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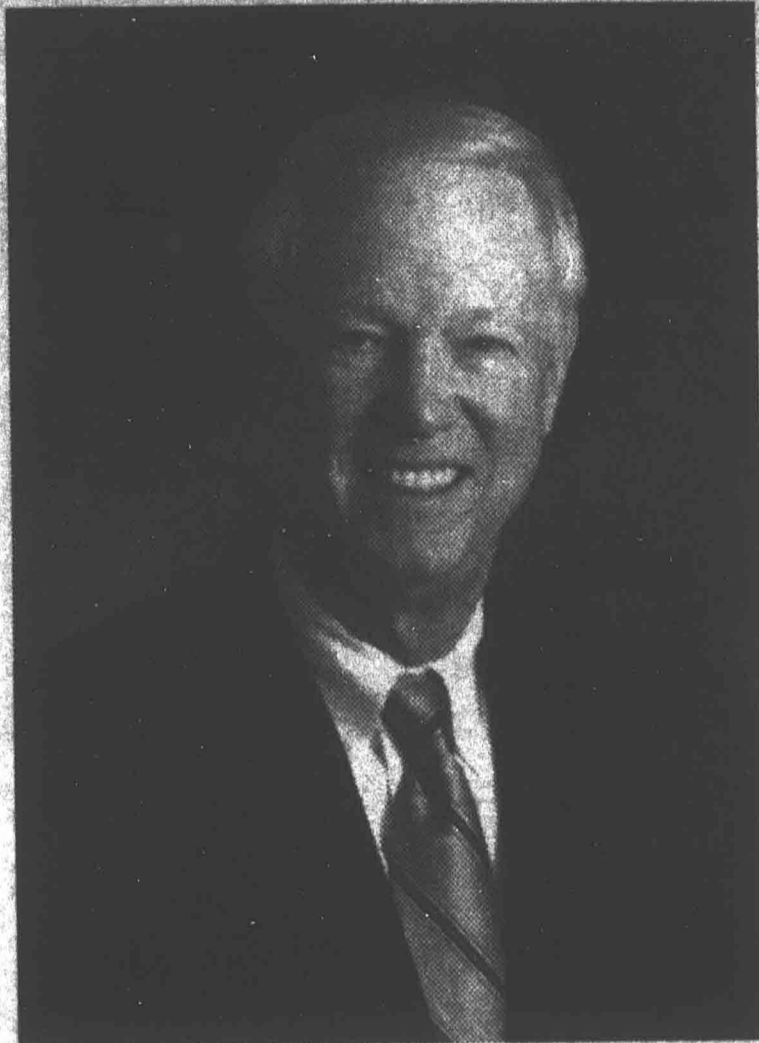
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## Appointed



**CLYDE WARREN NUNN**, president and chairman of Security Bancorp of TN, Inc., of Halls, has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Memphis Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Nunn is also a member of the board of directors of Baptist Memorial Hospital, and a member of the foundation boards of Dyersburg State Community College and Union University. With branches in Little Rock, Louisville and Memphis, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis serves the Eighth Federal Reserve District, which includes all of Arkansas, eastern Missouri, southern Indiana, southern Illinois, western Kentucky, western Tennessee and northern Mississippi. The St. Louis Fed is one of 12 regional Reserve banks that, along with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., comprise the Federal Reserve System. As the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve System formulates U.S. monetary policy, regulates state-chartered member banks and bank holding companies, provides payment services to financial

## No Pollution From Crash

Meg Lockhart, of the state Dept. of Environment and Conservation, says it sees no danger from 50-lb. bags of powdered polyvinyl alcohol dumped into an impoundment of the South Fork of the Forked Deer River, about noon Tuesday of last week, when a truck struck a bridge on Hwy. 209 (Old Hwy. 51), near the Dyer County line (photo, page 1, last week).

She says at least 60% of the bags, most of them still sealed, were recovered by First Response of Jackson, which worked through the night, until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Unofficial reports said 400 bags, loaded in Kentucky and bound for Brownsville, were aboard the 1999 Freightliner tractor-trailer, owned by G&K Express, of Quebec, Canada, when it tipped over and slid down an embankment.

In the cab, which struck a bridge abutment, the driver, Surmuke Singh, 54, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, was dead on the scene.

### INFORMATION SOUGHT

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept. needs leads on a white 2002 F250 Super Duty Truck that was stolen from Hwy 87 W., in Henning.

If you have any information call 635-1311.

institutions and the U.S. government, and promotes community development and financial education.

## Deadline Nears For Old Photos

Deadline for old photos needed for a pictorial history of Lauderdale County is March 21st. Views from earliest times of Lauderdale County and its people involved in work and play are sought.

All photos used will be credited in the captions. Glossy black and white, 4"x6", 5"x7", or 8"x10" photos are needed for best reproduction. Old photographs will be copied and returned to the owner.

Billie Morris, president of the Friends of the Lauderdale County Library, serves as the editor of "A Pictorial History of Lauderdale County", being published by the Donning Company.

Contact the Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St., Ripley, 635-1872, for further information.

## TN Tractor's CEO Elected SEDA President

Danny Marbury, Chief Executive Officer and one of the owners of Tennessee Tractor, LLC, was elected president of the SouthEastern Equipment Dealers Association during the associations annual meeting February 15th through 18th in Charleston, S.C. Tennessee Tractor is a multiple store John Deere dealer with locations in Alamo, Brownsville, Dyersburg, Jackson, Trenton, and Ripley.

## Clocks Ahead Hour Sunday

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Set your clocks an hour later than at present.

## Charged



**ADAM CAMP**, 25, of 2263 Mill Creek Rd., Halls, is charged with possession of marijuana and drug equipment.

He is one of four persons charged by Halls police officer Terry Williams after traffic stops.

Fredrick Jones, 27, of Ripley, is charged with possession of cocaine and with driving without a valid license.

In one vehicle:

Amy Fleming, 35, of Halls, is charged with a second offense of driving without a license.

Barry Wallace, 33, of Halls, is charged with possession of drugs, tampering with evidence, and resisting arrest.

## LOANS AVAILABLE

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers and operators are available through the Farm Service Agency in Lauderdale County due to severe winter storms and flooding which occurred January 27th through January 31st. Applications will be accepted until October 20th.

For more information, call Greg Mathania at 635-7686.

## Retiring



**Dr. Bobby G. Webb**, Lauderdale County's school superintendent for 14 years before he went to Shelby County as school superintendent in 2002, is retiring from the Shelby system June 30th.

Webb, 61, had obtained medical leave in January.

He has been president of the Tenn. Organization of School Superintendents, which twice named him the state's Superintendent of the Year, in 1996 and 2001.

No other superintendent has ever received that honor twice.

## Hill Named To Cotton Council

Jeffrey Hill, of Gates, has been named state chairman of the National Cotton Council American Cotton Producers' Tennessee-Kentucky unit. The cotton industry named its 2009 leaders to their posts during the 2009 NCC annual meeting in Washington, DC.

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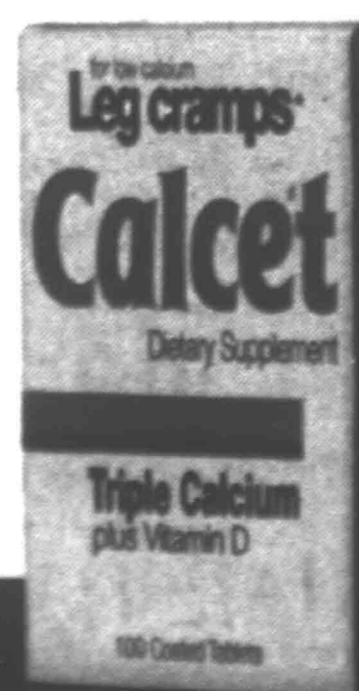
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## Bridal Shower



HEAVEN ANDERSON, second from right, bride-elect of Jason Paris, of Ripley, was honored with a bridal shower February 22nd in the home of Mrs. Brenda Roberts, of Halls. Guests were served cake and finger-foods. She is pictured with, from left, Shelia Roberts, of Halls, sister of the groom; and Sharon Paris, mother of the groom; and Patty Jackson, mother of the bride, all of Ripley.

## Bridal Courtesies



RACHEL WILSON, second from left, bride-elect of David Simpson, was honored with a bridal shower January 24th at Houston Levee Club House in Cordova. Friends of Rachel from the University of Memphis and co-workers attended the event. Alicia Gooch, of Halls, hostess, served cake decorated with Rachel and David's photo, nuts and mints. Rachel is pictured with, from left, Cindy Simpson, of Halls, mother of the groom; Doris Hill, of Ripley, grandmother of the bride; and Angela Garcia, of Ripley, mother of the bride.

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 9th

- Chicken Fajitas
- Pizza
- French Fries
- Corn Nibbles
- Banana
- Cookie

Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 10th

- Steak Fingers
- Fish Fillet
- Broccoli Bites
- Black Eye Peas
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 11th

## Marriages

February 23rd - Andrea Jackson, 43, to Priscilla Yvonne Henson Ammons, 44, by Rod Schuh.

Jason James Kelly, 27, to Tiffany Renee Goodman, 19, by Rod Schuh.

## Anniversaries

March 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder.

March 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Jr.

March 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Parker Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Escue.

March 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McKinnie.

March 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

March 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kiestler.

- Spaghetti
- Green Beans
- Tossed Salad w/Dressing
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Grapes
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 12th

- Chicken Nuggets
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Peas
- Peaches
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 13th

- Deli Wrap
- Vegetable Soup
- Celery Sticks w/Dip
- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

## School Lunches

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

Monday, March 9th

- Chicken Fajitas w/Trimming
- Corn Nibbles
- Banana
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 10th

- Fish Sticks

## 4-H Sub-Regional



4-H STUDENTS, Nickel Harris and Chad Lewis, both students at Halls Elementary School, participated in the Sub-Regional Public Speaking contest Thursday February 26th at Dresden Middle School. Nickel won a green ribbon in the 5th Grade Division and Chad won a red ribbon in the 6th Grade Division.

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| Broccoli Bites          | Chicken Nuggets    |
| Orange Sections         | Whipped Potatoes   |
| Roll                    | Peaches            |
| Choice Of Milk          | Roll               |
| Wednesday, March 11th   | Choice Of Milk     |
| Spaghetti               | Friday, March 13th |
| Tossed Salad w/Dressing | Deli Sandwich      |
| Pineapple Tidbits       | Vegetable Soup     |
| Roll                    | Pear Halves        |
| Choice Of Milk          | Cookie             |
| Thursday, March 12th    | Choice Of Milk     |

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## Obituaries

### Danny Bishop

Burial Thursday of last week in Ripley Memorial Gardens followed rites in the Northridge-Woodhaven Funeral Home in Millington for Danny R. Bishop, 50, who died Feb. 20th.

He was the son of the late George and Velma Bishop.

Survivors include a son, Patrick, of Memphis; daughters, Mindie and Velma Bishop, of Kentucky; a sister, Martha Russell; and a grandson.

### Jimmy Hendren

Jimmy Roy Hendren, 65, of Covington, father of John Paige Hendren, of 3122 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Victory Baptist Church at Henning, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Henning.

He was a retired merchant.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Caldwell Hendren; a sister, Ann Cotner, of Jackson; and two grandchildren.

### Saul Eggleston

Saul Eggleston, 58, of 526 N. Wilson, Halls, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Henning Grove Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his step-mother, Florine K. Pierce, of Gates; daughters, Allie Mae Fields, of 165 5th St., Gates, Barbara Thorpe, of 105 Cedar, Halls, and Becky Patrick, of 516 N. Wilson, Halls; a step-sister, Kamela E. Salter, of Nashville; and his care-giver, Annie Ruth Pearson, of 109 Cedar, Halls.

## Mourned



**Mary Horne Maxwell**, 89, widow of Albert Joe Maxwell, died Saturday in Crestview Health Care Center in Brownsville.

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

Survivors include daughters, Christine Hertog, of 3231 Curve-Woodville Rd, and Shirley Holcomb, of 441 Smithville Rd., Ripley; sons, Albert Eugene Maxwell, of Ripley, Willie Perry, of Munford, and James Wallace, of Maxwell, Ark.; one sister, Ruby Doss, of Prairie; and 13 grandchildren.

### 'Glynn' Turner

William "Glynn" Turner, 82, of Memphis, who was born at Curve, July 10, 1926, to the late Rozelle and Lula Pearl Turner, died Feb. 21st in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Memorial Park Funeral Home on Poplar in Memphis. He had been a signal engineer for the Illinois Central Railroad and president of Turner Signal Engineering.

He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Memphis.

He was the widower of his wife for 55 years, Norma.

Survivors include a son, Bill, of Memphis; daughters, Pam

## Lamented Remembered



**MILDRED LOUISE SMITH**, 92, of Ripley, passed away February 25, 2009, after a lengthy illness at her residence.

Rites were Friday, February 27th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Crossroads Cemetery.

Born April 14, 1916, in the Curve Community to the late William A. and Gertrude Smith, she was a devoted Christian and caregiver. She was a lifelong member of Curve United Methodist Church, where she served as secretary and treasurer for many years.

She worked for many years as a clerk and bookkeeper at Smith's Drug Store, owned by her brother, Lyle Smith, and continued with the current owners, Mays and Dunavant, until her retirement.

She leaves four nieces, Carolyn Wesson, of Arlington, Tex., and Lynda Lewis, Janice Mooney and Judy Maclin, all of Curve; two nephews, Mike Smith, of Friendship, and Bill Smith, of Halls; 15 great-nieces and nephews; 31 great-great-nieces and nephews; and five great-great-great nieces and nephews.

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(Mrs. Wade) Young, of Brighton, and Teresa (Mrs. Tom) Craemer, of Fairborn, Ohio; sisters, Joan Parks, of Brownsville, and Doris Henderson, of Franklin, formerly of Halls; and six grandchildren.

## James Parker

James Parker, 78, of Ripley, formerly employed by Maremont in Ripley, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Saturday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include sons, Billy C. Parker, Kenneth Watkins, and Lawrence Junior Taylor, daughters, Harriet Fuller and Tonia Estes, and a sister, Leotha Nixon, all of Ripley; other daughters, Jennifer Mays, of Memphis, Cathy Davis and Karen "KooKoo" Campbell, of Nashville, and Dorothy Parker, of Vincennes, Ind.; a brother, Charlie, of Milwaukee, Wis.; 26 grandchildren, including LaToya Finch, of Lynwood, Ill., whom he reared as a daughter; and 31 great-grandchildren.

### William W. Roy

William W. Roy, 76, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Old Fulton Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his sons, W.W., Jr., and Jason Juan Roy, a daughter, Ruth Starks, and a sister, Rosie Napper, all of Ripley; another daughter, Cocynthia Ann Roy, of Natchez, Miss.; a brother, George White, of Rock Island, Ill.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Richard Qualls

Richard Allen Qualls, 55, of Brownsville, brother of Ruby Jean Latham, of Ripley, died Feb. 19th in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Feb. 21st in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

He was the son of the late Jasper Allen Qualls.

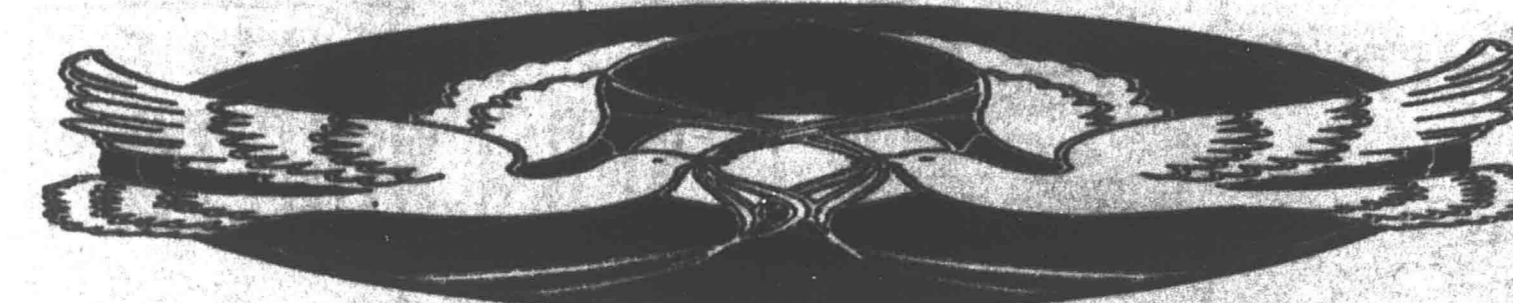
Survivors include his mother, Leatha Lorene Massey Qualls, a son, David, a daughter, April Elrod (Mrs. Jonathan) Day, and sisters, Brenda Stanley, Carolyn Tillman Essary, Joann Mc-Broom, Linda Tillman, and Pauline Simpson, all of Brownsville; other sisters, Aileen Burns, of Bells, and Emilee Church, of Jackson; and seven grandchildren.

### Ricky Horvath

Ricky Joe Horvath, 48, of Henning, truck driver, died Saturday, in his home.

Rites were held Wednesday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, east of Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his parents, Joe and Norma Horvath, of Halls; his wife, Tina King Horvath; a son, John, of Henning; a daughter, Amber Horvath, of Bicknell, Ind.; sisters, Cornelia Summar, of Ripley, and Regina Tinker, of Alamo; and two grandchildren.



## 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.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, in Frog Jump, will hold a scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 25th with vendors, goody bags, door prizes and more. Bring unwanted scrap supplies to the swap table and lunch and supper will be available. Call 731-414-8277 for registration information. The event is sponsored by the Archer's Chapel United Methodist Women's ABC's.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Three Points, will hold a marriage enrichment month during March, designed to strengthen and improve marriages. Sunday worship services will consist of sermons on marriage and all Bible study session will consist of studies on marriage. The Rev. John R. McBride, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of God will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. March 14th with Phase to Light and the Hwy. 7 Band. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God will hold revival services beginning at 10:40 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. March 8th and continuing at 7 p.m. March 9th through 11th with Bishop Tim Geer as guest evangelist. For more information, call Tracy Henson, pastor, 635-4484. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 E. Tigrett St., Halls, will present the 2009 Family Conference beginning at 7 p.m. March 6th and at 10 a.m. March 7th. The theme is "Building Families God's Way". Featured guest speakers include Pastor Willie Wright and First Lady Brenda Wright, of Christian Love Fellowship Church, Memphis, and Evangelist Barachias Irons, Pentecostal Assembly, COGIC. Free registration. For more information, call Dalton Jackson, 731-635-8639, or Ollie Fields, 731-612-0121.

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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## Birthdays

March 5 - Jennifer Box Warren, Brandon Garrett, Stan Matras, Linda Harmon Rizzuto, Emily Davis, Fred Strantz, Heather Garrett, Thomas Curran, James Bradley Belton, John Hardy, Peggy Twetty, Jennifer McDearman, Charles Moore, Conner McLemore.

March 6 - Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, LaVerne Harris, Joe Maxey, Joann Crain, Betty Warren, Amanda McBroom, Jerry Sherry Seeley Layne, Clyde Nelson, Martha Cabay, Donnie Wieber, Vanessa Cain, Harvey Lindsey Smith, Lois Harris,

B. Johnston, Wayne Bringle.

March 7 - Amanda Hutcherson Booker, Pug Conner, Misty Oswald Anthony, Ashley Turner, Al Jennings, Gennie V. Dewalt, Chad Meyer, Danielle McBroom Jowers, Charlene Roberts, Gaylon Hardy, Caleb McKee, Danetia Jordan Fincher, Mattie D. Taylor, Nona Pilkington, Shawn Rose, Brian Elam, Michele Maclin.

March 8 - Andy Booker, Jerry Summar, Jr., Matthew Ratcliffe, Bill Zachary, Jayme Ann Buntin, Anne Paris, Jill Carpenter, Katrina Burns, Lindsey Smith, Lois Harris,

## DECA Competition



**STUDENTS** from Halls High School competed at DECA regional competition February 18th at Liberty Technology High School. Heather Hill, Tommy Isaac, Clint Vickery, Garvin Ferguson, Charlie Hammond, and Chris Hutcherson will move on and compete at state competition March 8th through 10th in Franklin. Kelsey Layne, a sophomore, will be running for West Tennessee DECA Vice-President against other students from West Tennessee. She will campaign at state competition. At competition, students take a 100 question test in one hour and perform two role-plays to demonstrate their marketing knowledge, creativity, and interview skills. Participating were, in front, from left, Tommy Isaac, Katye Cherry, Casey Crockett, Melinda Meeks, Kelsey Layne, Heather Hill, and Heather Davis, and in rear, Will Cherry, Charlie Hammond, Clint Vickery, Nathan Smith, Garvin Ferguson, and Chris Hutcherson, plus, not pictured, Hannah Kelley.

### PAGEANT CONTESTANTS

The "Miss Magnolia" pageant is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7th in the Crockett County High School theatre in Alamo for girls ages 0-21 and boys ages 0-3. Pageants will run continuously on 30 minute age intervals. Five sides pageant is a preliminary to the West TN Strawberry Festival.

For more information contact Janet Richardson at 731-432-2222 or email at bellepageants@msn.com or richardsonj@ccschools.net. Pageant benefits the Crockett County Band Program.

Opal White, Tommy McDearman, Greg McBroom, Nancy Etheridge, Robbie Summar, Rachel Adkins.

March 9 - Dalton Lee Young, Luke Hemby, Jerald Bridges, Melinda Pilcher, Barbara Sue Ezekiel, Glenn Lazure, Kathy Cherry, Tammye Terry, Sandra Wieber, Ann Carmack, Jessica Little, Will

### SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

Warren, Nyiesha Gingery. March 10 - Zackery Flatt, Rita Glenn, Rita Gillon, Polly Adkisson, Troy Sinquefield, Kim Vanden Hurt, Conner Stanley, Louise Ward, Randy Harris, Jacob Newman, Phyllis Elkins, Reagan Mills White, Brandy Lane, Brandon Crumpler. March 11 - Joe Tidwell, Larry Reynolds, Zane Bernard, Carol Douglas, Russ Poston, Grayson Morris, Lance Med-

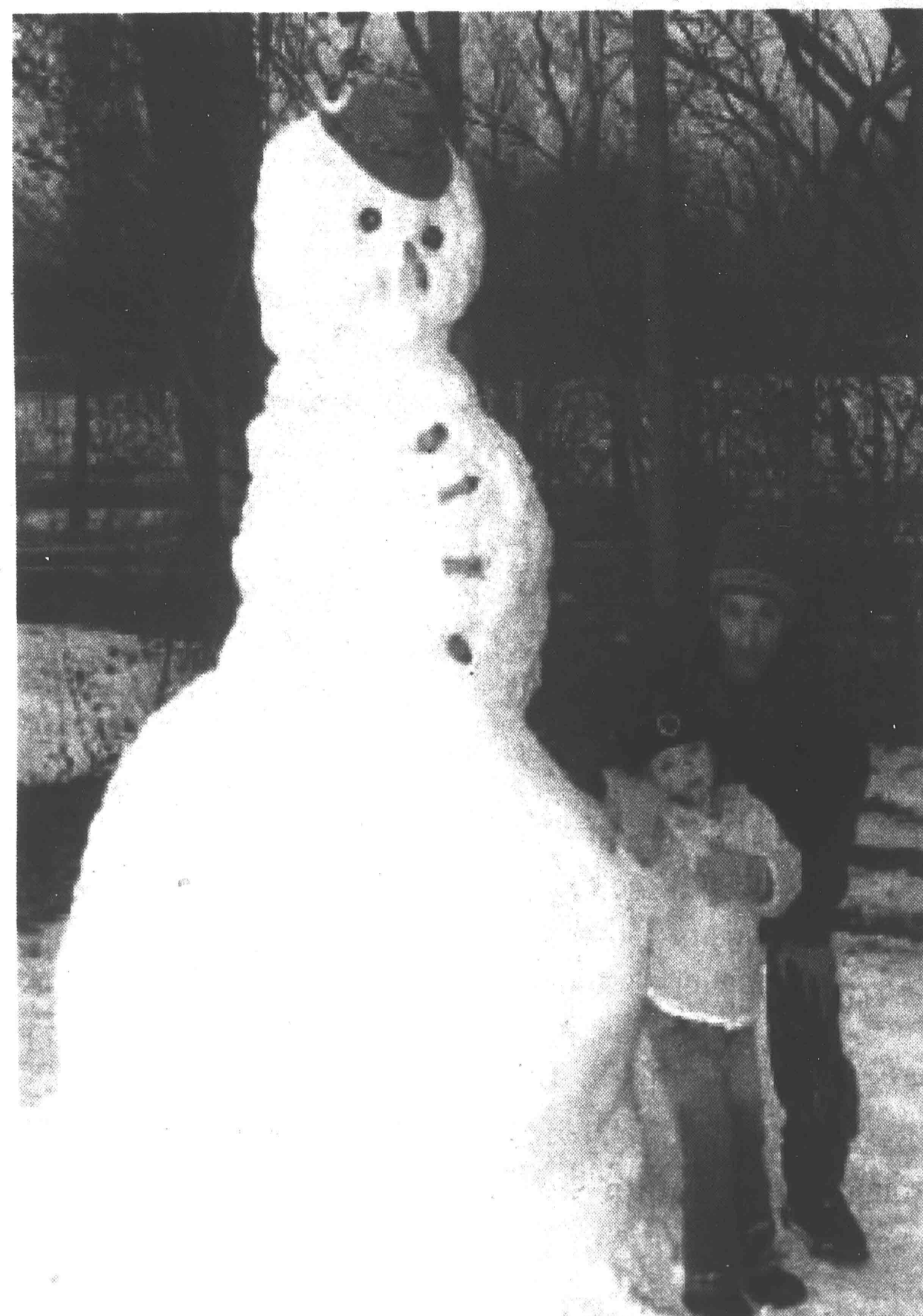
Cancer Care Centers of Jackson, Dyersburg, Paris and Union City have 2009 college scholarships available. Applications are available online at [www.cancer-carecenter.org](http://www.cancer-carecenter.org). The deadline for accepting applications is Friday, March 20th. For additional information, visit [www.cancer-carecenter.org](http://www.cancer-carecenter.org) and click on the scholarship tab. ford, Jeremiah Boyd, James Ryan Hilliard, Annie Hume.

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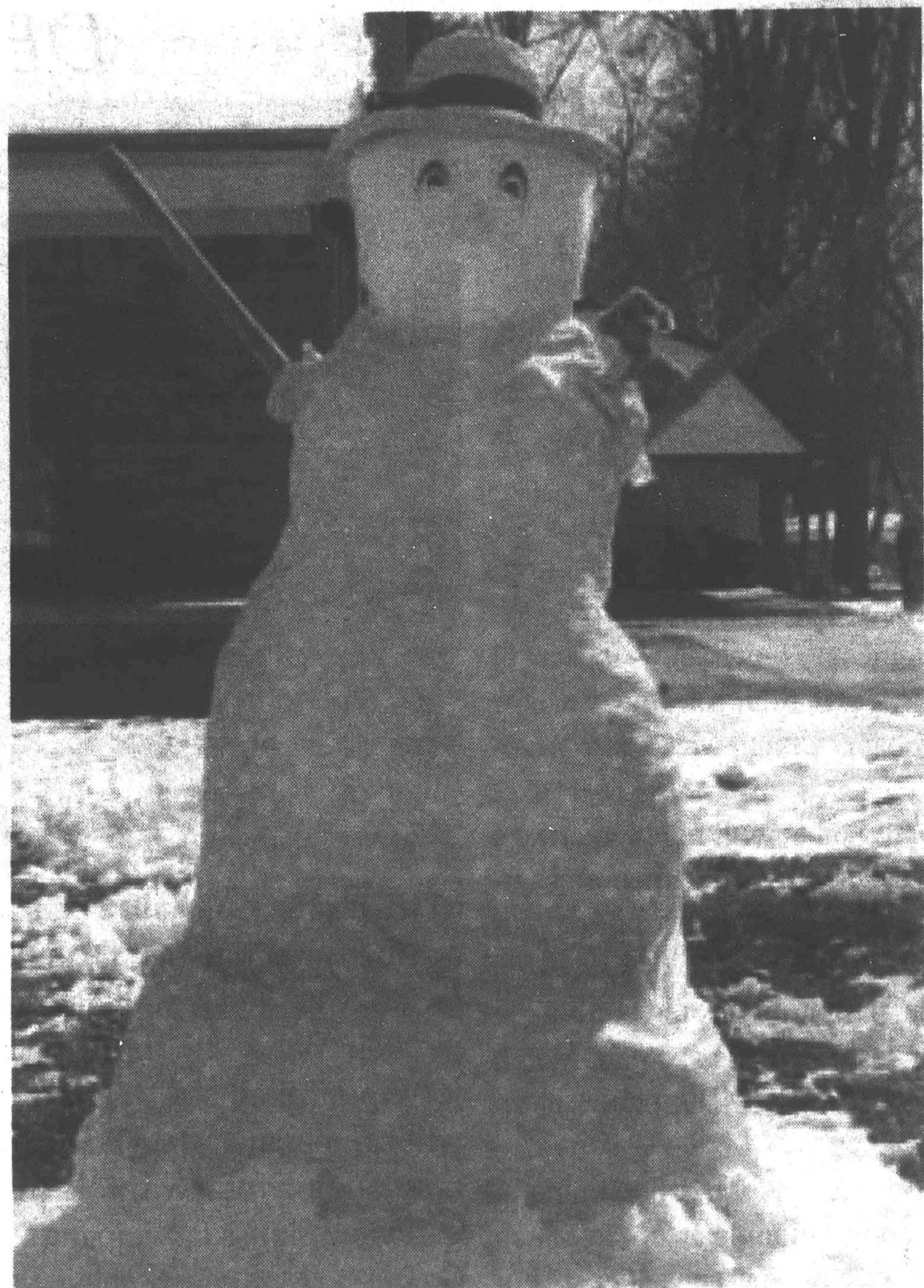


**SNOWMAN**, in left, upper photo, built by Gary Criner and his daughter, Trinity Paige, stands 10 foot tall on Church Rd., in Halls.

In middle photo and in right, upper photo, snowmen were built by families in Halls located on College St.

The snow began falling early Saturday evening accumulating an average of 13 inches, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). No accidents were reported, however, the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department responded to numerous calls throughout the county of people who slid off the road. While some were able to be pulled out, others had to be left.

The last, big snow was in March 1968 with an accumulation of 16-22 inches, according to the National Weather Service. However, some locals state that approximately 14 inches fell sometime in 1985 and 1987.



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### It Is Simply Amazing What Census Results Can Tell

Every five years the United States Department of Agriculture conducts its Census of Agriculture. In 2007 the last census was taken and the results are now in with some very interesting results.

For the very first time since 1840 when the first ag census was taken in conjunction with the nation's population census, the 2007 figures provides information on the way farmers communicate and get information. The new Census found that across the nation 57 percent of all farmers have Internet access, up from 50 percent in 2002. The census also looked at high-speed Internet access. Of those producers accessing the Internet, 58 percent reported having a high-speed connection. However, figures for those who reside in Tennessee were not that high. Percentage figures for Tennessee's farms fell below 50 percent and in some areas lower than 40 percent. The Census proved that there is still much room for improvement in our rural areas of the state for high speed Internet.

Other "firsts" in the 2007 Census include questions about on-farm energy generation, community-supported agriculture arrangements and historic barns. The report contained comprehensive measures of the number of women involved in farming in our state and nation for the second time since the 2002 report collected those figures for the first time. Women have been a major force in saving many of Tennessee's Century Farms and their contribution to the overall successes of our nation's agricultural system has been vital. Twelve percent, or 9,960, of the state's 79,280 agricultural producers were women in 2007.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture showed there were 79,280 farms operating in Tennessee during 2007. That amount is down 9 percent from the 87,595 farms in 2002. This is not surprising knowing that this was the beginning of our drought and some smaller farms had a lack of pasture and water during that summer and fall. Rising costs also caused a decrease in the farm numbers and dairies have been going out of production at a rate of four a month in the state since the last Census.

Land in farms, at 10,969,798 acres, was down from the 2002 number of 11,681,533, and the average farm size, at 138 acres, was up 5 acres. Farmers have to increase acreage size to make their farm working plans profitable. The average age of Tennessee agricultural producers in 2007 was 55.9-years-old, up from 54.8 in 1997.

Results received from the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service, under the direction of State Statistician Debra Kenerson, revealed for Tennessee some very interesting news on Tennessee agriculture. "The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, is the nation's largest and most comprehensive agricultural dataset, providing extensive coverage of U.S., state, and county agriculture," said Kenerson. "We routinely get requests for rare or specialty commodities and the census is often the sole source of these data." The Ag Statistics Service has been a very important source in our state for agricultural information. They keep us aware of trends and just where we are going.

The national report also states that most farms in the United States are small, with 60 percent of all farms reporting less than

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

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\$10,000 in sales of agricultural products. Of the 2.2 million farms nationwide, only 1 million show positive net cash income from the farm operation. The remaining 1.2 million farms depend on non-farm income to cover farm expenses. The census definition of a farm is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.

They go on to report that of the 2.2 million principal farm operators in the nation, 1.2 million report something other than farming as their primary occupation. "Almost 900,000 principal operators report working off the farm more than 200 days a year. The share of farmers working off-farm grew from 55 percent in 2002 to 65 percent in 2007.

Nationally it is shown in the Census that demographic characteristics of operators on larger farms, with sales over \$250,000, differ from those of small farms. Operators of larger farms tend to be younger, are more likely to report farming as their primary occupation, and are less likely to work off the farm.

Even with less number of farms in Tennessee being shown in the current Census report, agricultural production still generates more than \$2.7 billion annually in farm cash receipts. Farming is a vital link to keeping our state's economy strong. Our farmers are very important to keeping this link strong and it is up to all of us to support agriculture in our state. Who knows what the 2012 census will report, but with a

## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!! I learned about color this week. While Miss Pam and I were out at the Club today, Scooter was talking about painting the rooms. So, he told us to go see the new colors. In the new cat room, he said that this color is pink and brown. In the puppy room, he said this color is yellow. In the back hallway (that still looks like a mess) he said this color is white and the new room in the back, he said this color is salmon. He then showed us some cans of paint with color on the top of them, one was orange, one was green and one was blue. Now I really don't know a lot about color but they all kind of looked alike to me, but, when Miss Pam would tell him that she liked the color, I would shake my head, too. It sure doesn't take a lot to make Scooter happy.

It is such a pretty day and all of my Buds are getting to go outside. Lady, the old German shepherd, was laying out in the sun. I didn't talk to her since she likes to nap a lot. Rudy, white and black feist, was running around in the open yard. Snow, the Heeler mix, was really liking to be outside. The beagles were all talking about going rabbit hunting. All of the girl and boys out at the barn were enjoying the warm sun. I am so glad that my Buds get to go out in the sun. Miss Pam says that the sun is good for you. Is that true or does she just make it up so we go outside sometimes?

Cindy Mashburn came out to the Club and brought my Buds some food and leashes. She was looking at all of my Buds, when she fell in love with the big yellow lab, Snow. Snow was so happy and she went home with Cindy. Robert Maclin reclaimed his yellow lab. Malissa Pittman came out to the Club to see Peanut and took him home with her.

I went in the office to take a nap in my chair because I thought that Scooter was still out talking about colors. When I went in, there he was in my chair. But the funniest thing happened. He was looking at something and out of nowhere comes the fastest cat that I have ever seen. The cat jumped up on Scooter and ran across his head then jumped down and ran across his lap. Scooter jumped up and said some words that I haven't ever heard before and it all ended with Leroy. All of the two-leggers in the office fell in the floor laughing at Scooter. I even laughed so hard that I had to go outside. After I did my business, I came in and the cat was laying in my chair taking a nap. Now I know how to get Scooter out of my chair, but I don't think that I can jump that high.

Come on out and bring my Buds some food and cleaning supplies. Take care of your four-leggers in the cold weather and start thinking about shelter for them in the heat. Mr. Buddy says that it will be here soon. Have your four-legger spayed or neutered so that we don't have so many puppy four-leggers out here. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Rd., mail us something at P.O. Box 172, Ripley or call us at 836-PETS (7387). Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. By the way, the cat's name is Leroy.....

Zeek out!!!!

healthy agricultural industry today, hopefully it will be one to be proud of. Census results are available online at [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov) or call (800) 727-9540.

### Halls High--

The Tigers play in Dist. 14-A, against Bradford, Dresden, Gleason, Greenfield, Humboldt, Lake County, South Fulton, Trenton, and Union City.

They are scheduled to play in the Tomahawk Classic beginning Monday at Jackson North Side, time and foe not reported at press-time.

### Veterans' Museum To Host Seminar

The Veterans' Museum in Halls will host a seminar on "The Holocaust" beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 5th. The public is invited.

### Deadline Nears For Candidates

Candidates for the Halls mayor and alderman elections include Eugene Pugh, Trent McManus, and James Fitzhugh for Halls Mayor, and Jennifer Moore, James L. Tyus, Owen D. Lilly, Wayne Belton, Matthew Henderson, David Jennings, Cynthia Lacy-Jane, Leslie M. Shands, Stan Young, Tommy Hansbrough, and Ty Brasfield for Halls alderman.

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## Winner Pre-Golden Gloves Tournament



**JON "CALEB" GRANTHAM**, son of AnnaBell Holcomb, of Halls, and John Grantham, of Brighton, was the first place winner of the Cub Scout Troop 260 Pinewood Derby in Brighton February 7th. He is the brother of Brian Garrett and grandson of Mike and Nancy Holcomb, of Ripley, and Jim and Jan Grantham, of Dyersburg.



**THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOXING CLUB MEMBERS** including, in front, from left, Jaxon Woodard, 10, Blake Maynard, 9, Grant Chipman, 10, and Dimengo 'D.J.' Rogers, 8, and in rear, from left, Jacob Sprayberry, 12, Treveon Taliaferro, 10, Kani Coleman, 15, Brandon Smith, 11, Steve Garrison, 15, Sportez Currie, 12, and Chuckie Driver, 12, competed in the Pre-Golden Glove Tournament in Chattanooga Saturday night.

Jaxon and D.J. did great jobs in their debuts against Red Bank opponents. Blake over-powered his Red Bank opponent. Kani and Brandon outboxed their Chattanooga Westside opponents. Sportez defeated his Georgia opponent and Chuckie did well against his Johnson City opponent.

picked up petitions for Gates alderman. Marvel and Walpole have returned their petitions.

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## Ambulance Authority Achievement DD Lewis Visits Halls



**ERIC NEWMAN**, second from right, director of Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, announced he received a certificate from O'Neal Ellis, center, EMS consultant for the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, during the board meeting Monday. They are pictured with, from left, Danny Hartsfield, Lauderdale County Commissioner, Chris Stewart, paramedic, and G. H. Mills, EMT. The ambulance authority achieved a distinctive and respected rating of Class 'A' for providing greater life support to at least 95 percent of their transports. They provided 96.8 percent life support to 3,592 calls received in 2008. The foundation was laid by previous administrators which began in 1971, however, this is the first time Lauderdale County was eligible for this achievement. Newman stated, "Lauderdale County Ambulance Service has continued to provide advance life support to citizens and is reflected in a Class 'A' service rating".

In other business, a resolution was approved to apply for a \$500,000 home investment grant program which would allow rundown homes in the county to be rebuilt under the Investment Partnership program through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency at no cost to the county. Citizens, in the county, would have to meet certain requirements to be eligible for the grant. The commissioners also agreed to allow Community Development Partners, LLC, to assist in the application and management of the Home Investment grant.

Ben Littlepage, local representative of the American Cancer Society, addressed the court about Relay For Life scheduled for Friday, May 8th, at the Ripley City Park. Littlepage stated, "The American Cancer Society has all sorts of services to offer. In Lauderdale County, 35 residents made use of 69 different services provided by the American Cancer Society". Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh, a five-year cancer survivor, stated he expects donations to be down this year but citizens are encouraged to show support by at least attending.

Carlton Gay, currently serving on the Lauderdale County Water Board, has been re-appointed.



**DD LEWIS**, former Dallas Cowboys football player, spoke with students at Halls Elementary School Friday about why plants need fertilizer and why farm land is shrinking. A guest of the Tennessee Farmer's Co-Op, he presented a "game plan" for fertilizer and crop's needs. After retiring from the NFL, where he played for 14 years, he works for the Potash Corp and helps farmers grow more food with less farmland. He spoke to students about what he has learned in life and compared fertilizers to a football team, each working together to win.

### Driver Escapes Serious Injuries Meetings For Relay For Life Planned

Charles Thomas, 52, of Halls, was uninjured after his 1995 Chevy pick-up crashed, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Friday, according to Tennessee Highway Patrol officers, Maureen Jensik and William Butler. Driving west on Highway 88, near Halls, Thomas veered off the highway and struck two automobiles, parked at the home of Margaret Ingram. The impact sent the two vehicles crashing into the home, causing major damage and totaling all three. One of the vehicles collided with the gas meter, severing the line. Halls Public Works responded and had the gas shut off within the hour. Members of the

The next committee meeting of the Relay For Life of Lauderdale County will be at noon Thursday, March 12th in the boardroom of Baptist Hospital Lauderdale. The next team meeting of the Relay For Life of Lauderdale County will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17th at Asbury Cove in Ripley. The public is invited to both meetings.

Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, Halls Fire Department, and First Responders assisted. Thomas, who was wearing a seat-belt, is believed to have suffered from a medical issue, alcohol was not involved. He was charged with failure to drive upon the right half of the roadway.

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## Don't Throw The Baby Out With The Bath Water

In 1605, Guy Fawkes is reputed to have said, "The desperate disease requires a dangerous remedy." As we all face the current challenges with the economy, many of us are somewhat like Mr. Fawkes and have modernized his quote by using the updated version and saying, "Desperate times call for drastic measures." Whichever you use, neither are very comforting if it looks like your "goose is cooked."

All across the state, many higher education administrators are becoming dangerously desperate trying to find ways to trim their budgets. When you are asked by the governor to cut off 9 or 10 million dollars from an already tight financial statement, it is difficult to determine just what must go and what you really can do without when you are trying to educate the state's future taxpayers. Everyone sees their program as the most important and we all hope that what is cut is someone else's line item and not those we are involved in.

However, there is one saying that I would like to interject into this mayhem along with the others I have mentioned, "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater." During the late seventies and early eighties during a similar recession to the one we have today, I saw farmers around this state sell off prime agricultural land just to make it to the next planting and before you knew it they had sold off their assets causing the total demise of their farms. For some reason, university committees given the task of cutting their school's budgets today, are also looking at getting rid of some important "assets" that could cause the demise of university programs.

In a recent report issued by Middle Tennessee State University's Oversight Steering Committee, which was given the task of reducing the university's budget, they recommended the elimination of farm labs for the school's Agribusiness and Agriscience department. That may look good on paper to a committee trying to find large amounts of dollars, but to a student who needs to have hands-on experience to learn his future life's work, it is more of a "death sentence" to a program that needs farm labs to teach.

MTSU is the last university in the state to have an on-campus milk processing facility to teach students in animal science the process of bottling milk. The students have the hands-on experiences from the milking of the cows to the final shipping of the milk to the university's cafeterias. Major dairy processors from around the country seek out graduates from the university to fill positions requiring the training the dairy farm lab gives. Even processors in other industries request students from the school due to the same principals taught in the dairy labs also applying to processing in general of all products. The success of students finding employment after graduating from the agricultural studies is second to none.

But cutting out farm labs and suggesting to the faculty,

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Jeffrey Crowder, Sr., Cleve Pike, and Booker J. Nance, Sr. have picked up and returned petitions seeking the position of Gates Mayor. Cindy Marvel, Wymond D. Walpole, Terry Janda, Bobby Vaughn, and Windy Willette have picked up petitions for Gates alderman. Marvel and Walpole have returned their petitions.

as the Oversight Committee suggested in their many reports, to find "more creative" ways of teaching their courses without labs is like telling a swimming team to find creative ways to practice their backstroke without a pool. It can't be done. Removing labs will totally gut a program and place the ag school in a direction of student number loss that it cannot recover from. Farm labs are just as important as biology and chemis-

Halls and Ripley High School baseball teams lost their season-opening games Monday--

Halls lost to Trinity Christian Academy, 5-4, in the Tomahawk Classic at TCA.

In the tourney, the Tigers were scheduled to play Jackson South Side and Hardin County Tuesday, at South Side, McNairy Wednesday, at Jackson Christian School, and Clarksburg, Friday, at Liberty Magnet, Jackson.

Ripley lost to Tipton-Rosemark Academy, 5-2, in the Best of the West Tournament.

Ripley played First Assembly Christian School Tuesday (score too late for this issue).

try labs, which I challenge any professor who teaches in those studies to attempt to

teach successfully without lab instruction.

Today's agriculture faces enough challenges from weather, markets, EPA, and other issues without our universities attempting to remove career hopes and educational advantages from our agricultural students. These students and future students just like them will be the babies lost if we don't check out our higher education's bathwater as it is thrown to the wind of today's recession fears.

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Ophelia Gertie Deberry, 93, of Covington, mother of Darius and Herman Deberry and Louise Williams, of Ripley, and Thomas Deberry, of Henning, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She was a sister of James "Buddy" Barnes, Joseph Barnes, Lemmie D. Barnes, Raymond Barnes, Flora Treadway, and Vergie Barnes, all of Ripley.

Other survivors are sons, Curtis, of Newbern, Robert, of Rocky Mountain, N.C., Mose, Jr., and Roy Lee Deberry, of Wetupka, Ala., and James Walter and Joel Deberry, of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Inell Scott, of Dorchester, Mass., Ida B. Deberry, of Chicago, Ill., and Pauline Deberry, of Wetupka, Ala.; 24 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

### Myrna Brinkley

Myrna Mai Brinkley, 67, of 60 Chisholm-McFarland Road, Henning, widow of Robert Jackson Brinkley, and mother of Jeffery Beery Brinkley, of Henning, died March 1st, in her home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Covington Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

She was born in Shelby County, Nov. 23, 1941, to the late Gornie Lee Richardson and the late Ruth Bullard Richardson.

Other survivors include a daughter, Kathy Sage, brothers, Emery and Larry Richardson, and a sister, Betty Hayden, all of Covington; another brother, Gary, of Nesbit, Miss.; and seven grandchildren.

### Mary Taylor

Mary Jo Taylor, 69, of Dyersburg, step-grandmother of Jason Payne, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She had worked for Cutchin and Associates, for Ford Construction Co., and as a seller of insurance.

She was the daughter of the late Jim Kimbrell.

She was a member of Cornerstone Church of God.

Survivors include her mother, Lorene Kimbrell, her husband for 34 years, Gene Taylor, and a step-daughter, Sherry (Mrs. Leonard) Payne, all of Dyersburg; another step-grandchild; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

### Destiny Midkiff

Destiny Michelle Midkiff, daughter of Terry Midkiff, of 505 Waldren Road, Halls, and Kerry Lena-Lynn Copeland, of Halls, was still-born Feb. 26th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Feb. 28th in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the Willette family cemetery at Gates.

Survivors include brothers, Bryton Midkiff and Keaton Copeland, and a sister, Chrissy Scott, all of Halls.

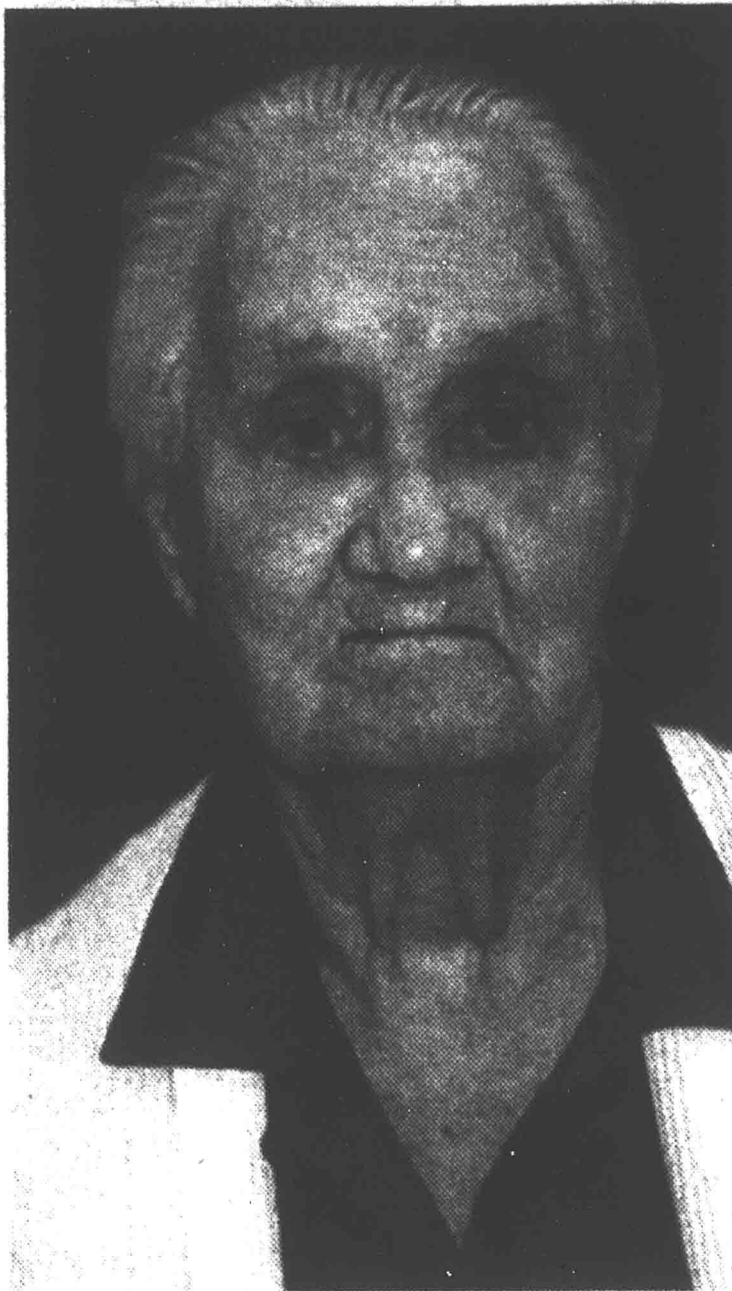
### Jody Lee Barton

Jody Lee Barton, 36, of Finley, employed by Crafcoc in Halls, died Monday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Survivors include his father, Dickie Barton, his step-mother, Deborah Barton, and brothers, Jared and Landon Barton, of Jasper, Ala.; his mother, Shirley Eaton, of Finley; his step-father, Mike Sipes, and a step-brother, Michael, Jr., of Millsfield; and another brother, Rodney Barton, of Germantown.

## Mourned



**MARY HORNE MAXWELL**, 89, widow of Albert Joe Maxwell, died Saturday in Crestview Health Care Center in Brownsville.

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

Survivors include daughters, Christine Hertog, of 3231 Curve-Woodville Rd, and Shirley Holcomb, of 7509 Conner Whitefield Rd., Ripley; sons, Albert Eugene Maxwell, of Ripley, Willie Perry, of Munford, and James Wallace Maxwell, of Arkansas; one sister, Ruby Doss, of Prairie; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

### Clois Spray

Clois Franklin Spray, 71, of Ripley, retired farmer, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

He was a member of Ripley's First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his son, Frankie, a daughter, Samantha Turner, a brother, Woodson, and a sister, Mary Evelyn Pennington, all of Ripley; another daughter, Lisa Trobaugh, of Munford; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Vivian Owens

Vivian Kay Owens, 43, mother of Donavan Daniels, of Henning, died Feb. 27th in Hillview Community Living Center in Dresden.

Rites were Saturday in Dresden's Oak Grove Baptist Church, with burial in the Parham Cemetery at Martin.

She was born in Blytheville, Ark., Feb. 13, 1966, to the late Daniel Savage and Ella Murphy.

She was a registered nurse who had worked in the Baptist Hospital in Union City.

She was a member of the Progressive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Sterling Owens III, another son, Sterling IV, a daughter, Carnesha Owens, and a sister, Angela Johnson, all of Martin, and other sisters, Carol Black, of Blytheville, Ark., Lillie Murphy, of Little Rock, Ark., and Linda Murphy, of Atlanta, Ga.

### Dorothy Kight

Dorothy "Dot" Kight, 80, of Drummonds, sister of Linda Enders, of Ripley, died Friday in Covington Manor Nursing Home.

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

She was the daughter of the late William John Simpson and Ethel Davis Simpson.

She was baptized in Wright's Assembly of God in Brighton.

She was the widow of James "Bub" Kight.

Survivors include daughters, Janet Craig, of Munford, and Jean DerryBerry and Wanda Milby, of Drummonds; other sisters, Addie and Mable Moody, of Atoka, Billie Roach, of Drummonds, Jan Ferguson, of Brownsville, and Ora Lee Elam, of Munford; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### Michael Bane

Michael Edward "2-Ton" Bane, 50, of 1028 W. Tigrett, Halls, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Tuesday in Westside Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in South Fork Cemetery.

He was born at Dyersburg, Oct. 14, 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Diane; a son, Waylon, a daughter, Roxanne Castro, a brother, Cary, and a sister, Chadell Gray, all of Halls; another brother, Lynn, of Cumberland, Md.; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

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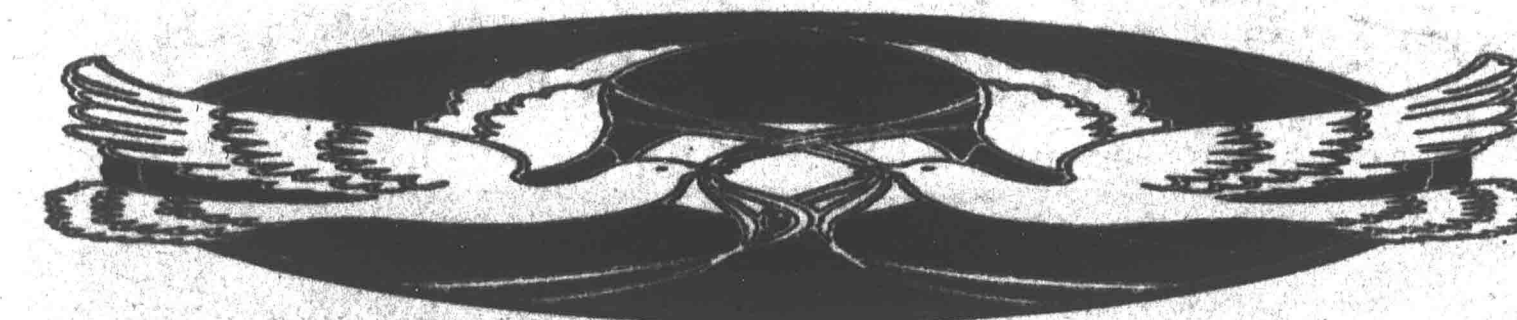
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## Church Happenings

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.

Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., Henning, will hold a gospel singing benefit for Bessie Morrison, daughter of Jerry and Polli Henson, at 7 p.m. March 13th featuring the Frog Jump Quartet, TNT, and David Smith, the Singing Fireman. The public is invited.

St. Mark M. B. Church, 425 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold a youth choir musical program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15th. Revival services will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22nd with The Rev. Glenn Strickland, of St. Luke Baptist Church, Ripley, as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7 p.m. Monday, March 23rd through March 27th with The Rev. Melvin Bufford, of Mt. Salem M. B. Church, Hickory Valley, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

The women of St. Mark M. B. Church, 375 Moorer Ave., Henning, will hold a prayer service and brunch beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21st. The theme is Women in Prayer For A Troubled Nation - Surviving Financially During Difficult Times. The Rev. William H. Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Three Points, will hold a marriage enrichment month during March, designed to strengthen and improve marriages. Sunday worship services will consist of sermons on marriage and all Bible study session will consist of studies on marriage. The Rev. John R. McBride, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of God will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. March 14th with Phase to Light and the Hwy. 7 Band. The public is invited.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, in Durhamville, will hold its spring revival beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly, Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th with Jackie Fincher as guest speaker. Judith Wolfgang, pastor, invites the public.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will host the 12th anniversary celebration of the Redeemers of Ripley, at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14th and at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15th. Several choirs from Ripley, Halls, Gates, Durhamville, Jackson, Brownsville, Humboldt, Huntington, and Hayti, Mo., are scheduled to perform. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Grace Bible Baptist Church, located three miles south of Halls, on Highway 51 By-Pass, will hold a mission's conference beginning at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15th and continuing at 7 p.m. Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th with Bro. Ron Ralph, of Carthage, as guest speaker. If anyone needs a ride, call 836-5501. Jerry Hickson, pastor, invites the public.

Members of Truth and Faith Baptist Church, 170 Oakhill Subdivision, will honor pastor, Charlie J. Peat, and his wife, Lois, with a 17th anniversary celebration at 2:30 p.m. March

### 'Spring' Story At County Library

The Lauderdale County Library will be presenting a "Spring" story time at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19th. The program is for children pre-school through fourth grade. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Call 635-1872 for more information.

15th with Bishop Bobby Nesbit as guest speaker and members of Word of Faith Church, of Dyersburg, Mt. Pleasant, of Ripley, and Antioch, of Covington, as guest church. Dinner will be served. The public is invited.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold an "IGNITE" Worship Night at 5 p.m. March 29th with Remnant, of Bartlett, leading the service. Brother Barry Cox, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Urban Area Representative, will bring a message from God's Word. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, 148 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold a teen night, ages 13 to 19 only, for friends, food, and fun from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27th. The event will be chaperoned. Video games, refreshments, music, movies, and more will be offered.

Spirit Filled Baptist Church, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15th with the Dildines as special guests. A pot-luck luncheon will be served following morning services. 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.

## Trash Talking



**ROD SCHUH**, Lauderdale County Mayor, is pictured with one of the signs asking countians to not litter. He issued the following statement.

"As you drive in our county please observe the roadside litter. Inmates from the jail pick-up on the average 20,000 lbs. a month and our county is still a disgrace. Last week they cleaned up a dumpsite on Chipman Road and gathering 2,300 lbs. They collected 1,300 lbs. off one forth of Jeff Webb Road. WHY! There is no excuse.

"There is no shame in being a poor county but there is shame in being dirty and trashy.

"If we were going to climb Mt. Everest we would need a huge team to accomplish the feat. Cleaning our county will be about the same task. You can help just by being aware and doing some simple prevention. Think ahead about the wind blowing your exposed trash and plastic bags out of your truck or trash can. Reporting any incidents that you observe even paper blowing out of a truck or trailer along with the license number to 1-877-8litter. You will remain anonymous and the person will get an appropriate letter from Keep Tennessee Clean.

"Last week, I observed a well meaning citizen driving to the dump. He had failed to cover his barrels and he lost at least five pieces of litter. Talk to your children and especially the teenagers and young adults that do a lot of car riding. They hate to have a messy car so they have a tendency to chunk their fast food packaging and drink containers out the window. Better yet, read this article to your family. Remember the old saying momma gets what momma wants.

"It takes a team with priorities to put a dent in our litter problem please put our county on your list.

"Last, but not least, make plans to participate in the Great American Cleanup Saturday, April 25th. If everyone would pick up just a quarter mile you would be doing a great deed for you county. A special thanks to those of you who read this plea to the end," said Schuh.

## Department Awards



RECIPIENTS of service awards, presented February 20th at the Lauderdale County Health Department include, from left, Danna Taylor, County Director; Felicia Gail Mitchell, for five years; Carol Manns Fischer, ten years; and Marilyn Barnes, West Tennessee Regional Director.

## Thieves Strike In Wal-Mart Stores

Three suspects, two black males and a black female, are suspected of stealing MP3 players from Ripley's Wal-Mart in February, shortly after they allegedly stole laptop computers from Dyersburg's Wal-Mart, according to an article in Dyersburg's *State Gazette*. The two males, in their mid to late thirties, are approximately 5'10" to

**TALENT SHOW**  
A Talent Show is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12th, in the gymnasium at Halls High School.

6' tall and 240 lbs. The female was described as neatly dressed. They are believed to have struck stores in the Memphis area as well. If anyone has any information as to their whereabouts or identity, call Dyersburg Police, 731-288-7679.

## Mississippi Golden Gloves



MEMBERS, of the Lauderdale County Boxing, in front, from left, Dimengo 'D.J.' Rogers and Blake Maynard, middle row, from left, Chuckie Driver, Deundre Smith and Brandon Smith, and in rear, from left, Treyveon Taliaferro, Steve Garrison and Kani Coleman, plus not pictured, Sportez Currie, traveled to Olive Branch, Miss., Friday and Saturday to compete in the Mississippi Golden Gloves tournament.

Chuckie, 12, destroyed his Arkansas opponent winning by RSC, referee stopped contest, which is a term used in amateur boxing if an opponent is outclassed, outscored or injured, in the second round.

Deundre, 10, and Brandon, 11, competed in the intermediate division.

Treyveon remains undefeated as he won his bout by a unanimous decision.

Kani went to war with the best 156 pound boxer in Memphis. His recently learned skills and the determination to pursue allowed him to win the big decision.

The team is continuing training hard in preparation to compete in the West Tennessee Golden Gloves tournament and the Junior Olympics.

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## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

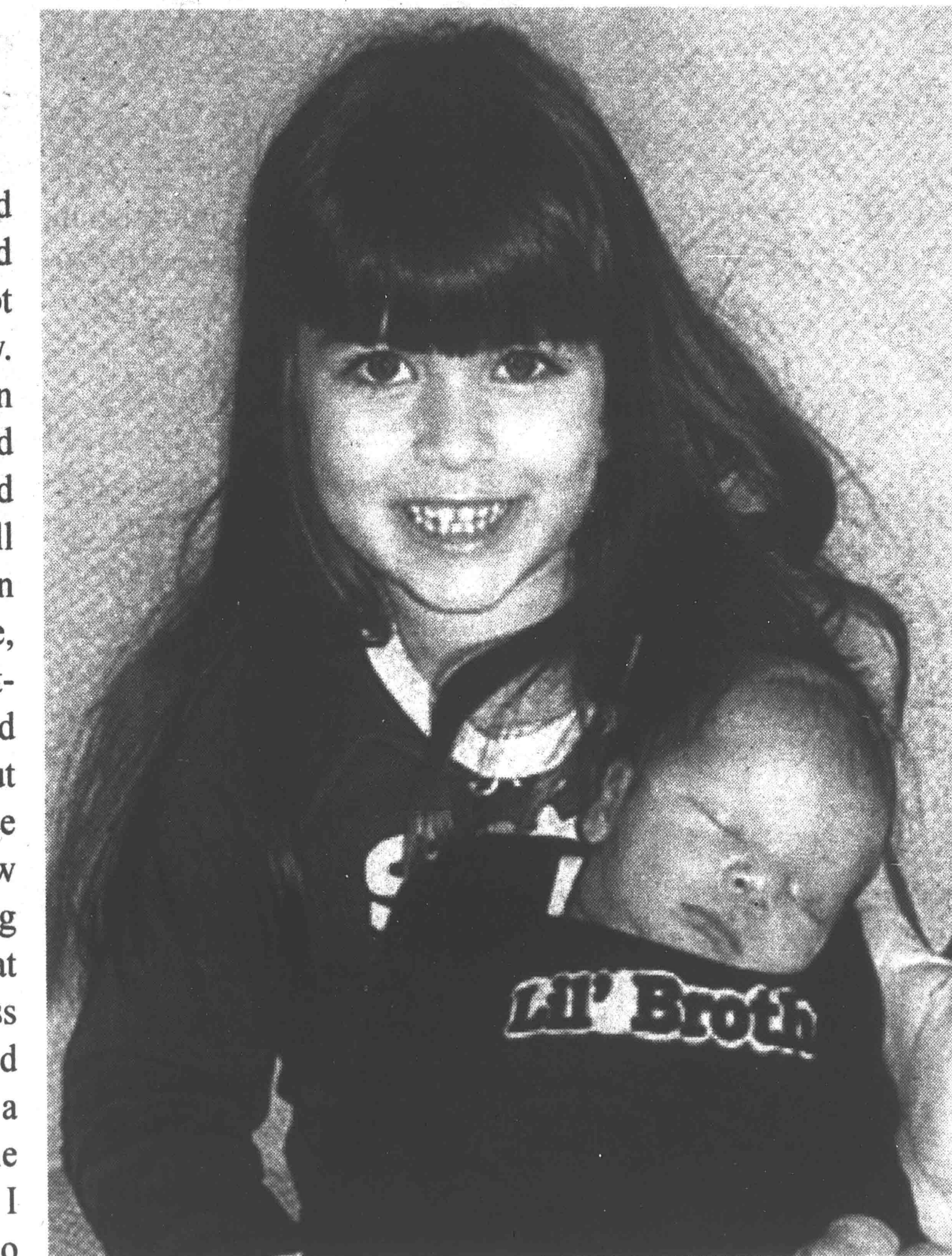
Zeek here!!! I had so much fun last week. We all watched it snow one day for a long time and then Miss Pam let me and Rusty go out and play. I ran and jumped in the snow. I almost got lost in the snow. Rusty could hardly stand up in the deep snow. We could not find our favorite sticks in the yard, so we had to run and play without them. Miss Pam can outside with us. She would throw us a white ball of snow and hit us with them. She would just laugh and do it over and over. I got tired of the snow ball game and my paws were getting cold so I went and scratched on the door and she let me and Rusty back in. After a little while, my paws were good and warm so I told Rusty let's go back outside for some more fun. We went to the door and scratched and Miss Pam let us go out. I ran and jumped back in the snow but this time Miss Pam told me to lay down in the snow and move my legs. I turned my head to her and she laid down in the snow and moved her arms and legs. She told me that we were making snow angels. I have heard about angels but I am not sure what they look like but I know that they live in Heaven. Then Miss Pam started making what she called a Snowman. He was tall and skinny but he had no legs. I guess he is a No-Legger. She put a red scarf and red hat on this No-Legger. Then she turned to me and said that he is sooo cute. I turned my head to her because I really didn't think he was that cute. My paws were cold again so I wanted to go back inside. All day I would go out and play in the snow until my paws got cold and then I would come back in long enough for my paws to get warm again. I love snow....

We went out to the Club to see if all of my Buds were having as much fun as we were. In the office, Scooter and Mr. Buddy were all talking about the snow. I went out to see my Buds. Lady, the German shepherd, was trying to tell everybody that she had never seen this much snow before. She is an older four-legger and I guess it must not have snowed this much for a very long time. Patsy, the black and tan hound, was running and jumping in the snow. She could do that because she has long four-legs. When I went back inside, Dexter, the brown mix, was snuggled up in his blanket taking a nap. Snow, the Heeler mix, wanted to know if she was named after the white stuff called snow. I went to see the puppy four-leggers. We have some Border Collie mix puppy four-leggers and there are some black and tan hound mix that belong to Belle. Mr. Buddy says that all of the four-legger puppies will be able to go home with two-leggers when they don't need their momma four-leggers any more.

Vicki Curran came out to the Club and took home with her a black lab puppy. Polly and Larry Adkisson took home the good looking gray and white puppy. Tina Dyson came out to the Club and was looking for a new best four-legger friend and she found the black and brown chihuahua. I sure am glad because he was so sad to be at the Club. We have some Jack Russell mix puppies and they all picked out them a two-legger to take them home. They picked out Bobbie Wiley, Jerry Ennis, and Hilary Latham.

Back in the office Mr. Buddy was telling Scooter that not one two-legger brought food to the Club for my Buds this week. He said it was because of the deep snow. So when the snow goes (where ever it goes) send your two-leggers out with food for my Buds. Mr. Buddy was also talking about a two-legger that has four-female German short-hair pointer puppies to give away. If you want a German short-hair just call us at the Club and we will give you the

## Newborn Welcomed



DEMPSE WALTER NELSON, 7 lb. 2 oz. son of Dempse and Tanya Nelson, of Ripley, pictured with his sister, Emma Kate Nelson, 4, was born January 26th in Baptist Women's Hospital in Memphis. Measuring 19-3/4 inches long, he is the grandson of Andy and Diane Seat, of Gates, and Ronnie and Elaine Nelson, of Ripley, and the great-grandson of Billy and Robbie Nelson, of Ripley.

phone number.

I need to find Miss Pam so we can go home. I need a nap and 'you know who' is in my chair. Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Rd., mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or call us at 836-PETS (7387). Remember to take care of your four-leggers that live outside. Have your four-leggers spayed or neutered so that we don't have so many four-legger puppies out here. Can't wait to see that the snow man is doing.....

Zeek out !!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Birthdays

March 12 - Natalie Schneider, Dalton Fowler, Stacy Fulen, Paul Childress, Roger Mills, Frankie Spray, Lorene Pennington, Susanne Hurt Troutt, Jamie

Young, Alicia Gooch, Sue Hamby, Sue Adkerson, Kevin Welch. March 13 - Don Gaines, Jonathan Cummings, Debbie Brewster, Virginia Williams, Frances Hargett, Miranda Hopkins, James Littles, Belinda Halpain. March 14 - Caroline Mills, Michal Pool, MaCaleb Neal, Tammy Pipkin, Saul Nelson, Kanisha Whitelow, Dr. Bobby Webb, Jonathan Strantz, Tammy Carmack, Bryan McGarity, Leslie Jackson, Brooklyn Terry, Graeme Parsons, Tereasa Faye Boyd, Sonya Buckner, Mitchell Holley.

March 15 - Juanita Haynes, Amanda Buchignani, Dr. Randall Cummings, Steven Summer, Annie B. Jones, Leslie Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward, Colton Olds, Debbie Hendrix, Robert Fisher, Ronnie Crutch-

## Anniversaries

March 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis.

March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckner.

March 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dew, Mr. and Mrs. James Neal.

March 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Grantland.

March 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Prater, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fitzhugh.

March 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Sanders.

## Marriages

March 3rd - Matthew Lawrence McWherter, 26, to Elizabeth Hollie Delashmit Goforth, 23, by Rod Schuh.

March 6th - Dravis Cortze Walker, 32, to Shamika Nicole Clements, 27, by Felix R. Moore.

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 16th  
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Friday, March 20th  
Spring Break  
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field, Kenneth Laumer, Donna Griffin, Patricia Cooksey, Justin Adams, Chandler Carmack.

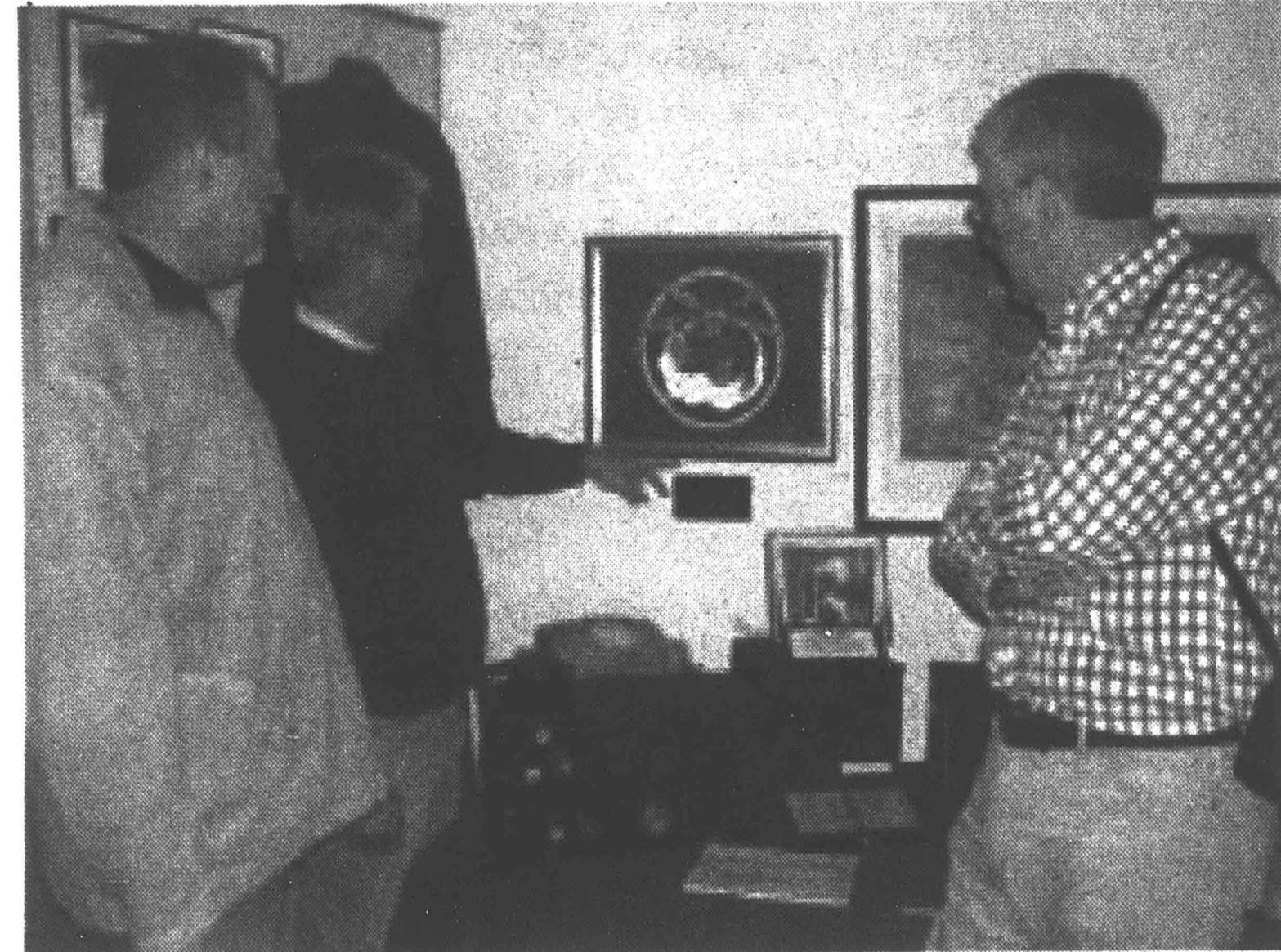
March 16 - Shirley Carmack, John Eskridge, Lori Morris, Lynn Gould, Jeff Nelson, Robbie Platzke, Wayne Hilliard, Tiffany Kent, Heather Day, Patrick Hawthorne, Carly Harrison, George Crabb, Gracie Shutte.

March 17 - Kayla Craig, Sherry Scallions, Dot Pattat, Dan Brabec, Danny Booker, Krysta Adams, Missy Hammond, Minnie Gooch, Hannah Evans.

March 18 - Jennifer Buntin, Carolyn Land, Jean Cannon, Bruce Davis, Pat Wiggins, Mark Cunningham, Nathan Tolene, Angie Bernard, Rodney Blakey, Margaret Jane Best, Kristy Cribfield, Michael Forsythe, Jr., C. R. Hargett, Russell Brandon, Gary Fain.



# Halls' Museum Visitors



**VISITORS**, in upper photo, from left, Randall Schurer, of Pegram, and Anthony Troiano and Woody McMillin, both of Nashville, observed a plaque February 26th in the Veterans' Museum that was dedicated to Anthony's father, Anthony N. Troiano, a Motor Pool Sergeant at The Dyersburg Army Air Base. He married Katherine Hall, of the Double Bridges community, while stationed at the Base. McMillin is in the process of writing a book about Tennessee Maneuvers and the World War II years in Tennessee, and he wanted to include information about the Base. In lower photo, Donald Burkeen and his wife, of Sharon, made their first visit February 26th to the museum. Donald, on leave from Iraq, is scheduled to return in two weeks. While still in Iraq, he was gathering materials for an exhibit on Tennessee for his unit headquarters there, and the packet he received from the State of Tennessee contained our brochure. So, while he was on leave, he brought his wife to see the Museum.

**JEWELRY CLASS** with Mrs. Claudia Thompson. A jewelry class is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, April 9th, at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. There is no cost to participate, funding is provided by Tennessee Arts Commission's ABC (Art Builds Communi-

## COUNTY CLEAN-UP

The Lauderdale County Great American Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Gather your group and paint, fix, or pick up the community. For more information, call Pamela Cherry-Kerby, 836-0637, or Ann Tate, 738-5175.

## CLASS SCHEDULED

"What A Caregiver Should Know About Dementia" class is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24th, at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, with Ruthann Shelton, executive director of Alzheimer's Day Services of Memphis, Inc. and registered nurse, organizing the workshop.

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

## SEMINAR SLATED

The Veterans' Museum in Halls will host the final discussion on the Holocaust beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 12th. Former Dyersburg High School History teacher, Wallace Milam, will lead the session. There is no admission fee, and the public is invited. For more information, call 731-836-7400.

## Land Transfers

### March 1st - March 7th

Homesales Inc to Ryan Whiteside, Dist. 2, lot.

Bank of New York, Tr and Certificate Holders Cwabs Inc. to Edward Maynard, Dist. 2, 0.994 acre.

Tony Taliaferro to Jerome Talliaferro, Dist. 2, 1 acre.

Latham Home LLC to Claude T. Knecht, Dist. 2, 1.10 acre.

Origen Financial LLC and Dynex Financial Inc. to Steve Garbiel and Beverly Gabriel, Dist 7, 1.877 acre.

Jerry Buckner to Monna Henderson, Dist. 3, lot.

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

# Renovations Continue



**WORKERS** are continuing renovations around the downtown square this week as the weather improved. They applied paint on the brickwork facade of Jennings Realty building and new doors for the Lauderdale County Courthouse are being installed. The doors and windows on the courthouse are being made at Marvin Windows in Ripley. Ripley Power and Light employees are cutting down the pecan tree on the north-side of the courthouse lawn. Perry Williams, executive director, of the Downtown Development Corp, stated this is the last tree to be removed around the courthouse lawn.

# Watch For Children



## March 16th-20th

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## Red Light Damaged



**THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL** at the intersection of Highway 209 and Highway 88 East, at Gates, was damaged by an 18-wheeler Monday at approximately 10:40 a.m. The trucker attempted a right turn from Hwy. 88 onto Highway 209 when it struck the lightpole, knocking it and the flashing stop signal down. Employees with the Ripley Power and Light Company repaired the signal Monday afternoon.

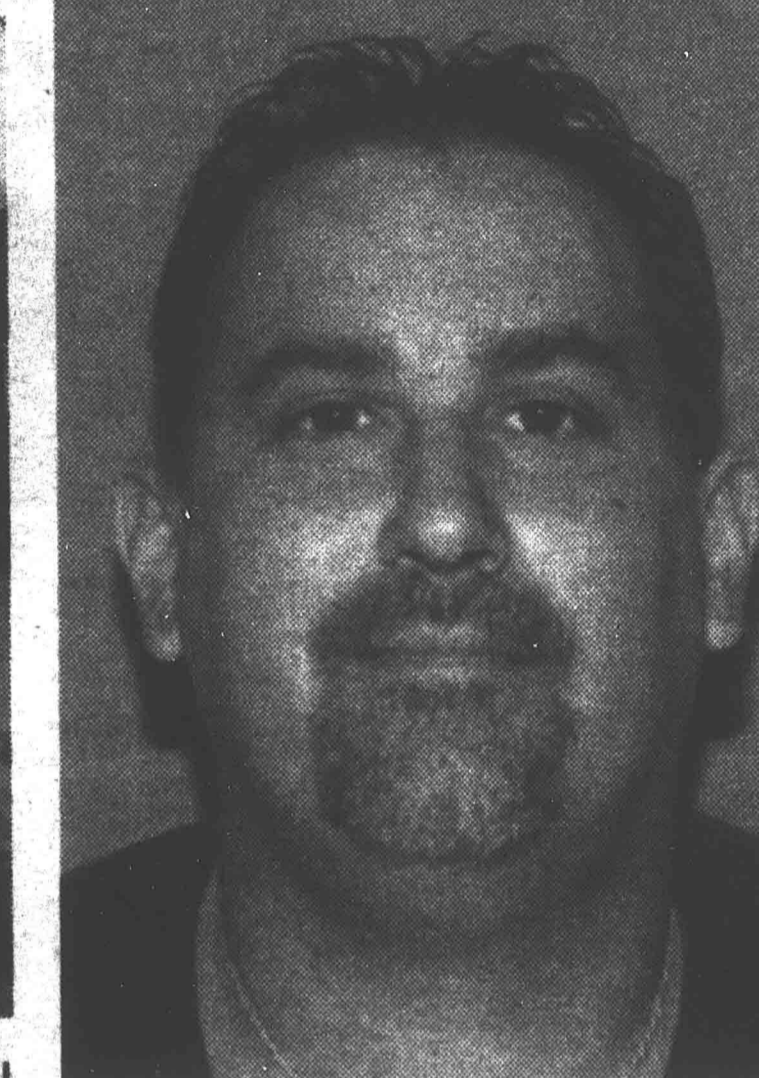
## HHS' Regional Winner



**STUDENTS** at Halls High School were selected Monday as regional winners for their "Between the Barrels" Project Orange video submitted to the Department of Transportation. After tallying the online votes, which counted for 20% of the total score, and the judge's score, the video of Tori Pease and 17 of her classmates was selected from among seven video entries by students across the Memphis region. The video shows the tragedy that can unfold when a group of teenagers make a bad decision while traveling through a work zone.

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## Arrested



**MICHAEL HENRY**, 37, was arrested, about 1 p.m. Sunday, by the Border Patrol, as he sought to walk across the Gateway Bridge from Brownsville, Tex., into Mexico.

He was carrying a bag of clothing and a dog. Henry faces a charge of second degree murder in the death of Jason O'Brien Powledge, 25, of Ripley, whose body, fatally stabbed, was discovered, Tuesday of last week, wrapped in a tarpaulin in Henry's apartment at 313A Woodford Cove in Ripley.

The victim's identification was "not available" to this newspaper Tuesday of last week, but was provided to the Memphis *Commercial Appeal*, which published it Wednesday, quoting attorney general Mike Dunavant.

Powledge is believed to have died late Monday of last week.

Henry fled in a 1989 2-tone brown Ford Bronco with expired Tenn. tags 607 KKV, which he says he sold. Continued on page 8.

# Couple Die When Car Leaves Curve

Jimmie Tate Thompson, Jr., 41, and his wife, Sandra Jean Thompson, 40, of 6548 Forked Deer Road, Gates, died about 12:23 p.m. Saturday when a 2001 4-door Dodge Quad, driven by Jimmie, left a curve on State Hwy. 180 in Haywood County, near its intersection with 5 Mile Lane, struck trees, and over-turned.

Neither wore seat belts. Jimmie was born in Dyersburg, March 4, 1968.

Sandra was born in Dyersburg, July 14, 1968.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery, near Halls.

Survivors include a son, Nick, and a daughter, Andrea Thompson, of Gates, and three grandchildren.

Jimmie also leaves a brother, Michael James Pease, of 524 E. Tigrett, Halls, and a sister, Patty Thompson, of Gates.

Sandra also leaves brothers, Elvis and L. B. Frazier, of Halls, and Harry and Steven Frazier, of Henning; and sisters, Annie Rose and Cutie Mae Frazier, of Henning, Dorothy Riddick, of Halls, and Wilma Lambert, of Ripley.

## Memorabilia In Halls Library

The Halls Public Library has books from the best seller list and memorabilia such as old pictures of Halls and Gates and scrapbooks dated back to 1980's made by the library. The library is open noon until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call 836-5302.

## Halls Officers Make Arrest

Wayne Bostic, of Halls, was charged with Schedule II drug violations, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of the open container law, and driving on a revoked or suspended license, according to a Town of Halls news release. He was arrested March 15th by Officer Jason Winchester, of the Halls Police Department.

Winchester attempted to stop Bostic for driving on a revoked license, but he continued on to his residence. Once he exited his vehicle, Winchester placed him under arrest. After a search, a crack pipe was found in his pocket and an open container of liquor in the truck. A white rock substance was found, which tested positive for cocaine base.

## Extra Social Security Pay

Persons receiving Social Security payments will automatically get an extra \$250 in May, as part of the economic stimulus program. No action is needed to receive the extra cash.

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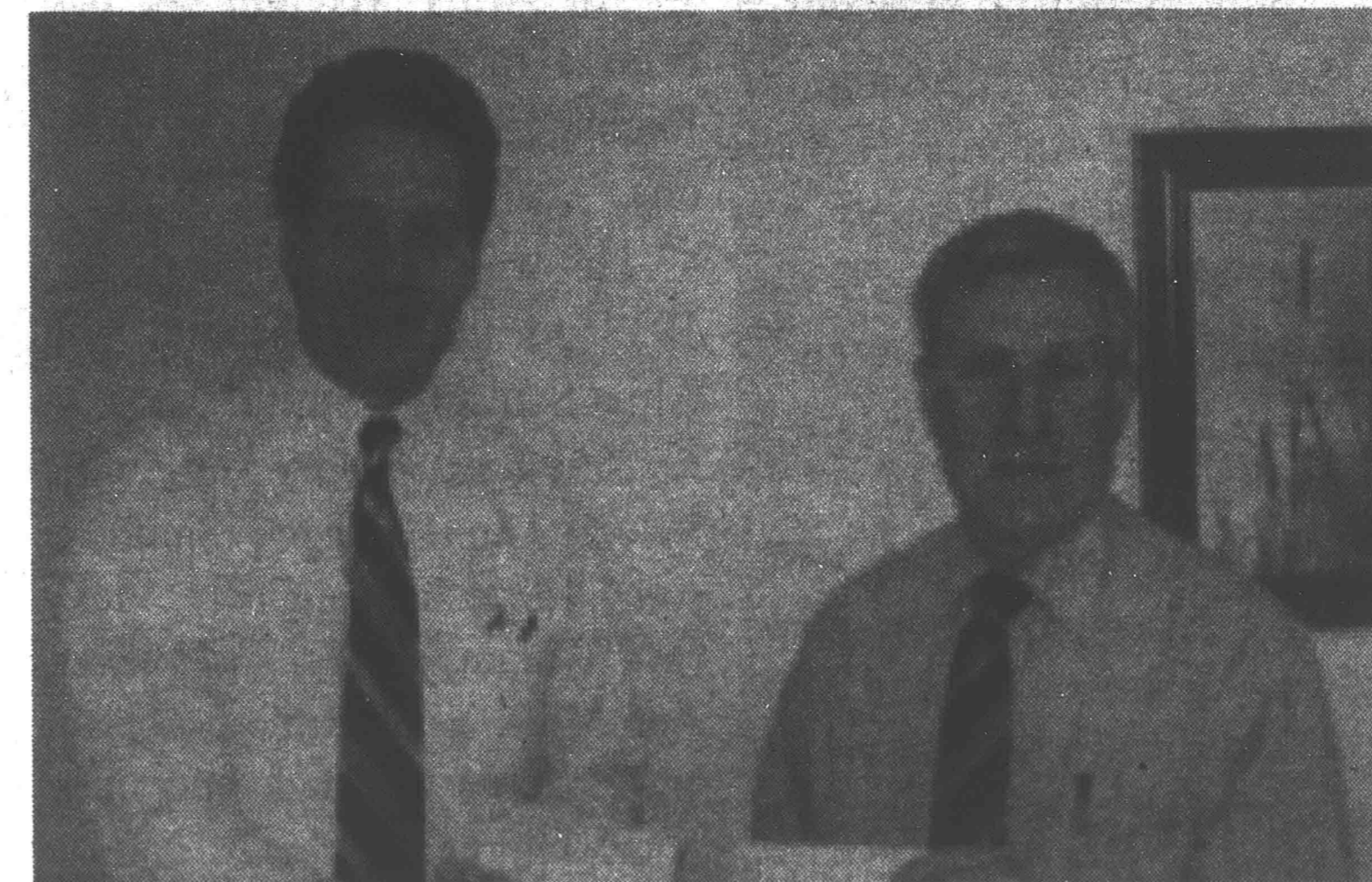
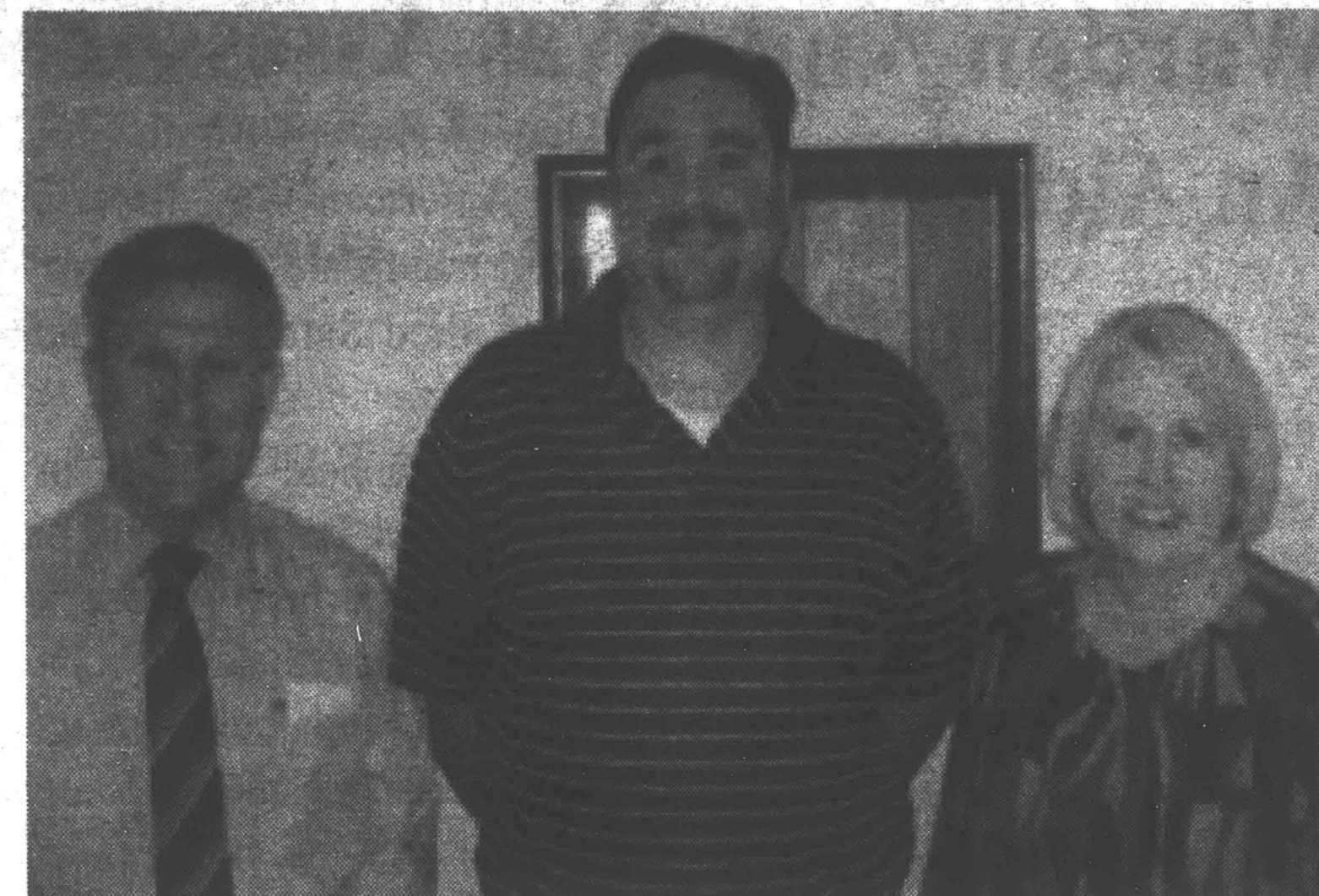
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## Rotary Guest Speaker



CHRIS MOELLER, center, in upper photo, representing Wright's Auto Parts and Metals, LLC, was the guest speaker for the March 16th meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club at Westside Baptist Church. He was the guest of Rotarian Shea Harris, right. Moeller spoke about recycling and what is required to keep recycle materials separate and clean. James E. Smith, left, Rotary president, is pictured with Chris and Shea. In lower photo, Mr. Smith, right, presented two checks to Halls Mayor Trent McManus, left, a \$100 check for the Senior Citizens Center and \$1,500 check to the Town of Halls for The Nortsides Community Center.

## Jewelry Making



JENNY BOWMAN, assisted by Helen Sondgeroth and Linda Sautter, taught a copper and glass enameling class March 11th, at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. The technique consisted of powered glass, glass straws and glass beads placed on copper and fired at 1400 degrees in a table top kiln. Everyone attending the class designed and created

## Softball Debut: Halls Led 10-5

Dyersburg led Halls High School's softball team, 10-5, Monday of last week, in the season opener for both teams.

Scores from later games have not been reported.

## Free Postage To Service Members

U.S. Rep. John Tanner Co-sponsored the 'Home Front to Heroes Postal Benefits Act' to allow military families and charitable organizations to mail letters and packages free of postal charges to Armed Forces men and women.

## USDA To Protect Flood-Prone Lands

Landowners in Tennessee have a chance to restore thousands of acres of frequently flooded land to its natural state with funds available through the floodplain easement component of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program.

Landowners can sign up through March 27th at the USDA Service Center, located at 301 Lake Dr. in Ripley.

## Child Care Report Card Ranks Third

The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) has ranked Tennessee third in the nation in the study which evaluates standards and oversight that promote health, safety and school readiness of young children. Tennessee ranked seven in the 2007 report.

For more information, visit <http://www.naccrra.org> or <http://state.tn.us/humanserv/>.

a unique and one of a kind piece of jewelry. The room was filled with excitement as each piece was removed from the kiln. Lauderdale County Commission on Aging plans to host another class later in the summer. For details, contact the Center at 731-836-5444.

## Knitting Class



TILLY PERRY, assisted by Elsie Jones, Diane Cook, and Doris Valentine are teaching knitting classes at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, through the ABC (Art Builds Communities) Grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission to provide heritage arts classes to seniors. The four-week lessons began March 9th and participants will learn basic knitting techniques, yarn variations and complete a knitted hot pad.

## TRASH TALK

While litter costs Tennessee citizens tens of thousands of dollars every year, there is another indirect way that also costs Tennessee residents. It's when visitors or potential residents or businesses come into a littered community, they do not want to stay. Primary sources of litter include, pedestrians who will not or do not use trash receptacles, motorists who do not use ashtrays or litter bags, businesses

dumpsters improperly covered, construction and demolition sites without tarps and receptacles to contain debris and waste, trucks with uncovered loads on local roads and highways and household trash scattered before or during collection. People tend to litter because they feel no sense of personal ownership. Lauderdale County is home to its citizens, therefore show pride in your community by not littering. Lauderdale County is not a pig sty.

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## Obituaries

### Albert Nelson

Albert Eugene Nelson, 77, of Henderson, who was born near Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Friday at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Henderson, with burial in the cemetery of Trinity United Methodist Church, which he attended.

He was the son of the late W. E. and Mary Elizabeth McGlothlin Nelson.

He worked at Western Auto in Ripley until 1974, when he began operating a Western Auto store in Henderson.

He later operated Al's Re-pair and Nelson Trucking in Henderson, retiring in 1994.

He had been a Henderson alderman, a member of the Chester County Rescue Squad, a member of the Lions Club, and a member of the Chester County Fair board.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Brasfield Nelson, whom he married in 1951; sons, Mike, of Henderson, and Phil, of Memphis; a daughter, Barbara (Mrs. Tommy) Jackson, of Trenton; brothers, Billy, Bobby, and Neal Nelson, of Ripley, Douglas Nelson, of Gates, and Talmadge Nelson, of Halls; sisters, Frances Reynolds and Joyce Neal, of Ripley; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### Jimmy Hatfield

Jimmy Hatfield, 66, of 925 Leigh Drive, Dyersburg, brother of Betty Deutschlander, of Halls, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

He was born in Dyersburg, Aug. 30, 1942.

Survivors include his mother, Ozella Hatfield, of Dyersburg; sons, Scott, of Elgin, Ill., and Steve, of Sycamore, Ill.; a daughter, Sherri Hatfield, of Madison, Wisc.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Joe Spivey, Rita Hamby Army Star Aided Farms

Joe Eddie Spivey, 73, of Ripley, a carpenter after his discharge, as a sergeant, from the Army's elite Special Forces, died Tuesday in Baptist Hospital in Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in the Gospel Rock Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel, a sister, Louanna Cohill, and a special niece, Ruth L. Cohill, of Ripley; daughters, Jo Annette Peyton and Jeanine Jones, of Memphis; a brother, Howard, of Covington; and other sisters, Janice Edwards, of Austell, Ga., and Johnnie Williams and Martha Dunkins, of Omaha, Nebraska.

### 'Woody' Searce

Woodrow Searce, 82, of Dyersburg, father of Marvin Searce, of Halls, and stepfather of Jeannie (Mrs. Tony) Vickery, of Halls, and of Ronnie Terrell, of Ripley, died March 7th, in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

He had been a mechanic and a deputy and road crew supervisor in the Dyer County sheriff's department.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy; three other sons, Stephen, of Dyersburg, Johnny, of Blue Ridge, Ga., and Mike, of McCaysville, Fla.; another step-son, James Hawkins, Jr., of Newbern; other step-daughters, Anita (Mrs. Jimmy) Shelton, Michelle Koele, Monica (Mrs. Mike) Jowers, and Renee (Mrs. Tim) Kelly, all of Dyersburg; a brother, Robert, of Danville, Va.; sisters, Lizzie Haynes, of Danville, and Betty Connelly, of Columbus, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Rita Hamby Harrison Was Warden And An Alderman

Rita Jean Hamby, 78, for 40 years, until her retirement in 1990, secretary in the county Agricultural Extension Service office in Ripley, died Saturday, in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center, after long illness from complications of a stroke.

Rites were Tuesday in the cemetery of the Edith United Methodist Church, where she was a member.

She was born at Stanton, March 16, 1930, to the late Prentiss and Ollie Hamby.

Her father died when she was eight. She and a sister, now Princess (Mrs. Leon) Iverson, of Washington, Utah, went to live with an uncle, Myrt Hamby, and his wife, Cathey, at Dry Hill.

She was graduated from Halls High School in 1948 as salutatorian of her class.

She was talented in drawing and painting in oils.

She had resided in Maple Ridge Assisted Living in Dyersburg, before she broke her leg in 2003. She later resided in Ridgely Care.

### Mrs. Kurzawinski

Mrs. Eddie Kurzawinski, 87, of Long Grove, Ill., mother of Carl Tillman, of 132 Northcrest, Ripley, and Eddie Pearl "Tony" Holman, 1677 Long Hole Road, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in the Good Shepherd Hospital in Cuba Township, Illinois.

Rites were Friday in Cobb Funeral Home in Blytheville, Ark., with burial in Dogwood Cemetery.

She was born in Caddo Gap, Ariz., May 8, 1921, to the late Thomas Jefferson and Hattie Eaves McKnight.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie (Mrs. August) Conter, of Chicago, Ill.; three step-children; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

## Donald Smith Was Assessor

Donald Russell Smith, 76, of 806 American Way, Ripley, former Lauderdale County tax assessor, died Saturday, in his home.

Rites were held Monday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, east of Ripley, where he was a member and served as a deacon for 34 years, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

An Army veteran, he had been a member of the Ripley Exchange Club and of the Gideons.

He was born February 20, 1933 to the late Montel and Alma Saulsbury Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Ann Hathcock Smith; a son, Steve, a daughter, Vicky (Mrs. Sammy) Elder, and a sister, Ann Mills, all of Ripley; a brother, Jerry, of Oakland; and three grandchildren.

### J. W. Hubbard

John Wayne Hubbard, Jr., 48, of Camden, son of Brenda Mitchell Hubbard, of Ripley, died Saturday in the Huntsville, Ala., Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday in the Hubbard Cemetery, near Vale, Bruceton Funeral Home in charge.

He was born in Memphis, Feb. 26, 1961.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his father, of Hollow Rock; a son, Lucas Wayne Hubbard, of Webster, Tex.; daughters, Anna and Sara Hubbard; a brother, Michael, of Camden; and sisters, Lucinda Michelle Hubbard, of Hollow Rock, and Wendy Gail Hubbard, of Memphis.

He had served for 20 years as a volunteer fireman in Ripley.

Survivors include his wife, Noretta Haislip Hill, and a brother, James Edward Hill, of Cleveland, Tenn.

Rites were conducted Saturday in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Henning.

### Martha Davis

Martha Ann Meeks Davis, 63, of Oakland Calif., formerly of Henning, died March 3rd in Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

Rites were conducted Saturday in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Henning.

### Ruey Guy Smith

Ruey Guy Smith, 76, of Munford, brother of Peggy Anne Cullum, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in the Memphis Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Drummonds.

He had retired as a butcher for Armour Meat Packing.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Mae Smith; sons, Daniel, of Munford, David, of Garland, Perry and Richard, of Brighton, and Gary, of Alamo; daughters, Donna Milton, of Quito, Thelma McFeron, of Munford, and Shirley Cato, of Burlington; another sister, Imogene Edwards, of Jefferson City, Mo.; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

### Robert E. Pope

Robert E. Pope, 67, of Brighton, father of Glen Pope, of Henning, died Monday of last week, in his home.

He was the son of the late William James Pope.

Survivors include his mother, Edna Mae Pope, of Memphis; his wife for 48 years, Sue; another son, Robert, Jr., and a daughter, Tina (Mrs. Johnny) Molder, of Brighton; a brother, Samuel Jack Pope, and a sister, Patsy Pierce, of Memphis; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### Yankee Anthony

George 'Yankee' Anthony, Jr., 56, of 216 Tichenor St., Ripley, died March 16th at Haywood Park Community Hospital in Brownsville.

Services are set for 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21st, at New Hope C.M.E. Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Church Cemetery in Henning. He leaves his wife, Grumel Anthony, and daughter, Lakisha Anthony, both of Ripley; another daughter, Shalonda Holt, of Antioch; brothers, Percy Williams, of Chicago, Ill., and Paul and Charles Anthony, of Detroit, Mich.; and a grandson's Mortuary in charge.

## Promoting Education



**LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**, Cynthia Glenn, Melinda Hutcherson, Eva Drain, Sheila Ferrell, Austin Thompson, Jr. and Superintendent Joey Hassell attended a day of legislative networking Tuesday, February 24th, at Tennessee School Boards Association's annual "Day on the Hill" event. They joined school board members from across the state. Representative Craig Fitzhugh, in upper photo, and Senator Mark Norris, in lower photo, attended the event as the guests of the Lauderdale County Board of Education.

Program speakers included Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, House

## NOTICE

### City of Halls Election May 7th, 2009

**Lauderdale County Election Commission**  
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Said Municipal Election will be held for the purpose of electing a mayor and board of six aldermen for the said city of Halls, Tn to serve the ensuing four years. You are required to show ID to vote.

You must be a registered voter to vote and be registered in the precinct in which you live in or own property. Property rights have a separate registration. The last day to register is April 9th, 2009.

For more information call 635-2881, 635-8680, or 635-2883.

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Speaker Kent Williams, Senate Education Committee Chair Dolores Gresham, and House Education Committee Chair Henry Brooks. "Day on the Hill" is designed for school board members and superintendents to study pending education legislation and discuss priorities with local legislators. The event began with a breakfast at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel and was followed by visits to legislators' offices and committee hearings.

"The event provides an opportunity for school board members throughout the state to promote public education and seek assistance from the General Assembly with one collective voice," said David Pickler, TSBA President and Shelby County school board member. "We look forward to partnering with the General Assembly to continue to improve the quality of our schools in Tennessee and showcase the many successes of public education in our state."

TSBA's 2009 legislative priorities include maintaining board-appointed superintendents, addressing issues related to funding of public education and securing maximum flexibility for local boards of education in managing schools.

"We will continue to urge the legislators to resist reverting to the outdated practice of electing school superintendents," said Stephen Smith, TSBA's Assistant Executive Director. "With today's unprecedented accountability in public education and the recognition of education as the key to our future success, why would Tennessee want to join only three other states in the nation who limit the selection of a school system's chief executive officer to one who happens to live within a confined geographical area and has the political savvy to get elected?"

In addition to the elected vs. appointed superintendent issue, TSBA hopes the General Assembly will have a serious discussion of Tennessee's system of funding public education at a local level.

Adoption of the Basic Edu-

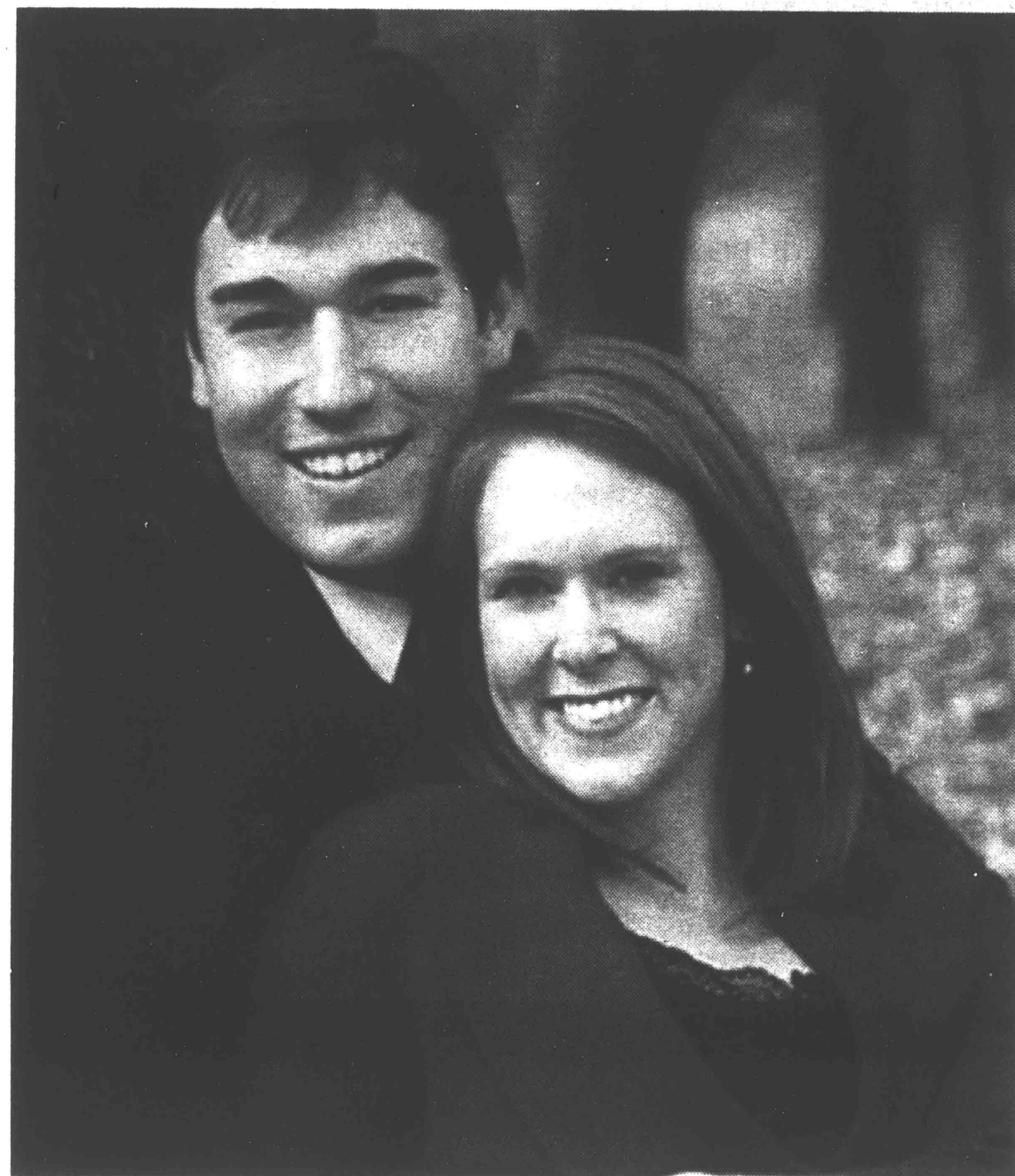
cation Program (BEP) 2.0 in 2007 provided much-needed revenue to school systems and a substantial step toward more appropriate funding for education in the state; however, several local governments used the increase to reduce local effort to public education. At a minimum, TSBA believes local governments should have to provide an inflationary adjustment to schools each year to recognize natural increases in education costs. In addition, TSBA would like to see school boards have more fiscal autonomy in school budgeting. Tennessee is only one of eleven states in the country where the boards of education have no ability to raise revenue for schools.

"Board of educations have embraced accountability, but accountability without the authority to address funding to meet the very performance standard that have been mandated is, in our opinion, unreasonable," said Smith.

Smith added that the association would continue to urge legislators to recognize the importance of local management of schools and resist attempts to remove local flexibility. "There is no "one size fits all" solution in public education," said Smith. "All of our priorities are designed to give school boards the flexibility, authority and tools they need to do the best jobs for their individual students and communities, all of which have their own unique strengths and challenges."

Senator Joe Haynes (D-Nashville) received the "TSBA's Legislative Award" for this support of public schools and local boards of education. Award winners are nominated by local school boards or school board members and chosen by the board of directors of TSBA's Legislative Network. The Tennessee School Boards Association, a statewide, nonprofit organization, is a federation of the state's local school boards. It serves as an advocate for the interests of Tennessee's public school students and school districts.

## March Nuptials Near Newborn



**JODIE LYN HOLDER**, daughter of Mark and Jan Holder, of Halls, will marry Allen Christiansen "A.C." Hassall, son of Hal and Kelly Hassall, of Franklin, at 2 p.m. March 28th in Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church will all friends and family invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late W. R. and Mary Holder, of Trenton, the late Lee M. Bissett, of Halls, and the late John F. Bissett, Sr., of Dade City, Fla.

A 2002 graduate of Dyersburg High School, she is a 2006 graduate of Western Kentucky University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in corporate and organizational communication.

She is employed by Alpha Omicron Pi International Headquarters in Brentwood.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Dr. Harry and Carolyn Hassall, of Brentwood, and Al and Norma Christiansen, of Fairfield Glade.

A 2002 graduate of Brentwood High School, he is a 2006 graduate of Lambuth University in Jackson, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in religion and philosophy.

He is employed by Cadence Bank in Brentwood.

The couple plan to reside in Nashville.

### Anniversaries

March 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Moore.

March 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Adams.

March 22 - Mr. and Mrs.

Larry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Shanon Crowder.

March 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Dziedzic, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baggett.

March 24 - Mr. and Mrs.



**EMMA ROSE CORLEW**, 7 lb. 14 oz. daughter of Jennifer Smith and Michael Corlew, of Halls, was born at 1:55 p.m. February 5th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. Measuring 19 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Don and Janet Corlew, of Ripley, and Charles and Shirley Smith, of Halls, the great-granddaughter of Tilford Brown and the late Mary Brown, of Halls, and Pamela Hill Corlew, of Palmyra, Pa., and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pool.

### Marriages

March 9th - Donald Eugene Maxwell, 49, to Denise Darlene Hester, 52, by Tracy Henson.

March 11th - Trent Eugene Lattimore, 46, to Karen Kimmer Middleton, 28, by Joe Scott.

March 12th - Joshua David Martin, 19, to Toni Nicole Haley, 18, by Rod Schuh.

### SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. Studies show that volunteering helps you live longer and promote a positive outlook on life. You will receive pre-service orientation, training from the organization where you serve and supplement insurance while on duty. Call Lauderdale County Commission on Aging at 731-836-5444.

Rodney Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Crutchfield.

March 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Anthony III.

March 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Swims, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Burks.

### Democratic Party County Convention

The Lauderdale County Democratic Party will hold its county convention for re-organization at 5 p.m. April 4th in the Armour Center at the Lauderdale County Bank, 336 Cleveland St. in Ripley. All democrat voters are urged to attend.

For more information, contact Mrs. Gladys Crain at 731-836-7992.

### Birthdays

March 20 - Gailon E. Smith, Natalie Chalk Brown, Marley Fisher, Hazel Dickens, Brooke Maners, Bettye Sanders, Jordan Ogden, Sarah C. Buckner, Jonny Carmack, Darrell Schuh, James Judkins.

March 21 - Sue Drumwright, Stephanie Mooney, Delene Craig, Jennifer Scofield, Amanda Harrison, Ron Goforth, Bobby Hart, James A. Davis, Richard Deaton, Sue Williams, Al Conrad, Jaycob McDaniel, Cindel Welch, Ava Jones, Amanda Bain, Whitney Pilcher.

March 22 - Reg Carmack, Cindy Smith, Craig Fitzhugh, Melissa Wood, Joe Simpson, Jonathan Matthews, Allison Pilant, Abby Buckner, Cliff Kelley, Richard Dawson.

March 23 - Sarah Elizabeth Myracle, Brenda Magruder, Abby Buckner, Kris Light, Charlotte Cove, Sonny Higdon, Sharon Koelle, Emilee Wright, Rita Cates, Rosemary Jones, Lynwood Hathcock, Brantley English, Valery Nipp, Hillary Forsythe, Brenda Crowder, Jeff Baker.

March 24 - Kellie Tutor Haislip, Brian Parker, Mary Ann Still, David Edwards, Nick Choat, Frances Harrell, Lashae Currie, Judy Hargett, Lisa Morris, Mickey Ward, Madison

### Benefit To Support Carl Perkins Center

A Fiesta Gala Dinner and Auction, to benefit the Exchange Club/Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, April 17th, at Rolling Hills Country Club.

For more information, call 635-7856.

### Land Transfers

March 1st - March 7th

Bart C. Durham III to S. N. Anthony, Jr., Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Mary Alice Scallions to Beverly A. Harris, lot.

Ricky L. Nelson and Renee G. Nelson to Jeffrey Allen Howell and Misty Michelle Howell, Dist. 12, 0.35 acre.

William Richard Douglas to Keith Kirkpatrick, Dist. 2, lot.

Thomas J. Davis and Judy K. Davis to Sam Forsythe and Maxine Forsythe, Dist. 2, 5.42 acres.

Manson Younger to Jay Walding and Mitzi Walding, Dist. 6, 6.41 acres.

Leland Gaines and Pam Allmon to Eric Maben, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Wells Fargo Bank na to Dwight D. Smith, Dist. 2, lot.

Douglas, Gary Douglas, Bob Stanton, Jon Helwig.

March 25 - Debbie White, Cindy Goodman, Cynthia Carmack, Patsy Blakely, Natalie Smith, Melissa Hicks, Kipper King, Tracy Miller, Jasmine Bonds.

March 26 - Dan Walker, Blake Arender, Lisa Hamil, Jeff Carihfield, Lisa Holcomb, Kevin Wright, Nancy Carson, Ruth Martin, Bailey Pipkin, Dan Walker, Amy Vaughan, Susan Wieber, Logan Hudnall, Crystal Cessac.

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## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!! I went on a trip this week. Miss Pam and I were out at the Club and Mr. Buddy and Scooter told me to get in the truck. Mr. Buddy, Scooter, Mr. Greg, Miss Buddy, Miss Pam and I all got in the truck. I had to sit up front with Mr. Buddy and Scooter. We rode in the truck for along time. Everybody was talking about going to Jackson. I don't know where Jackson is but I love to go for a ride so I set up so I could see where we were going. We rode in the truck for a long time and finally we stopped and everybody got out. I jumped out of the truck and Scooter told me that I had to stay in the truck. I turned my head to Miss Pam and she told me to get back in the truck and that they would all be back soon. I set in the truck and I wondered what they all were doing. In a little while, they all came back to the truck and Scooter was smiling and rubbing his belly. Mr. Buddy opened the door and everybody got back in the truck and I could smell two-legger food. Had they been eating two-legger food without me?

We then rode a little longer and we stopped at a big place. We all got out of the truck and Miss Pam told me that I would have to be on my very best behavior. We went into this big place and there were so many two-leggers. I did not see any other four-leggers in there. We went into a big room and they all found them a seat and I set at the end by Miss Pam. The Mayor and Miss Mayor were even there. Miss Angie, Mr. Brian and Mr. Lynwood came over to set with us and they all patted me on my head. Miss Angie and Miss Wendy, from Halls, were there with some young two-leggers. I was glad to see all of my friends. A two-legger that I did not know stood in front of all of us and started to talk. He told us that we would learn what to do to help four-leggers in case of an emergency. He talked and talked and I had to take a nap. Miss Pam would tell me to sit up and pay attention but I could not hold me eyes open. Taking a ride makes me sleepy.

After a little time went by, all of the two-leggers got up and went into another room and they were eating and drinking two-legger food. I went to all of my friends and begged but not one of them would give me a bite. Everyone of them told me that four-leggers did not need to eat pizza. I was really sad by now so I decided that I would go back to my seat and just wait on them. About that time, the Mayor came and set down beside me and gave me pizza. I have never had pizza before but I sure did like it. The Mayor is really a good two-legger. He told me to eat fast so that Miss Pam would not know. Just as I had finished off the pizza, all of the two-leggers came back in the room and Miss Pam told me that she was sorry for not bringing me a four-legger treat. I just smiled and looked back at the Mayor.

Another two-legger talked and talked. Then it was time for us to go. We all went out to the truck and got in and rode home. On the ride home, they all talked about what they all had learned. It made me feel safe and good for other four-leggers. Now all of these two-leggers can take care of four-leggers if something bad was to happen. I had a warm feeling in my heart and smiled on the inside for all of my four-legger Buds.

When we got back to the Club, Mr. Buddy and Scooter had a little bit of work to do so I decided that this would be a good time to tell all of my Buds about this night. I first saw Sassy, a gray poodle mix, talking to Hobo, the black and white mini collie mix and told them to feel safe now. Lulu and Spunky, the two feist, were sleeping and I decided not to wake them. They run and play hard all day. Snow, the heeler mix, was really listening to my story and I even saw

him smile. I went out to see the puppy four-leggers and the two fuzzy brown puppy four-leggers were playing and I told them to keep on having fun. I even went in to the cat room and there was B.O., the big orange cat, and I even told him the story. Buster, the black and brown dachshund, asked me why was he having to live next door to a cat. I just looked at him and shook my head. I just could not tell him it was because his legs were short. Miss Pam called me and told me to get in the truck that we were going home. I sure was glad because it had been a long day and my belly was hurting a little.

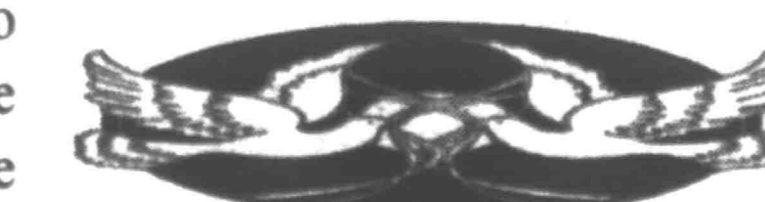
When we got home, Rusty was already asleep so I decided to wait to tell him about everything in the morning. Jerald Freeman, Brooke Mays, Renee Jones, and Deana Collins all came out to the Club and took a four-legger home with them. Lady, the older German shepherd, got to go home with Latasha Johnson. I was so glad for Lady. She really wanted a two-legger family.

Send your two-legger out to see us and bring my puppy four-leggers some food. We really need food. If you do not want to come out to the Club just drop it off at Beasley Treasures on Hwy. 51 and I will send Scooter to pick it up.

Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or give us a call at 836-PETS (7387). Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. If you are interested in a German short-haired pointer call us for info.

Does pizza make your belly hurt???

Zeek out.....



### 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.

Poplar Grove Presbyterian

### Walk Across TN Packets Available

Walk Across Tennessee registration are available for pick-up at the UT Extension office, located at 200 Crain St. in Ripley. Walk Across Tennessee is an eight-week, imaginary walk across the state with teams of at least eight members preferred. This free program will give tips on lighter, more nutritious meals and snacks; instruction on physical activity for all sizes and fitness levels; weight-loss support and lifestyle improvement; and prizes for weekly winners. The kick-off will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, March 27th, at the Lauderdale Commission on Aging/Halls Senior Center with a free health screening and weigh-in.

For more information, call Rachel Erwin, extension agent, at 731-635-9551 or email, rerwin@utk.edu.

Church, 492 Church Rd., Halls, will hold a Mind, Body, and Spirit series for those "Planning for the Future" at 7 p.m. Monday, March 23rd. Hubert Jones, an attorney in Dyersburg, will lead the program and cover topics such as estate planning, wills, preparation for retirement and senior years, and being a caregiver. Child care will be provided. The Rev. Melvin Orr, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call The Rev. Orr, 731-287-0310.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold an "IGNITE" Worship Night at 5 p.m. March 29th with Remnant, of Bartlett, leading the service. Brother Barry Cox, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Urban Area Representative, will bring a message from God's Word. 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.

### School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 23rd

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

Tuesday, March 24th

Tacos w/Trimmings  
Chicken Fajita w/Trimmings  
Corn Nibbles  
Grapes  
Banana  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 25th

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

Thursday, March 26th

Menu - School's Choice

Friday, March 27th

Family/Teacher Conference  
No School

### School Lunches

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

Monday, March 23rd

Hot Dog  
Tater Tots  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 24th

Taco w/Trimmings  
Corn Nibbles  
Banana  
Choice Of Milk

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### WORKSHOPS

A "this'n that" gardening workshop is set for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 29th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging located at 605 Airport St., Halls.

## THP Officer



**MAUREEN JENSIK**, Tennessee Highway Patrol trooper, is the first female road trooper for Lauderdale County, according to THP officials. A former sheriff's deputy with Hardeman County, she graduated THP Training Academy in December and was the only female in a class of 39 cadets. Trooper Jensik has a college degree in photography from Florida State University, which she plans to use during crash investigations. Assigned as a road trooper to Tipton County, she will work in Lauderdale County with field training officers, Trooper William Butler and Trooper Jeff Fuller. She is one of five cadet graduates from the Memphis area from the December class. "I am very excited to be a part of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. I look forward to doing my part to ensure the safety of the motoring public," said Trooper Jensik.

### HOST FAMILIES

ASSE International, formerly American Scandinavian Student Exchange, is seeking host families for high school exchange students for the 2009-2010 school year. Host families are to provide a separate bed and three meals a day for exchange students. All ASSE students will bring their own spending money and are fully insured.

For more information, call 800-473-0696.

## Honored



**RENE STANLEY**, of Gates, an instructor at Dyersburg State Community College's Health Information Technology, was honored February 23rd by the Instructional Technology Council (ITC) as a Distinguished eLearning Educator in the field of distance learning. The recognition luncheon was held in Portland, Oregon.

She was nominated by her colleagues at DSCC for her work with an online Current Procedures Terminology Coding course. "She has always embraced technology. She does everything she can to help students, including meeting on Saturdays for tutoring sessions," said Susan Osborne, Director of Health Information Technology at DSCC.

Stanley served as an adjunct professor for 10 years prior to becoming a full-time instructor at DSCC, two years ago. She is currently working on a master's degree in health informatics and information management at the University of Tennessee.

She and her husband, Wade, have two children, Alex and Connor.

### BASKETBALL CAMP

Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

For more information, call 704-373-0873.

## Currie Given 3-Yr. Sentence

Larry D. Currie, Jr., 36, of 232-B Maple, Halls, was sentenced last week, in Dyer County Circuit Court, to three years in prison, after he plea-ded guilty as a motor vehicle habitual offender.

He must serve 35% of the sentence, after one for parole violation, before becoming eligible for further parole.

## Gun Buyer's Prints Nixed

State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, joined the majority in an 82-11 vote last week to end the requirement that sellers of guns must obtain thumb-prints of the buyers.

The Tenn. Bureau of Investigation says it has only once asked for a thumb-print, for 2.3 million guns sold since the requirement was imposed in 1998.

The print was, intentionally or not, too smudged to be of any use.

Fingerprints are now required from gun buyers in seven other states.

The state Senate has yet to act on the proposal to end thumb-prints.

## Deadline Nears For Candidates

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

Jimmie L. Beard, Michael Bursey, Baris C. Douglas, Thomas R. Harris, Marva D. Temple, Charles V. Wilson, and John E. Wilson have picked up petitions for Henning Mayor. Bursey, Douglas, Harris, Temple, and Charles Wilson have returned their petitions. Ross

## Halls 9 Loses 2 1-Pt. Games

Halls High School's baseball team lost all four of its first games in the Tomahawk Classic in Jackson, but two of them by only one point.

The Tigers lost Monday of last week to Trinity Christian Academy, 4-5, Tuesday, to Jackson South Side, 11-7, and Hardin County, 11-4, and Wednesday, to McNairy, 12-11.

Scores from later games have not been reported.

## Jobless Inflate Business Costs

Although new unemployment claims (639,000) and total claims (5,100,000), nation-wide, declined, unexpectedly, in the first week of March, from record highs, Tennessee's rate of unemployment (8.6% in January, against a national average of 7.6%) will require a boost in state unemployment taxes of about \$110 a year per business worker, to keep paying the jobless.

More than 147,000 unemployment claims have been filed in the state this year, compared to 68,000 at this point last year.

The unemployment tax jump, which must mostly be passed along to customers, will put further pressure on small businesses while federal and state politicians are promising special aid for them.

N. Bates, Cubert Bell, Sr., Charles Culbreath, Kathryn Farmer, Jerry Holland, Marvin D. Montgomery, Charlotte Smith, Deborah Bates Taylor, Ella Weber, and Thelma B. Winbush have picked up petitions for Henning alderman. Bates, Bell, Culbreath, Farmer, Taylor, Weber, and Winbush have returned their petitions.

Jeffrey Crowder, Sr., Cleve Pike, and Booker J. Nance, Sr.

## Winner xxx

Continued from front page.

The students are in the classroom of Stephen Korpi. He utilized the TDOT contest as a teaching tool for students interested in video production by incorporating the contest into a class project. The video will compete against four other regional winners for the top state award. The statewide winning video will be aired by television stations beginning April 6th and the winning team will receive up to five \$500 gift certificates to Best Buy, up to five sets of Bridgestone tires, and a spot in the 2009 Driver's Edge Teen Safe Driving program.

## Arrested xxx

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Henry has a history of armed robbery, domestic assault, public intoxication, and bad checks.

Mr. Powledge was employed by Quebecor World in Covington.

Rites were Saturday in Woodlawn Baptist Church at Nut Bush, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his mother, Phoebe Crews, of Nashville; a son, Julius Stewart, and a daughter, Janya Watkins, of Brownsville; another daughter, Nicole Sneed, of Detroit, Mich.; a brother, Jarron King, and a sister, Shaketha Liggins, of Nashville; a grandfather, Dempsey Powledge, of Ripley; and great-grandparents, Inez Crews and Lossie Powledge, of Ripley, and Bernice and Willie Evans, of Brownsville.

have picked up and returned petitions seeking the position of Gates Mayor. Terry Janda, Cindy Marvel, Micheal Shaw, Jr., Bobby Vaughn, Wymond D. Walpole, and Windy Willette have picked up petitions for Gates alderman. Marvel, Shaw, Vaughn, and Walpole have returned their petitions.

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## Hazardous Waste To Be Collected

Lauderdale County will host a household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 9th at the Lauderdale County Landfill. Hazardous waste includes old cleaners, oil-based paints, fuels, pesticides, automotive fluids, etc. that are flammable, reactive, or toxic and should not be thrown in the garbage. Only household residents are allowed to participate. No explosives, radioactive materials, medical wastes, or commercial wastes will be accepted. For more information, contact Clint Holmes, 836-5104.

Permanent used oil sites include AutoZone, Advance Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts, and the county landfill.

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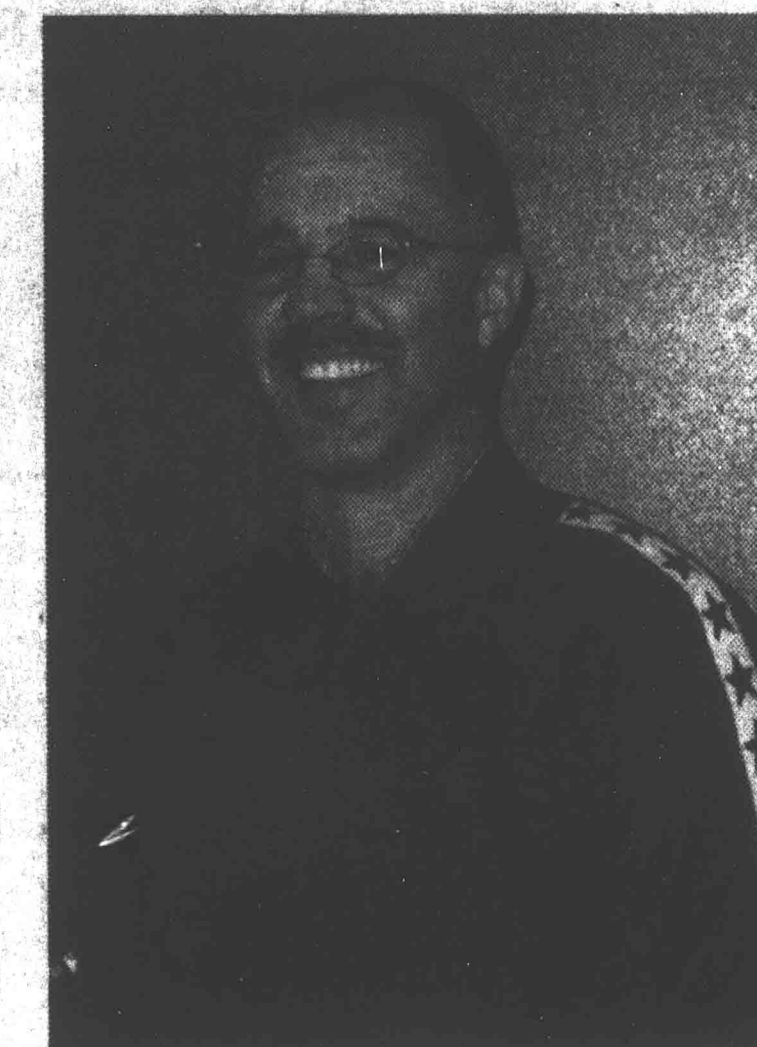
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Jeffrey Crowder, Sr., Cleve Pike, and Booker J. Nance,

## Coach



**CLAY CONRAD**, coach of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, achieved Level 3 status during his trip to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was one of 78 coaches chosen throughout the nation to represent Southeastern Association and USA Boxing March 16th through 22nd. While there, he was able to meet with psychologists, sports scientists, Olympic coaches, sports medicine specialists and dieticians to learn more about training Olympic-style boxing techniques and physical fitness.

Level 3 status allows him to teach and have clinics for others seeking to obtain Level 1 or 2 status. It also allows him to travel and coach international teams in dual combat against other countries. The highest level possible is a Level 4 which would allow you to be a head coach on an Olympic team.

Sr. have returned petitions for Gates Mayor.

Terry Janda, Cindy Marvel, Micheal Shaw, Jr., Bobby Vaughn, Wymond D. Walpole, and Windy Willette have returned petitions for Gates alderman.

## Candidate



**TRENT MCMANUS** has announced his candidacy for the mayor of the Town of Halls. He issued the following statement.

"I am announcing my candidacy for the mayor of the Town of Halls. I thank the people of Halls for giving me the opportunity to serve you during my first term.

"I am proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved over the last four years. We have built a new skateboard park, built new tennis courts, developed a new downtown, tore down twelve old dilapidated houses, increased drug arrests over 300%, started the "Movies in the Park" program, started a web site for the town of Halls, www.town.halls.tn.us, obtained a grant to purchase a new fire pumper, obtained an outdoor tornado warning siren, developed a 300 acre "Deal Ready" industrial site, have applied to have a second "Deal Ready" industrial site certified, worked to develop a tourism industrial project, organized the summer feeding program in Kewan Ward park, received over 1.5 million dollars in grants, and lowered the rates for natural

gas. I have accomplished all these achievements without raising the town's property taxes.

"I thank all the people and organizations I have worked with to make all these projects a reality. I look forward to the many more accomplishments we can achieve together over the next four

## Drugs Hold Gates Pair

Halls police are charging Jessy Napper, of 108 4th St., Gates, with possession of about 8 grams of crack cocaine and April Cates, of the same address, with tampering with or fabricating evidence.

Police say a routine traffic stop found Napper driving on a suspended license for a third offense. They say the cocaine was found in April's pocket.

## Free Seedlings For Landowners

The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District will distribute free trees between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 27th at the USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive, Ripley. During the annual tree day, 3,000 Pin Oak and 2,500 Loblolly Pine seedlings will be given away to landowners in an effort to control erosion, promote wildlife habitat, and promote tree planting for beautification in the county. The seedlings will be given on a first come, first served basis. Vernon McBride III, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District, invites all landowners to participate.

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After two and half hours, all other business was tabled until the next meeting.

## E-911 Board Has March Meeting

Lauderdale County Emergency Communications District board met Monday evening for its regular March board meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were tabled due to a debate of meeting the quorum according to the Robert's Rules of Order. Attending the February meeting included Frank Currie, chairman, Jonathan Gay, director of E-911, Mrs. Earline Halliburton, Mrs. Mary Miller and Mrs. Celeste Henry.

The treasurer's report for March was approved after a discussion of why the accountant uses a disclaimer stating the management elects to withhold information when Mr. Gay stated no information was withheld. Mr. Newman requested the accountant re-word the disclaimer to avoid confusion in future meetings which was approved.

The board approved the following changes in the personnel policies: instead of paying comp time, employees will receive time and half for overtime they work; funeral leave will include immediate family, such as mother, father, siblings, spouse, grandparents, great-grandparents, and grandchildren, and if married, the employees immediate in-laws; drug tests will include random tests, along with other stated tests; and tobacco use in the building will not be permitted.

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I humbly ask for your vote on May 7th so I can continue to serve you," said McManus.

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## New Arrival



**TY SCOTT,** 6 lb. 14 oz. son of Josh and Karla Scott, of Millington, was born at 5:15 a.m. March 14th in Methodist Hospital Germantown. Measuring 19-1/2 inches long, Harrison Tyler is the brother of Myles Alexander Scott, and the grandson of Danny and Pam Langley, of Ripley, and Ron and Barb Scott, of Halls.

## Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burns, of Pleasanton, Calif., an 8 lb. 4 oz. son, Lucas Allen, born March 17th. He is the grandson of Chucky Burns, of Memphis, and Angie Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lewis, all of Halls.

## Divorces

Kevin Michael Jenkins vs. Stacey Michelle Beard Jenkins.

Annette Bates vs. Charles Bates.

Oscar Brown vs. Debora Alexander.

## Birthdays

March 26 - Dan Walker, Blake Arender, Lisa Hamil, Jeff Carihfield, Lisa Holcomb, Kevin Wright, Nancy Carson, Ruth Martin, Bailey Pipkin,, Amy Vaughan, Susan Wieber, Logan Hudnall, Crystal Cessac.

March 27 - Miller Lane,

## Benefit Scheduled For Injured Child

A benefit will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28th at The End Zone Bar and Grill in Covington for Nicholas Carroll, son of Samantha and Rusty Kirby, of Ripley, and Randy Carroll, who was injured in February. Three bands, Dirty Martini, Glass Onion, and Ain't Yo Mama, will be performing. Barbecue plates will be sold with all proceeds to help Nick with medical expenses. Several items have been donated and will be auctioned off.

James Hilton Vaughn, Harold Wheatley, Jackie Evans, Reese Gaines, Maurice Gaines, III, Ann Young, Billy Elder, Diane Stallings, Bryan Jarrett, Tina Cates, Kay Nolen, Diane Noblin, Glen Privett, Kelly Thompson, Katherine Snell, Rebecca Williams, Shamari Gooch, Cautlyn Halliburton, Grant Summar, Gary Brown, Mary Neal Stanley.

March 28 - William Zachary, Ezell Robinson, Greg Baker, Robin Privett, Hana Katlin Jones, Elaine Moore, Elizabeth Bubier, Opal Horne, Minnie Stowe, Kim Brewster, Linda Belton, Jeffrey Ogg.

March 29 - Shawnee Denay Burris, Paul Merando, Perry Williams, Kay Gruggett, Malory Murray, Glenda Hayles, Pam Floyd, Brenda Ward, Dixie Drake Lenderman, Adriene Brooks, Alma Jenkins, Elna Robbins, Linsey Beard.

March 30 - Karyn Summar, Amy Land, Kayla Howard, Amy McBroom, T. L. Michael, Fay Taylor, Beth Newman, Deb Wooster, Mary Ann Swims, Corey Carihfield, Beth Wright, Rachel Jackson, Michael Jankovskiy, Inez Hendren, Larry Allmon.

March 31 - Kay Freeman, Clint McKinnie, Bill Robertson, Cary Porter, Caleb Currie, Hannah Smith, Chris Tucker, Amber Sadler, Noel Sherrod.

April 1 - Carl Hoggard,

## Plans Set For St. Jude Bass Classic

The St. Jude Bass Classic invites all local anglers to participate in the 37th annual St. Jude Open Bass Classic, May 24th. The oldest and largest charity fishing event in the nation will be held on Sardis reservoir and is a pick-your-partner format with all proceeds being donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Winners will be determined by the total weight of a five fish limit of bass per team. Total contributions to the hospital from the tournament now exceed \$2,167,000. Early entry deadline is midnight March 31st.

Last year, the tournament raised \$50,000 for the hospital. In spite of record gas prices 498 anglers from seven states participated in last year's event. Anglers from Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee were present.

The Grand Prize is a fully rigged 198 Ranger boat powered by a 200 Mercury Optimax outboard riding on a deluxe Ranger Trail trailer. This Grand Prize will be awarded to one lucky participant who is present at the random drawing held at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. All participants will receive lure packs from Strike King and each boat will receive a gallon of Pennzoil synthetic blend outboard oil. Cash and prizes will be awarded to the top 10% of the field. The winning team will receive two War Eagle aluminum boats and trailers with 15 horsepower Mercury outboards and cash. The tournament is limited to 300 boats.

For more information or to enter, anglers may call Dennis Morlok at 662-781-9201. Entry forms may be downloaded from [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Doug Ward, Gladys Crain, Jeanie Vickery, Vance Brewster, Emilee Anne Hartman, Alisa

## Bridal Shower



**SARAH BETH CATES,** third from right, of Nankipoo, bride-elect of Dustin Renfrow, third from left, of La Center, Ky., was honored with a bridal shower March 21st at Melville United Methodist Church. Pictured with the couple, include, from left, the groom's grandmother, Mary Helen Hicks, of La Center, the groom's mother, Regina Renfrow, of Oscar, Ky., mother of the bride, Brenda Thurmond, of Nankipoo, and another grandmother of the groom, Doris Ross, of Kevil, Ky.

## Marriages

March 2nd - Christopher Dean Hoffman, 42, to Melissa Dawn Craig, 40, by Janice C. Craig.

March 14th - James Albert Young, 24, to Tina Marie Shands, 20, by Don Williams.

March 19th - Thomas Lee Sanders, Jr., 18, to Elizabeth Janece March, 20, by Tracy Henson.

March 20th - Eric Dewayne Austin, 38, to Vickey Nadine Burks White, 38, by Robert T. Sims, Jr.

March 21st - Lucas Anderson Moran, 24, to Leah Katherine Snell, 30, by Robert R. Taylor.

Parish, Anetta Boyd, Christopher Hardy, Ama'Jay Boyd, Teresa M. Ward, Jeff Weaver, Robin Hughes, Jim Clark, Betty T. Henson, Mary Beth

## Anniversaries

March 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Swims. Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Burks.

March 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larry Ferguson.

March 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster.

March 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Jones.

March 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.

March 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Mark Edmundson.

April 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lawson.

Caldwell, Darlene Crowder, James Mills, Zaylee Brown, Chris Carmack.

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## Obituaries

### Paul Climer

Paul Franklin Climer, 90, father of Paul Donald Climer, of 307 Double Bridges-Unionville Road, west of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Henry County Healthcare Center in Paris.

Rites were Saturday in Russwood Baptist Church, where he was a member, at Springfield, with burial in Centerville Cemetery, south of Milan.

He was a son of the late Burton Franklin Climer and the late Jettie Pinkley Climer.

He had been a lineman for Dyersburg and Milan utilities.

He had been a deacon in Northside Baptist Church in Milan.

He was a member of Milan's Masonic lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Sue Pruett Climer, and a daughter, Shirley Ann Walker, of Springfield; brothers, Bill, of Dyersburg, Harry, of West Memphis, Ark., and Raymond, of South Carolina; sisters, Dorothy (Mrs. Jim) Tibbs, of Dyersburg, Doris (Mrs. L. B.) Ramey, of RoEllen, Evelyn Kelley, of Nauvoo, and Christine LaRue and Liz (Mrs. Buddy) Taylor, of Chicago, Ill.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Jimmie Caldwell

Jimmie Clay Caldwell, 78, former Riplian, died Monday of last week in a nursing home in Decatur, Ill.

Rites were Saturday in Northside Baptist Church in Decatur, with burial in Macon County Memorial Park in Decatur, Walker Funeral Home, of Decatur, in charge, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, assisting locally.

He had retired as a moulder for Caterpillar in Decatur.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; daughters, Tony Cald-

### Fred Faulk Was Insurance Agent

C. Fred Faulk, 83, Lauderdale County Farm Bureau insurance agent for 35 years, died Friday in St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Madison, Miss.

Rites were Tuesday in Hillcrest Funeral Home in Shelbyville, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

He was born at Wartrace, to the late Ben and Florence Threet Faulk.

An Army veteran of World War II, he had been an elder in the Ripley Church of Christ for 35 years.

At his death, he was a member of the Fairlane Church of Christ.

He was a member of the Ripley Rotary Club for 30 years and served as governor of Rotary District 6760.

He taught many classes of the Dale Carnegie course, in which he was known as Mel.

He was the widower of Margaret Eichenberger Faulk.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Youree, of Madison; a sister, Wilma Elliott, of Connecticut; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial gifts to the Tenn. Children's Home, P. O. Box 10, Spring Hill, TN 37174, would be appropriate.

### Elsie Falkner

Elsie Marie Falkner, 85, of Ripley, homemaker, died Monday, March 23rd, in Ripley.

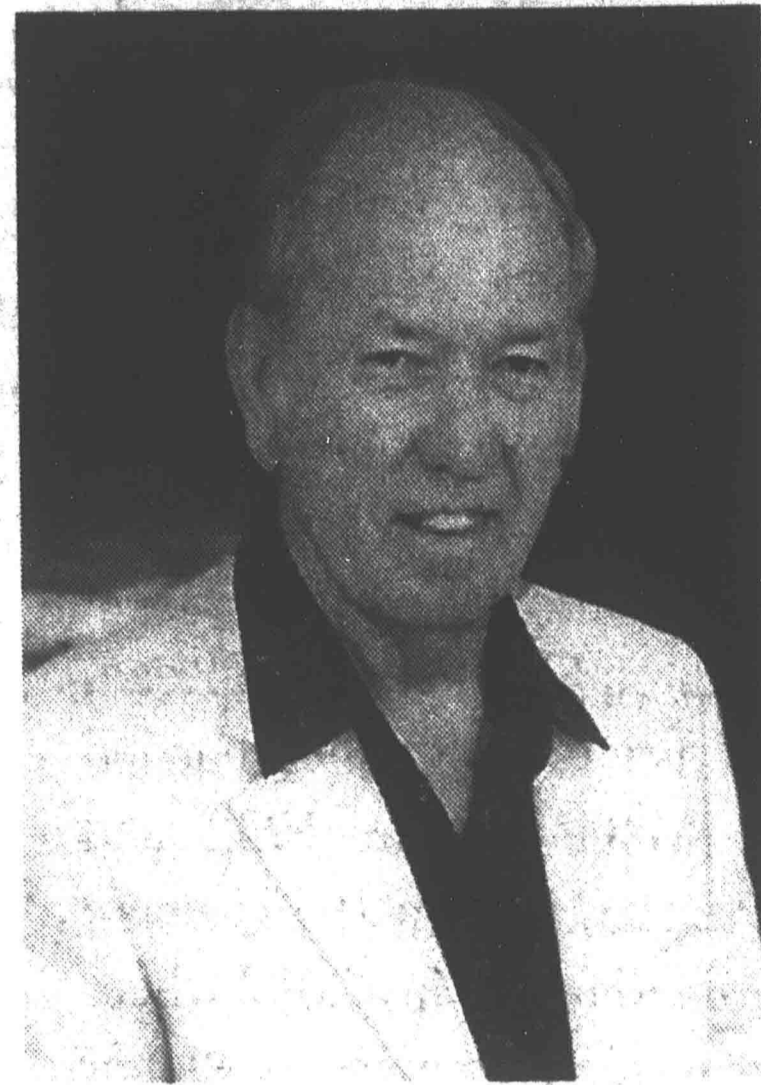
Graveside services were Wednesday in Bethlehem Cemetery in Henning, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

She was a member of Ripley Church of God.

She leaves cousins, G.K. and Geraldine Ballard, of Ripley.

well, Debra Harper, and Marilyn Wheeler, of Decatur, and Patricia Reid, of Milwaukee, Wis.; sisters, Clara and Louise Caldwell, of Decatur; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Lamented



**DR. ROBERT CHARLES KEE**, 80, of Austin, Tex., died March 22nd at Cornerstone Hospital.

Graveside services are set for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was born May 18, 1928, to the late Irby C. and Virgie Best Kee, of Henning, and spent most of his childhood years in Lauderdale County. He graduated from Central High School, Memphis. He attended Memphis State University and earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. He practiced for most of his medical career as a general surgeon in Orange, Texas.

He married Eleanor Ruth Thomas on October 11, 1947.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Ann Kee, of Austin, Tex.; three sons, David Kee, of Shelbyville, Larry Kee, of Jackson, Miss., and Alan Kee, of Maybank, Tex.; brother, Irby C. Kee, of Ocala, Fla.; sister, Jane Hogan, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

### Iris P. Layne

Iris P. Layne, 81, died Tuesday of last week in Truman, Ark., Healthcare.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She had been a member of Curve Baptist Church.

Survivors include sisters, Earline Green, of Memphis, and Margie Sawyer, of Bartlett.

## Mourned



**WILSON SOMERVILLE, SR.**, 66, of Pontiac, Mich., brother of Bertha Mac Coleman, of Ripley, died March 8th.

Services were held Saturday, March 14th in New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, in Michigan, where he was a member, with burial in Perry Mount Park Cemetery. Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home had charge.

Born September 26, 1942, in Covington, to the late Chris Somerville and Mattie Burdell, he retired from General Motor Corporation.

Other survivors include his wife, Bessie Mae Jones Somerville; four children, Sherry (Mrs. Danny) Taylor, of Stone Mountain, Ga.; Wil-

son Somerville, Jr., and Reggie (Patricia) Somerville, all of Pontiac; and Connie (Mrs. Mitchell) Matthews, of Stanton; other sisters, Freddie M. Wright, Mildred Wicks, Marie Degraffred, and Earnestine Stott, of Covington; and four grandchildren.

### Everlena Nance

Everlena Nance, 75, of Gates, former employee with Tupperware, died March 21st at Jackson Madison County General Hospi-

### Lane Assisted Ike's Funeral

Travis E. Lane, 62, of 479 Dogwood Trail, Ripley, retired from the state Department of Transportation, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in the Abundant Life Assembly of God in Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in the West Tenn. Veterans Cemetery in Memphis.

An Army veteran of the Viet Nam war, he served in the honor guard at the funeral of President Eisenhower.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Hunter Lane; sons, Travis, Jr., and Christopher Lane, and a daughter, Britany Lane, of Ripley; another daughter, Kimberly Adams, of Dyersburg; brothers, Calvin Lane, of Ripley, and Willard Lane, of Henning; sisters, Helen Crowder, of Ripley, Peggy Fett, of Henning, and Sarah Richardson, of Memphis; and four grandchildren.

tal in Jackson.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28th, at the Halls High School Gymnasium in Halls, with burial in Strayhorn Cemetery in Gates, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She leaves her husband, Booker Joe Nance, Sr., a son, The Rev. Booker Joe Nance, Jr., and daughters, Gladys Nance, Phyllis Richmond, and Joyce Nance, all of Gates; another son, Marvin Nance, of Clarksville; another daughter, Alice Nance-Eison, of Dyersburg; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### June Hailey

June Phyllis Hailey, 81, wife of James Hailey, of Troy, died Wednesday of last week in Union City Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Ararat Cemetery near Troy, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Born in Benton Harbor, Mich., June 8, 1927, to the late Joseph and Bella Fischman, she had been employed by the American Medical Assn.

She and her husband had operated a business in Downers Grove, Ill.

She leaves a sister, Beryl Hammersley, and a niece, Roberta (Mrs. Steve) Appel, of Spring, Tex.; a great-nephew, Shane, a great-niece, Sasha Appel, and a great-great-niece, Shawnee Appel.

### Curtis Woodson

Curtis V. Woodson, 87, of Dyersburg, sister of Patricia Foster, of 216 Laurison, Halls, died March 14th in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Dyersburg, where she was a member and song leader, with burial in the cemetery of Henning Grove Baptist Church, near Halls.

Survivors include brothers, Donnell Halliburton and Larry Foster, of Chicago, Ill.; other sisters, Brenda Faye (Mrs. Milton) Duffie and Carolyn Rogers, of Chicago, Della (Mrs. Henry) Moore, Nonia Eggleston, and Rosie Jones, of Peoria, Ill., and Dean Lindsey, of Toledo, Ohio; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

### School Lunches

**Lauderdale County Schools**  
**Monday, March 30th**  
 Cheeseburger  
 Pizza  
 French Fries  
 Tossed Salad w/Dressing  
 Applesauce  
 Banana

### Evelyn Escue

Evelyn Christine McNeill Escue, 84, wife for 66 years of Robert Pharis Escue, of Gates, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital

Rites were Monday in Concord United Methodist Church, near Gates, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was a daughter of the late Archie Daniel and Lena Mae McNeill.

She had worked for Halltex in Halls.

Survivors include daughters, Brenda Elaine Simpson, of Ripley, and Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis; a brother, J. D. McNeill, and sisters, Aunita Emerson and Juanita Stanley, all of Gates; three grandchildren, including Wendy Dawn Englert, of Ripley; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### Billie C. Cheek

Billie C. Cheek, 78, Ripley native and Ripley High School graduate who retired from Avco Financial Services in Memphis, died Wednesday of last week, of lung cancer, in the Baptist Hospice in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She was a daughter of the late Will and Georgia Mai Cheek, of Ripley.

She was a member of the Baptist Church in Ashland, Miss.

Survivors include five nieces and nephews, including Cheryl "Chigger" Follis and Rick Vandergriff, of Ripley.

**Cookie**  
**Choice Of Milk**  
**Tuesday, March 31st**  
 Baked Ham  
 Chicken Breast Fillet  
 Green Beans  
 Orange Sections  
 Grapes

### Mrs. McGarrity

Berlie Harber McGarrity, affectionately known as Mama Mack, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at the age of 102.

She was born January 27, 1907, and was eighth of ten children, born to Jake and Tennie Harber. She was reared on the Eaton Crockett Mills Road, near Friendship. She married Bill McGarrity in 1932 and moved to Halls in 1934, where she lived until May 2008 where she entered Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. McGarrity was a faithful member of the Halls First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Mrs. McGarrity is survived by three children, Billie Belton (Thomas), of Halls, Kay Stamps (Taylor), of Collierville, and Douglas McGarrity (Jean), of Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren, Donna Hawks (Butch), of Jackson, Katie Spence (Will), of Halls, Ty Stamps (Melissa), of Collierville, Stephen Stamps (Katie), of Memphis, Stephanie Shepp (Mike) and Todd McGarrity (Anna), of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Her family takes great comfort in knowing she is in the care of her heavenly Father.

Services were March 20th at Halls First United Methodist Church and she was laid to rest in the Bethesda Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Crockett County.

**Roll**  
**Choice Of Milk**  
**Wednesday, April 1st**  
 Roasted Turkey w/Gravy  
 Whipped Potatoes  
 Green Peas  
 Apple  
 Roll  
 Choice Of Milk  
**Thursday, April 2nd**  
 Chili Pie  
 Corn Nibbles

### Trash Talk

The Lauderdale County campaign against litter is scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 25th, with groups meeting at the Court Square in Ripley and at City Hall in Halls, Gates and Henning. Residents, of Lauderdale County, are invited to help clean your community with trash bags and gloves provided.

Each Spring, people who love America and their respected county, take the time to clean up litter, perk up parks and beautify public areas. Make a 'hands-on' commitment to our community's future and see how big a difference one volunteer can make.

Join the nation's largest clean-up and beautification program, The Great American Clean-Up. It provides an opportunity for neighborhoods to have a platform for activities that address issues such as litter removal, beautification, removal of illegal dump sites, rubber tire disposal, recycling, recreational area clean-up, beautification and community improvement program.

A cookout will be held after the event at the Criminal Justice Complex.

For more information, call Pamela Cherry-Kerby, 836-0637, or Ann Tate, 738-5175.

**Pineapple Tidbits**  
**Peaches**  
**Choice Of Milk**  
**Friday, April 3rd**  
 BBQ On Bun  
 Deli Wrap  
 Carrot Sticks w/Dip  
 Or Sandwich Trimmings Cup  
 Baked Beans  
 Pear Halves  
 Cookie  
**Choice Of Milk**

### School Lunches

**Ripley Primary School**  
**Halls Elementary School**  
**Pre-K to 3rd**  
**Monday, March 30th**  
 Cheeseburger  
 French Fries  
 Applesauce  
 Cookie  
**Choice Of Milk**

### PTK Inducts Local Students

Whitney Bearid and Rebecca Cherry, both of Halls; Amanda K. Lane and Tracie Langley, both of Ripley, and Elizabeth Morgan, of Gates, were inducted February 27th into the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) academic honor society at Dyersburg State Community College.

Diana Whitson, PTK alumna and former Vice President of Fellowship for PTK, spoke at the event. Whitson, a graduate of Dyersburg State Community College and Austin Peay State University, was chosen to live and work in Germany as a part of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange.

Students who have completed 12 hours of college work with a B average or higher are eligible for membership in the prestigious honor society for two-year colleges. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is the largest honor society in American higher education. The DSCC chapter currently has over 100 members.

**Tuesday, March 31st**  
 Steak Fingers  
 Broccoli Bites  
 Orange Sections  
 Roll  
 Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, April 1st**  
 Roasted Turkey w/Gravy  
 Whipped Potatoes  
 Apple  
 Roll  
 Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, April 2nd**  
 Chili Pie  
 Corn Nibbles  
 Peaches  
 Choice Of Milk

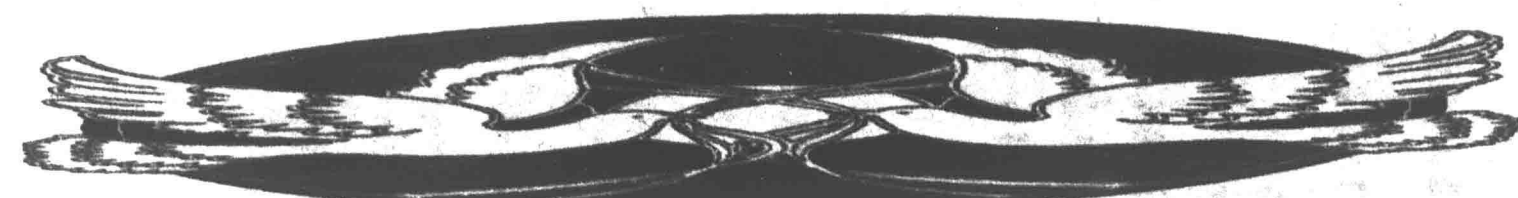
**Friday, April 3rd**  
 Deli Sandwich  
 Carrot Sticks w/Dip  
 Pear Halves  
 Cookie  
 Choice Of Milk

Kindness is the greatest wisdom.  
 -Author Unknown

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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.

A gospel choir competition will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4th at the Halls Junior High School gymnasium to benefit the F. A. Rhodes Community Center. The event is sponsored by the Northside Advisory Board. The public is invited. For more information, call 836-9506.

Enon Baptist Church, 5427 Curve Nankipoo Rd., Halls, will hold a community picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28th with food, fellowship, and games for the entire family. The public is invited.

Spirit Filled Baptist Church, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold a youth revival beginning at 6 p.m. March 29th and continuing through April 2nd. Worship services will be held at 7 p.m. with Don Dowdy as guest evangelist. Constant Witness will deliver special music.

Praise Temple Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., will host a Wednesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. each night on the gifts of the Spirit. Garie V. Andrews, pastor, invites the public to attend.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold an "IGNITE" Worship Night at 5 p.m. March 29th with Remnant, of Bartlett, leading the service. Brother Barry Cox, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Urban Area Representative, will bring a message from God's Word. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, 148 Osborne St., Ripley, will hold a teen night, ages 13 to 19 only, for friends, food, and fun from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 27th. The event will be chaperoned. Video games, refreshments, music, movies, and more will be offered.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Cemetery Rd., Henning, will hold a spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly April 1st through 3rd with special guests each night. Antioch-Curve Baptist with The Rev. John Payne will be Wednesday's guests; St. Stephens Baptist, of Covington, and The Rev. Larry McGarrity, Thursday; and Bluff Creek Baptist, of Brownsville, and The Rev. Collins, Friday. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

## Land Transfers

March 15 - March 21

Cassandra E. Carter and Cassandra E. Alston to Joanne Carter, Dist. 6, lot.

HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. to Michael Mendenhall,

Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Federal National Mortgage Association to David Rester and Peggy Rester, lot.

Carl W. Leo and Cheryl G. Leo to Andy A. Vaughn and Tammy Vaughn, Dist. 10,

12.765 acres.

## Eating A Rainbow of Colors



**RACHEL PARKER**, TSU Extension FCS Agent, along with Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, provided a program for the residents at Ripley Housing Authority in Ripley on eating more fruits and vegetables with the lesson, "Eat a Rainbow of Colors." Jennett Payton and Beth Cunningham, of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, provided Bingo for the residents to play with nutrition education prizes. Ripley Housing provided the community room and a healthy snack for the residents.

## This 'N' That Garden



**PARTICIPANTS** of the This 'N' That Gardening program at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging met with Mary Margaret Huffman, Lawn and Garden supervisor, and Juanita Pufpaf, consultant, of Cole's Do It Best Center March 19th. They shared new plants, planting ideas, gardening tools and accessories. They demonstrated the proper way to construct hanging basket and pots. Everyone attending received discount coupons and door prizes were available. Call 731-836-5444 for details on the next This 'N' That Gardening program.

## LOANS AVAILABLE

Frank M. Rodgers, Acting State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Tennessee, announced that FSA will immediately use \$145 million of the \$173 million provided in the Recovery Act for its Direct Operating Farm Loan Program, which will give 2,042 farmers direct loans from the agency. In Tennessee, this allowed 53 direct operating loans totaling \$4.2 million to be released.

All remaining funding will be allocated through approved loans until all available funds have been expended. Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis with special emphasis placed on beginning and socially disadvantaged applicants. The maximum loan amount is \$300,000.

For specific information on direct operating loans and other FSA farm loan programs, visit FSA county office or our website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## WTHRC Test Held



**DOUG CHERRY**, and his son, Wade, in front, of Halls, are pictured with Trey Edwards, judge, Steve Moffitt, pro trainer, and Dave Harbour, judge, of the West Tennessee Hunting Retriever Club annual hunt test March 14th and 15th on the grounds of the Chisholm Lake Outing Club. Tommy W. Williams, of the WTHRC, expressed appreciation to Lynn Sanders, Chisholm Lake Outing Club president, and its board members, Monty McWilliams, Frank Alley, and Deborah and Tom Miller, who provided land for the hunt. Several local youth were hired as "bird boys" for the weekend. Their job was to keep the test rolling by throwing birds from mechanical wingers to planting the blind bird. Dog enthusiasts came from as far away as Georgia and Alabama. Tommy Dacus, Chisholm Lake Club member, and his crew provided breakfast and lunch for participants. Ribbons were awarded to dogs and their handlers along with points and titles in three categories, Started, Seasoned, and Finished. Every time a dog receives a title, the value of the dog increases. Most of the dogs running were Labs, black, chocolate, and yellow. The Hunting Retriever Club Organization has 130 clubs in the United States and Canada.

## Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! I found some new Buds this week. Mr. Buddy and Scooter told me to get in the truck and we went for a ride. They told me that we were going to Tipton County to get food. Now as I understand it, we can get food for my Buds there. We rode for a little while and we finally stopped and when I got out of the truck I heard Buds. We went inside and I could not believe my eyes. There were Buds everywhere. The room was big and smelled good. I walked around the corner and saw lots of Buds. I walked around and told them that my name is Zeek and that I am Top Dog at the Club where I live. I saw big, little, fat, skinny, tall, and short Buds. Some of them even looked like some of my Buds where I live. I walked on around and found the cat room. The cats were not too happy to see me. One of the cats even tried to scratch my nose when I told them that I was Top Dog. One of the cats told me he was Top Cat and to get out of their room. Are all cats mean to us four leggers? I wondered where Mr. Buddy and Scooter were. I sure hoped that they had not left me in Tipton County. I walked on around and found some nice

## EQIP Now Taking Local Applications

Rob Reviere, secretary-treasurer of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, announced that the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is now accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Reviere stated that the EQIP program provides both technical and financial assistance to help local landowners to implement a variety of soil and water conservation practices to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality on their lands.

For more information concerning the EQIP program, contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office located at 301 Lake Drive in Ripley, at 635-7686, ext. 114.

two leggers. I turned my head to them and they told me that my two leggers were outside loading food. I felt better so I decided to go out with Mr. Buddy and Scooter. When I got outside, they were putting bags of food in the truck. Mr. Buddy told me that this food was for my Buds at the Club. I smiled on the inside. I was so glad that Tipton County would help my Buds. Mr. Buddy and Scooter finished putting food in the truck. Boy, it was a lot of food. They all said thank you to the two leggers of Tipton County. I walked over to the two leggers and gave them all a big lick. They just smiled and told me goodbye. I sure do like two leggers from Tipton County.

When we got back to the Club, Mr. Buddy and Scooter unloaded the food and I went in the office. I really needed a nap and Scooter was outside so I knew that I could sleep in my chair. I had just got settled when out of nowhere, Leroy, the cat that lives in the office, jumped on my head. I jumped up and ran out of the office. I

## Halls 9 Blanks Bradford, 11-0

Halls High School's baseball team led Bradford Monday, 11-0, to cap a 3-2 record last week.

Halls led Obion County, 12-5, Tuesday of last week, before, in the Harris Tournament in Shelby County, it lost to Knoxville Central, 9-8, won from Magnolia Heights, Miss., 13-8, lost to Memphis Overton, 8-0, and won from Tipton-Rosemark, 6-2.

looked back in the office thru the window and Leroy was getting in my chair. Now, I have two others that like my chair. I am going to talk to the Mayor and see if he will get me another chair in the office.

James Hall, Carlton Gay, Charlotte Lowery, Ann Thomas, and Charlotte Cove all brought food out to my Buds this week. We really had a good week for my Buds.

Richard Conrad took home two puppy four leggers. Franklin Simmons took home a puppy and a German shepherd. Blake Cox took home Snow, the heeler mix. Leann Ballinger took home Buddy, the mixed male. Kayla Morgan took home Barney, the dachshund. Gracie and Nathan Dupree took home one of my Buds. Troi Pipkin came out to the Club and fell in love with Fuzzy, the St. Bernard mix. Katrina Lumley wanted Sassy, the poodle mix, to go home with her and Sassy agreed. Audrey Phillips took home one of our puppy four leggers. Thanks to all of you two leggers for making this a good week for my Buds.

We still have some of the beagles left for any two leggers that needs one. We have sev-

## TN Seniors Compete For Spot In Olympics

More than 3,500 Tennessee senior athletes are gearing up in preparation for the Tennessee Senior Olympics state competition scheduled for April 14th through 30th in Jackson. Individuals will compete within five-year age groups starting at age 50. Events include shuffleboard, badminton, pickleball, bowling, basketball, basketball free throw, table tennis, power walk, horseshoes, track and field events, archery, golf and swimming.

The deadline is March 27th. For an application or for more information, call 731-425-8614, email [southjacksoncenter@cityofjackson.net](mailto:southjacksoncenter@cityofjackson.net) or visit the web site at [www.tn-seniorolympics.com](http://www.tn-seniorolympics.com).

eral puppy four leggers. There are some great looking labs out at the Club, black, yellow and chocolate ones. We still have Lulu and Spunky, the feists, that really need a two legger. Be sure and send your two legger out to the Club, we still need food for my Buds. We also could use some cleaning supplies. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P.O. Box 172, Ripley, or call us at 836-PETS (7387).

You can drop off food or cleaning supplies at Beasley Treasures on Hwy. 51 and go in and see Miss Sharon and Mr. Richard. Be as good as your two legger thinks you are. I liked Tipton County Club, but the girl four leggers are cuter at my Club.

Zeek out!!



## Quilting History



**TERRI KLASSEN**, left, in rear, Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology at Indiana University, gathered quilting history March 20th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in Halls. Folklorists are concerned with culture communicated by informal means, including oral tradition, material culture, and customary processes. Based on the definition of folklore, Klassen interviewed seniors at the center about quilting done during the 1920's, 1930's through 1960's. The history shared about quilting was priceless. She photographed and discussed the styles, fabrics and the quilting experiences about each quilt. Klassen's thesis for her doctorate is based on the information gathered throughout rural West Tennessee that will be published in the Journal of Folklore Research. She is pictured with, in front, Luella Carter and Mary Rose Halliburton, and in rear, Betty Lovelace, Norma Horvath, Rosie Lemons, Gertrude Jones and M.L. Hudson.

## The Energized Guyz



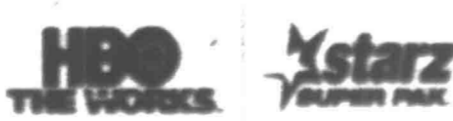
**MEMBERS** of the National Children's Theater presented "The Energized Guyz", an informative program to students at Halls Elementary School Friday, March 13th. Mike and Summer provided the energy for Nikki Neutron, Mr. U.R. Fired, Thunderstorm, Bert the Dirt Expert, and the Sneaker to inform the students about energy production and its efficient use. Ripley Power and Light, in cooperation with Tennessee Valley Authority, provided the program.



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## A Judge's Lawyer Joke

**NO OTHER PROFESSION** is so beset with derogatory jokes than that of attorneys at law.

Now, may it please the Court, comes one from one of its own, Clayburn Peeples, 28th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge, who writes in his column in the *Brownsville States-Graphic*:

A lawyer sought to discredit a pathologist's testimony as to the exact time of death.

"Doctor," he said, "before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?"

"No."

"Did you check for blood pressure?"

"I did not."

"Did you check for breathing?"

"No, counselor, I did not."

"So then," the lawyer said, grasping at a last straw that wasn't there, "it is possible the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?"

"No."

"How can you be sure of that, doctor?"

"Because his brain was sitting on my desk, in a jar."

"But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?"

"Yes," the exasperated doctor replied, "He could have been alive and practicing law somewhere."

Judge Peeples also notes the witness, asked for marital status, who said "Fair."

And the young man seeking exemption from jury duty, due to his employment, to whom the judge said, "Surely, they can get along without you for a few days."

"Yes, they can," the young man replied, "but I don't want them to know that."

## HES Book Fair



**WINNERS** of the Halls Elementary School Library Spring Book Fair contest, in front, Whit Hurt, Faith Pilkington, Brooklyn Ward, and Sarah Kissell, and in rear, Mariah Carmack, Chase Wood, Colby Warren, Anna Runions, and Elizabeth Padron, plus, not pictured, Abby Henderson, received movie-night snacks and a poster. The book fair was held March 5th through 12th. The library collected \$10,542.29 with a profit of \$2,888.72 and \$960 in books, as a reward for having a second book fair in one school year. The theme was Scholastic's "Lights! Camera! Book Fair!" theme. Contests were held for students who spent money.

## Coloring Contest



**WINNERS** of the Halls Elementary School Library coloring contest, held during the book fair, March 5th through 12th, include, pre-kindergarten through second grade, first place, Faith Pilkington; second, Eleigha Payne; and third, Kylee Layne; and third through sixth grade, first place, Allison Webb; second, Valerie Patrick; and third, Lauren Crews. Students colored a theme-related picture and winners received gift certificates to the book fair.



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