphony" where he is principal harpist with the Germantown Symphony, Jackson Symphony, and Dyersburg, Symphony. He has been guest harpist in a number of other orchestras throughout Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

He has given solo programs in small country towns, toured with the Shirley Jones Show with two performances at Carnegie Hall and two weeks performing throughout the Scandinavian countries and Russia.

He accompanied Lucy Ball, Morgan Freeman, Maureen McGovern, Sandi Patty, and Della Reese and appeared on "Oprah" and "Today Show".

He performed a number of years with the "Miss Tennessee Pageant" and traveled to other states and played shows with Mary Ann Mobley (Miss America).

Bill has played backup music for singers when recording, has perfonned in Branson, Mo., played backup music for three LOVE BOAT movies in Hollywood, and many musicals including "Gigi".

He performed at the White House for a luncheon for top Navy ofticials with President Bill and Hillary Clinton.

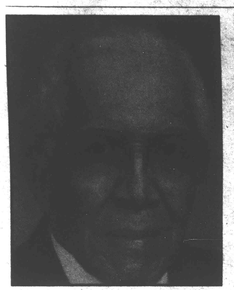
Bill performs two or three times a week whether it is weddings, parties, concerts and playing in schools for children and on Sunday mornings.

He plays two services with a 30-piece Memphis Symphony Ensemble at the Central Church in Memphis.

It is true, according to Butner, that at 10 years old, he picked cotton at Toulon alongside Tina Turner.

COTTON CHOPPERS, 1932, included in front, from left, Robbie Jones, D.T. Turner, and Mary Susan Wiseman Butner; and in rear, from left, Lonnie Tucker and Edgar Langley.

THE WISEMAN STRING BAND was a featured series of programs on WTJS station in Jackson in 1939. The programs were heard each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and were presented by a group of progressive merchants in Ripley including, Tick's Cafe, Chism Esso Service Station, Farmers Union Bank, Shirley's Beauty Shop, Dunlap's Radio Shop, Drake Brothers, Thompson Brothers Company, C.C. Partee Company, Repairing and Trading Company and Ripley Funeral Home.



THE LATE FRED MONTGOMERY, former mayor of the Town of Henning, published his book, *Find The Good In People* about his childhood and the family and friends along with way.

Montgomery grew up going in back doors and using restrooms marked "colored." Montgomery saw lots of changes in his hometown of Henning. Most notable is that he was called "mayor."

For Montgomery, whose boyhood friends included writer, Alex Haley, work had been a way of life. He spent many hours sharecropping with his 12 brothers and sisters. Later he toiled on the railroad, then became a plumber. He and wife, Ernestine, raised 11 children. When he reached retirement age, the work continued. He became curator of the Alex Haley Museum when he was 66 and was elected mayor when he was 71.

"I always felt like I would be somebody one day. No matter how tough things got, I believed I could overcome," Montgomery said.

Helping the racially mixed town, he called home his entire life, overcome the racial divide that separated it for much of its existence was a key component of his life.

It wasn't always that way. In fact, Montgomery himself felt a strong animosity toward whites until he was 61. It took the drowning of a second son and his own failed suicide attempt to change him: "I believe God left me here to be a servant to the people, both black and white, and to treat them honest and fair."

Montgomery grew up on the outskirts of town. His family was poor, like most area blacks, and often struggled to put food on the table. Montgomery recalls the time his father killed a small quail that served as dinner for the family of 14. The only other edible item in the house was flour. As always, his mother worked a minor miracle: "She cut that bird into little pieces, cooked it and then poured flour and water into another skillet to make gravy. It wasn't a lot. But after praying over it, our bellies were as tight as though we had eaten a feast."

Still, it was a hard existence. The owners of the land on which he and his siblings picked cotton required them to meet quotas that left them little time for school. When they did attend the all-black, one-room school, they tried to absorb all the knowledge they could with the hope it would lead to better lives: "It's hard to describe just how deep our dreams were. We all talked about what we were going to be when we grew up."

Among his classmates was Haley. The two became close friends. As teenagers they spent much time at Haley's home, sometimes collaborating on love letters to their girlfriends. Montgomery was not as good a writer and left the prose to Haley, who eventually moved away and joined the Coast Guard, where he continued writing love letters for shipmates.

Haley's aunt, Elizabeth Murray, taught many of the local youngsters. She was very strict but respected: "Back then, there was no such thing as raising your voice or a hand to a teacher. When I said my prayers at night, I would ask blessings for my mother, my father and then my teacher. They were that highly thought of."

When he was 16, Montgomery dropped out of school and married his sweetheart, Ernestine. They had six sons and five daughters. Montgomery worked on the railroad for $2.20 an hour and took odd jobs to make ends meet. One of them involved plumbing, which he liked so much he started his own business. In just a few years, Montgomery had earned enough money to buy his own trucks and expand the business outside Henning. In 1962, when things seemed to be at their best, tragedy hit when one of Montgomery's sons drowned.

"I remember thinking, 'Lord, if something like this happens to one of mine again, I don't know what I'll do,'" he says. Following the death, Montgomery threw himself into his work. He also decided to get involved in politics, winning election as an alderman: "It gave me a voice to talk for the people and get things done."

JIMMIE WISEMAN'S HILLBILLY BAND, November 24, 1939, included, in front, from left, Robbie Wiseman Jones, Basil Jones, and Mary Susan Wiseman Butner; and in rear, from left, Bill Brake, Bill Butner, James Northcott, and James Wiseman.

Montgomery suffered another painful blow in 1978 when a second son drowned. He was devastated and attempted suicide:

"I got on a bridge and tried to drive off the edge, but the steering wheel wouldn't turn. It just would not turn." The next morning, when he went into town, a number of people offered condolences. Some were white, and that led Montgomery to change his attitude.

"Grown white men came up to me and hugged me with tears running down their face," Montgomery says. "It really put me in a state of knowing and believing that white people cared as well."

With a new view on race, Montgomery ran for mayor.

Montgomery won, garnering more votes than both of his white opponents combined. His election helped unite the town, which had kept schools segregated until the early 1970's.

In addition to his mayoral duties, Montgomery served as the curator and main tour guide of the Alex Haley Museum. Haley, the author of the landmark book Roots who died in 1991, had asked him to oversee the museum. Montgomery enjoyed giving tours because they afforded him the chance to highlight Haley's life and key moments in black American history. He also stressed the importance of education.

2009 Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Royalty Crowned

SHERIDAN SINCLAIR, daughter of Sherri Morris and Bill Sinclair, was crowned Miss Lauderdale County during the Tomato Festival pageant held March 7th. Her court included Cassie King, first maid, daughter of Melody King and Joey and Pam King, Ashton Smith, second maid, daughter of Johny and Stacey Allen; and Ginny Hankins, third maid, daughter of Paul and Lisa Hankins.

CELESTE KIESTLER, daughter of Allan and Tammy Kiestler, was crowned Miss Lauderdale County Teen. Her court included Shelby Tatum, first maid, daughter of Jonathan and Paula Tatum; Kelsey Latham, second maid, daughter of Kelly Yuhas and Mike Latham; and Madison Deloach, third maid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Deloach.

AMBRIA PLATZKE, daughter of Gail Lane and Robert Platzke, was crowned Miss Lauderdale County Jr. Miss. Her court incldued Sara Ann Davidson, first maid, daughter of Keith and Melissa Davidson; Marcia Garrett, second maid, daughter of Gaston Garrett and Jennifer Emerson; and Alicia Jenkins, third maid, daughter of Rick and Donna Jenkins.

CALLEIGH PITTMAN, daughter of Anna Dailey and Alan Pittman, was crowned Little Miss Tomato Babe. Her court included Kylie Pridmore, princess, daughter of April and Kenny Pridmore, and Olivia Garrett, maid, daughter of Greg and Melissa Garrett.

BROCCOLI TOMATO SALAD

1 large bunch broccoli, separated into florets
2 large tomatoes, cut into wedges
¾ c. sliced fresh mushrooms
2 green onions, sliced
*** DRESSING:**
¾ c. olive or vegetable oil
⅓ c. tarragon or cider vinegar
2 T. water
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt, optional
¾ tsp. dried thyme
1 clove garlic, minced
½ tsp. celery seed
½ tsp. Italian seasoning
½ tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning
¼ tsp. paprika
¼ tsp. ground mustard

Cook broccoli in a small amount of water for 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Rinse with cold water and drain. Place in large bowl; add tomatoes, mushrooms and onions. Combine dressing ingredients in a jar with a tight fitting lid; shake well. Pour over salad; toss gently. Cover and chill for 1 hour. Serve with slotted spoon.

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CHILI

½ lb. ground beef
1 med. onion, chopped medium fine
1 can peeled tomatoes
½ green pepper, chopped
1 can dark red kidney beans
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ tsp. ground oregano
2 T. flour stirred in ½ C. tomato juice or water
¼ tsp. thyme
½ tsp. chili powder

In an oiled fry pan, brown ground beef and onion. In casserole dish mix all ingredients together. (You may sprinkle finely crushed crackers and dabs of butter on top.) Bake in a conventional oven at 400° for 45 minutes. At the same time, bake as many potatoes as you wish to eat. Make a simple salad or serve carrot sticks to complete the meal. Warm up the casserole and potatoes for the second day. This recipe will serve two adults for two days.

CORN RELISH SALAD

2 c. fresh or frozen corn
3 med. tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 med. green pepper, diced
½ c. chopped red onion
½ c. sliced celery
1 can (2-¼-oz.) sliced ripe olives, drained
1 jar (6-½-oz.) marinated artichoke hearts, undrained
¼ c. reduced-fat Italian salad dressing
5 fresh basil leaves, finely chopped or 1 tsp. dried basil
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. dried oregano
¼ tsp. lemon pepper seasoning

In a large bowl, combine the first six ingredients. In another bowl, combine the artichokes, salad dressing, basil, garlic powder, oregano and lemon-pepper. Add to corn mixture and toss gently. Cover and refrigerator for at least 6 hours before serving. YIELD: 10 servings.

CORN-TOMATO SALAD

¼ c. lime juice
1 T. honey
1 Jalapeño chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped
3 T. snipped fresh cilantro, or 1 Tbs. snipped fresh mint
¼ tsp. salt
6 fresh ears of corn, hushed and cleaned; or 3 cups frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
1-½ c. baby spinach leaves
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
¾ c. seeded, chopped cucumber

In a large bowl, whisk together lime juice and honey until well combined. Stir in jalapeño pepper, cilantro, and salt. Carefully cut corn kernels off cob, do not cook. Add to lime juice mixture. Stir in spinach, tomato, and cucumber. Serve immediately.

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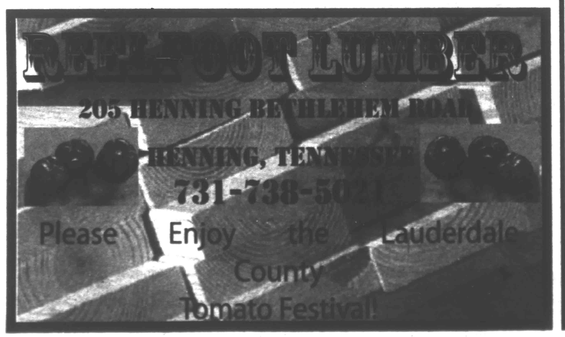

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2009 Lauderdale County Tomato Festival Royalty Crowned

ASHTON PIPKIN, son of Jerry and Brandy Barham and Thomas Pipkin, was crowned king and Britney Harris, daughter of Marty and Debbie Harris, queen, in the Lauderdale County Jr. King and Queen. Their court included Madison Kayanna, princess, daughter of Randy and Kim Paris, and Ailee Adkerson, maid, daughter of John Adkerson and Kelli Adkerson.

BROCK GARRETT, son of Greg and Melissa Garrett, was crowned Little Mr. Tomato Babe. His court included Blake Kirby, prince, son of Trey and Jessica Kirby, Neyian Walker, prince, son of Tommy and Millie Walker, and Austin Buckner, page, son of Stephen and Abby Buckner.

JARED BELL, son of Curtis and Elizabeth Bell, was crowned king and Kaylee England, daughter of Andy and Kelly England, queen, in the Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County. Their court included Braden Eastep, prince, son of Steven and Marissa Eastep; Makenzie Vowell, princess, daughter of Brian and Kimberly Vowell and Breanna Shelton, maid, daughter of David and Kim Shelton.

MAKE AHEAD MEXICAN SALAD

1 16-oz. bag iceberg lettuce mix
1 15-oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
4 med. tomatoes, chopped
1 c. thick/chunky salsa
½ c. reduced-fat sour cream
1 c. 2% milk shredded reduced fat Colby & Monterey Jack Cheese
2 green onions, sliced
2 c. broken baked tortilla chips

Layer lettuce, beans and tomato in 4 ½ qt. serving bowl. Mix salsa and sour cream. Spread over salad to seal; sprinkle with cheese and onions. Cover; refrigerate several hours or overnight. Sprinkle with chips just before serving; toss lightly.

MARINATED SLICE TOMATOES

Mae Dunaway

4 large sliced tomatoes
¼ c. cooking oil
1 tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. minced garlic
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. oregano

Peel and slice tomatoes. Combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour over tomatoes and chill for at least 1 hour. Makes 8 - 10 servings.

DELI-STYLE PASTA SALAD

Angela Thurmon
Do So Club

8-oz. uncooked rotelle pasta
½ c. Wish-Bond Italian Dressing
⅓ c. Hellmann's or Best Foods Dijonnaise Creamy Dijon Mustard
4-oz. deli or cooked ham, cut into strips
4-oz. Swiss cheese, cut into strips
2 med. tomatoes, diced
1 med. cucumber, peeled, seeded and sliced
½ c. slice green onions
½ c. sliced pimento-stuffed green olives (optional)

Cook rotelle according to package directions; drain and rinse with cold water until completely cool. In large bowl, combine Dressing with Hellmann's or Best Foods Dijonnaise Creamy Dijon Mustard. Add remaining ingredients; toss to coat. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

FIRE AND ICE TOMATOES

6 large tomatoes cut into quarters
1 onion, sliced and separated into rings
1 bell pepper, julienned
¾ c. vinegar
¼ c. cold water
1-½ tsp. mustard seeds
1-½ tsp. celery seeds
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. red pepper
⅛ tsp. black pepper

Toss the tomatoes, onions and bell pepper in a heatproof bowl. Combine the vinegar, cold water, mustard seeds, sugar, celery salt, salt, red pepper and black pepper in a saucepan and mix well. Bring to a boil. Boil for 1 minute, stirring occasionally. Pour the hot vinegar mixture over the tomato mixture and mix gently. Chill, covered, for several hours. You may store, covered, in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 days. Serves 6 to 8.

GREEN AND RED TOMATO SALAD

⅓ c. olive oil
3 T. red wine vinegar
2 T. lemon juice
1 clove garlic, minced
½ tsp. ground cumin
⅛ tsp. pepper
3 med. red tomatoes, diced
3 med. green tomatoes, diced
1 med. red onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings
3 T. minced fresh basil

In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the oil, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, cumin and pepper; shake well. Refrigerate. In a large salad bowl, combine the tomatoes, onion and basil. About 30 minutes before serving, drizzle with dressing and toss to coat.

Recipes

These Paul Canales recipes showcase tomatoes eaten raw or cooked slow—and paired with chicken.

Cherry Tomatoes With Olives and Pine Nuts

Yield: 4 servings
Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 2 minutes

¼ cup pine nuts
1 garlic clove, halved
1 pound (about 30) mixed variety cherry tomatoes, such as Sun Gold and Sweet 100
12 picholine olives, or other brine-cured green olives, pitted, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons wild honey vinegar or balsamic vinegar
Sea salt or kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 fresh thyme sprigs, leaves removed

■ Toast the pine nuts in a dry skillet over medium heat, shaking the skillet and tossing the pine nuts frequently to ensure even browning, about 2 minutes. Watch the pine nuts carefully, as they can burn quickly. Transfer the golden brown pine nuts to a plate to cool; set aside.

■ Rub the inside of a glass bowl with the cut surface of the garlic clove; discard garlic. Combine the tomatoes, olives and pine nuts in the bowl. Add the vinegar and salt and pepper to taste; toss to combine. Set aside to macerate, about 2 minutes.

■ Add the olive oil and thyme leaves to the tomato mixture; gently mix, being careful to not bruise the tomatoes. Using a slotted spoon, place the tomato mixture in the center of each salad plate, drizzling additional vinaigrette from the bowl if desired. Serve immediately.

Tomato Confit

Yield: 4-6 servings
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 1 to 1½ hours

1 or 2 sprigs each of 2 to 4 varieties of fresh herbs, such as mint, basil, lemon verbena and thyme
4 large, ripe tomatoes (such as beefsteaks or Brandywines), cores removed
or 8 to 10 Roma or plum tomatoes, cored
1 head garlic, cloves peeled and smashed
1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon sea salt or kosher salt
¼ teaspoon hot-pepper flakes

■ Set the herbs in an oven-proof baking dish large enough to hold the tomatoes (this will need to be twice the size of the whole tomatoes). Cut tomatoes in half equatorially and lay them cut-side down on the herb bed. Wedge the garlic cloves into the spaces left between the tomato halves. Next, drizzle the olive oil over the tomatoes and season with the sea salt and hot-pepper flakes.

■ If tomatoes are tasty and ripe, bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour, until tomatoes have a melting texture and are lightly caramelized. If tomatoes are less ripe, bake at 375 for approximately 1½ hours. Baste occasionally with olive oil and juices.

■ Allow tomatoes to cool for at least 30 minutes. After cooling, gently remove the skin from the tomatoes. Discard skin and herbs. Keeps refrigerated for up to 1 week.

■ Spoon the tomatoes, oil, juices and garlic over pasta, or serve atop grilled chicken breasts (recipe follows).

Grilled Chicken Breasts

Yield: Serves 4
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 4 to 6 minutes

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Salt, pepper
Olive oil, as needed for brushing

■ Butterfly chicken by splitting each breast crosswise, being careful not to cut through the other side (leave about ¼inch uncut). Open the breast and place between two well-oiled pieces of wax or plastic paper, or within an oiled gallon-size freezer bag. Using a meat mallet (a heavy can of soup or refried beans works well on the non-lipped side), gently pound the breast until it is approximately ¼-inch thick. When finished, place breasts in their wrapping on a large plate and refrigerate until you are ready to grill them.

■ When ready to serve, remove the paper from each breast, season them generously with salt and pepper, and grill over high heat for 2 to 3 minutes, until the edges begin to turn opaque.

■ Flip, then grill second side until cooked through, about 2 minutes (cooking time will vary slightly depending on the thickness of the chicken and heat of the grill). Atop the chicken, spoon over the tomato confit and garlic cloves with some of the oil and juices and serve.

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OVERNIGHT BLT SALAD

1 c. (8 oz.) light Ranch dressing
½ c. grated Parmesan cheese
¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
4 c. torn Romaine lettuce
1 med. tomato, chopped
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen green peas, thawed
½ c. chopped green onions
4 slice bacon, cooked and coarsely crumbled
2 c. cubed cooked potatoes

Combine ranch dressing and Parmesan cheese with pepper in bowl; set aside. Layer lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, and peas in medium serving bowl. Spread with dressing mixture, sprinkle with green onions. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Sprinkle with crumble bacon before serving.

POPPY SEED PASTA SALAD

1 12-oz. pkg. tricolor spiral pasta
1 c. halved cherry tomatoes
1 3.8-oz. can sliced ripe olives, drained
½ c. fresh broccoli florets
½ c. fresh cauliflowerets
¼ c. Julienne yellow summer squash
1 bottle (12-oz.) poppy seed salad dressing
¼ c. sunflower kernels

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. Place in a large serving bowl; add the tomatoes, olives, broccoli, cauliflower and squash. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. Just before serving, sprinkle with sunflower kernels. Yield: 6 servings.

QUICK HOMEMADE CHILI

1 lb. lean ground beef
1 8-oz. tomato sauce
1 clove minced garlic
1 15-½-oz. can kidney beans
½ c. green pepper, chopped
½ c. onion, chopped
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. chili powder

In a large skillet, sprayed with vegetable cooking spray, cook ground beef, onion, green pepper and garlic until beef is browned. Drain off fat. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer covered, until chili thickens, about 45 minutes.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER SOUP

1 14-oz. can whole kernel corn
1 14-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 can low-sodium chicken broth or home-made chicken broth
1 can tomatoes with green chilies, hot or mild
1 c. cheddar cheese, grated

Combine corn, black beans, chicken broth, and tomatoes with green chilies in saucepan. Cook 15 minutes. Serve warm, topped with grated cheese. Yield: 4 servings

SANTA FE SOUP

2 lb. ground chuck beef
1 med. onion, chopped
1 can Ro-tel
2 pkg. taco seasoning
1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch dip mix
2 sm. cans shoe peg corn
3 can beans (your choice)
1 16-oz. can diced tomatoes

Brown ground chuck and onion. Drain if needed. Add other ingredients and simmer about 1 hour. Serve with grated cheese and tortilla chips.

Fact Sheet

- The first Tomato Festival was in 1984. This year marks our 26th anniversary.
- The festival is sponsored by the Lauderdale Giamber/ECD.
- The festival features many activities that are fun for the entire family.
- The festival will be held in the Ripley City Park and there is no admission fee.
- The opening ceremonies will be at 10 a.m. July 10th and the festival will continue through July 11th at 12 a.m. midnight.
- Lauderdale Chamber/ECD & the City of Ripley will host a Chamber Coffee at the TKS Fitness Center from 7:30 - 9 a.m. Friday, July 10th.
- Food, Craft & General vendors booths are available for a nominal fee.
- Don't miss the Tomato Tasting 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, July 10th. Tickets are $5 *(Shuttle available).*
- Don't miss the 5K Run/Walk at 7 a.m. Saturday morning - race begins at BMH parking lot.
- Don't miss the Tomato Contest at 1 p.m. Friday, July 10th, at Region Bank *(entries accepted Wednesday, July 8th - Friday, July 10th 12 noon)*
- Local talent & Main Stage entertainment will be performing on both days. Mainstage Entertainment: Friday night-MAGI 8-11 p.m. Saturday night-Burning Las Vegas 7-11 p.m.
- Don't miss the Saturday Salad Methodist Market - FUMC Activities Building. Saturday Salad-11 a.m.-1 p.m. ($6.00) Methodist Market 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. *(Shuttle available).*
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- Don't miss the Baby Crawling Contest 9:30 a.m. Saturday - Main Stage
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Mae Dunaway

1 can Rotel
1 can Kidney beans
1 can corn (shoe peg)
1 pkg. Taco seasoning
1 pkg. Ranch dressing (small)
3 can water (use corn can)
½ lb. ground round or chicken browned
1 onion (sautéed)
1 can ranch style beans

Put all together and simmer at least 30 minutes.

TACO SOUP

Earline Gay

2 lb. ground beef/1 onion - together cooked & drained
1 28 oz. can tomato or 1 qt. tomato juice
1 15-oz. can of pinto beans
1 14-oz. can-16-oz. can whole kernel corn
1 envelope taco seasoning mix
1 can green beans
1 can purple eye peas
1 15-oz. can tomato sauce or diced tomatoes
1 c. water

Boil all ingredients together until done. Can add cheese on top.

TENNESSEE CORNBREAD SALAD ★

1 (6-oz.) pkg. white cornbread mix, prepared according to package directions
½ cup chopped sweet pickles - reserve juice
12 stripe bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
3 cup chopped tomatoes
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup pickle juice
1 cup chopped onion

Crumble half the cornbread into bottom of large serving bowl. In another bowl, combine tomatoes, green peppers, onion, pickles, and bacon. Spoon half of the mixture over cornbread. Stir together mayonnaise and pickle juice. Spread half over the vegetables. Repeat layers. Garnish as desired. Cover tightly and chill 2-3 hours before serving.

TOMATO -BASIL CREAM SOUP ★

5 large fully ripened tomatoes
1 whole head garlic
salt
freshly ground black pepper
dash of lemon pepper
1½ tbsp chopped basil
¼ cup (½) stick butter
1½ cups cream
Lemon Juice

(continued)

Peel the tomatoes, and in a large heavy saucepan on medium heat stew the tomatoes with just enough water to start them cooking. Add the garlic, salt, pepper to taste, lemon pepper, and basil. When the liquid reduces and the tomatoes are softened, purée the mixture with a blender (or just mash them right in the pan) until smooth. Strain the tomatoes to remove the seeds if you like and pour the tomato liquid back into the pan. Over medium -high heat, melt the butter. Slowly pour in the cream, stirring as you pour. You have to judge by the thickness desired; you may need more cream. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning. Give a good squirt of lemon juice. Serve in individual bowls and top with grated pecorino cheese mixed with small buttered croutons.

TOMATO ASPIC SUPREME

1 can tomato juice
1 8-oz. cream cheese
1 12-oz. can V-8 juice
3 tsp. gelatin - ½ cup to water
1 c. mayonnaise
¾ c. chopped bell pepper
¼ c. chopped celery
¼ c. green onion tops, chopped
1 avocado, mashed
1 sm. onion, chopped
Salt and Tabasco or red pepper to taste

Heat soup and juice with cream cheese, melt and beat out the lumps. Dissolve gelatin in the ½ cup of water, and add to soup mixture. Add salt and Tabasco or red pepper to taste. Stir all ingredients together and chill. Cooked shrimp or crabmeat can be added for main meal dish.

TOMATO BASIL SOUP

2-½ tsp. extra Virgin Olive Oil
4 shallots, minced
3 clove minced garlic
2 lb. tomatoes, chopped
3 c. vegetable stock or water
10 large basil leaves
½ c. cooked rice
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat and sauté 2 of the shallots, 1 clove of garlic for 2 minutes, or until soft. Add tomatoes and remaining shallots and garlic. Cook for 10 minutes stirring frequent. Add the stock or water and the basil and rice. Salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 15 minutes.

TOMATO COLESLAW

Bernice Hodges

2 c. shredded cabbage
10 cherry tomatoes, halved or 1 lg. tomato
½ c. diced cucumber
2 tsp. minced onion
Chill Preceding Ingredients
¼ c. mayonnaise
1 T. French salad dressing
1-½ tsp. lemon juice
1 T. sugar
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper

Just before serving, toss both mixtures together.

TOMATO GINGER SOUP

½ c. sour cream or plain yogurt
3 T. fresh mint, minced
T. butter
1 med. onion, diced
2 tsp. garlic, minced
1 c. carrots, diced
Zest from 1 orange
½ tsp. salt
3 lb. ripe tomatoes peeled, seeded and chopped
3 c. tomato juice
1 tsp. ground coriander
1 tsp. ground ginger
2-½ T. fresh ginger, minced
2-½ c. orange juice
Pinch cayenne
black pepper

Combine mint and sour cream and put in refrigerator. Heat butter in a large saucepan over medium heat until sizzling. Add onions and garlic and sauté 3 minutes. Add carrots and season with salt and pepper. Continue to sauté until onions are soft, about 15 minutes. Do not brown any of the vegetables. Add tomatoes and all remaining ingredients. Simmer until the carrots are melting tender, about 30 minutes. Taste for seasoning. Purée with an immersion blender or let cool, transfer to a stand blender and purée in batches. Serve warm, drizzled with mint cream.

TOMATO-BASIL CREAM SOUP

5 large fully ripened tomatoes
1 whole head garlic, smashed
Salt
Freshly ground black. pepper
Dash of lemon pepper
1-½ T. chopped basil
¼ c. (½ stick) butter
1-½ c. cream
Lemon juice

Peel the tomatoes, and in a large heavy saucepan on medium-high heat stew the tomatoes with just enough water to start them cooking. Add the garlic, salt and pepper to taste, lemon pepper, and basil. When the liquid reduces and the tomatoes are softened, purée the mixture with a blender (or just mash them in the pan) until smooth. Strain the tomatoes to remove the seeds if you like and pour tomato liquid back into the pan. Over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Slowly pour in the cream, stirring as you pour. You have to be the judge by the thickness desired; you may need more cream. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning. Give a good squirt of lemon juice. Serve in individual bowls and top with grated pecorino cheese mixed with small buttered croutons.

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1 deep dish pie crust slightly browned
3 or 4 large ripe tomatoes, peeled and sliced
½ c. chopped green onion
2 c. grated cheese
1 c. Hellmann's mayonnaise
fresh basil
Salt & pepper

Fill pie crust with tomatoes almost to the top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, fresh basil, and green onions. Mix cheese with mayonnaise and spread on top. Bake in preheated oven till brown on top about 25 minutes.

CHEESEBURGER PIE

Earline Gay

1 9-inch pie pastry
1 lb. ground beef
½ c. chopped green peppers
½ c. chopped onions
1 8-oz. can tomato sauce, divided
½ c. dry bread crumbs
2 T. fresh chopped parsley
½ tsp. dried whole oregano
¼ tsp. pepper
1 egg, beaten
¼ c. milk
1 tsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
½ c. chili sauce

Line a 9-inch pie pan with pastry. Trim excess pastry around edges. Prick bottom.

CHEESY PEPPERONI-MACARONI BAKE

1 3.5-oz. pkg. sliced pepperoni, divided
1 14-½ oz. can diced tomatoes
1 10-¾-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
1 8-oz. pkg. shredded pasteurized process cheese, divided
1 c. water

Reserving several pepperoni slices for garnish, combine remaining pepperoni, tomatoes, soup, uncooked macaroni, 1 cup cheese, and water in a large bowl. Pour into a 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup cheese on top. Garnish with reserved pepperoni. Cover and refrigerate overnight to allow macaroni to absorb liquids. Bake covered casserole in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake 15 minutes longer or until heated through and cheese is bubbly. Serve warm. Serves 8 - 10.

CHILI CON CARNE

2 lb. ground round steak
2 T. butter
2 green peppers
1 - 2 onions, sliced
2 cans kidney beans
1 can tomatoes or tomato soup
2 or more T. chili powder
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown meat in butter; add pepper and onions, cooking until onions are soft. Add beans, tomatoes, and seasoning. Simmer 30 minutes. Serve while hot on toast, crackers, or just plain.

CHEESY TOMATO CASSEROLE

Betty Ray
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1 35-oz. can whole tomatoes, drained and chopped
½ c. round buttery crackers crumbs
½ c. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1 T. butter, melted
½ sm. onion, chopped
1 large egg, well beaten
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. paprika

Mix all ingredients together. Bake at 350° degrees for 20 minutes.

CHERRY TOMATOES IN CREAM

Dot Brown
138 Wentwood Dr.
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3 T. butter
3 T. brown sugar
½ T. salt
1 qt. cherry tomatoes
1 pt. whipping cream

Melt butter, sugar and salt in heavy skillet. Add washed tomatoes. Stir with wooden spoon. When tomatoes begin to split open, add cream. Serve hot in individual ramekins. Yield 4 - 6 servings.

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Halls Class Of 1949 Reunion Held

THE HALLS CLASS OF 1949 REUNION was held July 11th in the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Building in Ripley. Attending the 60th year reunion include, in front, Frances Watson Harris, of Ridgely, Martha Haynes Godwin, of Memphis, Barton Simmons, of Brighton, Ruby Thurmond Turner, of Gates, Margaret Voss Allen, of Ripley, Juanita McNeil Stanley, of Gates, Tommy Simmons, of Halls, and Marilyn Lightfoot Field, of Dixon; and in rear, Bobby Gean, of Meredianville, Ala., Myra Hoffius, of Madisonville, Ky., Marion Norman David, of Covington, Patricia Avery Savage, of Halls, Aunita McNeil Emerson, of Gates, Helen Paige Hale, of Halls, Geneva White Frisbie, of Memphis,Jane Smith Larkin, of Halls, Jane Hall Comstock, of Memphis, Murile Sadler Meadows, of Ripley, Betty Jones Pennington, of Gates, Jackie Belton, of Halls, and Cindy Ashford Webb, of RIpley.

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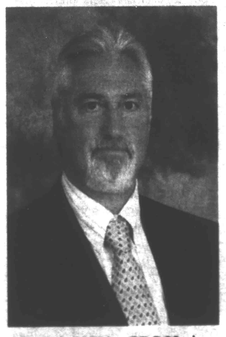

DR. RUSSELL GROSS has been added to the surgical staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale. He is also a general surgeon for Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton and does a variety of different procedures from gallbladder and appendix removal to hernia repair and colonoscopies.

Prior to joining Baptist, he specialized in general, vascular and laparoscopic in California. He is also a member of the American College of Surgeons.

"We are very pleased with the addition of Dr. Gross to our surgical team," said Daryl Blalack, administrator and CEO at Baptist Lauderdale. "His years of experience in various surgical areas will prove beneficial as we continue to provide high-quality health care to our patients."

Sales Tax Holiday Slated For August

The fourth annual Sales Tax Holiday is scheduled for 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 7th and continuing through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 9th. The Department of Revenue reminds Tennessee shoppers that the Sales Tax Holiday provides three full days of tax breaks on clothing, school and art supplies, and computer purchases. During the designated three-day weekend, consumers will not pay state or local sales tax on select clothing with a price of $100 or less per item, school and art supplies with a price of $100 or less per item, and com-

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NFL Fishing Visitors

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS, Billy McMullen, left, wide receiver for the Seatlle Seahawks, and Artis Hicks, center, guard for the Minnesota Vikings, along with their personal trainer, Nick Stamper, right, with Solus Performance Training, visited the Gates home of Mike and Judy Warren Saturday, July 11th and spent the day fishing before fall training, which is scheduled to start July 26th. Artis has made several visits to the Warrens in the past few years.

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Anniversary Recognized

KEN LONG, second from left, an employee of American Greetings, was recognized in May for 30 years of employment. He began his employment May 7, 1979, spending his entire 30 years in the shipping and receiving department. Ken and his wife Linda, who tragically lost her battle with cancer in June 2008, have two children, Brian Long and Angela Rood, of Halls, and four grandchildren. Ken is pictured with, from left, Danny Burnham, Roger Leake, and Bob Rowcliffe.

Land Transfers

July 5th – July 11th

Bettie Brown Smith to James Leggett, Dist. 2, 3.875 acres.

Clara D. Pratt to Randy T. Pratt, Dist. 8, 10.7 acres.

Jerrie Gail Jackson and William Paul Jackson III to Ashley Elmore, Neena Elmore and A & N Farms, Dist. 17, 19.75 acres.

Ronald V. Roberts and Charlene Roberts to Boyd Hodges, Mildred R. Hodges and Brenda R. Roberts, Dist. 12, lot.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Tonia V. Estes, Dist. 2, lot.

BancorpSouth to Jeremy Helton, Dist. 2, 3 lots.

E. O. Hopkins and Rebecca Hopkins to William Hopkins, Nina Hopkins, E. O. Hopkins and Rebecca Hopkins, Dist. 6, 0.4 acre.

Jerry Baggett and David Bivens to Ruth Bryant, Dist. 6, 0.24 acre.

Anniversaries

July 16 – Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goforth, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Castellaw, Rev. and Mrs. Jodie Starks.

July 17 – Mr. and Mrs. Craig Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schwinn.

July 18 – Dr. and Mrs. Brooks Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Callender.

July 19 – Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ables.

July 20 – Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

July 21 – Mr. and Mrs.. J. W. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grugett.

July 22 – Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. John Alston, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Elmore.

Help Plant Trees For Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation is supporting the Replanting Our National Forests campaign by planting 10 trees for each new member who joins the foundation during July. The trees will be planted in national forests that have been destroyed by insects, disease, and/or fire.

The foundation will work with the U.S. Forest Service to determine which forests will receive the trees based on the greatest need. The U.S. Forest Service has identified a one-million acre backlog that needs replanting.

"Future members can make a positive impact throughout America by planting much-needed trees in our National Forests, said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Planting new trees will help restore these national treasures for the benefit of generations to come."

For more information, visit www.arborday.org.

Marriages

June 27th – Jeremy Ward, 29, to Katherine Betty Dratnol, 25, by Christopher Ward.

Dustin Clay Herron, 29, to Lena Nicole Kirby, 25, by Janice Craig.

June 30th – Byron Keith Graves, 38, to Lola Mae King Dixon, 49, by William H. Jarrett.

July 3rd – Joseph Brian Graves, 30, to Rhonda Faith Nelson Tyus, 46, by Charlie James Peat.

Bill Laney Davis, 47, to Ruthie Mae Cogshell Brudnicki, 44, by Ollie J. Allen.

July 9th – Brian Anthony Keith Walker, Sr., 28, to Renata Jendale Atkins, 28, by Janice C. Craig.

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-Samuel Johnson

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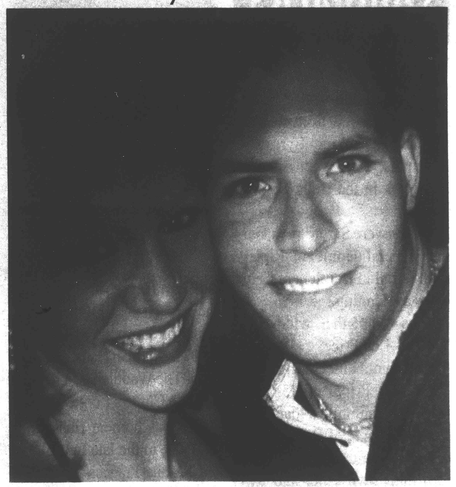

HEATHER WILCOX, daughter of Drew and Brenda Wilcox, of Dyersburg, will marry Craig Lee Hutcherson, son of Wiley and Tammy Hutcherson, of Halls at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18th in the Halls United Pentecostal Church, with Bro. Larry Burkett officiating. A reception will follow the ceremony at Stein Low Catering in Dyersburg.

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Obituaries

Monese Price

Monese Oline Price, 89, of Henning, retired from the Advertising Checking Bureau in Memphis, died Wednesday of last week in the Bells Nursing Home.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley. with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

She was the widow of Thomas Leo Price.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy R. Price, of 154 Star Road, Henning; a daughter, Verlinda Price, of Bells; brothers, Doyle and Edward Ellington, of Brownsville, and Roy Ellington, of Medon; sisters, Florence Marbury, of Bells, and Geneva Littlejohn, of Stanton; and two grandchildren.

Robert Young

Robert L. Young, 42, of 3771 Chicken George Trail, Ripley, employed by Tenn. Electroplating in Ripley, died June 29th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

After Church of God in Christ rites, Monday of last week, burial was in Plummer Grove Cemetery in Tipton County.

Evelyn Gaines

Evelyn Gaines, 96, mother of Mary Louise Culbreath (Mrs. Charles) Taylor, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Covington Care Center.

Rites were held Sunday in Stanton Cemetery, Brownsville-Bells Funeral Home in charge.

She was the daughter of the late Claude H. Webb and Myrtle Walpole Webb.

She was the widow of James W. "Ted" Gaines.

Memorial gifts to the Stanton Preservation Trust, P. O. Box 501, Stanton, TN, 38069, would be appropriate.

Halls Native

William Reed Simmons, 88, uncle of Thomas H. Simmons, owner of Simmons Men's Shop at 107 E. Main in Halls, died July 1st in The Woodlands, a nursing home in Clifton Forge, Va.

He was born in Halls, May 13, 1921, to the late Ira Wilburn and Martha Frances Reed Simmons.

He played center for the Halls High School football team in 1937-38.

He took bachelor and master's degrees in chermistry from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

In World War II, he served in the Marine Corps on Guadalcanal, New Guinea, and New Britain, in the South Pacific Ocean.

A computer programmer for Hercules, Inc., for 35 years, he retired in 1986.

He later served as a trail volunteer for Virginia's Washington National Forest and Douthat State Park.

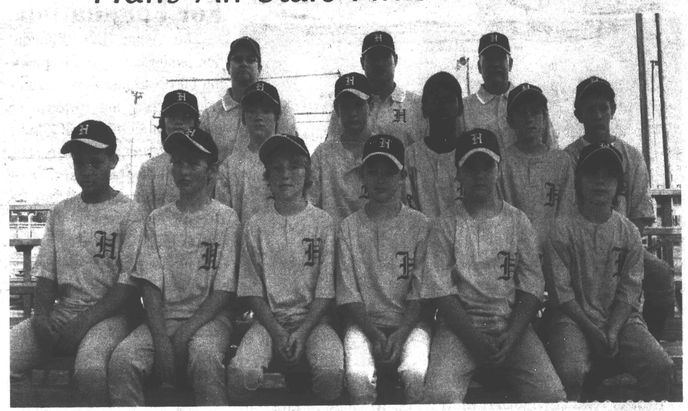
He was a member of the Covington, Va., Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife for 60 years, Mary Adelaide Neeson Simmons, of Valley Ridge, Va.; a son, Donald William Simmons, of Roanoke, Va.; a sister, Mary Norma Davis, of Memphis; and three grandchildren,.

Five brothers preceded him in death.

Memorial gifts to his church (P. O. Box 687, 24426) would be appropriate.

Halls All-Stars Finish Second



MEMBERS of OZONE, the Halls 11-12 year old, All-Stars team, in front, from left, Nathaniel Morgan Dewalt, Matthew Thomas Greer, Dalton Andrew Young, Alan Blake Smith, Matthew Connor Stanley, and Jonathan Taylor Barham, in middle, Colton Heath Barnes, Jordan Heath Saylor, Jeremy Allen Lents, Nicholas Kyle Patrick, Tyler WIlliam Nichols, and Jacob Tyler Walters, and in rear, Coach Clint Greer, Manager Terry Lents, and Coach Pat Smith, plus, not pictured, Coach Russell Meeks, placed second in their district tournament in Dyersburg with Covington coming in first. They will be traveling to Dickson, July 17th to play in the State Tournament. There has not been a team in this age group from Halls to go to state in many years.

Bob McKnight

Bob McKnight, 87, of South Fulton, who was born at Ripley, Aug. 17, 1921, to the late Burnie Donald and Fannie Kil-gore McKnight, died Friday in Martin Healthcare.

Rites were Tuesday in Obion County Memorial Gardens in Union City.

He served in the Marine Corps, in the South Pacific, in World War II, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He spent most of his life in the South Fulton area and worked for Andrews Jewelry and Standard Fruit, Co. in Fulton, Ky., before retiring from the Stanley Jones Co. in South Fulton.

He was a member of the South Fulton Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife for 61 years, Martha Jane Roberts McKnight.

He also leaves a daughter, Rebecca Jane McKnight, of Memphis.

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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.

Halls First Baptist Church will hold revival services Monday nights with the theme, "Monday Night Manna", at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13th with Bro. Frank Bowling as guest speaker; Monday, July 20th with Dr. Mike Priest; and Monday, July 27th with Dr. Mike Sams. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of Christ will hold a gospel meeting beginning at 10 a.m., Sunday, July 19th, worship services at 11 a.m. and evening services at 6:30 p.m. with Billy Smith, of Henderson, as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7 p.m. nightly through July 22nd. David Snell, of Ripley, will serve as song director. The public is invited.

Springhill Baptist Church, 237 Springhill Rd., will hold revival services at 7 p.m. July 21st through July 23rd with The Rev. R. C. Barnes, of the Gospel Rock Holiness Church, Ripley, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Concord United Methodist Church, on Concord Rd., near Gates, will hold homecoming services beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 19th with lunch at noon. The Finchers, of Frog Jump, and the Poes, of Paragould, Ark., will provide gospel selections at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Open Door Baptist Church will hold revival services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. July 26th and continue at 7 p.m. nightly through July 29th with Bro. Guinn Hodges, of Christ's Chapel, in Atwood, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Grace Baptist Church, at Central, will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 22nd through July 24th. The public is invited.

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, 1255 Dry Hill Rd., near Halls, will hold Vacation Bible School for ages 5 to 12 at 6 p.m. July 15th , 16th, and 17th. For more information, call Bro. Tommy Morgan, 617-0747, or Bro. Timmy Green, 413-2345. A motorcycle rally will be held at 5:30 p.m. July 19th featuring the Reelfoot Light Riders of the Christian Morotcyclists Association. All Lauderdale County bikers and enthusiasts are invited. For more information, call Pastor Morgan, 617-0747.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th St., Gates, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday in July with the theme, "Building With God", for ages 3 to adult. Bible study, games, refreshments, and crafts will be available. For more information, call 836-7991. The public is invited.

Life Changing Christian Center will hold a free "Reach Out to Ripley" event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, August 1st at Ripley City Park, 200 Mary Roberts Dr. School supplies, grocery and household, free food, and much more will be available. For more information, visit their website at www.lifechangingnashville.com.

Grace Bible Baptist Church, located three miles south of Halls on Highway 51 By-Pass, will hold special services beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 19th with worship at 11 a.m. and evening services at 6 p.m. with Missionary Larry Daniels and Evangelist Earl Ankrom, of Dover, Ohio, as guest speakers. Jerry Hickson, pastor, invites the public.

Hamlett Temple CME Church, 3084 Orysa Rd., Henning, will hold a special program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19th with Dustin McLemore, of Primary Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest speaker. John Pruitt, pastor, invites the public.

Enon Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 20th through 24th with the theme, "All Comes Back To Jesus". The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, 146 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold its women's day worship experience, "The Worship of the Word", at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18th with Evangelist Dixie D. Stokes, of Memphis, as guest speaker and Sister Qunicey Hughes as guest soloist. Superintendent L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

St. Mark M. B. Church, 425 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold a gospel musical program at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19th. The public is invited.

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

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

Attention Lauderdale County!

I am writing in regards to the intersection at Curve Nankipoo Rd. and Highway 51. How many people have to loose their lives or be near death before something is done about this very dangerous intersection.

My mother and step-father, Patsy "Herron" and Ken Rolfe, were visiting July 7th from Calhoun, Ga. During a cook-out at the home of Judy Herron Warren on Emerson Rd., my mother had a very good reunion with family that she hadn't seen in years. Little did she know, their evening would turn out like it did. I tunred left at HRL television station, and they turned right to return to their hotel. My mother stated as they approaced the highway, other cars were already in the intersection crossing. As they pulled out, a semi-truck hit the driver's side of the car. Luckily, the driver saw them and swerved. The axle on the trailer hit the front of the car so hard it busted the motor. The back wheels appeared to have run over the hood as the car was spinning around. They both left in an ambulance. By the grace of God, they are only bruised, with no broken bones. When people see the car, or any photos, the first thing they want to know is "did they live?"

Since then, I am told that there was another accident July 11th.

This is a very dangerous intersection and the speed limit is too fast. The hill prevents you from seeing what is coming around the bend and how fast they are traveling, especially at night.

Many people have been killed here in the last few years. I have spoken with the man over this area roadways and he stated he has mowed and cut the grass and bushes down, but that is not the problem. He agrees that this is a very dangerous place. We need to be able to see what is coming around that bend and it wouldn't hurt to reduce the speed to 55 miles per hour, so if you are hit, you wouldn't be hit by someone doing 70-75 miles per hour.

If you have lost anyone at this intersection or know anyone that has been involved in an accident, please help me get something done before anyone else has to get hurt or killed.

I want to send out a very special thank you to "Lana" for notifying our family of my mother's accident that night.

Lisa McBroom Thurmond

'Nooga Wins State Soccer

Murfreesboro has lost the state girls' soccer finals to Chattanooga, which bid $25,000 to host the events.

Murfreesboro had bid all gate receipts.

Atop its loss of the state football finals to Cooke-ville, Murfreesboro is pondering a minimum $225,000 bid for a 2-year contract for the Spring Fling of five sports, played in Murfreesboro for the last four years.

Chattanooga, which hos-ted Spring Fling for its first nine years, will bid. Nash-ville has found the minimum too steep.

The events bring an estimated $3,400,000 in revenues to the host area.

Results will be announced Aug. 17th.

Dry Hill Dog News

By Zeek

Zeek here!! You two-leggers sure do a lot of celebrating. Miss Pam and I went for a ride the other night. We rode out to what she calls the Park. There were a lot of two-leggers there and a lot of music going on. Miss Pam would say "look Zeek". I was looking at all of the two-leggers, but I did not know what was going on. I turned my head to Miss Pam and she told me that it was the Tomato Festival. I remembered that last year, Miss Pam told me about tomatoes. I think, I even tried to eat one. I do remember that I did not like how tomatoes taste. I turned my head to her again and she told me that the two-leggers were celebrating the tomato. Now, I know that I am Top Dog and everything, but I really don't understand why two-leggers celebrate so much, especially tomatoes. Miss Pam told me all about Ripley tomatoes being the best ones to eat. I looked at her and I didn't want to hear all of this story, so I laid down in the seat and tried to take a nap. Miss Pam would tell me to look at something else and I would just lay there. I think, she finally got the idea that I didn't want to hear her stories about tomatoes. So, we went on back home. When we got home, Rusty wanted to know where we had been and I told him that I would tell him later. I am not sure whether or not he would believe me if I told him that we have been out celebrating tomatoes. Why can't we celebrate Milkbone treats?

Miss Pam and I are out at the Club today. We sure do have some good looking new Buds out here. We have Blondie, the blonde feist mix, with curly ears; Jock, the black cocker spaniel, with a new hair cut; Ozzie, the female heeler and Australian shepherd mix; Queenie, the good-looking blonde German shepherd; and Georgia, the brown and white feist mix. We also have Precious, the little brown feist with puppies, that will be ready for a new home in about six-weeks.

When I went back to the Office, Mr. Greg was telling Miss Pam about the new cats and kittens that we have. He said that Snowflake, a solid white cat has two solid white kittens. I have never seen a solid white cat before so I decided that I would try my luck in the cat room. I went into the cat room quietly and I did see Snowflake and her kittens. They are so cute. Then, I raised up to look up in the top cage and I saw the biggest black cat that I had ever seen. I was really scared. About that time, Mr. Greg and Miss Pam came into the room. I was really glad to see them. Mr. Greg was telling Miss Pam about Shelby. He is a big black boy cat that has been neutered and declawed. I knew what neutered meant but I was not sure about declawed. It sounded bad. so I turned to Miss Pam and she laughed and told me that if Shelby scratched my nose it would not hurt because he did not have any claws. She told me that a two-legger had taken him to Doc English and had his claws taken out. Boy, did I like this idea for these cats. Why had nobody ever told me about this before? We also saw some cute orange kittens and some black and gray ones, too. This was a good visit to the cat room. I think from now on I will take Mr. Greg in with me so I will be safe.

Dixie Drake came out to the Club and found her a new puppy. Andy Wong took home Queen. Gloria Morrow came out to find her a new best friend and took a four-legger home with her. Kala Webster took home two four-leggers. She couldn't decided which one she wanted so she took two. I like her. Vickie Low reclaimed her four legger. Charles and Doris Moore made a donation to the Club for food for my Buds.

I have found that I have another Aunt Shirley. How lucky can one four-legger be? Now, I have two Aunt Shirleys. My Aunt Shirley #2 brought us a generous donation for my Buds. I love my Aunt Shirley #1 now I love my Aunt Shirley #2. Joann Parker sent Miss Pam some really sweet poems about four-leggers. It brought water to Miss Pam's eyes when she read them to us. I also got a letter from Sinbad Myers. He is a four-legger that likes to play in the snow. He got his two-legger to take his picture rolling up a snowball. I wondered if his two-legger threw snowballs at him like Miss Pam did us. He also sent me some pictures of his kitten four-leggers. His two-legger had made them a house in the tree. I wonder if Mr. Pam would build a kitten house in our tree in our back yard? I will make sure that the sees the pictures.

This week, the Big Lick goes out to Jacob Hartsfield. He is 8-1/2 years old. He came out to the Club just to see me. He brought some food out for my Buds. He reads this every week and has started collecting them. He knew all about my Buds and all of the things that I do. So, I now have a new best friend even if he is a two-legger. Jacob, you come out to see my Buds anytime.

Have your four-leggers spayed or neutered. Get your two-legger to bring us out some food. My Buds are always hungry. If you do not want to come out to the Club, just drop off your food donations at Beasley Treasure's and see Miss Sharon. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

It is hot outside so take good care of your outside four-leggers and never leave your four-legger in a hot vehicle.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. I sure hope you two-leggers like to eat Ripley tomatoes.....

Zeek out!!!!!

Readers Speak

Editor,

A night-time golf tournament has been planned for 6 p.m. Friday, August 28th with a shotgun start at Rolling Hills Country Club. The four man scramble will play one round in daylight, break for a quick snack and beverage, and resume play at night. One glow ball will be provided for each player; more can be purchased the night of the tournament. Players are encouraged to wear light colored or fluorescent shirts. The entry fee includes a cart, green fee, small gift, and a free snack. If you are interested in playing or sponsoring the event, call me at 731-512-5008, or Susan Todd, 731-635-9541. Cash prizes will be given to the two lowest scores in two flights.

The ladies at Tangles and Tans are the newest service volunteers for the American Cancer Society. Tangles and Tans will be the exclusive location in Lauderdale County to offer the cancer society's Look Good...Feel Better service, an American Cancer Society program in which trained volunteer cosmetologist help female cancer patients deal with the side effects of treatment by teaching them beauty techniques to enhance their appearance and self-image. Participants review make-up tips, proper care for wigs and head coverings as well as nail care techniques. The entire staff at Tangles and Tans will receive training for Look Good...Feel Better in September.

Though the training won't take place until September, current Lauderdale County cancer patients can now receive a free wig courtesy of this partnership. For more information, call Tangles and Tans, 731-635-5118 or come by the store, located at 135 W Jackson Ave., if anyone is in need of assistance. We are always looking for donations of hats, head scarves, knit caps, and head mannequins to display the wigs.

Reach to Recovery has had a presence in Lauderdale County for as long as Relay has been around. Lilly Dennison and Theresa Porter have served the county faithfully for over a decade, but the cancer society needs more volunteer support with this program. The Jackson office receives more calls for this service in Lauderdale County than we have volunteers to serve the need. Please consider being a Reach to Recovery volunteer if you are a breast cancer survivor, who has been out of treatment for at least a year, and want to help someone fight this dreadful disease. Reach to Recovery is an American Cancer Society volunteer visitation program that matches breast cancer survivors with anyone who has a concern about breast cancer, undergone surgery, or found a suspicious lump. A volunteer will schedule an appointment with a patient to listen to concerns, recommend resources, and offer emotional support for as long as needed throughout the cancer treatment and recovery process. No one should have to face breast cancer alone. I am pleased to say that the cancer society plans to train two new volunteers in September, but we are always looking for more. Ideally, we could use another three more Reach to Recovery volunteers in Lauderdale County. I hope you will consider volunteering for this wonderful cancer society program.

Lauderdale County is in need of a local support group. Cancer patients, especially those fighting it for the first

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time, need support and encouragement. A local support group would welcome anyone in the community in need for a friendly face or listening ear. A support group, based out of Memphis, met once a month in Ripley for years, but this group dissolved two years ago. The American Cancer Society is requesting volunteers interested in helping lead a support group that meets once a month at a consistent location and time. The cancer society can begin training for the support group immediately. Ideally a support group can get underway by early September. Please consider serving your county by volunteering to help lead a local support group for cancer patients and survivors.

A new class of drugs has shown promising results in BRCA-related cancers. New drugs called PARP inhibitors appear to have a lot of promise against hereditary cancers caused by BRCA1 and BRCA2 cell mutations. PARP inhibitors work by blocking the action of poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase, an enzyme that helps repair DNA. In certain tumor cells, such as those from BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutation carriers, blocking this enzyme can lead to cell death. People who carry BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations are at a higher risk of developing many cancers, including breast, ovarian, and prostate cancers. Scientists hope PARP drugs can be used to effectively target the cancer cells in those people without destroying their healthy cells, minimizing harsh side effects. Patients with inherited BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations saw their tumors shrink or stop growing. These patients all had ovarian, breast, or prostate cancer. The drug had no effect on patients who were not BRCA1 or BRCA2 carriers. Side effects were minimal compared to traditional chemotherapy drugs and included nausea (32%), fatigue (30%), and vomiting (20%). The findings are so promising they were published recently in The New England Journal of Medicine, which typically doesn't publish results from early phase I studies. An accompanying editorial calls the drugs "a new direction in cancer-drug development."

The West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx baseball team is recognizing our Relayers. Relayers across West Tennessee will join together at 7:05 p.m. Saturday, August 8th to watch baseball and fellowship with one another. A fireworks show will take place immediately after the game. Approximately half of the admission's gate fee will go toward our local Relay For Life. I have vouchers coded for Lauderdale County and can provide you with a pack of coded vouchers. We encourage families, churches, businesses, and industries to get vouchers now and enjoy the fun. We would love for you to wear a Relay For Life shirt on August 8th to show Relay pride. Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh plans to throw the first pitch of the game. Call me at the American Cancer Society at 731-512-5008 for more information.

Relay For Life is resting in Lauderdale County for the coming months, but American Cancer Society is cruising in overdrive. Please consider volunteering for one of our services. If you would like more information on other ways to volunteer for the cancer society, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ben Littlepage
American Cancer Society
Representative

Editor:

Kudos to two groups of fine folks who served our adults with special needs last month. First, the members of Westside Baptist Church in Halls, Tn. for having Vacation Bible School the week of June 15th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each night. The workers, assisted by members from Gates Baptist Church, worked tirelessly making sure each one had fun by participating in the crafts, games and music. At week's end to top it off, they gave each one a copy of a CD with the gospel music they had learned all week plus a T-shirt and other items.

Second, to the young women of the Lauderdale Co. Jr. Auxiliary for sponsoring a dance at the Westside Baptist Church's gym in Halls. Service recipients, staff and parents "let down their hair and had a ball". (Pun intended) A special thanks to Darrin Hamlin who gave his time as disc jockey.

Sincerely,
Jennie Tucker, chairman
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Helen R. Tucker Adult
Developmental Center

Courthouse Renovation

WORKERS are busy around the courthouse square with the court yard nearing completion with a few minor details left to complete. The new plants, sod, lighting and the sealing of the sidewalks will enhance the appearance. "The businesses on the north-side of the square will be a little tough to get to this week due to the new sidewalks being poured. Employees for Ford Construction are trying to keep the traffic flow into the stores. Please be patience," said Perry Williams, executive director of the Downtown Development Corp. The east-side is in full installation swing with new store-fronts for all buildings started. Henson Construction is removing old canopies and trim to make way for the new on the south-side buildings. "We are still limited on parking around the square and there are times when traffic has to be stopped for short periods of time. The best place to park is still in the back parking lots," said Williams.

Donations Received By Cancer Society

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

In memory of Irmgard Garrett by Frances and Jim Fitzhugh, Jay and Betty Chipman, Jeanne Williams, Julie and Philip Neal, Mike and Barbara Coley, and Billy Poston.

In memory of Amelia Dees, Ann Milam Halliburton, and Mary Seifert by Jay and Betty Chipman.

In memory of Eula Jones by Mike and Barbara Coley.

In memory of Ann Halliburton and Marie Burns by "Rooster" and Louise Reviere.

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

CAMP HORIZON

The American Cancer Society sponsors camps for children who have or have had cancer. These camps are designed to handle the special needs of children undergoing treatment, as well as offer a fun environment where children can enjoy typical summer camp activities. Many camps also have programs for siblings of children with cancer.

For more information, call Ben Littlepage at 731-512-5008.

HOPE LODGE

The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge program offers free housing to cancer patients and caregivers in more than 20 cities nationwide. In other areas, lodging assistance may be available through local agencies or arrangements with area hotels.

For more information, call Ben Littlepage at 731-512-5008.

Tax Holiday xxx

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puters with a price of $1,500 or less, a savings of nearly 10 percent on exempt items.

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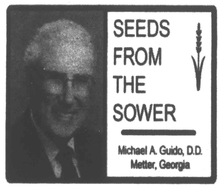
- Art Supplies: Clay and glazes; acrylic, tempera and oil paints; paintbrushes for artwork; sketch and drawing pads; and watercolors
- Computers: Central processing unit (CPU), along with various other components including monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables to connect components and preloaded software (Note: While the CPU may be purchased separately, other items must be part of a bundled computer package in order to be eligible.)

Governor Welcomed

GARY BENMARK, second from right, Rotary District 6760 Governor, and his wife, Leslie, seated, were welcomed Monday, July 13th, with a reception, hosted by Terry Charest, at Westside Baptist Church's activities building, attended by a gathering of Halls-Gates Rotarians and spouses prior to the regular meeting. Governor Benmark presented his theme for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year; "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" along with his District goals for his year as governor. Attending were, from left, Jo-Anne Jones; James Smith, club president; Eleanor Nunn; Cindy Smith; and Terry Charest.



One night a wife went to a concert. Coming home she turned to her husband and said, "When the other bass fiddlers played, they ran their fingers up and down the strings. But you didn't. Why?" "They were looking for their place. I found mine."

Have you found yours?

God has a place for your life. He knows your nature as no one else does. He knows the future as no one else does. He has a place for you, such as no one else has.

But to have His guidance, you must accept His government.

The Living Bible says, "In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

Birthdays

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

July 17 – Kay Pasley, Cindy Parham, Brooke Barnes, Mike Arender, Ronnie White, Frank Jones, Kalea Dean, Jerry Stanley, Garrett Pipkin, Tate Weiber.

July 18 – Rob Wilkins, Ted Sutton, Donny Noblin, Herbert Brown, Rita Hargett, John Dillard, Rodney Moore, Grammy Buckner, Dr. Sam Poisal.

July 19 – Georgella Davis, Jason Brewster, Jimmy Thompson, Clay Conrad, Joe Spencer, Ned Lewis, Bubba Hartman, Jo-Anne Jones, Frank Keel, Hayley Gillion, Alexander Bernard, Jimmy Brasfield, Mary Lou Coughlan, Steven Cassac, Joseph Ryan Westhoelter, Betty Jackson.

July 20 – Michael Woodard, Parker Chipman, Paul Thomas Pillow, Rita Benjamin, Lyle S. Morris, Tyler Klutts, Gary Brown, Dorthea McBride, John Beasley, Shelia Reynolds, Lucas Parker Hendren, Christopher Buckner, Krista Newman, Jennifer Prater.

July 21 – Rebekah Angotti, Charles F. Walker, Tom Thebeau, Amanda Sanders, Chad Jones, Howard Adkins, Dawn Noblin Terry, Jerry Robison, Linda Williams, Billie Jean Curtis, Brad Bartlett, Jimmie C. Kent, Barbara Jones, Winnie Grimes.

July 22 – Hayden Klutts, Paul Hankins, Angie Escue, Kelley Sherman, Tammy Little, Halie Conrad, Natalie Sanders, Carol Ammons, Kristen Kennedy, Jamie Scarbrough, Valerie Theus, Bryan Kiestler, Tanya Beard, William Whitson, Naomi Jackson, Jason Scott, Natalie N. Pipkin, Judy Vandergriff, Gayle Maxwell.

BASKETBALL CAMP

The Lauderdale County Community Advisory Board (CAB) is sponsoring its second annual "Shooting for our Community" free basketball camp June 20th through 24th at the Ripley High School gymnasium. Registration will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, June 20th and is limited to the first 200 participants. The camp is free for youth ages 8-17. Each participant will receive special incentives for camp participation.

The CAB is composed of representatives from schools, community-based organizations, faith-based entities, city/county government, juvenile court, health care, mental health, businesses, law enforcement, families and others. The group recommends strategies for coordination and development of community-based resources that may be needed by families. Officers include President, Ruth L. Cohill (Children & Family Services, Inc.); Vice President, Cheryl Manns (Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale); and Scribe, Michelle Brazier (Lauderdale County Schools – Coordinated School Health). Department of Childrens' Services staff, Barbara Bond, serves as Resource Linkage Coordinator for Lauderdale County.

REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall Youth Sports will be held during regular business hours July 20th through August 10th at the park office. Extended hours will be offered July 28th and August 10th until 6 p.m.

Fall sports include soccer for ages 5-13, flag football for grades K-2 or 3rd and 4th, tackle football for grades 4th-through 6th and cheerleading for the tackle league grades. A once a year insurance fee will be charged that covers all park and recreation activities from August to August. There will be no registration for fall sports taken after August 10th.

For more information call the park office 635-4645.

The Men's Fall League will register Saturday, August 8th from 10 a.m. to noon at the four field complex. Individual or team registration fee includes insurance. The se schedule will be determined by number registered. League equipment restrictions include softball #44-375, bats ASA or NSSSA, no senior bats or outlaw ball allowed. Fields 2 and 3 may be used for practice and play by calling the park office 635-4645 to reserve. For more information, call Jody Benjamin 731-298-9425.

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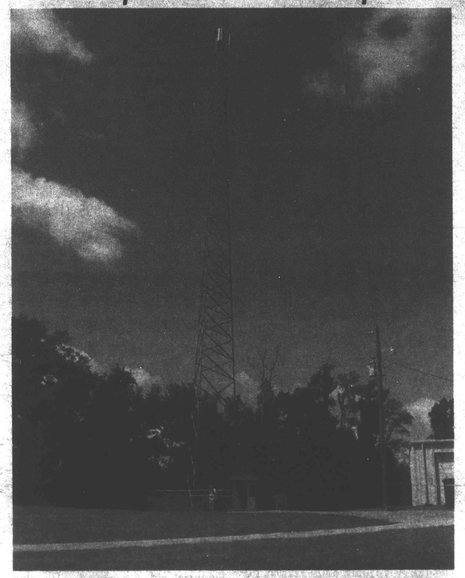

THE NEW NANKIPOO COMMUNITY CENTER, located at 6501 Curve Nankipoo Rd., near Halls, will hold a grand opening at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 7th. The new antenna and the new equipment in the Rescue Squad have been installed. The new computer and the all the broadband components were provided for by the USDA Community Connect Grant. The public computing area is expected to be finished and ready for business by the end of July.

The matching funds for this project were provided for by Dyersburg-based Pinnacle Ventures, Lauderdale County, and the state-funded Lauderdale County Technology Project which was administered by the Lauderdale County Board of Education and executed by cTechnology.

One of the key outcomes of this project is to broaden the usage of computers at home by Lauderdale County students participating in the 1:1 Laptop Initiative. Getting basic broadband available countywide is the first step to this outcome.

The combined joint efforts of cTechnology, Connected Tennessee, and Rep. Craig Fitzhugh's office in 2008 swayed certain regional carriers into expanding and moving up their broadband rollout schedules by as much as 18 months in other areas of the county. "We hope to see dramatically more progress on expanding broadband across the west TN region in the next 24 months as the federal Broadband Stimulus Grant window opens," said Paul Van Hoesen, director, cTechnology, Inc.

The new dispatch console, in lower photo, in the Rescue Squad office was funded through the state-funded Lauderdale County Technology Project. The new console makes possible the monitoring of multiple radio nets. The Rescue Squad is also responsible for river emergencies on the Mississippi River which makes the ability to monitor multiple agency radio nets critical.

"We are excited to see this kickoff happening and believe it is a sign of greater things to come in the region," said Van Hoesen.

County Rates Remain Same

The Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh announced during the regular board meeting Monday evening that the tax levy will remain at the rate of $2.85 for each $100 of taxable property.

He announced Commissioner Coy Summar brought $3,031,026 into Lauderdale County through the Veterans Service.

Employees of Lauderdale County will not receive a cost of living raise due to the survey a consultant completed at the request of county officials. In the survey, the consultant interviewed each department in the county, gave a job description to each employee along with what duty is expected of that position and appropriate pay. While no one will receive a cost of living increase, some employees will receive longevity raises.

Mack Curtis was re-appointed to Lauderdale County Water for a three-year term.

Appropriations to non-profit organizations in the county was approved.

The budgets for the Lauderdale County Water System and Ambulance Authority was approved.

Crash Fatal For Casey Hogue, 18

Casey Lynn Hogue, 18, of 535 Church, Halls, was fatally injured about 4:17 p.m. Wednesday of last week, in a collision.

When a 1991 Ford F-150 pick-up he had driven east on Millcreek entered U.S. Hwy. 51, it was struck, on its right rear, in the north-bound lane of 51, by a 1998 Ford Coupe driven by Sabrina K. Smith, 31, of 575 Bishop, Dyersburg.

Not wearing a seat belt, he was partially ejected through the windshield.

Flown to Dyersburg Regional Medical Center, he died just after arrival.

The other driver, wearing a seat belt, had only minor injuries.

Casey was in the top 10 of 2009 graduates of Halls High School, where he won the Future Farmers of America State Degree, was a Tennessee Scholar, and won National Honor Society membership.

Casey Lynn Hogue

Rites were Saturday in the Mount Vernon Baptist Church at Unionville, where he was a member, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul "Peck" Hogue, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McBroom, and Larry Escue, his father, Jeffery Paul Hogue, his mother, Linda Christina Hogue, a brother, Hayden Paul Hogue, and a sister, Callie Rose Hogue, all of Halls.

Bolivar Man Killed In Logging Accident

Danny Eugene Tillmon, 43, of Bolivar, an employee of Tim Baker Logging Co., was killed Monday after a tree limb fell on his head, according to Sheriff Steve Sanders. The accident occurred at approximately 1 p.m. on Central Curve Rd., when Tillmon apparently attempted to untangle a grapevine from a limb. The limb fell from the tree, striking him in the head. Lauderdale County Ambulance personnel responded to the scene and worked for several hours to stabilize him for transport. Tillmon was airlifted to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and later the Elvis Presley Trauma Center at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, where he later died.

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

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Divorces

Judith A. Williams vs. Kenneth Ray Williams.

Misty Michelle Booker Jenkins vs, Max Elmer Jenkins, Jr.

Samantha Harrison McPeak vs. Paul Jeffrey McPeak.

Michelle Leann Davis Bricco vs. Robert Louis Bricco.

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National Night Out

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2009, hosted by The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, August 4th, at Curve Park and Community Center, Hwy. 209. This event is celebrated in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide and is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Come out and help the community celebrate America's Night Out against Crime with fun and food.

EVENTS

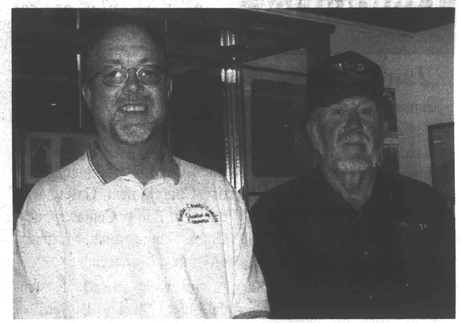
An exercise class, Walk Away the Pounds", is scheduled for 10 a.m. July 27th in the community room at Ripley Housing Authority.

A lesson for eating breakfast is scheduled for 10 a.m. July 29th.

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging will host a class, "Shaping Up & Slimming Down", at 11 a.m. July 31st.

For more information, call Rachel Parker at 635-3101.

Museum Visitors



BILL RANDALL KEE, left, and Darrel Berry, right, of Camden, visited the Veterans' Museum in Halls July 15th. Kee is the Benton County/Camden Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and is vitally interested in beginning an Aviation Event to attract business and industrial prospects as well as tourists. Kee and Berry invited Museum Director, Pat Higdon, to advise as they work towards the new event. Meetings have been scheduled throughout the summer for the October 9th and 10th aviation event. The Museum will have the opportunity to advertise the Halls' facility as representatives of the Museum work to welcome visitors to the Benton County Airport at Camden.

Land Transfers

July 12th – July 18th

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Roy D. Crowder and Ann L. Crowder, 2.474 acres.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Chris Fleming, Dist. 7, lot.

Misty Jenkins to Ryan Whiteside, Dist. 12, lot.

Chapman O. Thurmond and Brenda Sue Thurmond to Dustin Renfrow and Sarah Beth Renfrow, Dist. 16, tract.

Davenor E. Caldwell II to Vernon McBride, Jr., and Vernon McBride III, Dist. 3, 14.919 acres.

Linda Caldwell and Linda C. Oswald to Vernon McBride, Jr., and Vernon McBride III, Dist. 3, 10.802 acres.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Ronald F. Fisher, lot.

Earl Green, Jr., to Christopher Caldwell Green, Dist. 6, 0.57 acre.

Lee Meadows and Cheryl Meadows to Carter Ballinger III, Dist. 7, 0.23 acre.

Theresa Apperson, George E. Jones, Jr., David Lynn Jones, Annie B. Jones and Evelyn Becton Criner to Shelia Wright, Dist. 11, lot.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Halls will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 3, 2009 at the City Hall Board Room concerning Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance, 2009-2010 Property Tax Ordinance and 2009-2010 Proposed Budget Ordinance.

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet in a regular business meeting at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Board Of Mayor And Aldermen
Town Of Halls

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Halls, Tennessee hereby provides certain financial information for the 2009-2010 Fiscal year budget in accordance with provisions of Chapter 484 Public Acts of 1991, as amended. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 3, 2009. Any interested citizens are welcome to attend and participate.

General Fund	Actual 2007-2008	Estimated 2007-2008	Proposed 2009-2010
Estimated Revenue			
LocalTaxes	644,317	645,199	678,222
State of Tennessee	281,356	489,097	446,932
Other Sources	122,957	146,924	273,659
Total	1,048,630	1,281,220	1,398,813
Estimated Expenditures			
Salaries	425,325	430,974	408,330
Other Costs	763,625	871,731	984,398
Total	1,188,950	1,302,705	1,392,728.
Estimated Fund Balances			
Beginning	499,632	499,632	356,924
Ending	356,924	508,565	363,009
Employee Positions	34 .	34 .	36
State Street Aid Fund			
Estimated Revenues			
State of Tennessee	65,511	76,000 .	67,500.
Other Sources	307	450	-0-
Total	65,818	76,450	67,500
Estimated Expenditures			
Salaries	0	0	0
Other Costs	82,183	76,000	67,487
Total	82,183	76,000	67,487
Estimated Fund Balance			
Beginning	38,871	38,871	22,506
Ending	22,506	39,321	22,519
Employee Positions	0	0	0

Obituaries

James Tolbert

James Lewis Tolbert, 93, of Ripley, a retired mechanic, died Monday, July 20th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Ripley's First Baptist Church where he was a member, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

He was an U.S. Army veteran.

He leaves his wife, Novella Pugh Tolbert, sons, Thomas Booker and Marvin Booker, and a daughter, Jeanette Grantland, all of Ripley; two other sons, Leonard Tolbert, of Water Valley, Miss., and Don Booker, of Millington; another daughter, Barbara Ann Hamsley, of Chattanooga; 15 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Robert Thies

Robert Thomas Thies, 81, of 3584 Chestnut-Bluff - Maury City Road, died Sunday.

Rites were Wednesday in Floyd's Chapel Cemetery in Crockett County, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Moe Riddick Thies, and brothers, Ron, of Springfield, Va., and Fred,of Redlands, Calif.

Tucker Cannon

Tucker O. Cannon, 71, of Ripley, a truck driver and farmer, died Saturday in his home at 1304 Craig Road, near Ripley.

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

He was a member of Lightfoot United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; a son, Jason, of Brownsville; a step-daughter, Janice Smith, of Covington; and two grandchildren.

Pearlie Wells

Pearlie Mae Wells, 85, of 95 White Road, Gates, former employee of Tupperware in Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Antioch-Curve Missionary Baptist Church near Gates, with burial in Trinity Cemetery, near Gates, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Shirley Buffett, of Memphis; a sister, Cornia McNary, of Long Beach, Calif.; and three step-grand-daughters, including Cynthia Patrick, of 506 Pearl, Halls.

Ralph McLemore

Ralph M. McLemore, 76, of Ripley, a retired mechanic of the Lauderdale County Highway Department, died Friday at his residence.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He leaves his wife, Amanda Smith McLemore, son, Rickey McLemore, daughter, Deborah Pappas, and brothers, Paul, Asa and Carlos McLemore, all of Ripley; another brother, Scott McLemore, of Georgia; and two grandchildren.

Billy Winbush

Billy Wayne Winbush, 53, of 345 E. McFarlin, Henning, former janitor in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington, died Thursday of last week in the Veterans Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, west of Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He was a veteran of military service.

Survivors include his mother, Kathryne Farmer, his step-father, Roosevelt M. Farmer, a half-brother, Vincent Farmer, and sister, Wanda Wiggins, all of Henning; a daughter, Tyesha Winbush, of Ripley; a son, Joseph Wayne Maben Winbush, of Covington; brothers, Barry Winbush, of Ripley, and Ronald Dwight Winbush, of Staunton, Va.; and a sister, Beverly Winbush, of Ripley.

Church Happenings

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

Immanuel Episcopal Church will welcome a former priest, The Rev. John Sterling, for its Sunday, July 26th service. The Rev. Sterling lived with his family in Ripley and served Immanuel from 1968 to 1972. He recently retired from St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Collierville. He will celebrate Holy Communion during the 9 a.m. Service and afterwards a luncheon will be served in the Parish Hall. Immanuel is celebrating its sesquicentennial and this will be part of the celebration. The public is invited.

ElCanaan Missionary Baptist Church, 159 Elcanaan Rd., will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly July 27th through 31st with Dr. Randolph M. Walker, of Castalia Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis, as guest evangelist. The Rev. James G. Tate, pastor, invites the public.

Praise Temple Community Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will present "A Ministry of Psalms" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25th with James Mosley, of Dyersburg, and friends and local artist, Mekia Reynolds, of Ripley, as guest performers. Garie Andrews, pastor, invites the public.

Edith United Methodist Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly July 31st and August 1st and at 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2nd. The Rev. Don Prescott, of Humboldt United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Canaan Baptist Church will celebrate family and friends day at 3 p.m. July 26th with The Rev. Terry Barlow, Sr., and the Soloman Chapel Baptist Church, of Wynnburg, as guests. The Rev. Clarence Bayes, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Open Door Baptist Church will hold revival services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. July 26th and continue at 7 p.m. nightly through July 29th with Bro. Guinn Hodges, of Christ's Chapel, in Atwood, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Life Changing Christian Center will hold a free "Reach Out to Ripley" event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, August 1st at Ripley City Park, 200 Mary Roberts Dr. School supplies, grocery and household, free food, and much more will be available. For more information, visit their website at www.lifechangingnashville.com.

A gospel musical program will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25th at the Jesus The Way Outreach Center in Covington, hosted by the Gospel Divine Singers, of Ripley. Special choirs include the Redeemers, Voice's Faith, Bond's Singers, and One Accord, all of Ripley, and the Southernaires, of Henning, plus many more groups. The public is invited.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th St., will hold dedication services for the new family life center building, parking lot, and van beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 26th in the new building and continue at 10:40 a.m. for the dedication service in the sanctuary with John Yates, of Enterprise, Ala., in concert. Dr. Joe Wright, director of missions for Dyer Baptist Association, will be the guest speaker during morning worship services at 11:20 a.m. Luncheon will be served at noon. TNT, The New Testimonies, and Dalton Gay will provide gospel selections at 6 p.m. For more information, call 836-9887. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God, on Halliburton St., will host the Freemans, of Nashville, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26th. For more information, call 635-8791. The public is invited.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th St., Gates, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday in July with the theme, "Building With God", for ages 3 to adult. Bible study, games, refreshments, and crafts will be available. For more information, call 836-7991. The public is invited.

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

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

PARTY MEETING

Officers and members of the Lauderdale County Democratic Party will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 27th at the Lauderdale County Bank Armour Center, 331 Cleveland Street. Guest speakers will be City of Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic and the 2009 National ACT-SO Oratorical Competition Finalist, Caleb Spicer, of Ripley. He represented Lauderdale County and West Tennessee by winning the Tennessee ACT-SO Oratorical Competition.

Refreshments will be served.

Meetings will be held the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lauderdale County Bank Armour Center to provide local democrats with information regarding current political issues, educational opportunities, guest speakers, and a chance to meet party leaders and candidates for various offices.

TPA Winner

JULIE PICKARD, a Halls native and daughter of Leon and Penne Pickard, was awarded the top honor in photography in the 2009 Tennessee Press Association awards, held in Chattanooga. She placed first for the second year in a row in feature photography in Category I for weekly newspapers. Pickard is a staff writer/photographer for the *Chester County Independent* in Henderson.

A 2002 Halls High School graduate, she said "You never do the job for applause, but recognition for your hard work is always a plus on that kind of level."

Pickard has worked for the Independent for two years. "I really have a great staff to work with and every day is a learning experience."

Pickard also placed second in investigative reporting for a series of articles she wrote concerning the local ambulance contract with West Tennessee Healthcare and third in public service along with an additional fourth place in feature photography.

She is the granddaughter of Nelson and Opal Young and the late James and Nellie Pickard, all of Halls.

The Tennessee Press Association awards are given in five categories based on average weekly circulation, including small and large daily and non-daily papers. The Kentucky Press Association judged a total of 1,477 contest entries from 84 association papers.

Licensed

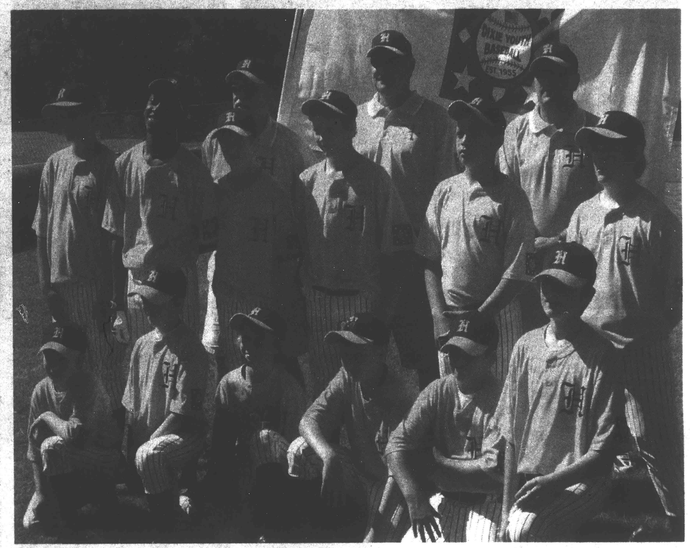
PAIGE THROGMORTON, of Jackson, granddaughter of Mrs. Elaine Throgmorton, of Halls, and a 2009 University of Tennessee at Martin graduate with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, has successfully completed the State of Tennessee Board of Nursing License Examination. She is employed as a registered nurse by the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center in the emergency department. The daughter of Steve and Donna Throgmorton, of Dyersburg, Paige is a 2005 graduate of Dyersburg High School and an alumni member of the AOPII Sorority. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, of Dyersburg.

MEDICAL GRADUATE

John (Jay) Summerlin Gardner, of Indianapolis, Ind., grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Winston Daws, of Halls, completed his internal medicine residency at Indiana University. Dr. Gardner is chief medical resident at the VA Hospital this year in Indianapolis. Next year, he plans to begin his cardiology fellowship at Indiana University.

A 2006 graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, he is the son of Dr. John Harvey Gardner, of Memphis, and Kathryn Daws Gardner, of Naples, Fla. He is also the grandson of Mrs. Lola Gardner, of Selmer.

Ozone Finishes Season



MEMBERS of the 2009 OZONE All Stars, Halls 11-12 year olds, in front, from left, Jonathan Barham, Alan Smith, Dalton Young, Matthew Greer, Connor Stanley, and Colton Barnes, in middle, Jeremy Lents, Nick Patrick, Tyler Nichols, Jacob Walters, Morgan Dewalt, and Jordan Saylor, and in rear, Coach Pat Smith, Manager Terry Lents, and Coach Russell Meeks, finished their season in Dickson, over the weekend.

Halls Angels Softball Team

SAVANNAH PHAM, second from left, in front, daughter of Quoc and Carol Pham, of Halls, and granddaughter of David and Judy Dunaway, of Ripley, was a member of the 2009 Halls Angels softball team, which ended their season placing first in the city tournament.

Musical Performance

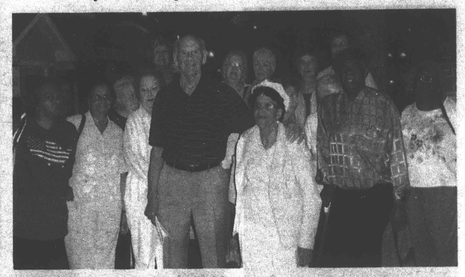
MEMBERS of the Studio on Main, a voice studio, on Main St. in Friendship, including, in upper photo, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade ladies ensemble, Ashley Raines, Libby Nichols, Morgan Castellaw, Micah Raab, Melia Rogers, Hannah Bivens, Ansley Smith, and Tiffany Worthington; in second photo, Jeremy Holland, Melia Rogers, Tiffany Worthington, Ansley, Mackenzie Edwards, Harrison Nelson, Tylon Patrick, and Grace Danehower, hosted their first performance May 31st at the Crockett County High School's little theater. Soloists and choral ensembles, with members from throughout West Tennessee, made their theatrical debut performing an variety of music. The program was directed by Katie Keel Hicks, owner. The students were accompanied by William Kelly Jr., a music teacher from Halls, who has performed at Carnegie Hall, in New York City.

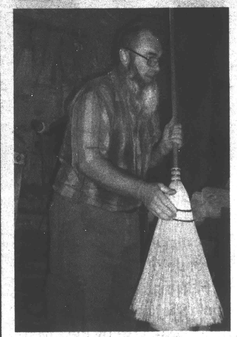
The cast opened with "Be Our Guest" from Walt Disney's "Beauty and The Beast". The preschool/kindergarten ensemble performed " Swinging on A Star". Danehower, 3, of Halls, Kaitlyn Mascgrove, 5, of Dyersburg, and Edwards, 4, of Alamo, each sang a solo wearing cheerfully colored pig, goldfish, and donkey hats. Singing and dancing with top hat and umbrella, Jeremy Holland, in third photo, of Bells, performed "Singing in the Rain". Members of the 4th 5th and 6th grade ladies ensemble performed "Good Morning Baltimore", from Hairspray the musical.

Cast members, adorned in an array of bright colored costumes, sang a variety of music including country, gospel, songs from musicals, rock and jazz. The songs performed were "Dancing Queen", by the High School ensemble, "Part of Your World", by soloist Ansley Smith, "Heart", performed by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade ensemble, and "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep", by Pre/K ensemble. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade ladies ensemble closed the first half of the performance with "Some Days You've Gotta Dance", a song made popular by the Dixie Chicks.

After a brief intermission, performance selections included "Anything You Can Do", by the high school ensemble, "Tomorrow", by soloist Libby Nichols, "Funny Honey", by soloist Hannah Jones, in fourth phto, "Don't Tell Mama", by the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade ladies ensemble, "Only Hope", by soloist Lindsey Hutchison, in lower photo, and "I Dreamed a Dream", by Katie Keel Hicks. Other songs included "Hey Good Lookin", "Beauty and the Beast", and "Daddy Sang Bass". The cast closed with a gospel arrangement by Keith Hampton, "Praise His Holy Name".

"Mystery Trip" Hosted





PARTICIPANTS of Lauderdale County Commission on Aging traveled to places unknown July 15th for a "Mystery Trip". Every turn brought another guess about the unknown destination. After zig and zags in the road, the group reached Henco's Furniture Store in Selmer. After touring the facility, enjoying fresh baked cookies and having their picture made with founder, Tom Hendrix, the group enjoyed a lunch in the Whistle Stop Cafe. They loaded up the vans and headed for the next stop on the Mystery Trip. After a couple of missed turns, they arrived at Hockaday Broomcorn Farm, where they met Jack Martin, who demonstrated the art of hand made brooms and mops. Mr. Martin actually grows and harvest broomcorn on his farm. The equipment used to make the brooms dates back to the 1850's and belonged to Mr. Martin's great-great-grandfather, Wick Hockaday. After loading the vans again, they headed north for Ada's Amish Country store, which offers a great variety of cheeses, spices, candies and much more. Last but not least, the group stopped at JAJA's at the Green Frog in Alamo for ice cream before returning to the center. If anyone is interested in the Mystery Trips, call 731-836-5444.

Historical Society Features Gates

MOSE STERNBERGER'S STORE, in upper photo, will be among the photographs and history discussed at 2:30 p.m. during the July 26th meeting of the Lauderdale County Historical Society at Gates United Methodist Church. Billie Morris has planned a program about Gates settlement, its people at work and play. Keith Coffman, of Memphis, Gates native, will be the main speaker. The public is invited to attend and share memories in a round table retrospection. A collection of photos and an excerpt of the "A Pictorial History of Lauderdale County" by Billie Morris follows. The book is due out in October 2009.

The Sternberger's store was located at 2nd Street and Wardlaw, facing 2nd St. and the railroad. Mr. Sternberger is seated right with the cane and appears to be wearing parts of the Confederate uniform.

In middle left photo, L. L. McDearmon, owner, right, stands in front of the strawberry shed in Gates. In lower left, the strawberry patch, located one mile south of Gates.

In middle right photo, strawberries were loaded from mule drawn wagons onto railroad cars. Patton L. Strickland is pictured with his hand on his hip. In lower right photo, the Gates School was built in 1910 for grades 1 through 12.

Dry Hill Dog News

By Zeek

Zeek here!! Funny things happen at my house. In the room where we all take baths, there is this thing under the table. Miss Pam pulls it out only in the morning time. She stands on it and then she says some words that I have not heard before and then she kicks it back under the table. Rusty and I have talked about this and we don't know what it is but we do know that Miss Pam does not like it. We do know that we run out of the room when this happens. Rusty wants me to turn my head to Miss Pam to ask her about this but I am scared to because she kicks it hard. I really want Rusty to ask Miss Pam about this thing because she does not fuss at Rusty like she does me. She says that Rusty is too old to get in trouble. Boy, is she wrong. I am the Top Dog at home and at the Club so I guess it is my job to find out about this thing.

The next day, I waited right outside of the door. I heard Miss Pam pull it out from under the table and then I heard her stand on it and I walked in the room and turned my head to her. She stepped off of it and kicked it back under the table but I did not run because she had a smile on her face. She sat down in the floor with me and told me all about it. She told me that two-leggers worry about being healthy so they stand on this thing to see if they are exercising enough. She said that two-leggers have to stay healthy so they can take good care of us four-leggers. As she was telling me more about exercising, I got up and headed out for the couch. When Miss Pam makes us go outside to play and run and she makes us stay out for a long time doing this, she calls it exercise. Exercise makes me sleepy so I decided I needed a nap before she got the idea that maybe us four-leggers needed to exercise more.

Out at the Club today, I wondered if any of my Buds needed more exercise. While I was walking around talking to everybody, I looked at them in a different way. Some of my Buds looked good, while some of my Buds looked like they might need more exercise. I wondered why Miss Pam had not brought that thing out to the Club and made some of my Buds stand on it.

When I walked around the corner, I thought that there was something wrong with me. I shook my head and looked again. I just didn't see one black cocker, but I saw two. I walked on over and Jock, the black cocker, told me that the other black cocker was Blackie. Then I looked on down the row and I saw two yellow labs. They told me that they were friends and their names are Sassy and Goldy. Then, I walked on down and saw two spotted heeler mixes. Then, I saw two chihuahua mixes named Smoozier and Rowdy. Boy, this has been a long day and seeing two of everything was really making me need a nap. So, I headed straight for the Office and did not even stop at the Cat Room.

In the Office, Mr. Buddy and Scooter were talking about all of the two-leggers that had been out to the Club this week. Of course, Scooter was in my chair so I just smiled at him and laid down on the rug. Mr. Buddy said that Adisson Colvin came out and took home two four-leggers with him. Miss Lisa came out and brought my Buds some food and some cleaning supplies. Miss Katherine Garner brought us some food and Miss Ilene Davenport come out with us some dog houses and a donation. Miss Mildred Rainey-Baker also gave us a donation. I really like donations, because I get to go to the Bank with Miss Pam.

We always need food, so send your two-legger out to the Club with some food for my Buds. You know that my Buds are always hungry. If you don't want to come all the way out to the Club, just drop off your food donations at Beasley's Treasure on Hwy 51 and Miss Sharon will take care of you.

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

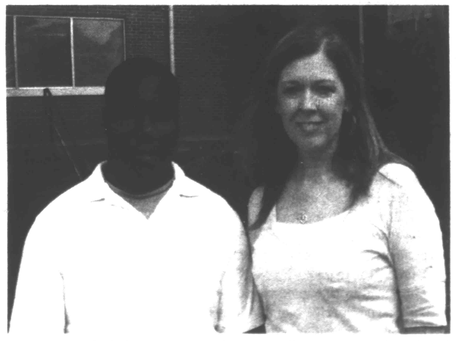
Have your four-legger spayed or neutered so there will not be so many puppy four-leggers out here. Oh yeah, and so there will not be so many kitten four-leggers, too.

Make sure to take good care of your outside four-leggers in the hot weather and never leave your four-legger in a vehicle.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. Miss Pam never told me the name of the thing that she stands on, but it is not nice what she calls it.

Zeek out!!!

Halls Junior High Honors Presented



NED LEWIS, left, in upper photo, Halls Junior High School principal, presented top ten awards in May to Cole Nichols, Jovita Stark, Tyler Fitzpatrick, Lindsey Bowie, Haley Blackwood, Libby Butterworth, Codie Smith, Mandy McClellan, third from right, was named valedictorian, Kelsey Yarbrough, fifth from left, salutatorian, and Tripp Crews, third from left, historian.

In second photo, Haley Blackwood and Cole Nichols were awarded the William G. Spence Memorial Award, for the male and female eighth grade students in memory of Mr. Spence, a long-time member of the Lauderdale County Board of Education and Lauderdale County Bank. Shea Harris, of Lauderdale County Bank, presented the award. It is given to individuals who demonstrate leadership, character, and academic excellence.

In third photo, Nathan Campbell, center, was presented the Christopher Wayne Broyles Memorial Beacon Award, given annually to the student who is positive and cooperative. The recipient demonstrates integrity and serves as a role model to his peers. He is pictured with Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Linda Broyles.

In lower photo, Michael Adams, left, was awarded the Judi Keen Memorial Math Award, given to the individual who exhibited effort, diligence, and aptitude in math. He is pictured with Shelley Keen Kimble, of Lauderdale County Bank.

Birthdays

July 23 – Carol Davis, James R. Caldwell, Randy Herron, Sam Sigman, Mickie Conrad, Tiffinne Runions Hayes, Brenna Rhea Deaton, Carol Young, Kailyn Mitchell, Mary Lowry, Tom Pennington, Junior Turnbow, Roger Jetton, Tina Anderson, Martha Massongill, Richard Hargett, Sesley Welch, Brent Cain, Leah Hutchins, Landon Hutchins, Louise White, Robert Hartman.

July 24 – Arden Butler III, Warren Kelly, Hugh Miller, Cathy Thebeau, Charles Cook, Kay Baker, Missy Buckner, Paul McLemore, Jeffrey Hill, Marlee Grace Mooney, Romona Rhodes, Carol Bernard, Pam Hudson, Steven Kee, Adam Cherry, Jeffery Hill, Wanda Moore, Nathan Ingle, Rick Tackett.

July 25 – Paulette Herron, Donna Hyde, Susan Mashburn, Ambria Platzke, Jane Vaden, Jimmy D. Clay, Gabe Pilcher, Gene Durham.

July 26 – June Hatch, Elaine Gruggett, Dolph Smith, Shelly Ogden, Lottie Savicz, Peyton English, Sandra Hughes, Shirley Webb, Vicki Edwards, Summer Edwards, Adron Wiggins, III, Lee Roberts, Teresa Chisholm, Alecia Wagoner, Kathryn McKee, Jerry Elton Carmack, A. W. Howard, Debbie Walker, Ellis Fullen.

July 27 – Warren Nunn, Daniel Moore, Debbie McCormack, Blake Savely, Katie Curtis, Lindsey Bowie, Emilie Hendren, Matt Fullen, Geneva Crihfield, Brandon Carmack, Susan White, Shakyra Gooch, Tim McDaniel, Pam Arnold.

July 28 – Herman Reviere, Laddarrus Henderson, Teresa Henderson Queen, Rachel Anthony, Karl Prescott, Mike McBroom, Amanda Winn, Jerry Horner, Rita Barnes, Ricky Horner, Heather Hickman, John Parsons, Laura Beth Hill, Jeremy "JP" Williams, Tracy Millner, Maggie Claire Criner.

July 29 – Courtney Nix, Elizabeth Anthony, Matt Lemons, Carson Reynolds, Dylan Klutts, Will Jacques, Gwen Johnson, Michael McAlister, Jr., Regina McBroom, Lee Grugett, Brandon Paige, Sandra Herder, Leslie Scallions, Jessica Myers.

Anniversaries

July 23 – Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones.

July 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Zach Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Mountjoy, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glenn Chisholm.

July 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newman, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Larson.

July 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crihfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Richmond.

July 28 – Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Green, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holder, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Groenke.

July 29 – Mr. and Mrs. Barry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cain.

Marriages

July 11th – Eric Lynn Warden, 18, to Amanda Kay Lumley, 19, by The Rev. Dan Holland.

July 17th – William Delbert Grimes III, 57, to Wanda Lucille Shanklin, 57, by Rod Schuh.

Weary Wayne Maben, 39, to Latasha Nicole Barnes Corthion, 32, by Rod Schuh.

Gary Lynn Henson, 30, to Shannon Layne Turner Braden, 38, by Rod Schuh.

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Belgian Giants Are Giant

MARY FRANCES MOORE, of Gates, who stands at 5 feet, is pictured in her garden beside her enormous Belgian Giant tomato plants. Her plants have produced baskets-full of tomatoes weighing two pounds and more that will cover the entire sandwich with one slice.

Cast Member

CLINT ADAMS, newest member of the "Walk Down Memory Lane" cast performed *I Write The Songs* Saturday July 25th at Higher Ground Coffee Shop. He is scheduled to return again August 1st.

Westate Notes--

Swine Flu Strikes Madison County

The first three cases of swine flu confirmed in Madison County are children who attended a Union University music camp.

No other attendees have been reported ill, and the three cases are mild.

• **$100,000 LOTTERY WIN** was learned by Eddie Warren, Jr., 21, of Unionville, just after he fell into a lake from a wakeboard towed by a friend, Jacob Adams.

Adams was with Warren when Warren purshaed a lottery ticket in April, 2008. Warren listed Adams' phone number as back-up.

Adams' phone rang in the boat, and after some confusion, he grasped that he was speaking with the president of the state lottery.

"Get in the boat," Adams shouted to Warren, who learned that his "second chance" ticket had won July's fourth largest prize.

Warren, laid off, has purchased a Dodge Charger RT Daytona Edition and now has the $2,000 cost of an emergency medical technician course about which he had asked, that morning, at Dyersburg State College.

•**THE AIRPARK INN** in Reelfoot Lake State Park, built on piers over the lake and opened in March, 1973, won architectual awards.

It is now derelict and likely to be demolished.

A fire in November, believed from a refrigerator cord, destroyed six of its 20 rooms, whose large windows observed wild-life.

Icing in January burst water pipes. There are sewage problems.

Even before the fire, the safety of the concrete deck on which the inn is built was estimated to require expensive repairs which state budgets haven't funded.

Senator Norris Sponsors Bills

Governor Phil Bredesen has signed two bills sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris (R-Collierville) that strengthens Tennessee's Crooks with Guns Law. One bill adds attempted first degree murder to the law, while the second measure keeps repeat violent criminals convicted of aggravated burglary behind bars longer by counting each felony committed within a 24-hour period as a separate offense.

"I am pleased that in a very tough financial year, we were able to pass an initiative to address violent crime in Tennessee," said Norris, who is also a member of the Finance Committee which hears all legislation impacting the state's budget. "The bill, as passed, contained about 80 percent of our original proposal, which is extraordinary considering the cost of the measure and total decrease in state expenditures."

Norris sponsored the original "Crooks with Guns" legislation that made it an additional offense to posses a firearm when committing a list of dangerous felonies like aggravated and especially aggravated kidnapping, burglary, stalking, carjacking, voluntary manslaughter, and certain drug crimes. Tennessee ranks second in the nation in the number of violent crimes. The legislation passed this year is the second cycle of bills addressing this problem.

The first bill signed into law adds a minimum of three years to the sentence of a violator who possesses a firearm during the commission of attempted first-degree murder, to be served after the underlying offense. If a violator possesses a firearm during the commission of the attempted first-degree murder and has a prior felony conviction, then a mandatory minimum of five years would be added to the sentence. In addition, if a violator possesses a firearm during the commission or an attempt to commit

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Governor Names Fitzhugh To Board

Rep. C. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to serve on the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation. Fitzhugh was among 135 other appointments to 64 state boards and commissions.

"I appreciate the willingness of these Tennesseans to serve the state through its boards and commissions," said Bredesen. "I am confident they have the skills, experience and knowledge necessary to become valuable members of their respective boards and commissions. Tennessee is fortunate to have citizens willing to serve the state in this capacity."

Appointment terms vary based on statutory recommendations or term limits specified by geographic or other qualifications.

Gates Captures $390,000 Grant

Gates has been granted $390,000 of Recovery Act funds to improve its water treatment plant.

Teen Writer

HANNAH HODGES, daughter of Guinn and Bernice Hodges, of Atwood, and granddaughter of Cloyce and Daisy Holder, of Curve, and Carolyn Hodges, of Halls, won the teenager division writing contest at the Mildred G. Fields Library in Milan, during the summer reading program, "Express Yourself At Your Library". She hopes to become an author. Her hobbies include music, baking and her baby brother. She also loves to travel and Chinese food. This is her second year to win the contest.

Her winning story, *Albert Meets The President,* is on page 6.

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-Author Unknown

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Bridal Tea Hosted

LEAH RAE WARD, center, of Halls, bride-elect of Kyle Steelman, of Halls, was honored with a bridal tea in the home of her aunt, Tonie Smith, June 14th. The event was hosted by Tonie Smith, left, of Halls, and Robyn Barlow, right, of Ripley. A variety of desserts, fruit, tea, cake, a fruit and vegetable tray, finger sandwiches, nuts and mints was served. Teresa Ward, mother of the bride, and Sissy Steelman, mother of the groom, and Phyllis Wallace, and Lois Ward, grandmothers of the bride, all of Halls, and Patricia Steelman, of Halls, and Marie Daniels Vaness, of Ripley, grandmothers of the groom, were special guests.

Marriages

July 11th – Matthew Franklin Greer, 34, to Lori Ann Borders Morris, 37, by Charles Randle.

July 18th – Joshua Edward Douglas Langley, 25, to Leslie Ann Dew, 27, by Mark Kirkpatrick.

Craig Lee Hutcherson, 25, to Heather Michelle Wilcox, 22, by Larry Burkett.

Samuel Juane Parker, 37, to Kristi Leanne Mashburn, 27, by Dennis Lunsford.

Christopher Marvin Ruckner, 21, to Nicole Renee Griggs, 18, by Eric Smith.

July 20th – James Mekel Burdg, 22, to Brandy Gail McBroom, 24, by Rod Schuh.

July 26th – Joshua Lynn Hutcherson, 24, to Shirley Ann Garner Ludwig, 55, by Dr. Owen D. Lilly, Sr.

Birthdays

July 30 – Beth Richards, Peggy Reviere, Lisa S. Hankins, Sammie Sue Reviere, Derek Young, Dana Ferguson Rose, Wendi Henry, Gary D. Maness, Andy Baggett, Katherine Littles, Jerry Jenkins, Tim Smith, Nathan Cole Smith, Whitney Kee, Tony Tinker, Quincy Richmond, Carolyn Wright, Annie Lois Hilliard, Carson McWherter.

July 31 – Rhea Moore, Donna Booker, Joy Hunter, Ruby Moore, Haylie Rose, Seth Steelman, Beth Carmack, Jere Keen, Lucille Belton, Shawna Vaughn, Trey Hurt, Precious Harvey, Tracy Young, Woodson Criner, Aubrey Akin, Matt Powers, Danielle Welch, Austin Pilcher, Logan Oswald.

Aug. 1 – Olivia Harrison, Stephen Herron, Camary Pearson, Carnie Rose, Heather Hemby, Butch Hawks, Julie Pillow, Linda Ellis, Stephen Webster, Kim Coffey, Roger Gray, Samantha LeMar, Molly Clark, Dan Day, Lynne Lee, Olivia Garrett.

Aug. 2 – Deanne Hammock, Shane Latham, Suzette Stanley, Harriet Cannon, Fred Taylor, Gary Steelman, Jackie Belton, Blake McWilliams, Barry Harrell, Betty Lewis, Eric Smith, Luanne Duvall, Susan Newman, Julia Brooke Westhoelter, Marissa Riley.

Aug. 3 – David Ford, Rose Marie Fullen, Corum Webb, Matthew Clark, Cindy Carmack, Hunter Haislip, Martha Howard, Bo Grear, Caroline Baynes.

Aug. 4 – Lee Wright, Joe Harrald, Kelli McKee, Colton Winkler, Brad Anderson, Sharon Meadows, Darrell Tutor, Nancy Zachary, Robert Hughes, James "Bill" Bailey, Michael Burks, Amanda Burrough, Kayla Leanne Brown, Brittany Kiestler.

Aug. 5 – Mike Demeris, Christina Ross, Tom Fitzhugh, Dorothy Miller, Ruth Summar, Steven Stanley, Deborah Patterson, Joan Burroughs, Wade Stanley, Beverly Malone, Frank Edwards, Chad Hogue, Dorothy Webster, Dr. Dax Eckard, Merri Beth Pike, Mike Yancy, Jason Gray, Velda Williams, Jenna Read, Mary McCurry, Penny Best, Sharon Lowery.

Anniversaries

July 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Steelman.

July 31 – Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wright.

Aug. 1 – Dr. and Mrs. Joe Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Terry, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Dustin White, Mr. and Mrs. Clint McKinnie.

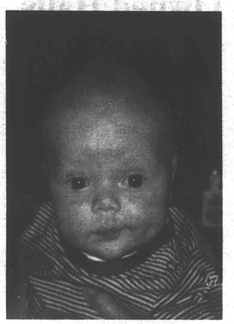
Aug. 2 – Mr. and Mrs. Danny E. Cates, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sondgeroth, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Schuh, Mr. and Mrs. Derek Young, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Quick.

Aug. 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Heathcott.

Aug. 4 – Mr. and Mrs. Jere Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pennington.

Aug. 5 – Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Little.

Newborn



BENJAMIN BLACKWOOD, 7 lb. 9 oz. son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Blackwood, of Ripley, was born at 1:25 a.m. June 10th. Measuring 20 inches long, Benjamin O'Neal is the brother of Noah and Isaac, and the grandson of Jerry and Cathy Hughes, of Gates, Freddie and Ginny Warren, of Merrian Woods, Mo., and Carl and Rose Blackwood, of Portageville, Mo.

Welcomed

EMERSON GRACE HEATH, 6 lb. 7 oz. daughter of Cody and Catherine Heath, of Ripley, was born at 4:46 p.m. July 9th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Measuring 19 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Larry and Marie Midkiff, of Ripley, Vicki and Brad Alston, of Halls, and Zach Heath, of Silerton, and the great-granddaughter of Dorothy Midkiff, the late Robert Midkiff, and the late O.B. and Virginia Emerson, all of Ripley, Ray and Liz Heath, of Halls, and Danny and Betty Roach, of Covington.

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Obituaries

Billy Winbush

Billy Wayne Winbush, 53, of 345 E. McFarlin, Henning, former janitor in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington, died Thursday, July 16th in the Veterans Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday, July 25th in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, west of Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He was a veteran of military service.

Survivors include his mother, Kathryne Farmer, his stepfather, Roosevelt M. Farmer, a brother, Vincent Farmer, and sister, Wanda Wiggins, all of Henning; a daughter, Tyesha Winbush, of Ripley; a son, Joseph Wayne Maben Winbush, of Covington; other brothers, Barry Winbush, of Ripley, and Ronald Dwight Winbush, of Staunton, Va.; and a sister, Beverly Winbush, of Ripley.

Nell Sellers White

Nell Sellers White, 78, sister of Eunice (Mrs. James) Lovelace, of 453 Martindale, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Taylor Homes Community Living in Jacksonville, Fla., site of a memorial service.

Survivors include sons, Dennis Tompkins, of Jacksonville, Mike Tompkins, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Steve White, of Elizabethtown, Pa.; a daughter, Teresa (Mrs. James) Bandy, of Jacksonville; brothers, John Sellers, of Memphis, Eugene Sellers, of Jersey City, N.J., Glenn Sellers, of Patterson, La., and Harold Sellers, of Fredonia, Kans.; another sister, Gracie (Mrs. Delbert) Danley, of Bartlett; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society would be appropriate.

W. O. Smith Owned Halls, Ripley Firms

Walter Odell Smith, 96, who at one time owned Halls Hardware and the Western Auto store in Ripley, died July 18th in his home in Covington.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He had also owned Smith Furniture, Smith Hardware, Smith Jewelers, and a Western Auto store in Covington.

He had been a director of the Tipton County Bank.

A Mason and Shriner, he had commanded Covington's American Legion unit and was a life-time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a member of Covington's First United Methodist Church.

He was the widower of Mildred Mullen Smith.

Survivors include a son, Walter Stephen Smith, a daughter, Gail Stiles Yarbrough, and a brother, Fontaine Smith, all of Covington; six grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Frank Lawson

Frank Wayne Lawson, 66, of Kansas City, Mo., a butcher for Armour and Swift, died Friday in St. Joseph Medical Center.

Garner Funeral Home in Ripley had charge of arrangements. No services are announced.

He was the widower of Peggy Shands Lawson.

Survivors include brothers, Tommy, of Kansas City, and Ray, of Amarillo, Tex.; sisters, Eugenia and Peggy Lawson, and Norma McBroom, of Ripley, Sally Bivins, of Princess, Ill., and Myrtle Darby, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Slaughter

Gertrude Annette Slaughter, 78, widow of The Rev. A. L. Slaughter, died Saturday in Covington Care.

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

She was a member of the Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Survivors include a son, Alvin W. Slaughter, of 7978 U.S. Hwy. 51 north of Halls; daughters, Barbara Rice, of Halls, and Debra Simon, of Kansas City, Kans.; a sister, Mildred Freeze, of Lillian, Ala.; 14 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Clayton

Dorothy Bledsoe Clayton, 86, mother of Danny Straubie, of Henning, died Monday of last week in her home in West Memphis, Ark.

Rites were held Saturday in Crittendon Memorial Park in Marion, Ark.

Survivors include other sons, Mike Straubie, of Marion, Jason Morris, Jr., of Memphis, and Billy Tillolton, of Missouri; daughters, Becky Hardin and Cathy Pitts, of West Memphis; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Nicole Ward

Nicole Antoinette Ward, 32, of Dyersburg, a step-sister of Cedric Hobbs, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Faith Deliverance and Apostolic Church in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Memorial Park in Dyersburg, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She was a certified nursing assistant.

She was the daughter of James E. Tyus, of Atlanta, Ga., and Roslyn Finch, of Dyersburg. She was the wife of Terrance Ward, of Dyersburg.

Irene Gilliland

Irene Gilliland, 94, of 353 Adams Road, Halls, widow of Theodore Gilliland, died Friday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital .

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

Survivors include a grandson, Eddie Elmore, of her address, and two great-grandchildren.

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School Lunches

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Friday, August 7th

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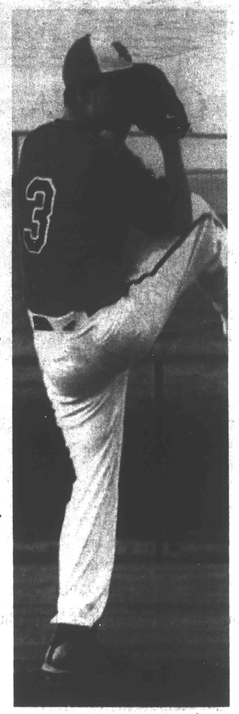

COLTON HARRIS, son of Marty and Debbie Harris, of Halls, and grandson of Bobby and Barbara Nelson, of Ripley, was named Rookie of the Year, District 13-AA All Tournament Team, 13-AA Second Team All District, 2009 All Region Team for Region 7, 2009 All TBR First Team, pitching staff leader with 13 wins, and TBR 2009 Super Sophomore/Freshman Team at Dyer County High School for baseball. He was able to pitch two complete games in the state tournament in Murfreesboro, one the championship game at Middle Tennessee State University against Knoxville Catholic, with Dyer County winning 8-4. Colton ended his season with a 13-0 record, and a 2.40 earned run average, striking out 31 batters in 51 innings of work.

Church Happenings

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

Elam Baptist Church, Durhamville Rd., at Highway 19 E., near Ripley, will host the Voices of Unity Gospel Singers at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 2nd with a variety of gospel choirs including 1 Accord, Bonds Singer, Gospel Divine, and the Sensational Southernaires, of Ripley, and the New Southernaires, of Gates, plus many others. For more information, call Donna McClish, 738-0692, or 731-612-1157. The public is invited.

Bethesda United Methodist Church, 2170 Hwy. 88 W., Halls, across from Charlene's, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly August 16th through 19th with The Rev. Roger Joseph, of Piperton, delivering the message each night. The Rev. Jim Wallace, pastor, invites the public.

A "Back To School Rally" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, August 1st at the New Hope CME Church Dowell Comples, 450 Moorer Ave., Henning, with the theme, *Things that Affect Our Children*. Parents can learn more about the "Changes To The Tennessee Curriculum" and the "Return On Your Investment" along with youth topics covering "Peer Pressure And How To Deal With It" and the "Path Of Choices". Free school supplies and food will be available. Children, accompanied by their parents, are invited.

Matthew Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 234 Pearl St., Halls, will hold summer revival services at 6 p.m. nightly beginning August 2nd with Elder L. C. Hayslett as Sunday's guest speaker. Services will continue through August 7th with The Rev. Tommy Terry, of Stanton, as guest speaker Monday through Friday. The Rev. Tommy Broadnax, pastor, invites the public.

Mt. Pleasant Church, on William Switch Rd., will hold its fall revival at 7 p.m. nightly August 2nd through 7th with The Rev. W. L. McCadney, of Pilgrim Rest, Dyersburg, as guest speaker. John Ed Jones, pastor, invites the public.

Durhamville Baptist Church will hold homecoming services beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, August 2nd with The Finchers providing gospel selections. Bro. Tom Barber will deliver the morning message. Lunch will be served at noon. The public is invited.

Edith United Methodist Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly July 31st and August 1st and at 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2nd. The Rev. Don Prescott, of Humboldt United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Truth and Faith Baptist Church, 170 Oakhill Subdivision, Ripley, are holding revival services at 7 p.m. through July 31st with David Holly, pastor of Pullium Chapel, as guest evangelist. Guest choirs include Morning Star and Gospel Rock on Wednesday night; Praise Temple and New Hope Henning, Thursday; and Antioch Curve and Spiller Hill, Friday. Charlie J. Peat, pastor, invites the public.

Cleaves Temple CME Church, Halls, will hold Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 1st with the theme, On The Move, God's Grace From Place To Place. A cook-out will follow. The Rev. William Terrell, pastor, invites the public.

Life Changing Christian Center will hold a free "Reach Out to Ripley" event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, August 1st at Ripley City Park, 200 Mary Roberts Dr. School supplies, grocery and household, free food, and much more will be available. For more information, visit their website at www.lifechangingnashville.com.

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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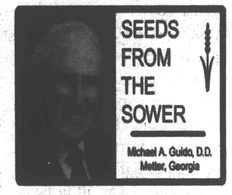

One day a man joined a famous church. That night the pastor preached a stirring missionary sermon and the congregation sang fervently "Rescue the Perishing."

As the people were leaving, he asked a deacon, "When do we start?"

"Start what?"

"Start rescuing the perishing," he said.

"Oh," said the deacon, "that's just a song."

Too many of us sing without serving, read without responding, and worship without working.

Our Lord said, "This people honoreth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. But in vain do they worship Me."

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009-2010

The Lauderdale County Board of Education approved the following school calendar during its regular monthly meeting, March 5th. Following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. Parent/Teacher Conferences, Oct. 22nd and 23rd, and March 25th and 26th, will be split between two days, Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Graduation for Ripley and Halls seniors is tentatively set for May 20th and 21st, respectively. September 25th is an abbreviated day for the Lauderdale County Fair.

Aug. 3-4	In-service
Aug. 5	Registration – Abbrev. Day
Aug. 6	In-service
Aug. 7-31	Student Days
Sept. 1-4	Student Days
Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 8-30	Student Days
Oct. 1-9	Student Days
Oct. 12-16	Fall Break
Oct. 19-22	Student Days
Oct. 22-23	Family/Teacher Conference
Oct. 26-30	Student Days
Nov. 1-24	Student Days
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 30	Students Day
Dec. 1-18	Student Days
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 4	In-service
Jan. 5-15	Student Days
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 19-29	Student Days
Feb. 1-12	Student Days
Feb. 15	President's Day
Feb. 16-26	Student Days
March 1-12	Student Days
March 15-19	Spring Break
March 22-25	Student Days
March 25-26	Family/Teacher Conference
March 29-31	Student Days
April 1	Student Days
April 2	Good Friday
April 5-30	Student Days
May 3-26	Student Days

Albert Meets The President

By Hannah Hodge
12 years old

Forward

Riiiiiiiinnnnnnggggggg!!!!!! That bell never sounded better!!!!! Finally, summer break. Swimming pools, lemonade stands, maybe a trip. These things raced through Albert's head as he raced down the halls of the school toward the front double doors. Almost there... six feet... five feet... four feet... ALBERT! WAIT! It was principal Conyers. Albert, would you give this to your mother please? He handed Albert a small envelope. What is it? asked Albert. It's just some papers I need you to give her. Oh, okay. I will give it to her as soon as I get home. She said we are having a family meeting right after dinner tonight, must be important. Yes Albert, would you get your mother to telephone me later, please? Okay Mr. Conyers, see you around. Thank you, good bye Albert.

Chapter One

Family Meeting

Beep, Beep, Beep, Beep, I guess dinner is ready, Albert said to his big sister Alison over a deal of cards. Okay, let's finish this game and we'll go down. Albert noticed that his sister had said "Lets finish the game and then we will go down" not "we can finish the game later if you like." Alice is really self-centered thought Albert as Alison laid down her last card and exclaimed, I WIN! Come on you two dinners been ready for ten minutes! called Mrs. Stooper from the bottom of the stairs. It's getting cold fast. Okay mom yelled Alison from the top of her lungs, well that's what it sounded like to Albert, Come on Albert, didn't you hear mom?! Yeah I heard her Albert said his stomach growled. I'm starved! Alison and Albert came down the hall just in time to hear their mother say "Maybe we should take them to Florida instead" and their father reply "No they are to old for that" Any way here we are. Alison said as they walked into the dining room. What are you guys talking about? Albert asked as he seated himself and placed his napkin on his lap. Well, said his mother wiping her mouth with her napkin and placing it on the table, your father and I have been discussing something off and on for two to three weeks...are we going to move? interrnpted Alison. No, but we do need your input, it is a family matter. Where do you guys want to go on vacation? Their dad finally blurted out. That cut Alison loose, she sat the world record for talking a mile a minute, DAD, CAN WE GO SEE THE JONAS BROTHERS, THEY ARE S00000000000 COOL!! NOOOO, LETS GO TO COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG YOU KNOW SORT OF A HISTORICAL ADVENTURE! Okay Alison, thanks for the enthusiasm, but we do need Albert's input too. Albert, where do you think we should go on vacation? Albert saw a certain familiar twinkle in his dad's eye. Albeit and his dad both knew that Alison's brain goes into over-drive when you seek her guidance on a subject. Well, started Albert, first of all I have to give this to mom. He reached in his pocket and retrieved the envelope that principal Conyers had given him and passed it to his mother. He said to get you to phone him later. Okay, thank you Albert. His mother took the envelope, opened it, and began to read,

Dear Mrs. Stooper,

Albert is doing outstanding in school, so please do not worry about the contents of my letter. Please give my regards to Frank, he already knows the purpose of my letter and has shared his opinion. We are about to do a sudy on the histroy of the White House. Do you think you could help Albert get resources to do thsi study? I know you are his tutor at home. Please phone me with your answer as soon as possible.

Well Albert, I did not know you were going into a special study. Believe me mom, NEITHER DID I! exclaimed Albert. Hey dad I know where I want to go on vacation. Well tell us son! I want to go to Washington D.C. That would be a perfect resource. I mean c'mon we could tour the White House and maybe even meet the President! Hold your horses there Albert, we haven't even voted on it being our family vacation. Okay all in favor of Washington D.C. raise your hand, of course every hand went up. Well I guess its decided then. Washington D.C. here we come!!!! Hoorrraaayy! H! Everyone shouted they were going on their first trip of the year and also the greatest trip of their lives.

Chapter Two

Packing for the Trip

Mom, have you seen my new pink shirt!!!!? Yelled Alison over the railing of the staircase of their house. No honey, I washed it and put it in your room yesterday when I was washing for the trip! Mom yelled back. Honey, have you seen my favorite button down shirt yelled dad, no Frank check your closet it might be hung near the left, mom waited a few minutes for a response, found it! dad said, thanks. Mom, do you need any help? Albert asked. Yes thank you Albert, you will be a tremendous help. Albert promised his mom if she would help him pack, he would help her pack hers. Albert and his mother were standing above his bed with a mountain of clothes to fit into his small suitcase, when the door bell rang, ding, dong. Could you get that honey, yelled dad. The muffle of his voice told Albert that he was hid in his closet trying to find his favorite pair of sandles, could you get that Albert? asked his mother in her sweetest voice, sure mom Albert replied. It was Ima at the door, she had a small bag in her hand, Ima's family was going to Florida and today was the last day that Albert could see her, because her family was leaving a day earlier than Albert's. Thought I would get you a little something before we go our separate ways she handed the bag to Albert. Thanks Ima, Albert slowly opened the bag, it was a piggy bank and a small replica of the White House. Thanks Ima, he repeated. There is more Ima said, Albert reached into the bottom of the bag and pulled out a green disposable camera, his favorite color. Close your eyes and wait here he said with a mischievous grin. Alright, Ima said reluctantly, she folded her arms and closed her eyes, Albert went up to his bedroom where his mother had just finished closing his suitcase. Ima is here mom, look what she gave me, he held the replica he had just received from Ima, well she is waiting on me down stairs I have got to give her her present too. Now Albert you know your father will want to see his sister while we are in D.C. Yeah mom, are Aunt Gloria-Jean and Uncle Lon going to be there? Well I don't know Albert, but that is a possibility. Okay mom, well Ima is waiting down stairs for her present, okay mom replied, I hope she likes it, I do too Albert said as he ran out his door and down the stairs, Ima still had her eyes closed and her arms folded across her chest. You can open your eyes now said Albert, Ima opened her eyes and beheld a beautiful yellow surf board, I know you are going to take surfing lessons while you are in Florida, so I thought you could use something to surf on. Oh, thank you Albert you know yellow is my favorite color, but I thought we were getting small gifts. Oh, I did get small, I got it at a yard sale, never been used paid $1.50 so I did sort of get a small gift. Well thanks again Albert, I have got to go show mom what you got for me. I'll bring you a souvenir from Florida!! She yelled as she ran out the door. Okay bye Ima. Albert went up to his room where his mom was. Did Ima like her present? She ask with a smile. Did she ever she thanked me and then she said she had to go tell her mom. Oh your aunt Lucy will love the present you bought Ima, but I don't know if they will be able to fit it into the back of their Jeep Cherokee Sport, Albert and his mother laughed at that.

Chapter Three

Washington or Bust!

As the Stooper family stepped out of their cab at the airport. It was like Alison's brain went into over-drive, (again) and she was saying How are we going to stay together? We will Alison, mom answered. Does everyone have tags on their luggage? Yes, Alison, after mom gave everyone a pep talk about not going any where after they got off the plane. Everyone boarded the plane. When they were on the plane the co-pilot called over the speaker Ladies and gentlemen please fasten your seat belts until your pilot has successfully taken off, have a wonderful flight, then a stewardess ask everyone what they would like to drink. Albert told her coke would be fine, it wasn't long before he was asking the same stewardess where the bathroom was. As Albert was walking up and down the aisles to and fro to the bath room. He did not see his family. But as soon as he got off the plane he immediately heard Alison blabbering to his parents. The next day they went to see his dad's sister and his cousin Drew asked his mother if he could go with Albert and his family to the White House, Albert's mother got it worked out

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Dry Hill Dog News

By Zeek

Zeek here!! Miss Pam got all of us up early today and told me that we needed to go to the Club. I like to go to the Club but it is really early and I don't think that I got my nap out. Before we left, she got this big thing out of the fridge (the fridge is the big thing in our kitchen that keeps two-legger food cold, at least that is what she told me). We went out to the truck with this big thing and she put it in the back seat. I jumped up in my seat and while I was waiting for her to get in - I touched it. It was very cold. Miss Pam got in and we were on our way to the Club, when she told me that this would be a surprise for the two-leggers out at the Club since it was so hot.

When we got to the Club, I jumped out and waited on Miss Pam and the big thing. I wanted to see the surprise. We went into the office and everybody was surprised to see us this early and with this big thing. All of the two-leggers went into the kitchen and waited for Miss Pam to open the surprise. They all got things to eat two-legger food with. I still didn't know what was going on, so I turned my head to Scooter. He told me that I could not have any of the surprise. I knew that was coming, I just wanted to know what it was. It sure did smell good. All of the two-leggers were eating and having fun so while Scooter was out of my chair, I decided to catch up on some nap time. Mr. Greg came into the room with me and asked me if I wanted a little bite. I raised up my head and let him know that I sure did want a bite. I think ever two-legger at the Club knows how much that I like two-legger food. He told me not to let Miss Pam see and he gave me a bite. Well, I believe that this is one two-legger food that maybe I do not like. I ate it and it reminded me of the tomato that I ate at the Bank. I don't know which one I like better or I don't know if I don't like either one of them. Mr. Greg offered me another bite but I really didn't want it so I just laid my head back down. He laughed at me and went on back into the kitchen with the other two-leggers.

I decided that I needed some four-legger time and I sure wasn't interested in the surprise anymore so I went out to see my Buds. I heard the Walker Hounds singing, but I heard another new voice in there. I walked on around and saw and heard Hunter, the red bone hound. He sure does have a loud voice. He told me that he was suppose to have a loud voice so that hunters could hear him. I think anybody could hear him. I stopped off next to talk to Shep, the German shepherd puppy. He just laughs at the Walker Hounds while they sing. Lucy, the red basset, said that she wished sometime that they would be just a little quieter so she could nap more. There are several small feist mixes that we all talking to each other.

Mr. Greg and Miss Pam were in the cat room looking at the cats. I went in since they were in there. I thought that I would not get scratched with Miss Pam in there with me. She told me to come on and look at the kittens. I didn't want to get too close but she made me look at all of the kittens. They would put their legs out and Miss Pam said that they were not trying to scratch me that they all just wanted to be petted. Yeah right, I thought. Miss Pam just really likes the cats, so she wants me to like them, too.

Mr. Buddy told us that Bubba Hopkins and his family found a new best friend at the Club and they also found their lost basset hound. Amy Ellis came out to the Club and let Smoozier go home with her. Smoozier was so happy. He had a big smile on his face as he walked to the truck with his new two-legger. Judith Galloway took home a cute brown four-legger. Mr. H.P. and Miss Pat Webb have a grandson, named Bo, who took home a black lab puppy to Jackson with him.

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

Have your four-leggers spayed or neutered so that we will not have so many puppy and kitten four-leggers at the Club. It is hot outside, so take special care of your four-leggers that live outside. Make sure that they have plenty of shade, fresh cool water and fresh food daily. Miss Pam says never to leave your four-legger in a vehicle because it gets too hot for them.

Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. Oh yeah, Mr. Greg told me that I was eating watermelon. I think that watermelon taste like tomatoes. I hope Miss Pam brings a better surprise next time.

Zeek out!!!!!!!

Divorces

Maxwell Scott Dill vs. Tammy Ailene Dill.

Timmy L. Harrell, Sr., vs. Annie Maria Johnson Harrell.

Shelia Marsha Simpson vs. Kim Steven Simpson.

Julie Crowder Booker vs. Jonathan K. Booker.

Jimmy Boone vs. Margie Ann Crowder Clawson Boone.

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a dangerous felony or attempting to escape, then a mandatory minimum of six years is added to the sentence to be served after the underlying offense. A prior felony conviction from this would add 10 years onto the sentence.

The second bill requires all aggravated burglaries a defendant commits within a 24-hour period to be counted as separate prior convictions for purposes of determining whether the defendant is a multiple, persistent, or career offender under the Criminal Sentencing Reform Act.

"The safety of our citizens should be a priority of state government," added Norris. "These are not petty criminals. These are hardened criminals who use a firearm in the commission of a crime. Both of these bills aim to make our communities safer by keeping these violent repeat offenders off the street where they are no longer a danger to the public."

Land Transfers

July 19th – July 25th

Ricky D. Delaney and Rhonda E. Delaney to Timothy Bryson, Jr., and Brittany Bryson, Dist. 6, lot.

Aurora Loan Services to Mike Douglas, lot.

Sandra Jennings Pipkin to Natalie Pipkin Sanders, Dist. 12, lot.

Brandon Stringfellow and William Chapman Smith to Jimmy Carroll, Sr., and Connie Carroll, Dist. 1, lot.

Citibank NA to Eric D. Maben, Dist. 2, lot.

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so Drew's whole family could go, Albert and Alison spent the night with their cousins.

CHAPTER FOUR

The White House

The minute they stepped into the White House Drew's mind went crazy Albert saw him leave the group and went after him. Albert ran and ran after him but never could catch him. Finally when he stopped for a breath he heard someone's voice behind the door. Okay, I'll get back to you tomorrow. Okay, okay. Bye-bye. Albert froze, That's the President he said. And then two men grabbed Albert by both of his arms and dragged him into the office. We found another tour stray sir. Well bring him here. Yes sir. After a while the President knew how Albert left his group. And Albert had fixed the Presidents problem. You just have to be creative Mr. President. Albert had said. Okay lets get you back to your group.

LATER... everyone was asking Albert questions about his meeting with the President and of course Drew got grounded. Well Albert started I'll never leave my tour group again.

The End

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