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Jonathan Cannon Murdered In Gates

Jonathan Cannon, 29, employed by VF Imagewear in Henning, was found, early Friday, murdered in his home in Gates.

Mike Dunavant, district attorney general, and Steve Sanders, Lauderdale County sheriff, declined to provide any further details.

Rites were set at 1 p.m. Thursday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley.

Survivors include his parents, Jimmy Lee Cannon, of Jackson, and Patricia (Mrs. Gary) Hubbard, of Ripley; sisters, Natajhia Lake, of Ripley, Denise Graham, of Jackson, and Margaret Ann Cross, of Wynne, Ark.; and brothers, Andria Long, of Jackson, Jimmy Rezell Dawkins, of Trenton, and Jimmy Tyree Cannon, of Wynne.

Democratic Party Schedules Meeting

The Lauderdale County Democratic Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11th at the Armour Center at Lauderdale County Bank. For more information, call Anthony Land, 731-394-1484.

Sur-Prize Patrol To Visit Businesses

Sur-Prize Patrol, sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, will select three chamber members to receive a visit beginning Friday, May 15th, to bring balloons, cookies and goodies. The selected members can expect the visit between 9 and 11 a.m. on the second Friday of each month.

Halls Site Certified



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, including Lisa Hankins, Susan Todd, and Bill Maxwell, chairman, are pictured with Trent McManus, Halls Mayor, left, and Mike Philpot, second from left, West Tennessee Industrial Association, as the newest Deal Ready™ Site was announced in Jackson. The 19 acre site is located on Entrance Road in Halls. Strategic Development Group, Inc., a professional site selection company, joined the group to announce the new certified site, the second in Halls and the fifth in the county, three are in Ripley.

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Lisa Hankins, Lauderdale Chamber director, said, "We're thrilled to add this to our list of certified sites in Lauderdale County. Trent McManus, Halls Mayor, and Jon Pavletic, Ripley Mayor, have worked hard with us to help us achieve this distinction. This now makes us the only community in West Tennessee to have five certified sites. We hope having these sites will put us ahead of the pack when the economy picks up and people come looking for good locations."

County Teachers Honored



TEACHERS of the Year for Lauderdale County, Kelli Tidwell, Ripley Elementary School; Tina Boucher, Halls Elementary School; Marion Elder, Halls Elementary School; Ann Carmack, Ripley High School; Andrea Gibson, Halls Jr. High School; JoAnne Tillman Lewis, Ripley Primary School; Christy Flores, Lauderdale Middle School; Dianna Jackson, Ripley Elementary School; plus, not pictured Teresa Mills, Halls High School, pictured with Craig Fitzhugh, left, chairman, Bank of Ripley, and Joey Hassell, right, Lauderdale County School Superintendent, were recognized at a dinner Thursday, April 30th given in their honor by the Bank of Ripley. They were presented certificates and a crystal apple in congratulations of a job well done.

16th Annual Health And Heritage Day

The 16th annual Health and Heritage Day will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, May 8th, at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St. in Halls. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, free health screens, an old country store, music, and craft demonstrations. Proceeds from the event are used to provide ongoing services to senior citizens in Lauderdale County.

For more information, call 836-5444.

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May 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edens.

May 9 - Mr. and Mrs. David

Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Terry.

May 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard.

May 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, III, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Belton.

May 12 - Mr. and Mrs.

Paul Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Allmon, Mr. and Mrs. Brian McKee.

May 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Beaird, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Booker, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Farris.

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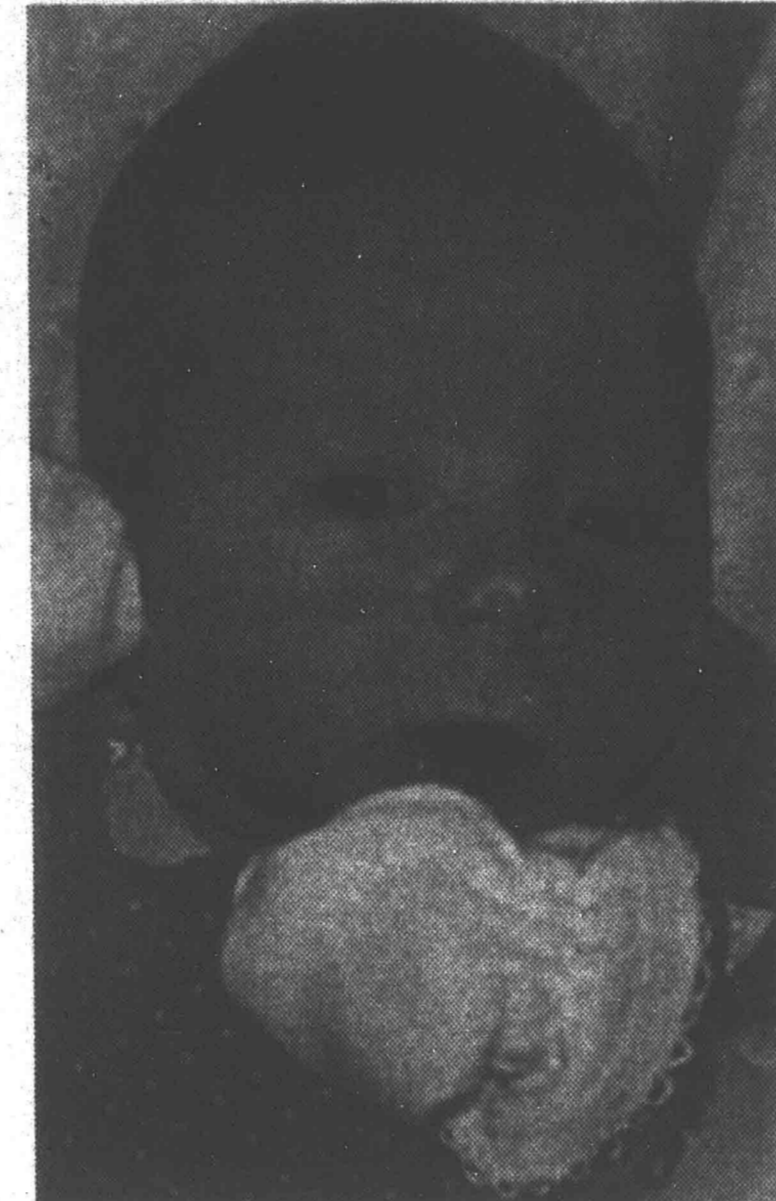
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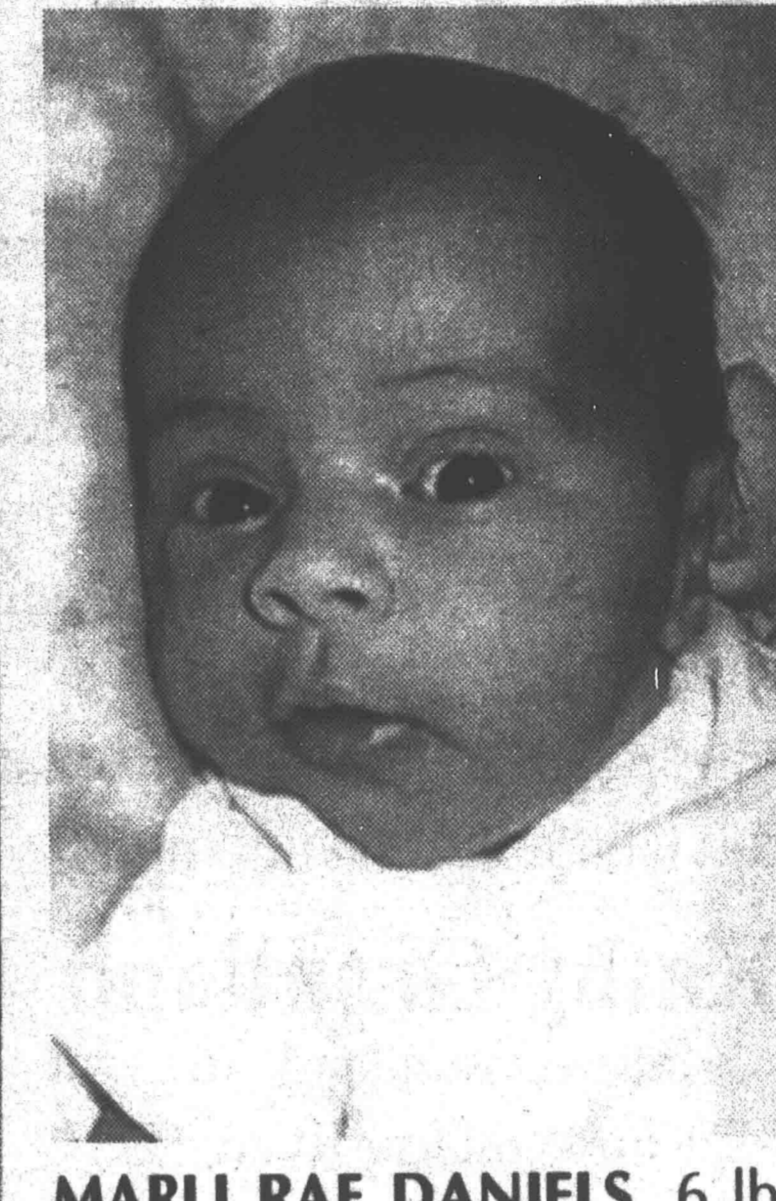


PAITON RENEE DYSON, 6 lb. daughter of Scott and Leanne Dyson, of Gates, was born at 10:15 p.m. Friday, May 1st in St. Francis Hospital, Bartlett. Measuring 18.5 inches, she is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Sandra Dyson, Beverly Harris, the late Mike Harris, and Jimmy Roberts, and the great-granddaughter of D.A. and the late Annaleine Scallions, and Leroy and Shirley Harris, all of Gates.

Birthdays

May 7 - Walt Hunt, Morgan Ungerecht, Billy Maclin, Chase Tillman, Kerri Carmack, Roger Tillman, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Matthew Revere, Carla Ross, Lana Nichols, Paul Jordan, Susan Simpson, Leslie Voss, Emily Terry Taylor, Logan Reynolds, Lindsey Jackson, Michael Clay, Cindy Greaves, Austin Miller, Carson Hamlin, Will Sanders, Mike Hudson.

May 8 - Parker Fullen, Nancy Etheridge, David Meeks,



MARLI RAE DANIELS, 6 lb. 8 oz. daughter of Josh Daniels and Kayelani Davis, of Ripley, was born April 7th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Measuring 19 inches long, she is the granddaughter of James and Tammy Carroll, of Ripley, and Marshall and Lesa Davis and Ronnie and Traice Thomas, all of Halls.

Kevin Jones, Jordan Crihfield, Jaimee McNeill, Robbie Summar, Ann Robeson, Jerry Summar, Jr., Susan Conner, Jacob Griffin, Houston Moss.

May 9 - Claire Edmundson, Chris Poyner, Jerry Shelton, David Jones, Leigh Ann Smalley, Annie Laura Jennings, Stella Gray, Sophia Lorane Bonds, Alex Stanley, Ann Chipman, Major Williams, Hunter Ungerecht, Chase Wood, Sally Crutcher Shurling, Heather Presley, Alex Wilson, Korry Northcott.

May 10 - Gifford Walker, Elizabeth Noblin, James Tolene, Crystal Walker, Johnny Burlison, James Neal, Zack



GARRET STEELMAN, son of Gary Wayne and Dawn Steelman, of Halls, celebrated his 11th birthday May 3rd. He is the brother of Hayden, and the grandson of Gary and Debbie Steelman, of Halls, and Larry Moore and Jan and Tommy Hodge, of Gates.

Wilson.
May 11 - Traci Ing, Darlene Burchett, Melissa Meadows,



YOUTH MEMBERS, or cast, participated in the April 25th youth hunt sponsored by the Lauderdale County Coon Hunters Association.

Rodney Hemby, Jr., Fern Hardin, Hollis Luton Belton, Patty Hogue, Traci Bates, Elizabeth Moore, Donnie Armstrong, Janie Sweat, Shane Michael Sonderman, Van Crihfield, Brianna Parsons, Allen Hargett, Jeremy Helton, Jacob Pike.

May 12 - Shannon Griggs Vowell, Billie B. Kitts, Gordon Rice Taylor, Steve Martin, Susan Tolene, Beverly Wakefield,

Kayla Morris, Matt McWherter, Linda Williams, A. J. Buchignani, Donna Ewer, Chris Scott.

May 13 - Angela Thurmond, Richard Webb, Jennifer Dudney, Jerry Buckner, Danny Burnham, Michael Galloway, Tammy Carroll, Emilee Moore, Matt Harper, Carla Prater, Suzanne Weiber, Amy White, Mack Bain, Luke Ferrell, Barry Williams, Jr.

On April 19, 2009, The Rev. William (Bro. Billy) Elder, pastor of Conner Assembly of God, was honored by his congregation with 'A Tribute to our Pastor' on his 50 years as pastor. Bro. Elder accepted the pastorate on April 9, 1959, at the tender age of 20.

A photographic trip down 'memory lane' was assembled by Leona Cox and Tammy Henson for display in the foyer of the church. It was a masterpiece and dynamic attraction.

Ten congregational speakers, covering the different eras of his ministry, paid tribute to their pastor. Mrs. Janet Jackson, wife of The Rev. Gene Jackson, deceased, former Tennessee District Assemblies of God Superintendent, who performed the Elder's wedding ceremony, addressed the aspect of 'friendships' with the Elder's. Dale Daniel, who grew up in the church, addressed the fun and strengths she gleaned in 'Bro. Billy's' early years. Representing families in early years were James Jackson and Talmadge Crowder, whose mothers, both deceased, were very strong supporters.

Dana Edmonds, Connie Duvall, and Debbie Criswell addressed the mid to later years. Garry Elder and Amy Elder advised the congregation of what 'Bro. Billy' meant to the family throughout the years. The Rev. Elder was presented a beautiful array of gifts including monetary, fifty gold dollars, and a plaque expressing the church's gratitude by Amy Elder. Lunch was served to a packed house of parishioners, friends and special guests.



Obituaries

Mrs. Criswell Was Teacher

Deborah B. Criswell, 51, of 139 Griggs Road, Ripley, who had been a teacher in Ripley and Dyersburg, died Thursday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Corner Assembly of God, where she had taught Sunday School, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Survivors include her husband, John Wayne Criswell; a son, Jonathan Aaron Criswell, of Dyersburg; and three aunts, including Pat Harrison Martin, of Ripley.

W.H. Richardson

William Horace Richardson, 70, of Gates, a farmer and machine operator, died May 4th at his residence.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cornerstone Full Gospel Church, with burial at Dry Hill, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Virginia Louise Richardson; son, Steve William Richardson, of Covington; step-son, David Ables, of Ripley; step-daughters, Virginia Boane, Shelby Mosier, and Ilene Davis, all of Ripley, and Peggie Tompson, of Millington; sisters, Mary Frances Johnson, of Covington, and Mary Lou Daigle, of Flint, Mich.; two grandchildren; and 50 step-grandchildren.

Mourning



HORACE WARDLOW, SR., 88, of Ripley, left this life for his heavenly home May 4th from Highland's of Memphis.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving mostly in the Quartermaster Truck company and a lifelong member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church in Ripley.

He is survived by a son, Horace, Jr., (Gloria), of Memphis; four daughters, Earline (Maynard) Montgomery, Wilma Reynolds and Geraline Wardlow, all of Memphis, and Lorine (Elijah) Easter, of Little Rock, Ark.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annie Manns, of Memphis.

His celebration of life will be at noon Thursday, May 7th, at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 148 St. Matthews Road, Ripley, TN. Interment will follow at the church's cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be sent to the Veterans' Museum, 100 Veteran Dr., Halls, TN 38040.

Services by Currie's Funeral Home, Henning, TN, 731-738-2625. Adv.P.

Neal Staggs

Neal Staggs, 83, husband of Emily Henley Staggs, of Ripley, died Wednesday, April 29th, at Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2nd, at Brownsville Funeral Home in Brownsville, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He leaves a son, Danny Staggs, of Brownsville; three daughters, Rosa Matthews, of Jackson, Dottie Bishop, of Cordova, and Brenda Pope, of Henderson; and three sisters, Janie Hungerford, Mamie Smith and Ruby Stephens, all of Brownsville.

Deaner Wright

Deaner Mae Wright, 58, of Bogota, who was born at Flip-pin, north of Ripley, March 6, 1951, to the late Raymond and Martha Dudley Burse, died April 22nd in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were April 25th in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in New Haven Cemetery in Ridgely.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Gene Wright, and brothers, O. W. Burse, of Bogota, Bonnie Burse, of Dyersburg, and Dwight Burse, of Atoka.

Thelma Belton

Thelma Lucille Belton, 84, of 13581 Edith-Nankipoo Road, Halls, widow of Raymond Belton, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Enon Baptist Church, west of Halls, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Halls, July 31, 1924.

Survivors include sons, Artell, Danny, and Raymond, and a daughter, Sue Wright, all of Halls; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Carrie Maness

Carrie Dell Maness, 93, of 565 Maness Rd., Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital

Halls High Nine 2-1 In 14-A's Tourney

Halls High School's baseball team lost to Dresden, 6-3, in the first round of District 14-A tournament play, Friday, but came back with wins Saturday, from Gleason, 8-7, and from Union City, Monday, 8-6, for a 17-16 record (8-4 in the district). They played again Tuesday (score too late for this issue).

Halls placed on the all-district team Steven Cessac, Jacob Clark, and Dane Smith.

Kathy Grantland DSCC Honors Local Students

Kathy Grantland, 61, of 6421 Forked Deer Road, Halls, a licensed practical nurse, died Saturday, in her home.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, east of Ripley.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Grantland; daughters, Beth Mills, of Gates, and Dawn Hemby, of Ripley; sisters, Elizabeth Hefron, of Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Margaret Wolf, of Cape Coral, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Alice Stewart

Alice Jewell Stewart, 65, of Halls, died May 4th at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services are set for 3 p.m. Friday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery in Henning.

The widow of Kenneth Stewart, she leaves two brothers, Billy Harold Tucker, of Halls, and Kenneth Tucker, of Crestview, Fla.; and a sister, Mary Frances Naber, of Memphis.

ton in Covington.

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

She was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Lynn Maness.

Survivors include a son, Gary, of Ripley; a daughter, Lynda Thomason, of Memphis; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

DSCC Honors Local Students

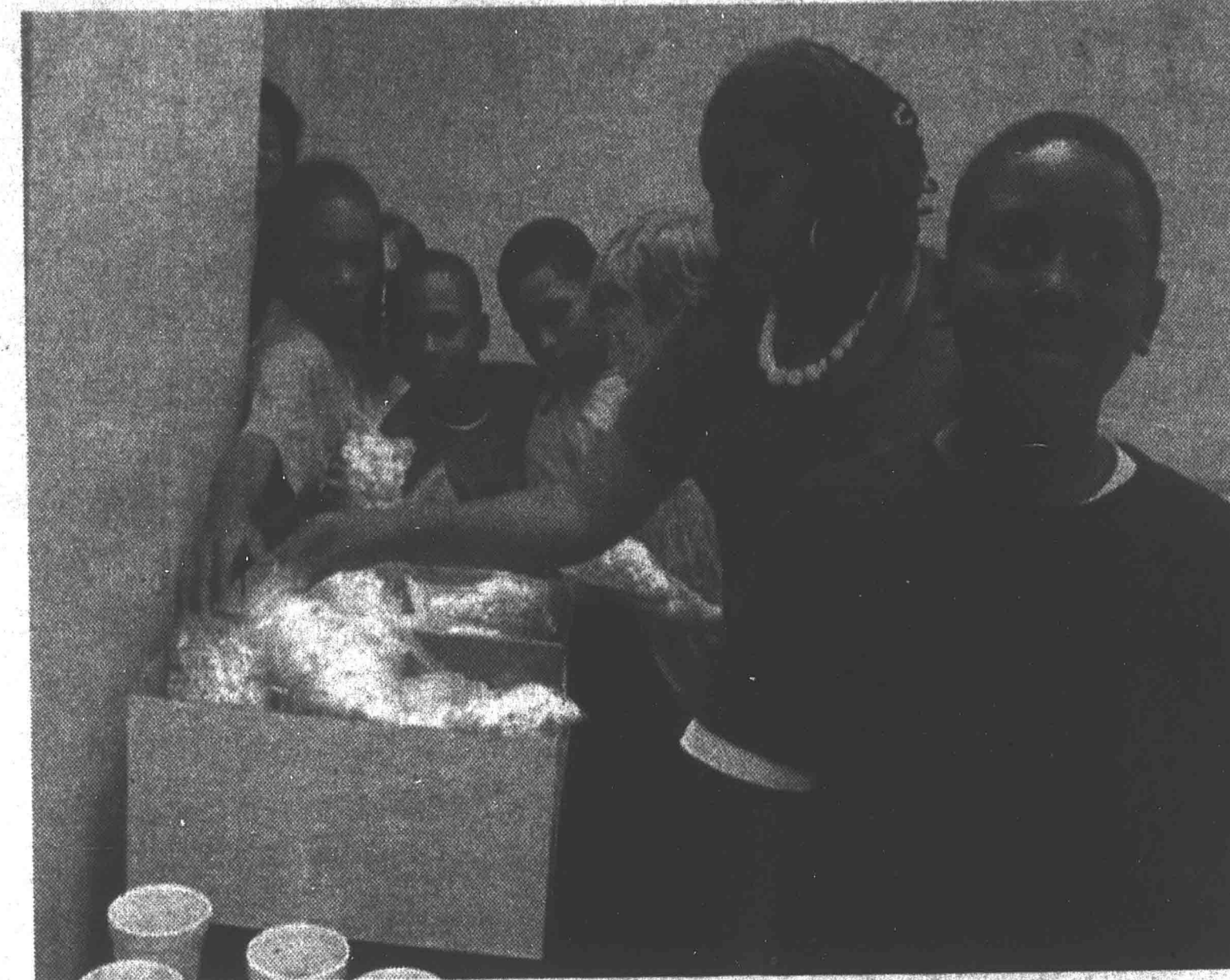
Dyersburg State Community College honored members of the community, faculty and students Thursday, April 24th at the college's annual Awards Convocation.

Local students recognized include, All Tennessee Academic Team, Alex Aitken and Rachel Clark, of Halls; Phi Theta Kappa Coca-Cola All State Academic Team Finalists, Rachel Clark, of Halls; McWhorter Scholar, Alex Aitken, of Halls; Service/Leadership Awards, Phi Theta Kappa, Alex Aitken and Rachel Clark, of Halls; Service/Leadership Awards, Student Ambassadors, Alex Aitken, of Halls, and Gary Mason, of Ripley; Academic Awards, Sociology, Janica Humphrey, of Gates, and Michelle Ross, of Ripley; Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Dena Etheridge, of Gates, Michelle Barnes, Rachael Comeaux, Rachel Clark, Amanda Hartsfield, Gary King, Vicky Prater, and Laura White, of Halls, Girtha Miller and Christy Simpson, of Henning, and Demetric Bryant, Phyllis Leake, Steven Ray, Rhonda Saxion, and Tamara Trippett, of Ripley; Dean's List - Three Consecutive Semesters, Rachel Lynn Clark and Gary Daniel King, of Halls, and Joshua Matthew Ward, of Ripley; and Two Consecutive Semesters, Christy Michelle Simpson and Girtha Lean Miller, of Henning, and Anthony James Delmonico and Steven Kyle Ray, of Ripley; and Karen A. Bowyer Presidential Scholarship to University of Memphis, Alex Aitken, of Halls.

Members of the community were recognized for their fund-raising efforts on the college's behalf and received the Distinguished Service Awards including Donna Pugh and Cassie Williams, of Ripley.

DSCC's 2009 Commencement exercises will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9th at Dyer County High School.

Celebrating TCAP



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School celebrated the end of TCAP testing last week with a special treat. Every student in the school enjoyed popcorn and soft drinks. They also enjoyed a day out of "uniform" dress code. Students in third through sixth grade took the TCAP tests the week of April 13th. Students in lower grade, who did not take the test, still had to readjust their schedules to accommodate testing. Teachers are also making them aware of the fact that they will be taking the test when they reach third grade.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

- Monday, May 11th
 - Cheeseburger
 - Pizza
 - Tossed Salad w/Dressing
 - French Fries
 - Applesauce
 - Banana
 - Cookie
 - Choice Of Milk

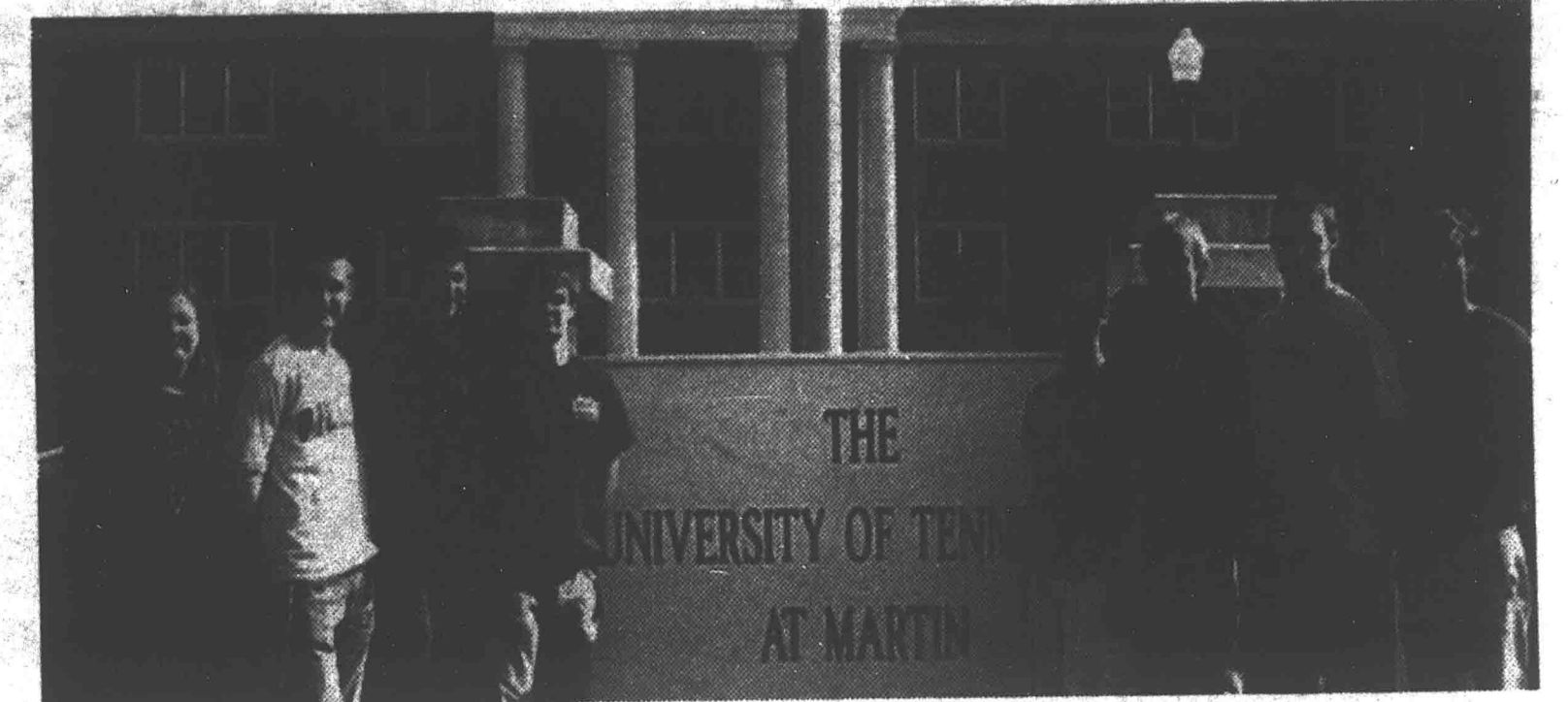
Tuesday, May 12th

- Baked Ham
- Green Beans
- Orange Sections
- Grapes
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk
- Wednesday, May 13th
 - Pork Roast w/Gravy
 - Whipped Potatoes
 - Green Peas
 - Apple

HHS Softball: Two Victories

Halls High School's softball team won Tuesday of last week from Jackson Christian Academy, 3-1, and Friday, from Gleason, 9-0, in the first round of the district tourney in Humboldt: season record, 18-10-1 (7-1 in the district).

Advices 1st Place Team



WILL BIRD, right, advisor, is pictured with members of the Dyersburg High School Future Farmers of America Agriculture Mechanic upper skills team including, from left, Chelsey King, Reed Daniels, Kyle Rogers, Brandtly Mealer, Bryan Farrow, Todd Baker, and Nick Fancher, which placed first in the state finals during competition Monday, April 27th at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Six teams from across the state competed for the state title. The teams were judged on various activities including electric wiring, wood working skills, land surveying, proper farm fertilizer and chemical applications, and a written exam. The Dyersburg team will now advance to the national competition, scheduled to be held in Indianapolis in October. Will is a 2001 graduate of Halls High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

- Roll
- Choice Of Milk
- Thursday, May 14th
 - Chili Pie
 - Corn Nibbles
 - Peaches
 - Pineapple Tidbits
 - Choice Of Milk
 - Friday, May 15th
 - BBQ On Bun
 - Deli Sandwich
 - Baked Beans
 - Carrot Sticks w/Dip
 - Pear Halves
 - Cookie
 - Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School

Pre-K to 3rd

- Monday, May 11th
 - Cheeseburger
 - French Fries
 - Banana
 - Cookie
 - Choice Of Milk

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- Green Beans
- Grapes
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- Whipped Potatoes
- Apple
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- Pear Halves
- Cookie
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 Mission

Swine Flu Officers Seek Hits State Information

A student in Nashville's Harding Academy is confirmed as the state's first certain case of "swine flu."

As with eight other "probable" cases in the state (six in the Nashville area and one each in Knox and Shelby Counties), effects are mild.

The Immaculate Catholic School in Collierville, for 430 toddlers through eighth graders, was closed, Thursday of last week, for a week, after a student, 12, was found "probable."

Other schools are being similarly closed. Nation-wide, 330,000 students are finding schools closed.

State authorities are stickign to a week, although federal guidance is for two weeks (incubation period of the disease).

Two possible cases from Madison County (county seat, Jackson), are under study.

One case is confirmed in Kentucky, two in Missouri.

Epidemic In Mexico

The H1N1 virus is called "swine flu" because it's often found in pigs, but it has bird and human traces.

Some call it "Mexican flu," because it seems to have spread from Mexico, where 590 cases and 149 deaths are confirmed.

More than 1,000 cases have been reported, world-wide, including 245 in 35 states of the United States

Most U.S. cases are mild, the only death that of a Mexican toddler who visited Texas with his family.

Bizarre Disturbances

To try to contain the flu:

- **Mexico** closed schools and businesses, issued face masks, and believes its epidemic peaked last week.

It is reported considering requiring 6.5 feet separation between persons in restaurants or

Officers Seek Information

Officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department are seeking information concerning two break-ins in the 7000 area of Edith Nankipoo Rd., between April 22nd and 23rd. Anyone with information is asked to call Investigator Kenneth Richardson, 221-3410.

Anyone with information regarding a break-in on Sanford Rd., April 21st and on Hales Point Grainery Rd., April 23rd, is asked to call Investigator Tommie Simpson, 221-3409.

Investigators are seeking the whereabouts of a suspect believed to be responsible for taking two trailers, which were reported stolen in December 2008 on Old Brownsville Rd. The trailers were recovered Thursday, April 30th near the same area by sheriff's deputies. The suspect is believed to have been living in the area while working on the roof of the West Tennessee State Penitentiary, at Fort Pillow.

He was believed to have been employed by Jolly Roofers, of Memphis.

Anyone with information on the theft or the whereabouts of the suspect, call Simpson, 221-3409, Richardson, 221-3410, or the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, 635-1311.

•**Hong Kong** isolated 350 hotel guests after a Mexican traveler was diagnosed.

•**Canada** reports a reverse problem: a worker, returned from Mexico, infected about 220 pigs.

What Should You Do?

Don't panic, just be alert. The virus isn't transmitted through food, so you can enjoy your bacon.

Practice basic hygiene: washing hands, etc. Cover coughs/sneezes and discard tissues. Watch for cold symptoms which occur suddenly

in a manner inconsistent with the goal of a controlled fire that avoids harm. Larger cities have a larger percentage of intentional structure fires. Most often, fires are set during the night, making it difficult for investigators to find an eye witness.

Fire spreads quickly. A fire that starts at one property can easily spread to neighboring properties. Even if the fire doesn't spread, one serious arson fire can damage an entire neighborhood. Burned out homes can be a community eyesore and if burned out homes sit unrepaired, they can decrease property values. Also, a damaged house can be a magnet for additional intentional fires or other vandalism. A damaged, vacant house can even attract more serious criminals. Intentional fires are part of a vicious cycle that drives good families out and ruins entire neighborhoods.

What Can You Do? Start with your own home. Look over the area outside your home and consider what could be easily ignited and then grow into a larger fire. Clean the area. Make it harder for people to find things to set on fire. Remove dead branches and overgrown plants and vegetation. Two-thirds of all reported intentional fires are started in outdoor items like trash or brush. Pay particular attention to any large items on your property, such as abandoned cars. A large object can mean a large fire that can easily spread to a neighboring building. One out of every three intentionally set fires is an intentionally set car fire. Lock, shutter, and board up vacant buildings and homes to make it harder for intruders to enter. This is especially important for a house or apartment building that has been vacant for a long time because the longer a building sits vacant, the better the chance of it being discovered by would-be fire setters. Clean up overgrown plants and vegetation on vacant property just as you would your own home. Watch for kids! Half the people arrested for arson are under the age of 18. Get to know the families and kids in

Readers Speak

Editor:

Focus on fire safety: Arson.

The losses from arson are staggering! There are many motives for arson, the crime of deliberately and maliciously setting fire. One particular type of arson, arson for profit or economic arson, is the theme for this year's Arson Awareness Week, May 3rd through 9th. Arson for profit occurs when businesses or individuals set fires to reduce financial loss, recoup initial investments, and dispose of depreciated assets usually for a payout from insurance companies.

Referring to all types of arson, the Insurance Information Institute indicates that arsonists destroyed nearly \$900 million in insured property and killed 295 civilians nationwide in 2007 alone. By drawing people's attention to the astounding statistics, we hope to expand the resources and support necessary to reduce this crime.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that in 2005, fire departments responded to an estimated 323,900 intentional fires. These fires resulted in, 490 civilian deaths; 1,500 civilian fire injuries; \$1.1 billion in property damage; 3 on-duty firefighter fatalities; and 7,600 on-duty firefighter injuries.

An intentional fire is a fire that threatens harm or is start-

(fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, dry cough, headache, diarrhea, or vomiting. Swine flu is unlikely if you have had no contact with Mexico, but if distress persists, consult your doctor.

Vaccine Months Away

A vaccine for this flu can be made but will require months to produce.

In 1976, a young soldier from Ft. Dix, N.Y., died of swine flu.

40,000,000 vaccinations halted when they were found to produce, in some persons, the Guillain-Barré syndrome, which paralyzes nerves and muscles.

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Intentionally set fires are a community problem. We can all take steps to help protect our properties and neighborhoods. Being aware of the statistics and of what's going on in your neighborhood are good starting points.

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Land Transfers

April 26th-May 2nd

Stephen Smith to Angel Marrey Ferguson, Dist. 2, lot.

Ryan Whiteside to Dilania A. Palmer, Dist. 14, lot.

Pete Maragos and Amelia Maragos to L.M. Kirkpatrick and Betty Kirkpatrick, Dist. 2, lot.

R. Frank Goad and Kay M. Goad to Lindsey B. Smith, Dist. 2, tract.

Fannie Mae and Federal National Mortgage Association to Tyler Thomason and Tabatha Thomason, lot.

George Drake Evans and Lisa P. Evans to Stuart Hendrix, Rachel W. Hendrix, Guilford Jerome Williams IV, and Angela Williams, Dist. 2, 5 parcels.

Cary R. Davis to Billy W. Carroll, lot.

William M. Webb, Judy W. Heinrich and Mary W. Maietta to William D. Scott, Dist. 6, 12.0 acres.

William M. Webb, Judy W. Heinrich and Mary W. Maietta to William D. Scott, Dist. 6, 2.0 acres.

Tim Carter and Rosemary Carter to Donald R. Barnett and William Wilson, Dist. 6, lot; Dist. 2, 7 lots; and Dist. 12, lot.

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, to Steve Cherry, Dist. 2, lot.

Judy W. Heinrich to Dennis Paul Heatherly, Dist. 6, lot.

Billy W. Carroll to Jerry Buckner, Dist. 3, lot.

Phillip Michael Smith, Lynda Kay Smith Lewis, Mary Janice Smith Mooney, Judith Ann Smith Maclin and William Harry Smith to Mays-Dunavant Drugs, Inc., Dist. 2, lot.

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Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! Miss Pam and I went for a ride. We stopped at Mr. Pam's store. That is when we saw that the Bank was having a party. I looked up at her and she knew just what I wanted. We walked up to the Bank. There were lots of two-leggers having fun. The two-leggers were cooking and eating hamburgers and hot dogs. I love hamburgers and hot dogs. I know that hamburgers and hot dogs are two-legger food but I thought just this one time Miss Pam would let me have one. While Miss Pam was talking to a two-legger, I walked around to see if any two-legger would give me a bite or even drop a bite on the ground. I really was looking for the Mayor. If he was there, I know that I would get a hot dog. Miss Pam called my name and she had some hamburgers and one hot dog in her hands. I jumped up and got all excited because I just knew that the one hot dog was for me. She told me that it was time to go back to Mr. Pam's store. We walked back down the street. She was telling me something about raising money for people who are sick. She talked all the way back but I was not really listening. I was just interested in the hot dog in her hand. I almost wished that she would drop it so I could go on and eat it. I was really hungry and I haven't had a hot dog in along time. When we got back to the store, Mr. Pam and Miss Pam was getting ready to eat and Mr. Pam asked what did I get. I jumped and jumped and I knocked over some stuff in the store but I knew that I was not in trouble because Miss Pam was with me. I was still staring at the hot dog, wondering when I would get to eat it. About that time, Miss Pam opened the hot dog and told me that since I had been a good boy about my bath last week that I could get a bite of the hot dog.

A BITE of the hot dog, I wanted the whole thing. She saw the look in my eyes, and she just laughed. She made the hot dog in to little bites. I could eat it in one bite. She told me that it would last longer. I really didn't understand all of that, but I was in dog heaven. We all enjoyed our lunch and I needed a nap bad. Hot dogs make me sleepy.

After a short nap in the truck, Miss Pam and I went to the Club. Miss Pam told me not to tell my Buds about eating a two-legger hot dog. She said that two-legger food was not good for us four-leggers so I wonder why she gave me one. I thought for a while about that and I also wondered if something bad was going to happen to me. I was feeling okay so I know that I didn't need a shot from Doc English and I knew that I had just had a bath last week. Oh well, I did enjoy the hot dog.

At the Club, my Buds were all talking about the rain. The outside Buds were all in their houses taking naps. My favorite nap time is when it is raining. So, I went into the office. Scooter had all of the room messed up. He was putting color on the walls. I tried to get in my chair, but he was working over it and told me to go on outside. I ran out of the door into the cat room. I decided to get that over first. We sure do have some cute kitten four-leggers. They were all running around and playing. When I walked into the room, they all stopped and looked at me with big eyes, so I just backed out of the door. Lily, the red and white basset, was talking to Susie, the brown and white feist mix, about Mr. Greg talking them for a walk. Lady, the tri colored feist mix, told Bandit, the yellow lab, that it was too bad to go for a walk with Mr. Greg. Bandit told her that he loved to be in the rain. Davida Delock, Arrack Hutcherson, and William and Angie Sherrod came out to the Club this week and found them a new best friend. Brad and Tiffany Cannon took home the cutest white puppy. Miss Kathleen Doss brought some food out for

Armed Forces Day Celebration

The Armed Forces Day celebration is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16th, at the Veterans' Museum in Halls. Activities include recognition of military branches, an FAA safety course for pilots, WWII Marine Corps rifle squad, living history display and WWII weapons demonstration, vendors, children's obstacle course, inflatables, train rides and Gavin's locomotive, a military vehicle rally, the Ripley Army JROTC drill team and honor guard, Halls High School band, the Navy rock band, and various Tennessee National Guard exhibits.

For more information or cost, call 731-836-7400.

Clubs Recognize Museum As Stop

Jill Donell, an inspector for AAA Auto Club South visited the Veterans' Museum in Halls April 29th. After completing the tour, conducted by Lisa Godsey, assistant museum director, she identified herself and announced that the Club has approved the museum site, which will be included in the 2010 publication and on the website by mid-summer.

Representatives from the Classic Car Club of America visited the Museum Friday, May 1st and approved it for a stop on the last leg of The Spirits of St. Louis Caravan from St. Louis to Memphis, scheduled for September 26th.

The tour is called *Rivers, Roads, and Rhythms*. The Museum will be on the Roads segment. Approximately 100 classic cars are planned for Halls between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The public is invited, as well as classic car owners in the area.

my Buds. We need food because my Buds stay hungry all of the time so send your two-legger out with some food so my Buds will

Wal-Mart Donations



CHRIS JONES, left, Wal-Mart store manager, presented a \$300 community grant check to Clay Conrad, right, for the Lauderdale County Boxing Club last week.

Readers Speak

Editor,

Once again, we are reminded of the generosity and graciousness of the people of Lauderdale County. Wednesday of last week, we held the annual Cancer Survivors Luncheon honoring the many cancer survivors we have in this county.

For a while, it looked as if this event might not happen. Our big sponsors had cut back in their giving and we didn't know how we would pay someone to put this on.

We discovered that all we were lacking was faith. Lauderdale County pitched in and

not be hungry.

I want to say Hi to my special friend, Miss Mary Williams. I hope you like living in South Carolina. Is that a long way from the Club?

Don't forget to spay or neuter your four-legger. Take your four-legger to your favorite Doc's for that yearly shot. Be thinking about your outside four-leggers. One day, when it quits raining, it will be hot outside. So make sure to have shelter, plenty of food and lots of fresh water. Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. Hope I get another hot dog from the Bank next time Miss Pam takes me there.

Zeek out !!!!!!!

donated everything that it took to put on the luncheon and it was put on in great style.

E. W. James donated the chicken breasts, the Ripley Fire Department employees (on their day off) cooked them, Town and Country Grocers in Halls gave the potatoes, H&A foodmart in Halls donated the beans and the wonderful ladies of FCE baked the delicious cakes. Mary Miller made the outstanding rolls.

Jenna Greaves rounded up the lovely young ladies to serve and what a great job they did. Many people volunteered to help in the kitchen and with registration.

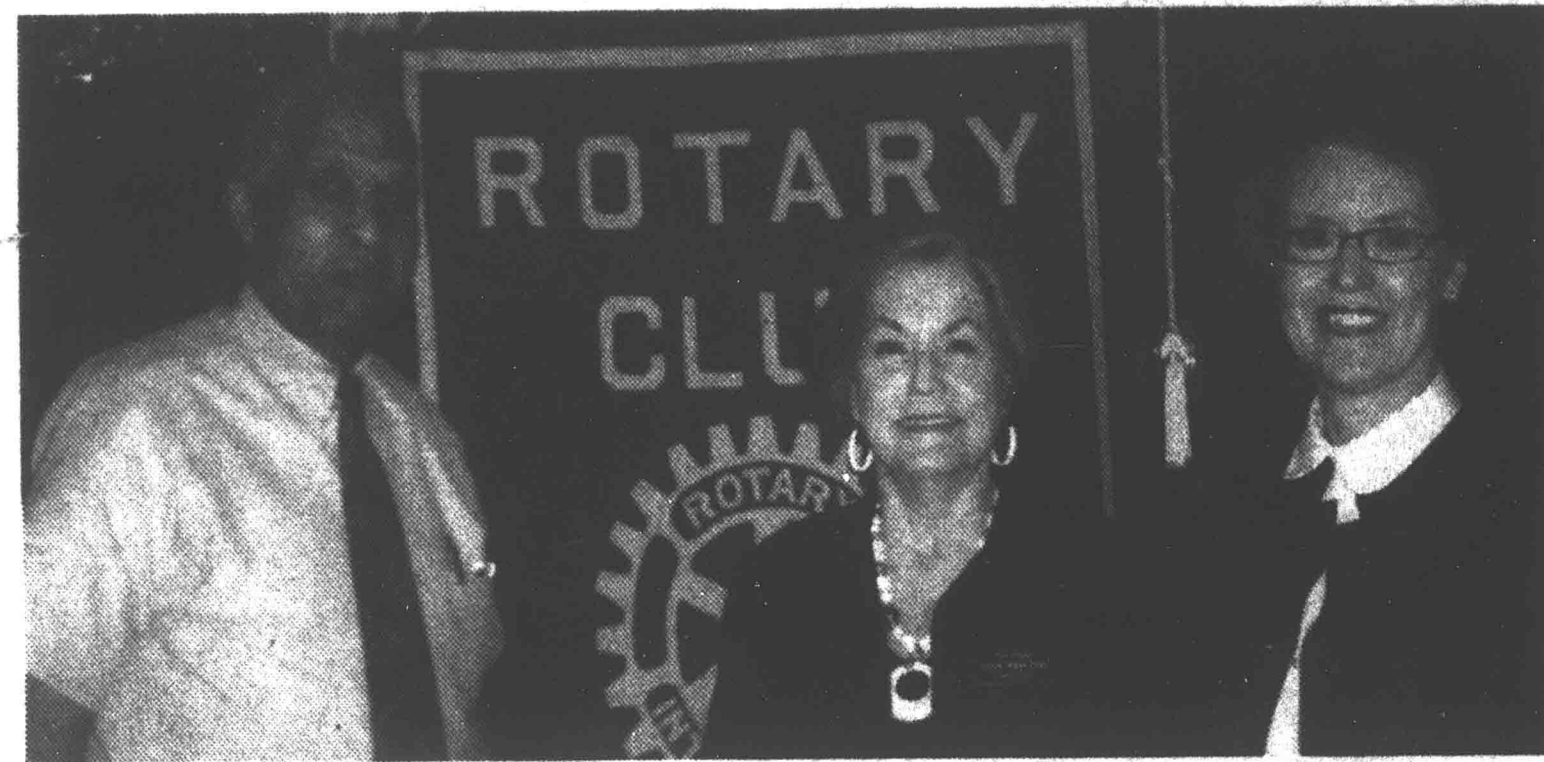
The nationally award winning show choir from Ripley High School presented their show, and Richard Griffin and Kathryn Norman offered inspiring vocal selections to the large crowd who attended. The Rev. Randy Cooper gave the invocation and benediction.

All in all it was a county-wide effort. Everyone was so willing to help and we deeply thank you for that.

See you at the relay this Friday night. Come support your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,
Rod Schuh
Melody Caldwell
Annie Laura Jennings

Rotary Guest Speaker



PAT HIGDON, center, Director of the Veteran's Museum in Halls, was the guest speaker April 28th for the noon meeting of the Ripley Rotary Club at Rolling Hills Country Club. She was the guest of Rotarian Janice Craig, left. Al Jones, Rotary president, is pictured with them. Higdon gave an overview of the progress of the Veteran's Museum. In 1997, the first building was built and paid for in four years. In 2004, they were able to build an addition to the original building and hope to retire that debt soon. Then in 2008, a new pavilion was built with ample space for storage and with no debt. Higdon expressed her appreciation to several Ripley Rotarians that are or have served on the Board of Directors for the Museum, including Louis Wheatley, Jim Fitzhugh and Freck Pollard.

Higdon stated that the mission of the Veteran's Museum is to preserve history and share it with all generations. "One day we are working with five year olds and the next day it may be 80 plus," says Higdon who is assisted by her husband, Sonny, and numerous volunteers.

The Museum is opened seven afternoons a week with mornings by appointments. Visitors come year round to tour the Museum with the May calendar already full. Tours come frequently from Memphis, Germantown, Southaven, Millington, Jackson and church groups from Kentucky and Missouri. There is no charge for these groups but donations are requested.

The next big event at the Museum will be Armed Forces Day on May 16th. Higdon emphasized that this will be a great day to bring children, grandchildren and friends. There will be lots of food, admission is free, and fun for everyone. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue throughout the day and evening. Events will include a World War II Re-Enactment; WWII Marine Corps Rifle Squad, Ripley Army JROTC Drill Team and Honor Guard; Halls High School Band and the Navy Rock Band will perform from 3 to 5 p.m.

An active fund raising project for the Museum is selling of bricks and large pavers to memorialize or honor a veteran, family member or business. These bricks/pavers will become part of the courtyard that will be designed by Jennifer Ewell, daughter of Jim and Donna Ewell, of Halls, who is a Landscape Design Engineer in Chicago.

For more information, contact Higdon at 836-7400 or e-mail at www.dyaab.us.

Are You Predisposed To Cancer?

(StatePoint) Many Americans are turning to new technologies to learn if they are at risk for cancer, as medical researchers have concluded that the risk of developing certain types of cancer runs in families.

New types of genetic tests that

simply require a blood or urine sample can help determine if you are predisposed to such cancers as breast cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, bladder cancer, prostate cancer and others.

Once armed with the knowledge of whether or not you are predisposed to certain cancers, you can work closely with your doctor to plan for regular screenings and to lower risks by modi-

Honored



ANNA V. SPENCE, of Halls, received the Faculty Women's Club Scholarship Award during the 45th annual Honors Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This is an award of \$500 given in recognition of the academic excellence of students who have achieved senior status. Selection is made by a committee of the club and is based primarily on academic achievement, financial need, citizenship and leadership.

fyng diet or behavior.

"Some kinds of cancer run in families, in genes that are the blueprints of our bodies. Genetic tests look for inherited alterations in genes that may increase your risk for a certain cancer," says Robert Gasparini, President and Chief Scientific Officer of NeoGenomics Laboratories which specializes in cancer genetics testing.

In the case of breast cancer, for instance, up to ten percent of all breast cancer sufferers have an inherited form of the disease, according to the National Cancer Institute.

"But having an inherited mutation in a gene that predisposes you to a cancer doesn't necessarily mean you will develop that cancer," stresses Gasparini.

Indeed, a number of medical experts believe many cancers require patients to have a predisposition -- such as an inherited genetic mutation -- and then a trigger mechanism must come into play for cancer to develop. Triggers can include poor diet, smoking, drinking in excess, or even such factors as where you live, with some research indicating that living in polluted areas, near high power lines or radiation can trigger cancer.

Learning if you are predisposed to certain types of cancer can help you and your doctor plan for how often you should be screened, what lifestyle modifications you should make, and even can provide you with information about cancer risk for other family members and your children.

Halls Volunteers



VOLUNTEERS, Ray Nolen, left, and Henry Bishop, right, of Halls, are constructing an obstacle course for children for Armed Forces Day on the Halls Air Base, Saturday, May 16th. The course will have five sections to test the skills of children, 5 to 12 years old. In addition to the obstacle course, children can ride the train, a locomotive, and younger children will enjoy bounce-n-play games. There is no charge for any of the events. The materials were donated by H&H Pallet and The Royal Group, both located on the Halls Air Base.

Survivors Luncheon



CANCER SURVIVORS were treated to the annual Relay for Life luncheon Wednesday of last week at Ripley's First United Methodist Church Activities Building. Guests were served grilled chicken, baked potatoes, baked beans, slaw, dessert, and drinks. Entertainment by the Ripley High School Show Choir, Richard Griffin, and Kathryn Norman was provided, along with awarding of door prizes. Corporate sponsors were recognized, along with the Honorary Co-Chairs, Betty Chaney, Elaine Sweat, Stella Shaw, Darice Copeland, Nancy Jackson, and Nancy Brewster. Members of the Ripley Fire Department, including Chris Conrad and Ronnie Crawford, manned the grill and several members of the church prepared the food.

"Of course, accurate testing is even more important when a patient already has developed suspicious symptoms. And once symptoms have appeared, speed is critical," says Gasparini.

Nearly everyone has had this experience: The doctor spots something suspicious and orders additional tests. Now comes the hard part: waiting days or weeks for results that can bring a sigh of relief or massive life upheavals. Each day lost waiting can make a difference in treatment effectiveness and outcome.

Put simply: for many cancers, the faster you are diagnosed and begin treatment the better chance of survival. This is why you should make sure your doctor is sending you tests to labs

with both accurate and fast turnarounds. With this in mind, NeoGenomics has initiated diagnostic services that cut test result turnaround time in half. The company's labs specialize in genetic and molecular testing that combines advanced equipment with innovative analytic algorithms that return test results to the doctor faster.

"Quality is expected in a high-complexity cancer-testing laboratory. Turnaround time becomes the single most important factor when a doctor orders a test for a patient who has a symptom of cancer," Gasparini emphasizes.

For more information on cancer and testing, visit the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov.

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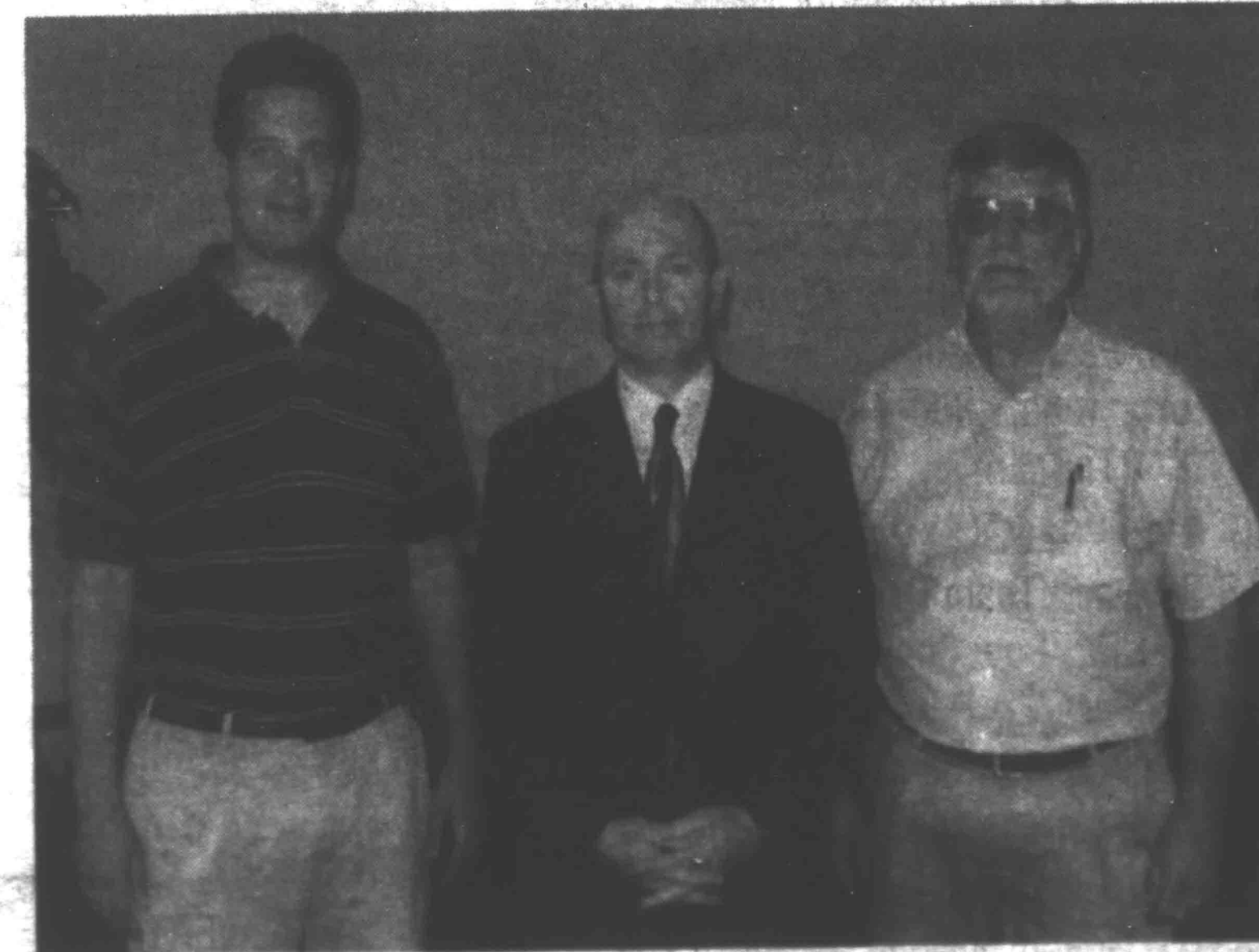
Friday night was memorable and it appears Lauderdale County is once again excited about Relay. Eighteen teams participated in the 2009 Relay For Life and fourteen set up campsites Friday night. For the first time, in recent history, the event took place without the weather intruding on this celebration of life. Thunderstorms and rain began early Saturday morning. It is expected the 2009 Relay For Life of Lauderdale County will net \$85,315 by the end of the week.

The Relay season began with much adversity, approximately \$10,000 in corporate sponsorships was not renewed from last year, \$36,000 in team money was not renewed from last year due to factories closing or teams choosing not to participate, the Relay season did not officially begin until the last week of February, and the economy was the worst it has been in our nation's history. The volunteers, whether team or committee member, knew this year would be tough. Their willingness to change perceptions throughout the community was noticed Friday night.

Against copious odds, the Relay season prevailed far past anyone's expectation. Several accomplishments deserve to be mentioned. The event had more team participation than last year, especially from the north end of the county. Halls was represented by five teams: Rita D's, Halls Elementary, Halls High School, Hannah's Lemonade Stand, and Bank of Halls. Eight new teams chose

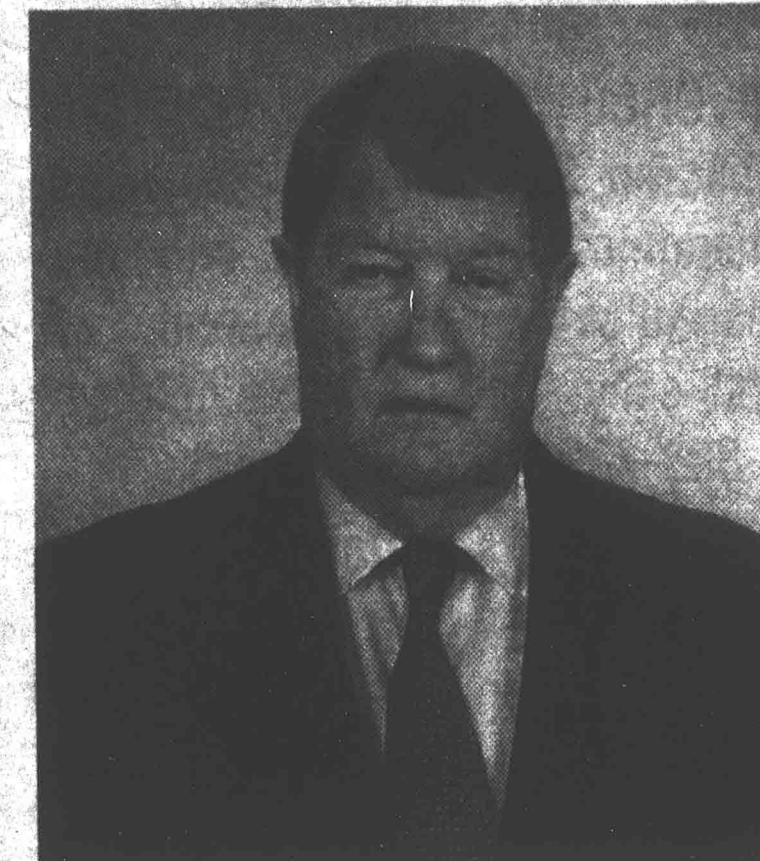
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National Day of Prayer



TRENT MCMANUS, Halls Mayor, opened the National Day of Prayer at noon Thursday of last week at Halls City Hall. The Rev. Stan Young and The Rev. John Compere participated in the readings and offered prayer for the leaders, churches, schools, and government of the country, state, county, and cities.

Halls Mayor



EUGENE PUGH was elected Mayor of Halls Thursday of last week, with 354 votes to 328 for incumbent Trent McManus.

Aldermen elected were Ty Brasfield, with 479 votes, Matthew Henderson, with 435, David Jennings, with 420, Wayne Belton, with 404, Stan Young, with 351, and James Tyus, with 291.

Other alderman candidates were Tommy Hansbrough, with 256 votes; Jennifer Moore, with 188; Cynthia Lacy-Janes, with 161; Leslie M. Shands, with 135; and Owen D. Lilly, with 56.

FFA Gives Update On New Building

Missy Hammond, agriculture teacher at Halls High School, gave an updated presentation of the ongoing work for the new Agricultural Learning Center at Halls High School during the Lauderdale County

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Agency Schedules USDA Distribution

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by the Department of Human Services

Celebrating 60 Years



TOMMY SIMMONS began working with his mother, Emma Sue Simmons, June 14, 1949. He remembers that the merchants depended on the farmers in the fall of the year for a great amount of their income. Earnings of the workers at Custom Craft and Agrico Fertilizer was \$20 to \$25 weekly. There were four other clothing stores in Halls competing for business, when Tupperware closed it took away local sales.

Stores in Halls were open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Well-dressed salesmen called on the local businesses and the theatre showed three films on Saturday. At J.T. Connell Drug Store, sandwiches were 15¢ and a Coke 5¢. Perry Dime Store, next door, had a great line with comparable prices. Pedro's Pool Room offered hamburgers and beef sandwiches with a delicious order up and down the street.

In 1949, Truman's recession slowed business which picked up when the Korean War broke out in 1950.

In 1950, Ivy League pants and nylon shirts were the thing while in the early 70's, it was bell bottom jeans and pants along with men's double knit suits and in 1975, leisure suits.

His mother died of a heart attack at the store November 13, 1965.

Tupperware came in that year and helped business. In 1980, high interest affected sales and Tommy held on and is still in business after 60 years in the same location as owner.

"Come by and see me," said Tommy.

and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, will distribute 350 Moorer Ave., Henning.

Proof of income must be brought to the site if you do not have a new card. The EBT card is not proof of eligibility. Bring someone to carry the bag to your car. Commodities will be given on first come first serve.

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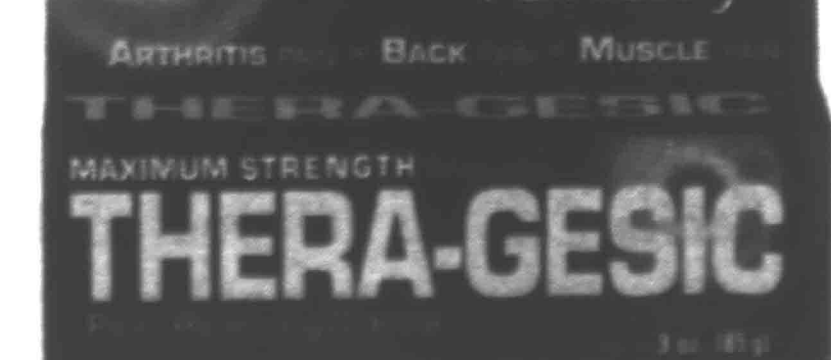
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Celebrating Anniversary



FLOYD AND AUNITA EMERSON, of Gates, will be honored with a reception for their 60th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31st at Concord United Methodist Church with all family and friends invited to attend.

The couple were married May 20th and have two children, Jimmy, of Gates, and Kathy Jordan, of Arlington, who will host the event.

Anniversaries

May 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chism.

May 15 - Dr. and Mrs. John English, Mr. and Mrs. David Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Kib Flowers.

May 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roberts.

May 19 - Mr. and Mrs.

Steve Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Malone.

May 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Cherry.

Marriages

May 1st - Matthew Jason Burns, 34, to Linda Sue Hayes Gahan, 57, by Jimmy Don Dinkins.

May 2nd - Franklin Warren Beard, 32, to Sandra Anita Sanders, 45, by Tom Sanders.

Birthdays

May 14 - June Bailey, Tom Garner, William Wray, Alisha Midkiff, Amy Newman, Ann Smith, Cleve Crook, Tim Castellow, Heather Medford, Kathryn Cepparulo Scott, Tracy Kee Childress, Pam Jackson, Kristy King, Gina Tinker, Debra Danley, Greg Mooney.

May 15 - Deanna Rollins, Peggy C. Webb, Billy Hunter, Marshall Hendren, Noah Nix, Wade Hendren, Mary Elizabeth Hughes, Gary Osburn, Renee Farris.

May 16 - Tabatha Ford, Cindy Greaves, Judy Newman, Vicki Heath, John Olds, Ruby Solomon, Dawn Hemby, Sissy Steelman, Virginia Simmons, Dot Henderson, Christi Meeks, Sharon Belton, Arula Rutherford, Colby Allen, Kathy Sanders, Tracy Bain, Keith Davidson, Beverly Steelman, Connie Lowe.

May 17 - Cindy McDonald, Debbie Coughlan, Kathy Cox, Sidney McKnight, Miranda Anderson, Beth Langley, David Nunn, Robin Porter, Tommy Wright, Tammy Mountjoy, Ei-

Basket Winner



NATALIE BENTLEY, right, was the winner of the Bank of Halls Relay For Life Mother's Day Basket. She was the perfect winner as she will be a new mother to Ally Kayte, due May 27th. She is pictured with Sissy Steelman, left.

leen Byrd, Mary Nola Meeks, Carole White, Steve Stanley, Jazarion Cogshell.

May 18 - Norris T. Nix, Bryan Elkins, Tim Etheridge, Leland Ward, Brandi White-

low. May 19 - Angie Kiestler, Megan Crain, Rosa Dionicio, Sylvia King, Tyler James Talbot, Stewart Cepparulo, Collins Voss, Christine Escue, Bill

When our perils are past, shall our gratitude sleep?

-George Canning

ACCEPTANCE LETTER

To the Citizens of Halls:

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in your Board of Aldermen and me. I am looking forward to serving the people of Halls as your Mayor for the next four years.

I have three objectives that I would like to see the Board help me to accomplish.

- The first being stewardship which is the management of the Town's financial responsibility. We need to make sure that Halls is financially sound for future generations.
- Second, is the safety of our citizens. We want the Citizens to feel safe in their community and be proud of where they live.
- Finally, I want to challenge the Board and myself to be accessible to the Citizens - Whether it is with a problem or a concern.

Once again, thank you for your support. It takes all of us to make Halls "A Good Place to Live".

Mayor Eugene Pugh

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Obituaries

Coburn Infant

Greene-Leigh Paige Coburn, infant daughter of Amber Lynn Coburn, of 2161 Chisholm Lake Rd., Ripley, and Shannon Luckett, of Halls, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Hurricane Hills Cemetery in Dyer County.

She was born Feb. 15, 2009, in Dyersburg.

Survivors include her great-grandfather, Bruce McAtee, and a grandmother, Judy Carroll, of Dyersburg; grandparents, Jill and Terry Coburn and Larry Orr, of Ripley; and a brother, Greydon Curran, of Ripley.

Mrs. Crawford

Mildred L. Crawford, 82, of Byhalia, Miss., widow of Ralph Crawford, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Collierville.

Rites were Friday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a son, Mark, of Byhalia; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Warren

Dorothy Jean Warren, 84, of 6112 Forked Deer Road, east of Gates, widow of Willis D. Warren, died Wednesday of last week in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were Friday in Eureka United Methodist Church at Forked Deer, with burial in its cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Dorris and Viola Moody Moore.

Survivors include four sons, Keith, of Forked Deer, Carl and Leslie, of Brownsville, and Willis, Jr., of Friendship; a daughter, Sue (Mrs. John) Lesikar, of Jackson; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Paul Newman

Paul Wayne Newman, 68, of 286 Ungerecht Road, Ripley, who had worked for the Lauderdale County water system and the West Tenn. Prison water system at Fort Pillow, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

He was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Jane Baynes Newman; sons, Ashley and Mark Newman, a daughter, Sharon (Mrs. Jason) Rose, and a brother, Gary Newman, all of Ripley; sisters, Brenda Barnes, of Halls, and Pam McKee, of Dyersburg; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Nelma Lewis

Nelma Jean Lewis, 66, wife of Jimmy Claude Lewis, of 8311 Forked Deer Rd., east of Gates, died Monday.

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

Survivors include a son, Allen Lewis, of 2959 Bond Tie Rd., Gates; a sister, Martha Smith, of Humboldt; and two grandchildren.

Adam Newsom

Adam Newsom, 47, of Dyersburg, who had been deputy manager of Komatsu, at 101 Industrial Drive in Ripley, died April 28th in Indianapolis, Ind.

Rites were May 2nd in Dyersburg Funeral Home and in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Walcott, Ark.

He was a member of West Dyersburg Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, W. D. and Barbara Newsom, of Walcott; and his wife, Angie, a son, Colin, and daughters, Amelia and Mallory Newsom, all of Dyersburg.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, May 18th

Chicken Fajitas w/Trimmings

Pizza

Corn Nibbles

French Fries

Orange Sections

Cookie

Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, May 19th

Chicken Nuggets

Whipped Potatoes

Green Peas

Peaches

Roll

Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, May 20th

Spaghetti

Green Beans

Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Pineapple Tidbits

Grapes

Roll

Choice Of Milk

Thursday, May 21st

Abbreviated Day

Friday, May 22nd

Menu - School's Choice

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School

Pre-K to 3rd

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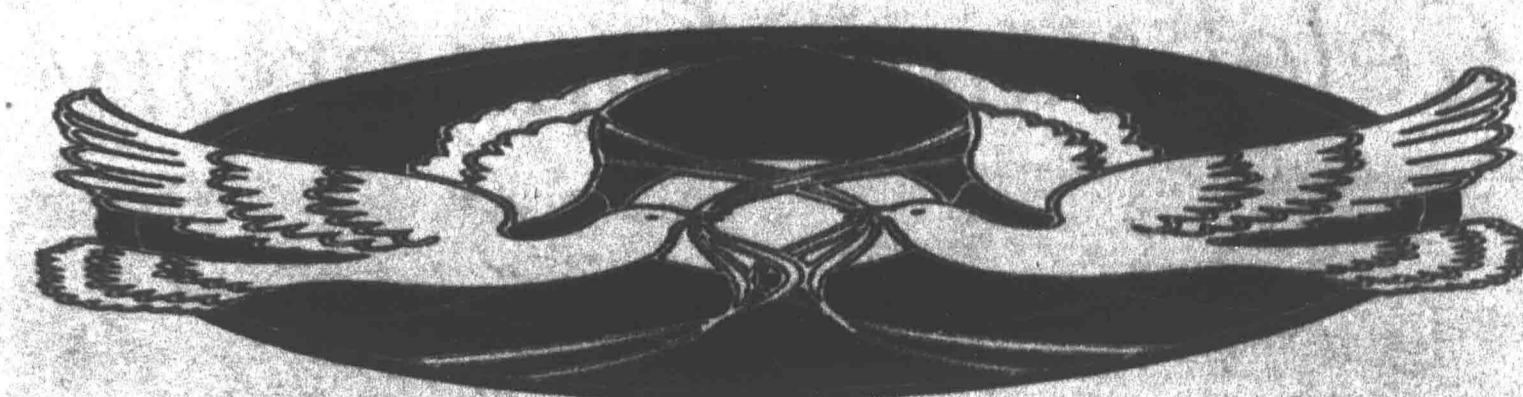
Abbreviated Day

Friday, May 22nd

Menu - School's Choice

4-H SCHOLARSHIP

If anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend the 4-H camp, to be held in Columbia, call Katie Wyatt, UT Extension office, 635-9551. Individuals or businesses are urged to support the youth of the county.



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.

Spirit Filled Baptist Church, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will hold a Solid Gospel 93.1 Singing Convention, hosted by Jerry Herington at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd. Featured singers include the Glad Heart Quartet, Southern Sound Quartet, Derick McDaniel, and McEwen's. The public is invited.

The Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 East Tigrett St., Halls, will hold a First Lady Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24th with First Lady Lillie Treadway, of Spirit of Deliverance Church, as guest speaker. A family day picnic will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30th at the church with food, games, and entertainment for all ages. In case of rain, the event will be held at 11 a.m. June 6th. The public is invited.

Hope Music Ministries will present a night of good old southern gospel music at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School featuring Ivan and Jamie Hodge, the Finchers, and At The Cross, a contemporary group. No admission, but a love offering will be taken. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-824-0079.

Enon Baptist Church will hold a spring revival beginning at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly Monday, May 18th through Wednesday, May 20th. Bro. Charles Halliburton will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Canaan Baptist Church, Hwy. 87 W., Henning, will hold an appreciation day for their pastor, The Rev. Clarence Bayes, Jr., and his wife, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17th with The Rev. Sam Mickens, and the Lake Grove Baptist Church, of Memphis, as special guests. The public is invited.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located just off Hwy. 88 between Gates and Maury City, in Frog Jump, will hold a gospel singing at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 31st with The Dills, of Jackson, providing selections. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. For more information, call 731-414-8277. The public is invited.

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

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Siblings Found



DIANNE TOBIAS, left, pictured with her husband, Joe, second from left, of San Jose, Calif., was united with family members she had never met. She visited with local family members, including her sister, Ellen Jackson, of Halls, April 29th through May 5th. She was located late last summer through Ancestry.com due to the efforts of Ellen's sister, Priscilla Osgood, second from right, of East Waterboro, Maine, pictured with her husband, Chet, right. Priscilla found two sisters and two brothers on their father's side that were unknown to other family members. One of the highlights of the visit was a get-together at the home of Ellen's daughter, Sharon Whitson, and her husband, William.

Working To Save Lives In County

In an effort to save lives, the Governor's Highway Safety Office is joining forces with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and State and local highway safety and law enforcement leaders across Tennessee to conduct a special high-visibility Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign in May.

Beginning May 11th, the special enforcement campaign will buckle down on all motorists not buckling up - but especially those in rural areas. The enforcement effort will coincide with Tennessee's traditional Click It or Ticket enforcement blitz during the Memorial Day holiday.

"We are sending the Click It or Ticket message out loud and clear to all drivers and passengers, but with a special emphasis on our rural areas," said

TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "Almost 60% of traffic fatalities in Tennessee in 2007 occurred in rural areas."

Tennessee's statistics are consistent with recent NHTSA findings that show even though only about a quarter of the U.S. population live in rural areas, rural fatalities accounted for more than half of all traffic fatalities in 2007.

Commissioner Nicely added that in addition to motorists in rural areas, teen drivers, particularly young males, as well as pickup truck drivers and passengers are other sections of the population most at risk of experiencing a fatal crash.

Low seat belt use in pickup trucks is a particularly big problem across the state. In Tennessee, 80 percent of pickup truck occupants killed in traffic crashes were not restrained, where restraint use was known.

"Seat belts clearly save lives. Unfortunately, too many

Awarded



HEATHER HILL, daughter of Jeff and Karen Hill, of Gates, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as part of the annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program from Monsanto and National Association of Farm Broadcasting. Scheduled to graduate May 15th from Halls High School, she is one of 100 high school seniors from across the United States who received this award based on their academic achievement and leadership in agriculture. Heather plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall to pursue biological sciences. The scholarship program, established in 1999, has awarded nearly \$1.5 million in support of young people interested in agriculture. In order for high school seniors to qualify for the scholarship program, they are required to come from a farm family, plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related academic major in an accredited school and be committed to pursuing a career in agriculture. Applicants are also evaluated on their academic record, leadership, extracurricular activities and personal essays submitted as a part of the application process.

Drivers in Tennessee, and particularly those in our rural areas, need a tough reminder," said GHSO Director Kendell Poole.

FFA Awards Banquet



WILL BIRD, right, received the 'Teachers Turn the Key Award' during the annual West Tennessee Future Farmer's of America (FFA) awards banquet Tuesday night, April 28th, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. The award honors agriculture teachers who are in their 2nd-4th years of teaching and is a special project of the national FFA foundation. Will teaches agriculture at Dyersburg High School. He also taught agriculture at Munford High School for two years. Mrs. Ann Johnson, left, an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Munford, honored Will with the award.

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School and a 2006 graduate of University of Tennessee at Martin, he is the son of Allen and Janice Bird, of Halls.

"So this May, we're committed to doing everything we can to convince drivers that regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes."

No more warnings. No more excuses. No matter who you are or where you are on the road, but especially in Tennessee's rural areas, if you don't want to risk a ticket, or more importantly, your life, Click It or Ticket.

Veterans' Museum Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16th, at the Veterans'

Museum in Halls. The activities include: 9 a.m. gates open and National Guard recruits march from Community Center; 10 a.m. weapons demonstration at museum area; 10:30 a.m. World War II Reenactment around Norden Bombsite; at noon, welcome; Ripley ROTC color guard and Halls High School band will give a demonstration prior to the recognition of all branches of the Armed Forces and their families; the Ripley ROTC drill team will give a demonstration; 1:30 p.m. a weapons demonstration at the museum area; 2:00 p.m. World War II Reenactment around Norden Bombsite; and from 3 until 5 p.m. the Navy rock band will perform. There will be children's activities throughout the day.

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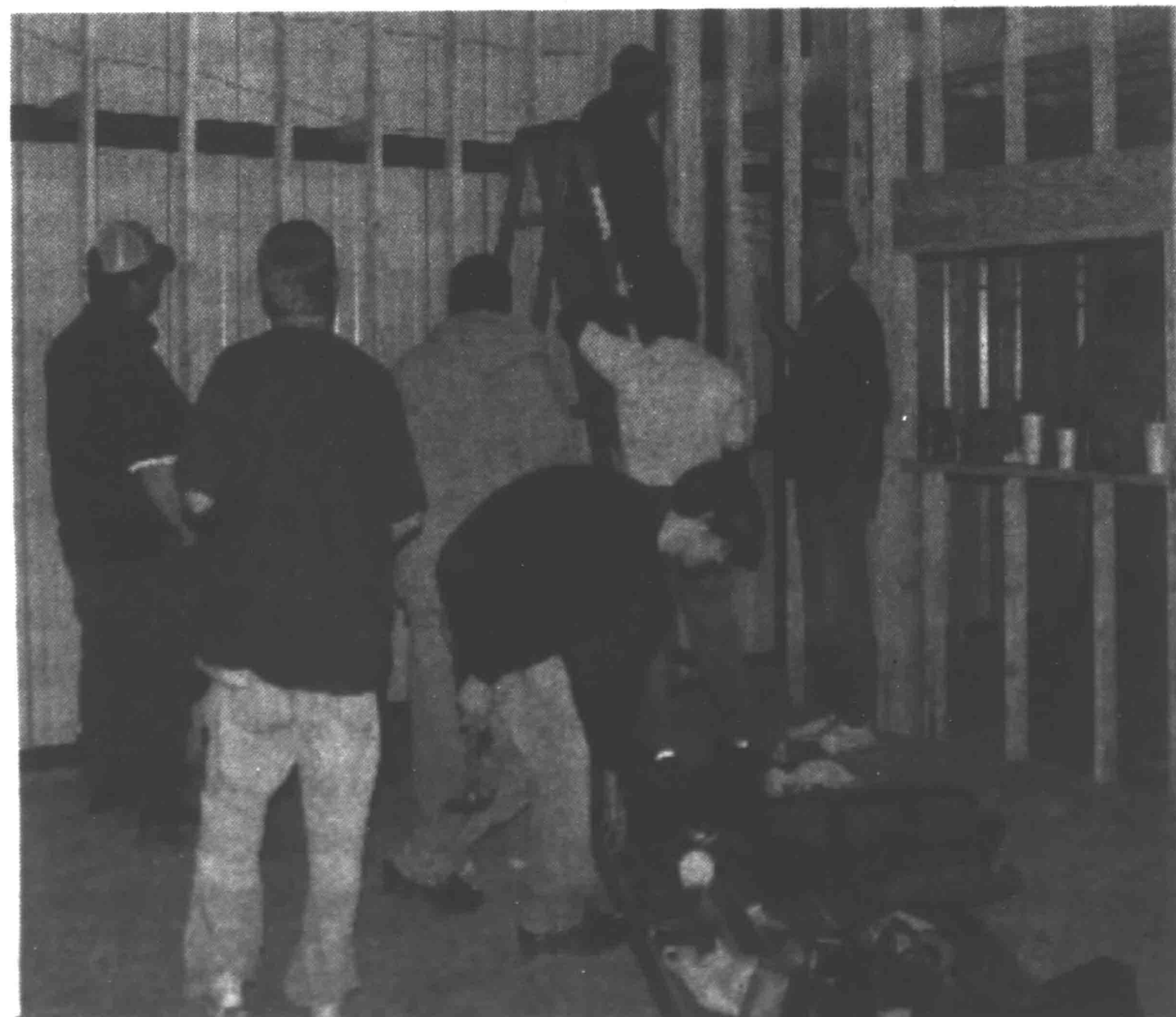
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LCCOA's Washington D.C. Trip



PARTICIPANTS of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging trip, April 16th, to Washington, D.C. included, in front, Joy Ward, Martha Haynes, Lisa Myrick, Rosie Lemons, and Gertrude Jones, in second row, Joyce Avery, Helen Sondergroth, Mitizi Hastings, Janettee Payton, Maxine Hardy, Jacqueline Lemons, Brenda Bountry, Delene Craig, and Margaret Cepparulo, in third row, Lois Beard, Jean Belton, Linda Sautter, Doris Tillman, June Roark, Monola Patterson, Dale Collins, June Mills, Rosemary Jones, Cornelia Summar, Norma Horvath, Laquinta Stanley, Carla Bowers, Dorothy Woodard, Trisha Jacobs, and Beauton Matthews, and in rear, Allen Tillman, J.B. Haynes, Kenneth Roark, Carmon Reece Belton, Tommy Mills, Mary Jones, Winford Buffaloe, and Linda Buffaloe. The group visited many sites in Washington, D.C. and through the guidance of Daniel Minchew, tour guide, the trip was educational as well. He shared inspiring stories about the monuments visited including the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Capitol of the United States, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian,

Working Together



STUDENTS in the Tennessee Technology Center Ripley Industrial Electricity class and Halls High School have been working hand in hand to complete one more phase of the new Lauderdale County Agricultural Learning Center. The electricity class, along with Rick Tackett, instructor, have been hard at work wiring the meeting room and the barn area. The rough-in inspection has been completed and the final inspection will come in a few weeks. "This has been a great hands on,

real life, work experience for these students," said Tackett. Agricultural teacher, Windy

Willette, also stated that it has been a big help to them because every bit of money saved on labor is money that can use on equipment or bettering the complex.

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HHS Softball: Reg. Loss, 7-0

In the Region 7-A softball tournament, Halls High School's team lost Monday, to Huntingdon, 7-0.

Arlington Cemetery, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, Supreme Court, World War II Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where they viewed the Changing of the Guards ceremony, and Korean War Veterans. The highlight of the trip was a walking tour of the gardens at the White House. The group enjoyed a delicious dinner at the famous Sequoia restaurant overlooking the Potomac. They also toured Woodrow Wilson's birthplace and museum. The group stopped at the Natural Bridge in Virginia for lunch on the way home. The last stop, before heading home, was lunch and shopping at the Prime Outlet in Lebanon.

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here! After Miss Pam got home from church Sunday, she told all of us to get in the truck. She told us that we were going to Grandma's house for Mother's Day. I didn't know much about Mother's Day, but I am always ready to go somewhere. Rusty decided that he didn't want to go, so he went and got in his house. I ran up to him and told him to come on but he said that he just wanted a quiet nap. Little Girl and I got in the truck with Miss Pam and Mr. Pam and off to Grandma's house we went. I really like to go to Grandma's because I always get some two legger food from somebody. When we got to Grandma's house, all of my two legger family was there. They ate some two legger food and I did get a couple of bites because of my sad face. Then they all were saying Happy Mother's Day and opening presents. I wondered if this is like a Birthday Party? But I didn't see any Birthday Cake. I love Birthday Cake (When a two legger will give me a little bite).

Well, all of this Mother's Day stuff got me to thinking. I haven't seen my Mother since I was a puppy four legger. This made me sad so I opened the door and went out on the porch to think about all of this. (I can open Grandma's door, too). After I had been out for a little while, Miss Pam came out to see what I was doing. She asked me why I was outside by myself. I looked sad and turned my head to her. She asked me was I missing my Momma. Now how did she know what I was thinking? I put my head on her lap and looked up at her. She told me that four legger puppies usually did not see their Mother again after a two legger takes them home. I really didn't understand but Miss Pam made me feel better. She told me that I was her Baby Boy and that she would be my Mother. I was happy and licked her face and she just laughed and said that she hoped that I felt better. Then, she told me to come on back in and join in the fun.

We went out to the Club today and I decided not to tell the Momma four leggers that when a two legger took one of her puppy four leggers home that she may not see her puppy again. There are just some things that two leggers know, that us four leggers don't need to know. I went in to see my Buds. Buddy and Raschal, the basset mixes, were talking about the rain. They said that they had never seen so much rain and that they were glad to be inside. Everybody else was just chatting about different things. We really have a lot of good looking four leggers out here at the Club. Outside, all of my Buds were in their houses getting out of the rain except for King, the Belgium mix, he likes standing out in the rain. I asked him why he liked the rain and he told me that it felt good to his back because he has so much hair. I went back in and only stuck my head in the cat room. Kittens were playing everywhere, so I said hi and backed out quietly without a scratch.

I asked for food and ya'll came thru for us this week. Brenda Midkiff, Tammy Barnett, Jessica White, Deb Peterson, Kathy Sanderson, Angie Riley, Natasha Scott, Karen Curtis, Vernon McBride, Jr. and my Aunt Shirley all brought food out to my Buds. Thank ya'll so very much BUT we still need food. Mr. Buddy says that my Buds stay hungry all of the time and that

we always need food so send your two legger out with some food.

Dr. and Mrs. R.A. Hyde and Deborah Talbot sent us a generous donation each and I sure am hoping that when Miss Pam and I go to the Bank that they still have some hotdogs. Two of my Buds found a home this week, Greg Nelson took home a puppy four legger and my friend, Doby, found him a two legger.

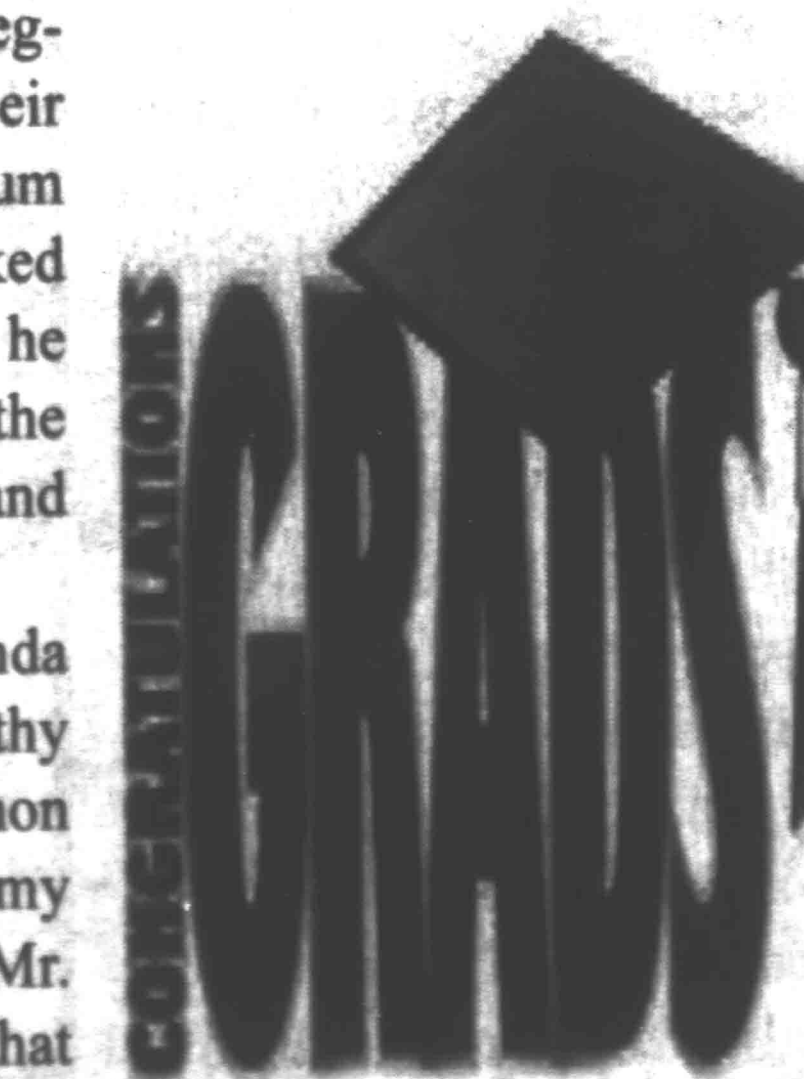
Mr. Buddy says that hot weather is coming so have good shelter for your four leggers that lives outside. We, four leggers, get hot just like you two leggers do. If you want to get my Buds some food but you don't want to come out to the Club, you can drop off your food at Beasley's Treasures on Hwy. 51 and see Miss Sharon. Then I can get Scooter to come out and pick it up for us.

Don't forget to have your four legger spayed or neutered so that we won't have so many puppy four leggers.

Go to the Doc's office and get your yearly check up and shot.

Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road or mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or just give Mr. Buddy and Scooter a call at 836-PETS (836-7387). Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. I sure hope that Miss Pam doesn't always know what I am thinking - I might get in trouble.

Zeek Out !!!!



Halls 9 Edged In Region, 5-4

In the Reg. 7-A baseball tournament, Halls High School's team lost Monday,

In Huntingdon, in nine innings, 5-4.

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Winning Pitcher: Colin Hatch (7-3), with 17 strike-outs. Losing: Craig Davis. Halls 2-Run Home Run: Chris Cessac.

Huntingdon ran its record to 24-10.

It was twice just a strike shy of a loss.

Huntingdon trailed 4-3, with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, when Jay Pierce and Caleb Crocker walked.

Hatch walked to force in Travis Rich, tying it 4-4.

Huntingdon won in the bottom of the ninth, on a single by Pierce which scored Brandon Melton (hit by reliever Craig Davis on the first pitch of the ninth), from third.

Dist. Crown Lost, 9-2
Halls played Greenfield's

Yellow Jackets twice, Thursday of last week, in Elam Stadium in Union City, winning one game, 5-1, but losing the district championship, 9-2.

Halls had opened district tourney play with a 6-3 loss to Dresden, then won from Gleason, 8-7, Union City, 8-6, Trenton, 13-4, and Dresden, 7-0,

First Responders To Be Honored

First Responders in the West Tennessee area, including Haywood, Lauderdale and Tipton, will be honored at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15th, at the Ruffin in Covington by a reading of a proclamation by the City of Covington.

Bluegrass star Donna Ullisse will be in concert and will be featured Friday before the concert on "Live at 9", on Channel 3 and on U.S. 51 Country radio.

The concert is free but donations will be accepted.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 67-5-508, Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Lauderdale County will be available for public inspection at Room Assessor office Lauderdale County Courthouse during normal business hours. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Lauderdale County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments June 1, 2009.

THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2009 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ITS 2009 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH WILL BE

June 30, 2009. The Board will meet each weekday from the hours of 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room Assessor office Lauderdale County Courthouse. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.

Caldwell's Audited By Ag Department

Officials with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Regulatory Services were notified March 30th by Gene Caldwell, of Caldwell and Son's Trucking, of an inability to meet their financial responsibilities concerning grain stored at the facility, according to Tom Womack, information officer. Four claims, totaling \$145,000, were filed, beginning April 7th, with the department. An audit was conducted by state agents with the Caldwell's cooperation to determine if funds could be recovered to pay the outstanding debts. Agents stated the business was licensed as a grain dealer and looked at the records, assets, and its bank letter of credit. A state fund is available to reimburse the four claims at 85%.

"If it is determined that the money is available to pay the claims, no further action may be necessary. If not, then the agency will work with the Caldwells to determine a way to reimburse the fund. If necessary, the assets could be sold to reimburse the fund," said Jimmy Hopper, director of Regulatory Services.

Relay xxx

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to "Fight Back". Aside from the new Halls' teams, Ripley Church of God, Ripley Fire Department, Wal-Mart, and Ripley Gas and Water joined the fight. The new teams together raised \$13,332. The number of corporate and survivor sponsors increased, bringing in \$5,500 new sponsorship dollars. The Survivor Luncheon registered more survivor participants than in years past and brought forth an abundance of support through gifts of time, talent, and financial contributions. Although the odds looked insurmountable at times, the 2009 volunteers kept a positive attitude and sought to revive "Relay fatigue" throughout the county.

The softball tournament was a new addition to the 2009 Relay. Congratulations to Ripley Church of God for leaving the field victorious well after midnight. The prison came in second. It is hoped to make the tournament an annual tradition and look forward to its growth. County Mayor Rod Schuh and his wife, Carolyn, coordinated the tournament. It raised an additional \$920 at Relay.

Team competition winners include, Best Campsite, Marvin Window and Doors, first, Ten-

nessee Tech Nursing Program, second, and Wal-Mart, third; Best T-Shirt, Asbury Cove, first, Hannah's Lemonade Stand, second, and Fire Department and Lauderdale Chamber, third, it was noted that Bank of Ripley had the most colorful shirt; Best Food, Wal-Mart, Indian Taco, first; Hannah's Lemonade Stand, barbecue, second; and Halls High School, Island drink, third; and Best Hat, Halls High School, first, Wal-Mart, second, and Tennessee Tech Nursing Program, third.

The first and second place team with the most money raised as well as the most money raised by a non-industry team will be announced in August.

Several teams have voiced an interest in hosting fundraisers over the summer to keep the fight going.

Meeting xxx

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Commission meeting Monday evening. Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh, along with the commissioners, agreed to allow the Lauderdale County Highway Department to donate gravel for a parking lot.

The commissioners approved the request to apply and accept the 2007 urban security initiative grant in the amount

Bredesen Proclaims Rescue Squad Week

Governor Phil Bredesen proclaimed the week of May 17th through 22nd as Rescue Squad week in Tennessee. Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to the good of mankind. Members of the 116 squads in Tennessee give their time and energy in humanitarian efforts and make themselves available every hour of the day, every day of the year and provide an invaluable service through their assistance to their community during times of needs and crisis.

of \$101,000.

The resolution to adopt the strategic economic development plan, the resolution to affirm the compliance with federal Title VI regulations, and the resolution to request the unclaimed balance of accounts from the state treasurer were all approved.

Paul Van Hoesen, of eTechnologies, Inc., reported on broadband, schools and business opportunities. He used "Between the Barrels", a Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) video competition that the students at Halls High School submitted as a good example of the use of broadband in the community.

Grassland Reserve Program Signup

Nearly a million dollars is available to Tennessee landowners who qualify for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), but signup for fiscal year 2009 funds is only open until June 1, 2009. Tennesseans, who own grazing lands, are encouraged to consider signing up for the USDA's Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) which assists landowners by protecting grazing lands through the conservation of grassland resources on eligible private lands. GRP is administered by

Truck Driver Escapes With Minor Injuries

Thomas Lewis Brown, 58, of Halls, a driver for Wright's Auto Salvage, will celebrate his birthday May 16th after escaping an overturned truck Tuesday of last week, according to Tennessee Highway Patrolman John Mayberry. Brown was traveling on Highway 88, at approximately 9:30 a.m., near the Lauderdale and Crockett County line, hauling scrap metal. Brown was attempting a bend in the road when his load shifted and caused the truck to overturn on its right side. He escaped with minor cuts and scratches, according to Trooper Mayberry.

Members of the Gates Fire Department responded to assist with cleaning up the leaking fuel and Lauderdale County Sheriff's deputies and Sheriff Steve Sanders remained on the scene while the roadway was closed.

Brown was charged with failure to maintain control and not wearing a seatbelt.

the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA.)

Two enrollment options are available including, easements, for a permanent duration, or rental contracts, for 10, 15, or 20-year lengths. Rental contracts will be taken from across

Tennessee, but easements will come primarily from high priority counties.

To learn more about the GRP signup, visit USDA Service Center at 301 Lake Dr., Ripley, or go to the NRCS in Tennessee website at <http://www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov> and look under Programs.

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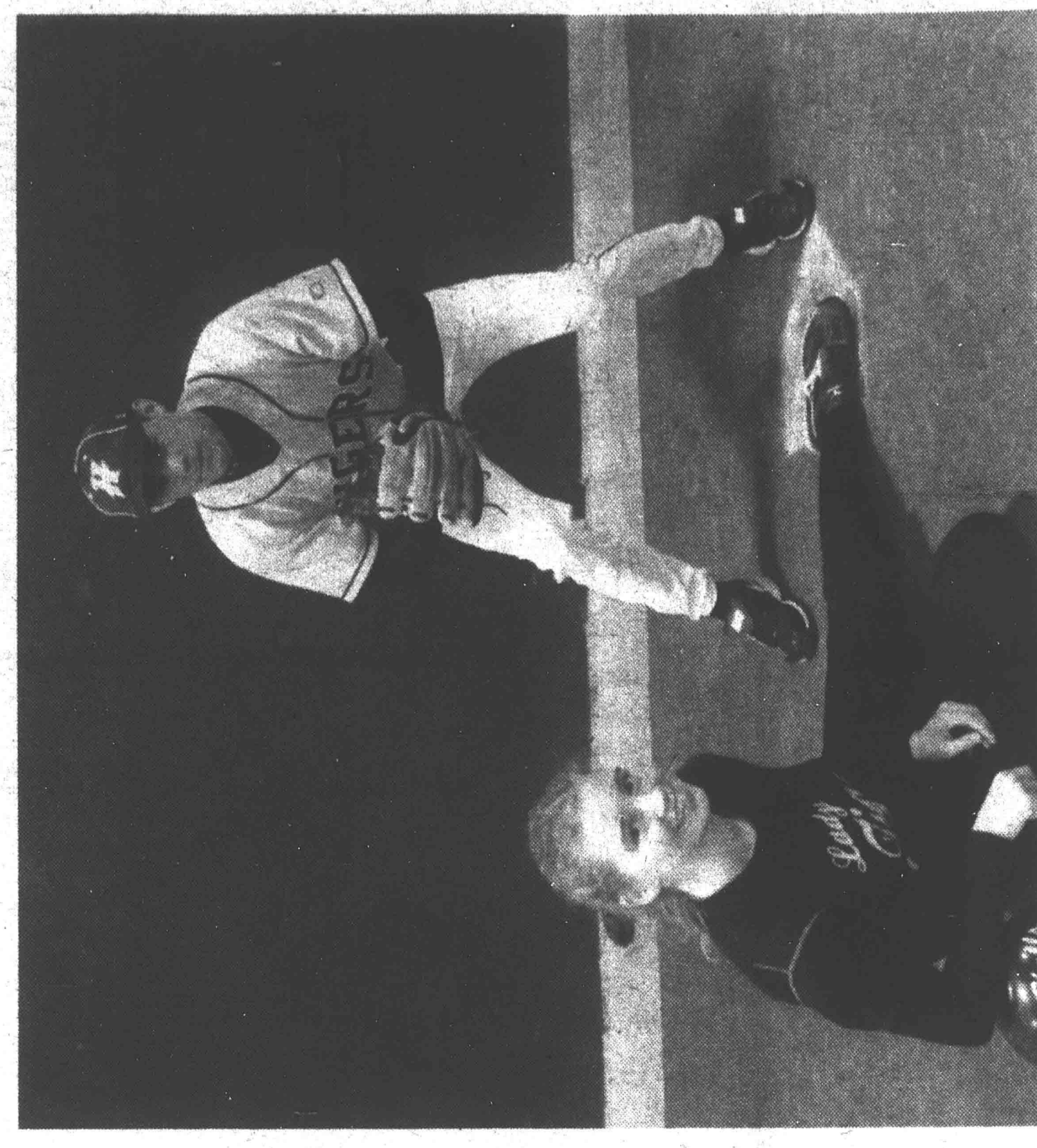
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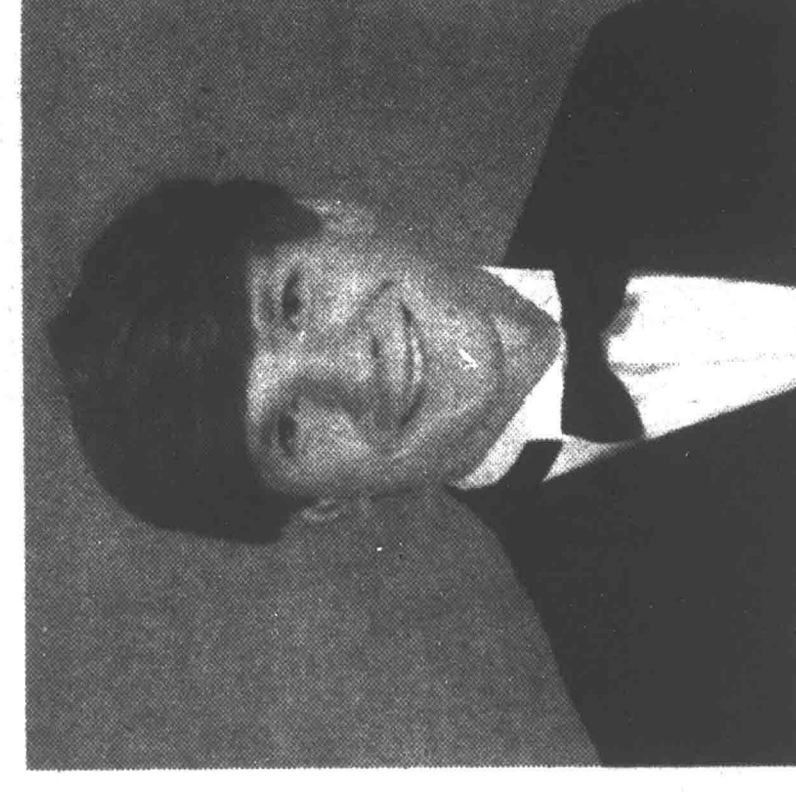
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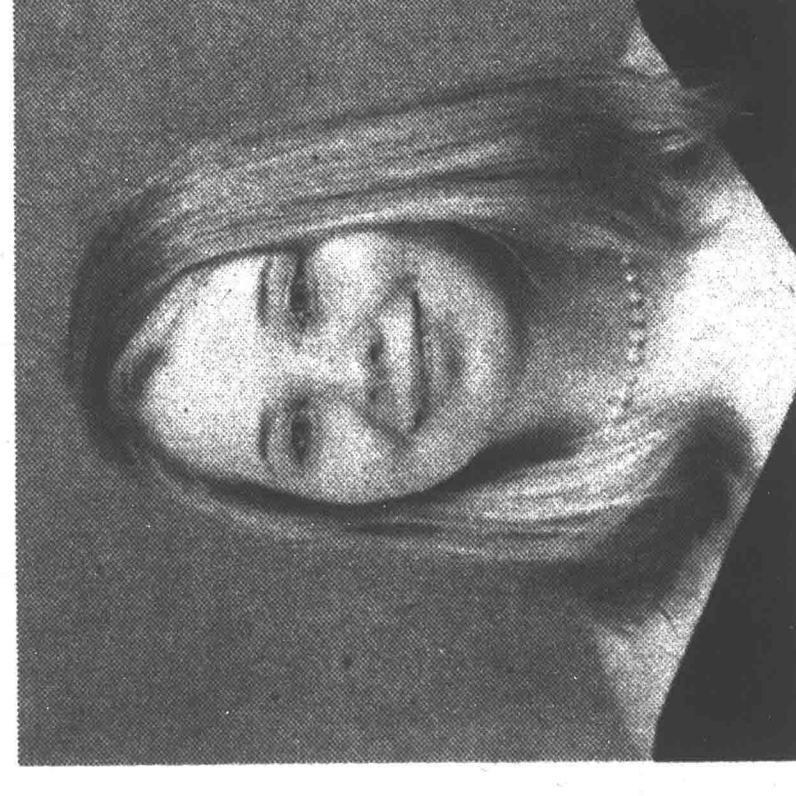
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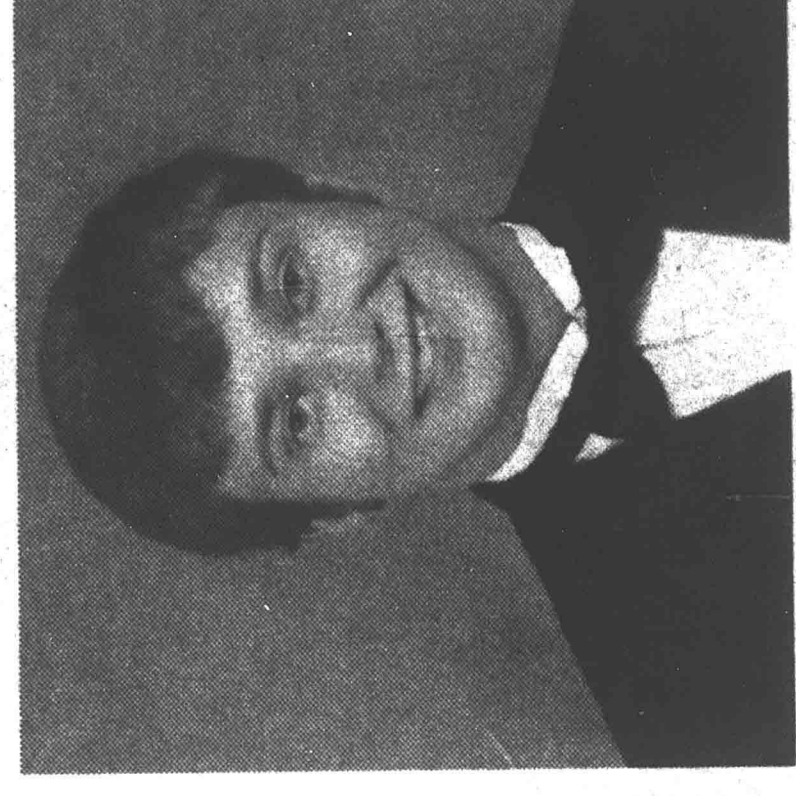
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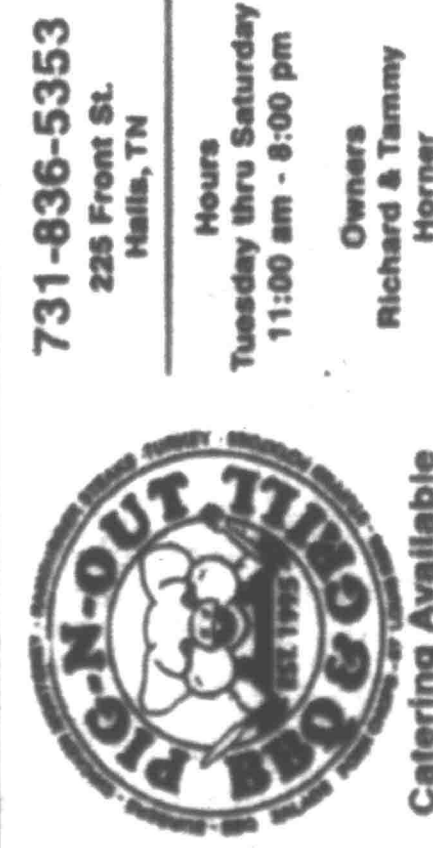
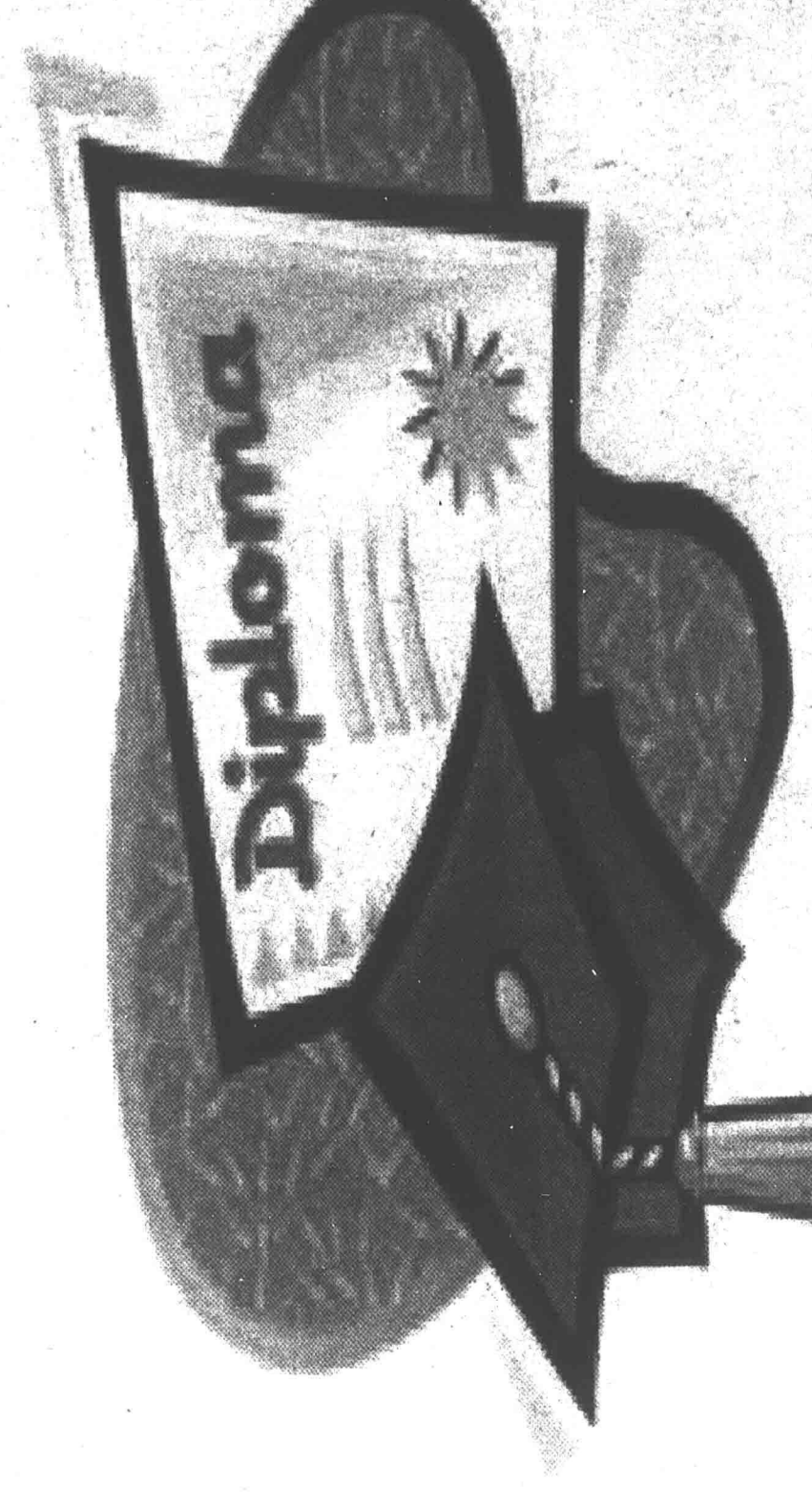
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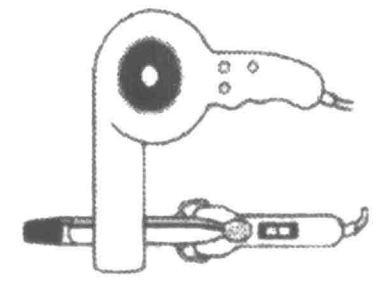
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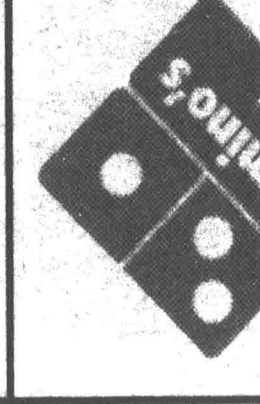
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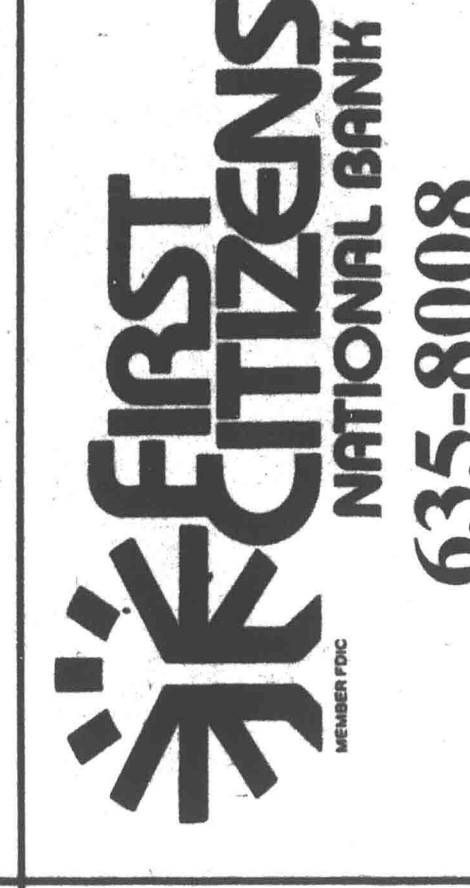
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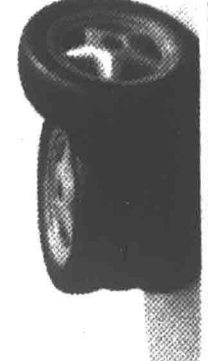


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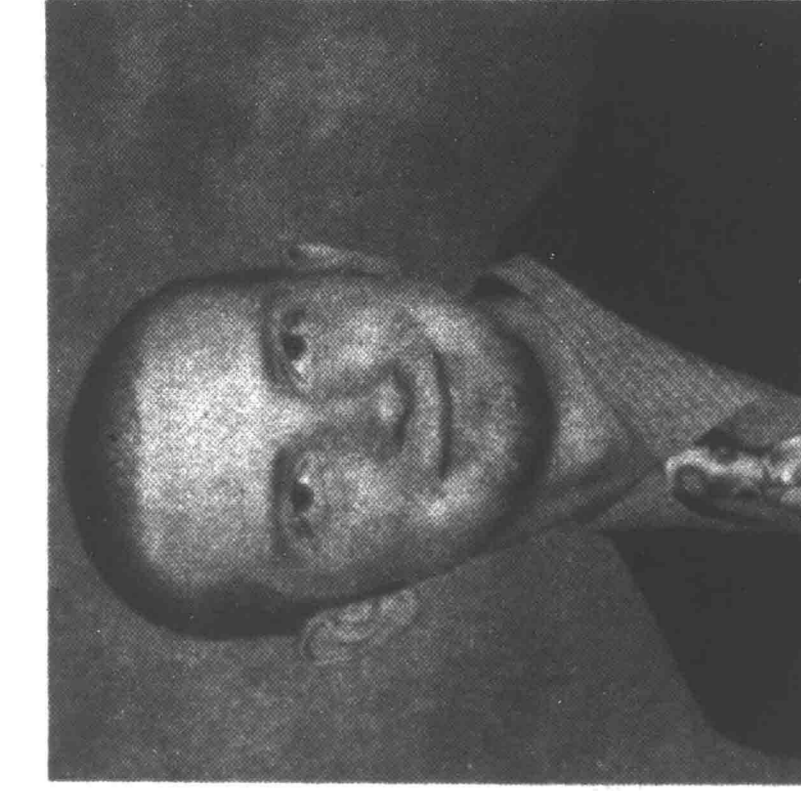
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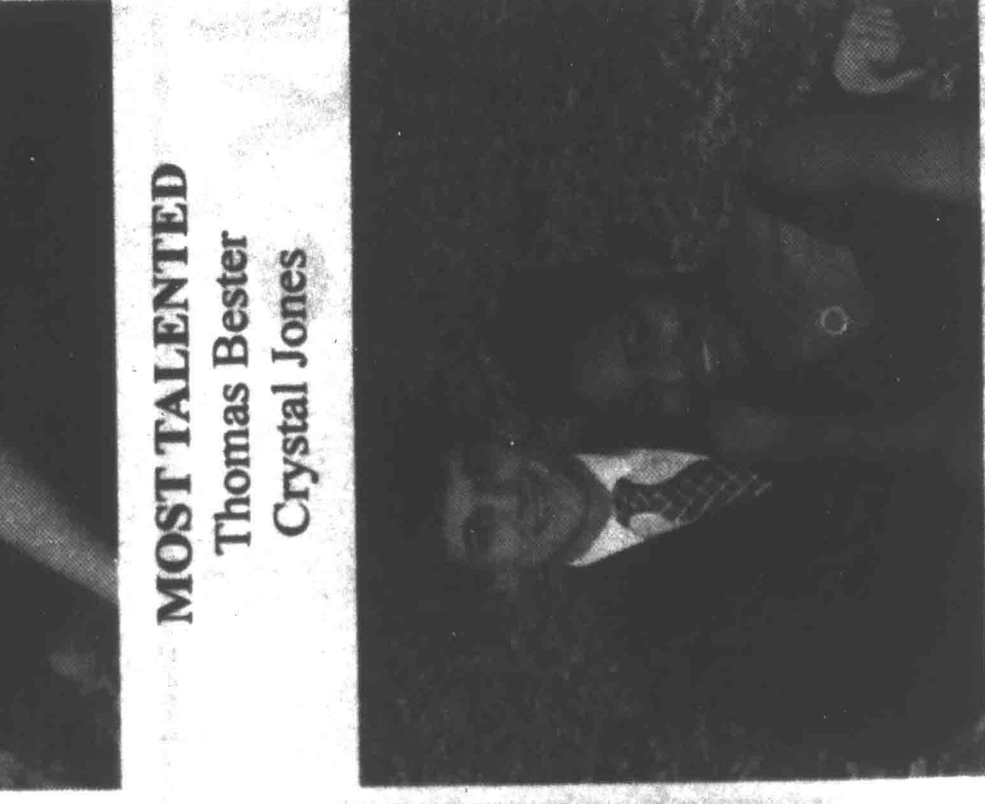
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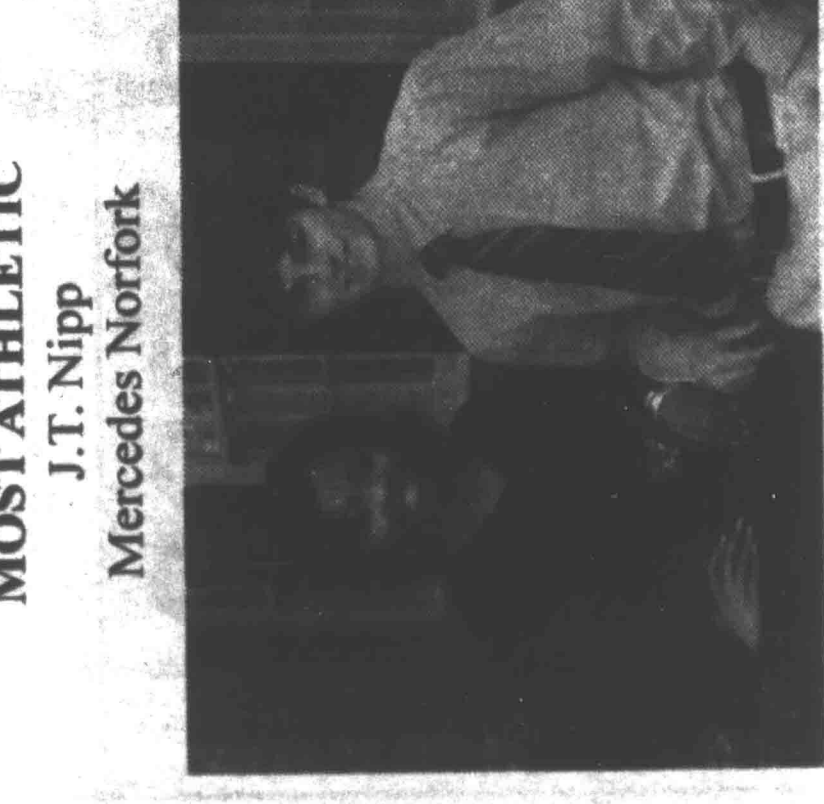
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2009 Graduation Ceremonies



SENIORS at Halls High School celebrated graduation Friday in the gymnasium due to work on the HHS football field.

Tomato Festival Planned



THE LOGO for the 26th annual Tomato Festival has been selected. The festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 10th and 11th, in the Ripley City Park. The events include, carnival rides, arts, crafts and food vendors, Chamber coffee, Tomato Tasting, 5K walk/run, action shooting pistol contest, Saturday salad, baby crawling contest, main stage entertainment, gospel music, local talent and more. For more information, call 635-9541.

BOOK SALE

The Halls Public Library has scheduled a huge book sale through May 30th.

For more information, call 836-5302.

Trooper Involved In Three Car Wreck

Tennessee Highway Patrolman Greg Obie escaped injury Monday after his marked patrol car was involved in a three car accident at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Washington St., in front of Save-A-Lot grocery store, according to Ripley Police Lt. Lynn Gould. Lt. Obie was stationary in his patrol car, waiting for turning traffic to clear, with another car stopped behind him, driven by Ripley Police Dispatcher, Ollie Robeson, when another vehicle, driven by a juvenile, rear-ended Robeson's vehicle, knocking her vehicle into the rear of the trooper's car. Two females were transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale with minor injuries, according to Lt. Gould.

Tennessee Highway Patrolman Sgt. Jimmy Johnson is investigating the accident.

\$10,000 Reward In Gates Murder

At the request of district attorney general Mike Dunavant, of Ripley, Gov. Phil Bredeson is offering a \$10,000 reward for conviction of the murderer of Jonathan Cannon, 29, in Gates, May 1st.

Deputies Issue Scam Warning

Investigators with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department are issuing a warning concerning scams. After noticing a rise in reported scams, Investigator Kenneth Richardson stated that citizens are being contacted by email, phone and mail asking for processing fees for a large amount of money they have won.

If anyone has received a letter, call or email or have already sent in payment, contact the sheriff's department, 221-3410

No such reward has ever before been offered in this county.

Cannon, employed by VF Imagewear in Henning, was shot multiple times after the front door of his apartment in the Fountain Crest Apartments, at 1400 7th St. in Gates, was broken open about 3 a.m., May 1st.

If you have any information, call, toll free, 1-800-824-3463.

or 221-3409, or contact the Better Business Bureau to check if complaints have been filed.

Drawing In Yearbook



DILLION MOORE, a sixth grade student of Mrs. Cindy Newman at Halls Elementary School, drew the picture that appeared on the first page of the 2009 yearbook. Sixth graders entered a contest to get their artwork in the yearbook. He is pictured with Mrs. Cindy Ream, yearbook editor.

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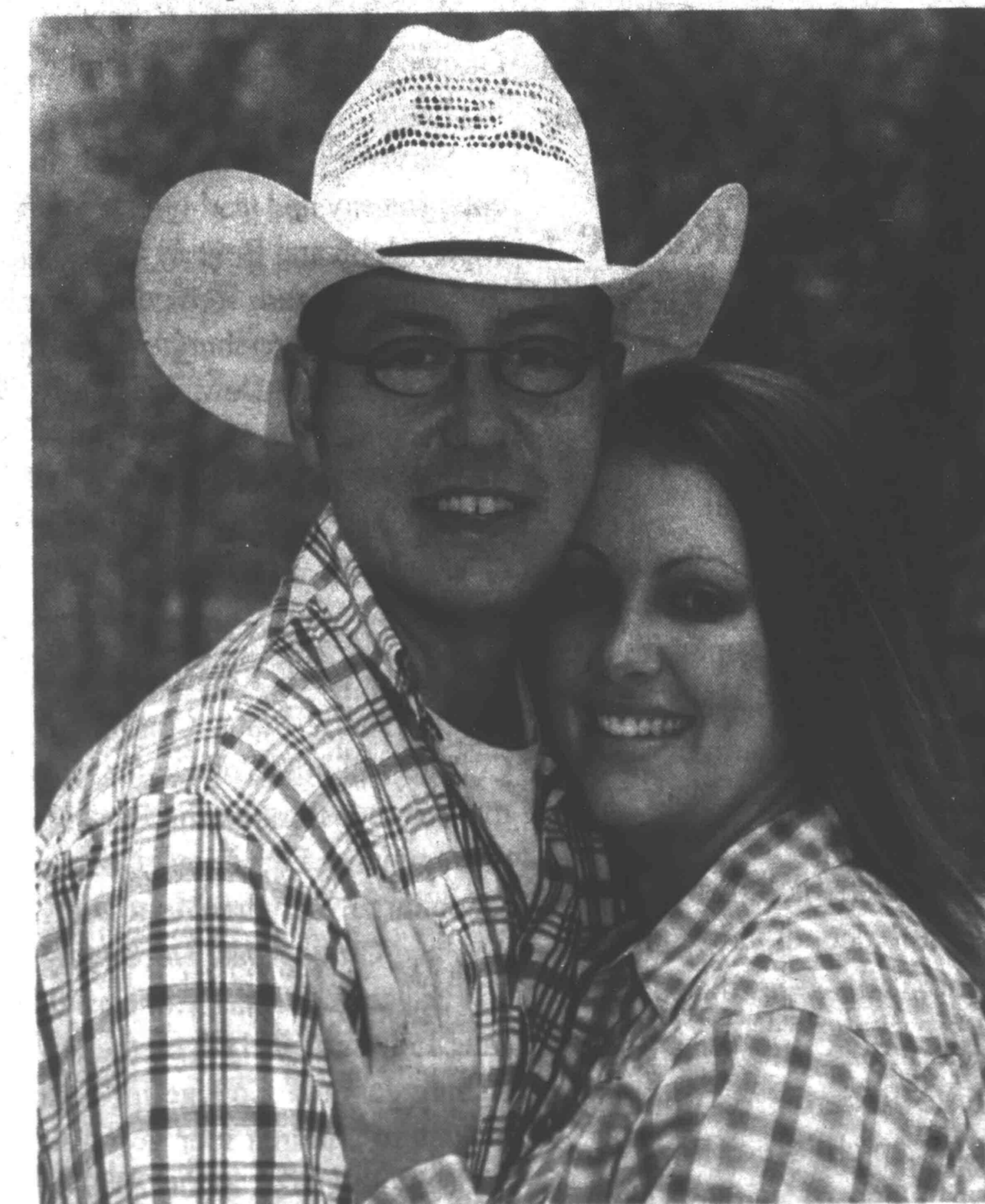
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Bride-Elect Honored



JENNIFER LITTLES, right, bride-elect of Steven Fike, was honored Sunday, May 17th with a bridal shower in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jackie Moore, of Halls. Guests were served cake and finger foods. She is pictured with her mother, Beth Fincher, of Ripley, left, and in rear, from left, Heaven Paris, Sherrie Cates, and Samantha Fincher, sister of the bride, all of Ripley.

Couple Plan June Vows



KATHERINE BETTY (KATIE) DRATNOL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dratnol, of Ooltewah, will marry Jeremy Alan Ward, son of Sherry Ward, of Ripley, and the late Alan Ward, at 2 p.m. June 27th in the Green Frog Village, in Alamo, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dratnol, of Chicago, Ill., and the late Mr. and Mrs.

Anniversaries

May 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sumrow, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Edwards.

May 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Cannon.

May 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith.

May 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greaves, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Poisal.

May 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Matt Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Kent, Mr. and Mrs. James Lumley.

June Vows Slated



LEAH RAE WARD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ward, of Halls, will marry Morgan "Kyle" Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Steelman, of Halls, at 6 p.m. June 27th in Halls First United Methodist Church, with all family and friends invited. Music will begin at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Lannom Center in Dyersburg.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace, Lois Ward, and the late Ted Ward, all of Halls.

A 2007 graduate of Halls High School, she is attending Tennessee Technology Center in Alamo as a full-time student in the nursing program.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Steelman, of Halls, and James and Marie Daniels Vaness, and the late William "Dood" Daniels, Jr., all of Henning.

A 2005 graduate of Halls High School, he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and is employed in the

family farming operation. The couple plan to reside in Nankipoo.

Marriages

May 13th - Stephen Bradley Layne, 34, to Concepcion Pangan Baesa, 31, by Billy P. Brandon.

Jeremy Wayne Patrick, 28, to Sarah Katherine Yeager, 28, by Rod Schuh.

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Obituaries

Mary Pruitt

Mary Alice Pruitt, 86, of Dyersburg, mother of Wanda (Mrs. Jerry) Lee, and Larry and Roy Pruitt, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Thursday of last week in New Hope Bible Church near Union City, with burial in New Haven Cemetery in Ridgely.

She was born in Union City, March 10, 1923, to the late Robert Paul Faulkner and the late Gertie Brooks Faulkner.

She was the widow of Joy Love Pruitt, whom she married Oct. 6, 1944. He died April 13, 2000.

She was a member of Edith United Methodist Church.

Survivors include other sons, Danny, Donald, and Tommy, of Union City; other daughters, Frances (Mrs. Bill) Wagner, of Frayser, Judy (Mrs. Johnny) Mays, of Roellen, and Shirley (Mrs. Bobby) Harris, of Mayfield, Ky.; one sister, Margaret Faulkner, of St. Louis, Mo.; 35 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Mary E. Chaney

Mary E. Chaney, 75, of 342 Lockard, Ripley, who had worked for Master Casual Wear in Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, west of Henning, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a son, Willie C. Chaney, a daughter, Mary Louise Harris, a brother, William Sims, and sisters, Betty Cunningham and Dorothy Mosby, all of Ripley; another son, Anthony, of Memphis; another sister, Annie G. Hall, of Covington; another brother, Fred Cotton, of Jackson; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Evelyn Baker

Evelyn Baker, of Dyersburg, sister of Martha King, of Ripley, died May 7th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

She was the daughter of the late Henry and Altie Bell.

She was the widow of Albert C. Baker.

Survivors include sons, Grady, of Dyersburg, and Larry, of Summit, Ill.; daughters, Kitty (Mrs. John) Evans, of Dyersburg, Nelda Kay Talbot, of Chicago, Ill., and Beverly Kate Simpson, of Alaska; a brother, Billy Bell, of Clarksville; other sisters, Artie Bell, of Chicago, and Nellie Cruz, of Kentucky; and 11 grandchildren.

W. L. Newman

William Lynn Newman, 69, who was born in this county, Feb. 24, 1940, to Geraldine and the late George Elbert Newman, died Friday in his home in Jackson.

Rites were held Monday in Leggett Cemetery, north of Ripley, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He was married twice, the second time, for 31 years, to Helen Newman, with four children in his family.

Survivors include a brother, Derry, of Ripley; sisters, Marie Newman, of Knoxville, Bonnie (Mrs. Jer-ry) Hunter, of Sugar Tree, and Shirley (Mrs. Sandy) Reich, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

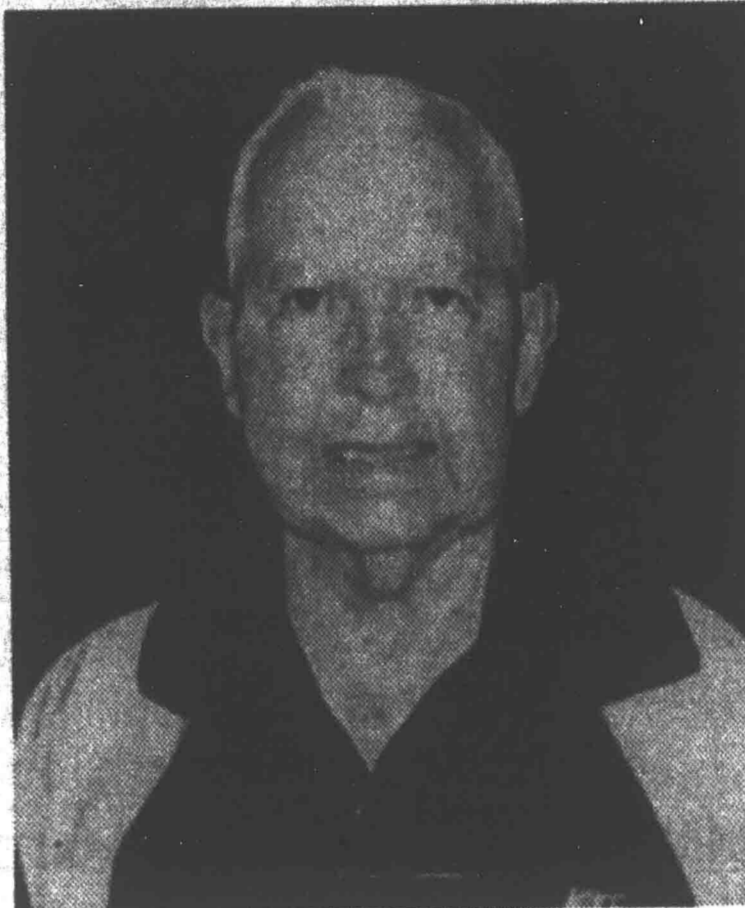
Theresa Barbee

Theresa Anne Allen Barbee, 49, of 275 Gay, Ripley, died May 8th in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include a son, Tony, of Decatur, Ill.; daughters, Angela Barbee, Anne Peters, and Clarese Sims, of Ripley; sisters, Erma Pearson, of Ripley, and Dovie Wynn and Pearl Carroll, of Las Vegas, Nev.; brothers, Alfonso and Willie Ray Allen, of Decatur; and 22 grandchildren.

Star Coach



Charles Maurice Kelly, 81, Ripley High School's athletic director for 35 years, died Tuesday in his home at 304 Lackey Lane, Ripley.

Services are set at 11 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Born at Oxford, Miss., Dec. 24, 1927, he played baseball at Northwest Junior College, which includes him in its Hall of Fame.

He then played baseball for the University of Mississippi, and after his graduation, taught for a year in Mathison, Miss., before coming to Ripley as an assistant to the late Irvin "Tiny" Knee, founder of RHS athletics.

Succeeding Knee as head football coach, he saw the Tigers earn eight post-season berths and was Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year in 1963 and 1965.

His baseball teams won eight district crowns.

He was inducted into the Tenn. Secondary Schools Athletic Assn. Hall of Fame in 1992.

An avid golfer, he was active in Crossview Baptist Church and in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He was the widower of Doris Batchelor Kelly, his wife for 47 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Dew Kelly; a son, Charlie, of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters, June Ann Stallings, of Halls, and Carrie Norwood, of Oxford, Miss.; sisters, Mary Elizabeth

Jane Rudd Smith

Jane Smith, 61, of Ripley, florist, died Thursday of last week, in her home.

Rites were Saturday in the cemetery of St. Paul Methodist Church at Durhamville.

She was the widow of Oscar Eugene Smith.

Survivors include her mother, Louise McCord Rudd, of 9766 Fulton Road, Ripley; a sister, Faye Crawford, of 542 Dogwood, Ripley; daughters, Katherine Austin, of Bartlett, and Lillian May, of Brownsville; another sister, Bettye Rudd, of Arlington; and two grandchildren.

Latasha Billings

Latasha Michelle Billings, 30, of Trenton, sister of Jeremy Billings, of Gates, died Tuesday of last week in Gibson County Hospital in Trenton.

Rites were Saturday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Randolph Cemetery.

Survivors include parents, Robert Cleve Billings, of Bartlett, and Pamela Gordon, of Covington; other brothers, Robby Billings, of Burlison, and Jeremy Walker, of Drummonds; and a sister, Melanie Billings, of Burlison.

Florence Reece

Florence Beaird Reece, 74, of 12 Lenox Village, Jackson, widow of Billy Reece, died Sunday in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She was born at Maury City, Oct. 17, 1934.

Survivors include a daughter, Jessica Reece, of Jackson, and a brother, Billy Beaird, of Halls.

Colburn, of Clinton, Miss., and Janette Roberds, of Longview, Tex.; step-children, Randy and Tony Dew, of Ripley, Connie Dew, of Covington, and Mike Dew, of North Carolina; two grandchildren, David Stallings and Kathleen Meyer, of Halls; and two great-grandchildren, Sophia Stallings and Jackson Meyers, of Halls.

Louise J. Bishop

Louise J. Bishop, 86, widow of John A. Bishop, died Tuesday of last week in St. Francis Nursing Home in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

She was born at Ripley, Aug. 8, 1922, to the late Albert and Alma Conrad Johnson.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, John, Jr., of Burlison; daughters, Cathy (Mrs. Homer) Harris, of Jackson, and Judy Byrd and Sarah (Mrs. David) Winecoff, of Memphis; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Lillian Dew

Lillian Cheyanne Dew, infant great-granddaughter of Laura Cannon, of 158 Bud Jennings Road, Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Poplar Grove Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include grandparents, Tommy and Carolyn Dew, of Ripley, John and Beverly Cannon, of Henning, and Rob and Pam Horrick, of Dyersburg; parents, Steve and Kim Dew, of Lenox; brothers, Stephen Dew, of Ripley, Noah Dew, of Dyersburg, and Tyler Wiggins, of Halls; and a sister, Gabbie Dew, of Dyersburg.

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

Dyersburg State Community College will host College for Kids this summer through the Division of Continuing Education. Courses for children, including Astronomy, Arts and Crafts, Cake Decorating, and Dance and Cheer will be held June 15th through 19th on the Dyersburg campus. College for Kids is open to children four years old through 6th grades in the 2009-10 school year. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. each morning and last until noon. Each day, participants will attend three classes.

For more information about registration and fees, call Teresa Evans at 731-286-3267, before June 8th.



Church Happenings

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

New Hope United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services Sunday, June 7th with worship services at 11 a.m., lunch at noon and a gospel singing at 1 p.m. featuring TNT. The public is invited.

Spirit Filled Baptist Church, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will hold a Solid Gospel 93.1 Singing Convention, hosted by Jerry Herington at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd. Featured singers include the Glad Heart Quartet, Southern Sound Quartet, Derick McDaniel, and McEwen's. The public is invited.

The Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 East Tigrett St., Halls, will hold a First Lady Day at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24th with First Lady Lillie Treadway, of Spirit of Deliverance Church, as guest speaker. A family day picnic will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30th at the church with food, games, and entertainment for all ages. In case of rain, the event will be held at 11 a.m. June 6th. The public is invited.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, at Three Points, will hold a women's day program at 2 p.m. May 24th with Evangelist Lera Lee, as guest speaker. Members of Elam Baptist Church will be the afternoon guests. The Rev. John R. McBride, pastor, invites the public.

New Hope C. M. E. Church, Henning, will hold a women's day program May 24th beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school and concluding at 3 p.m. with guest speaker, Evangelist Rosie Mann, Antioch Baptist Church, Covington. Mrs. Dorothy Bond will be the featured speaker at 11 a.m. The theme will be Encouraging Women to Walk in Their Christian Faith" taken from Matthew 15:28. The public is invited. For more information, call Mrs. Lafalia Reed, 635-3610; Mrs. Gail Gause, 738-5168; or Mrs. Ann Baldon, 635-3995.

Hope Music Ministries will present a night of good old southern gospel music at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in Ripley High School featuring Ivan and Jamie Hodge, the Finchers, and At The Cross, a contemporary group. No admission, but a love offering will be taken. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-824-0079.

Ripley's First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th. For more information, call 635-0821.

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.

Beef Cattle Producers

By: JC Dupree, Jr
Extension Agent III

A Beef Cattle seminar, "Profitable Beef Cattle-Surviving on Grass", will be held at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 26th at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson. All Beef cattle producers from the area are invited. The guest speaker will be Don Ball, of Auburn University, co-author of Southern Forages. He will be speaking on Weed Control-"Yields as much as fertilizer?", UT Forage Variety Test, and conducting a Hay Producers Panel Discussion. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. with supper at 6 p.m. For more

information and registration fees, contact Brian White, Extension Area Specialist, 731-968-5266 or JC Dupree, Jr., 635-9551.

If anyone's Beef Quality Assurance Certification has expired, call the UT Extension Office to be recertified with the new BQA

Certification program. It is important that certification is current before applying for Ag Enhancement Cost Share Funds.

To check the status of BQA Certification or for questions, call JC Dupree at the UT Extension Office, 635-9551.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, at City Hall Board Room.

Town of Halls

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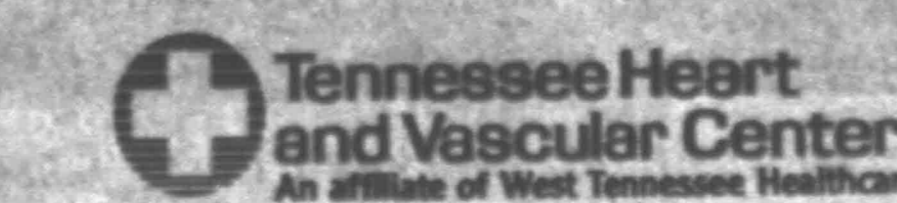
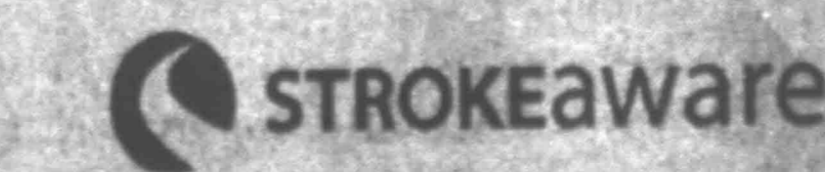
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Wal-Mart Donation



KEN CARRON, second from left, Wal-Mart assistant manager, presented a \$400 check May 15th to Halls High School cheerleaders, including, in front, from left, Madison Davis, Hannah Kelly, and Paige Ellison, and in rear, Shameka Eison, Cynthia Lacy-James, coach, and Shamona Wells.

HES Carpentry Field Trip

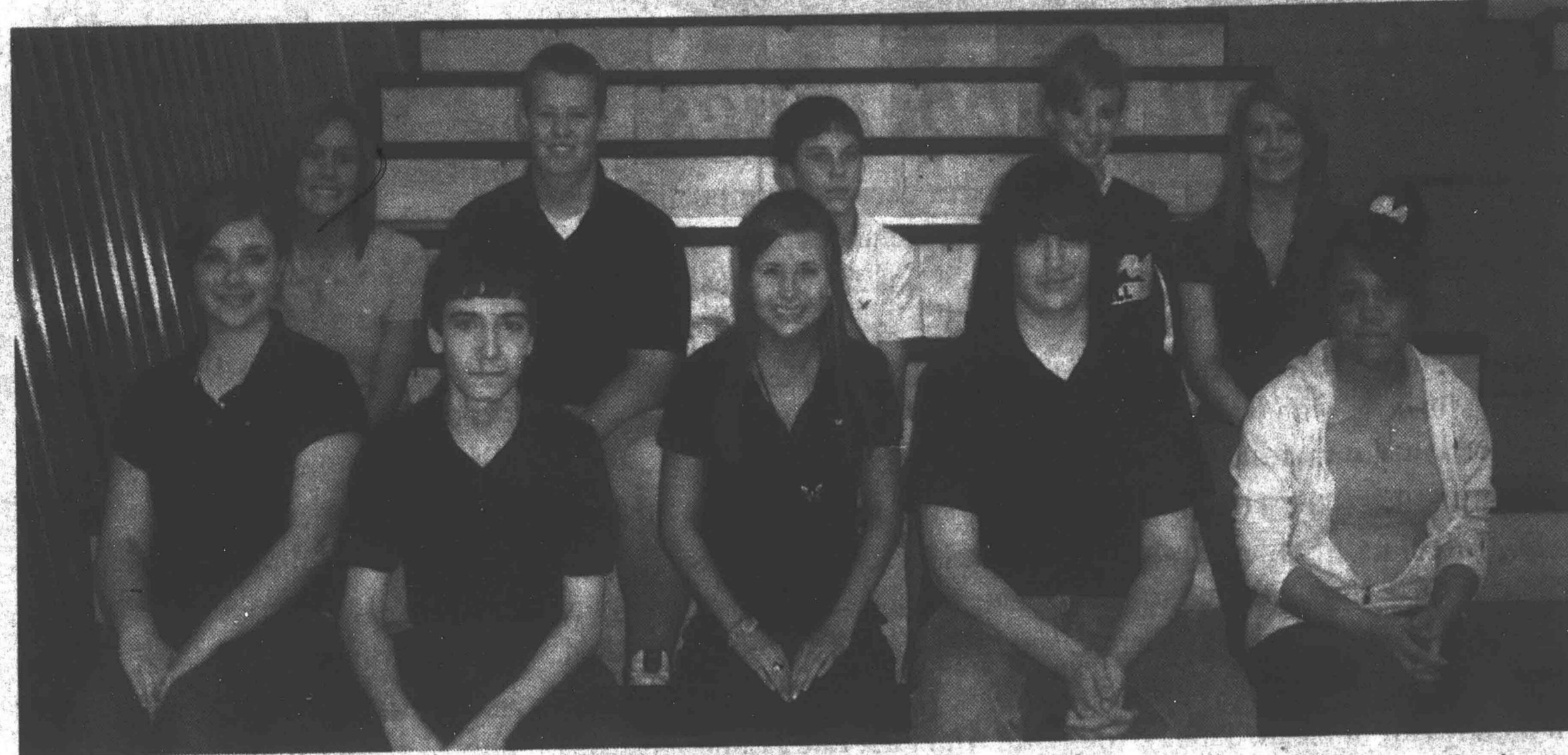


STUDENTS in the pre-kindergarten classroom of Mrs. Janet Baker and Marsha Capps at Halls Elementary School visited Lowes in Dyersburg during their field trip. Each child built a planter and planted a flower for Mother's Day. The staff of Lowes, along with adult volunteers, educational assistants, teachers were very busy assisting the construction work. Even bus driver, Lesley Newman, was put to work. The group also stopped by the Dyersburg Airport to see the planes and watch a landing and take off. Lunch and play at the park finished the day.

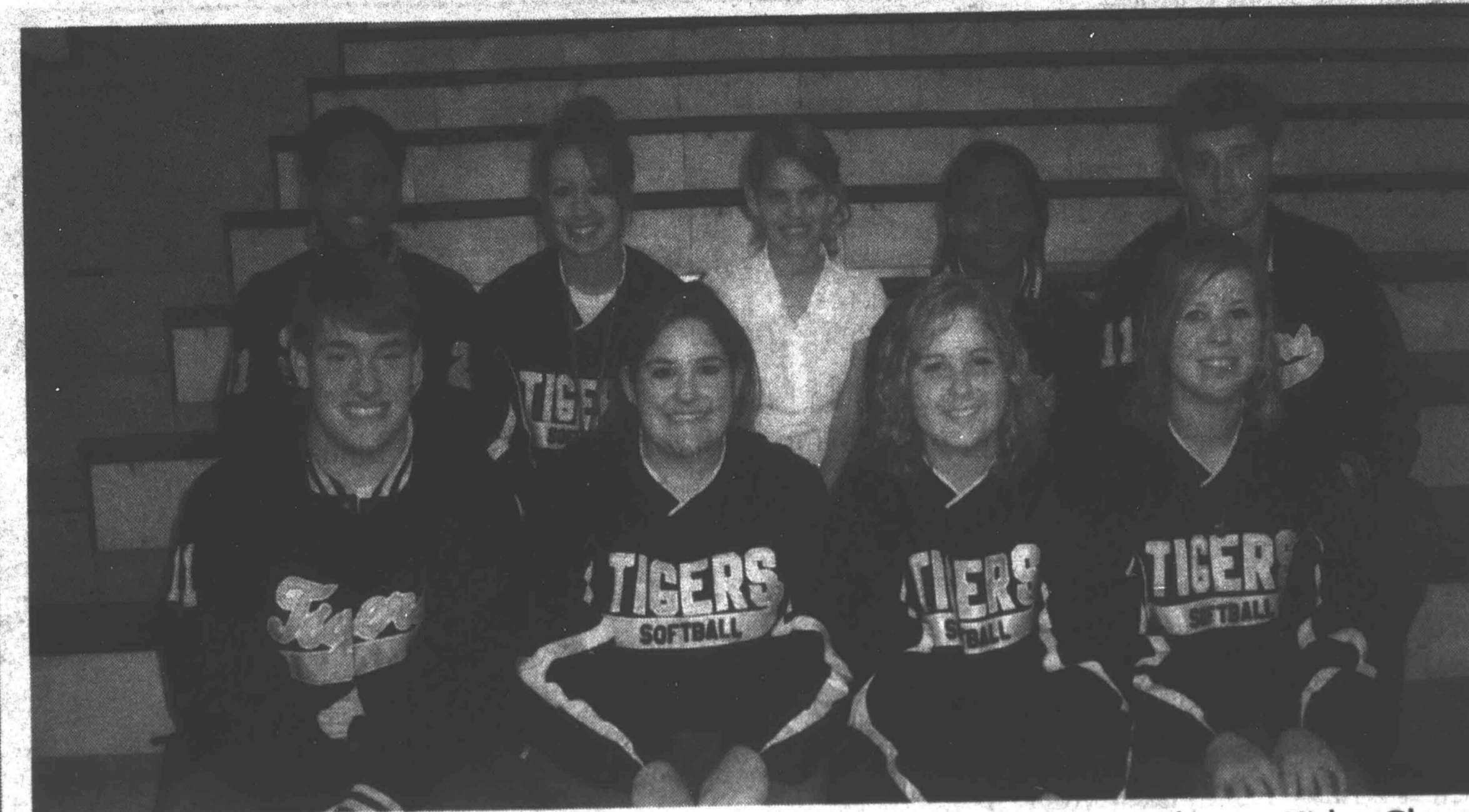
Divorces

Janel Lafaye Evans Morris vs. Roy James Morris.	Candita Colvin Yeiter.
Russell Lynn Davis vs. Marion Thompson Davis.	Timothy Wayne Lenderman vs. Dixie Celeste Drake Lenderman.
Jennifer Fincher Littles vs. Dennis Wayne Littles, Jr.	Carla Dawn Prater vs. Jeremy Joseph Prater.
Terry Wayne Sellers vs. Jennifer Nicole Sellers.	Jenna Nichole McNeal vs. Jeraed Dewayne McNeal.
Carla Danetta Adkins vs. Timothy Lynn Adkins.	Julie Ann Ditto Cox vs. Jeffrey Neal Cox.
Gregory Thomas Yeiter vs.	Susan Stinnett vs. Brandon Stinnett.

Halls High Top Ten



FRESHMEN at Halls High School, honored Wednesday, May 6th as the top ten, include, in front, Sara Bing, Matt Clark, Molly Green, Austin Gunter, and Destiny Harrell, and in rear, Chelsea Hill, Robert Hill, Hayden Hogue, Hollie Wilson, and Amanda Wright.



SOPHOMORES include, in front, from left, Logan Campbell, Katye Cherry, Kirby Cherry, and Krista Hardy, and in rear, Lateia Humphrey, Kelsey Layne, Cassie Oakes, Ebone Pearson, and Hayden Watts.



JUNIORS include, in front, from left, Mickey Cherry, Casey Crockett, Jessie Ellison, Angelia Hanks, and Josh Lents, and in rear, Megan McBroom, Melinda Meeks, Vicki Moore, Leslie Patrick, and Clarissa Stark.

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!! Usually it is just me that gets in trouble but B.D. and I both got in trouble this week. I heard him barking a lot outside so I decided to look out the window to see what he was doing. He was barking at one of Miss Pam's new little black kittens. The kitten had her back up in the air and was growling and spitting at B.D., but he just kept on barking. So being the good friend that I am to B.D., I decided that he might need help. I went to the door, opened it and went outside. Now, I knew that I would be in trouble just for going out without Miss Pam but he needed some help. When I got next to B.D., I realized that the kitten was sooo little. B.D. kept on barking so I started barking too. The little kitten jumped at B.D. and he jumped away from her. Then the kitten looked at me and I didn't want my nose scratched so I jumped back too. Miss Pam heard us barking so she came out to see what we were doing. She came around the corner and saw us barking at the little kitten. Miss Pam turned about three different colors. She yelled at me and B.D. and told us that we should be ashamed for being mean to a little helpless kitten. Helpless kitten - I thought to myself. She did not see the kitten try to jump on me and B.D. She told us that the kitten might weigh one pound compared to us big dogs. She really was mad. She picked up the kitten and went inside. Then, she just had to look at me that way and I knew to get myself back in the house. I told B.D. - see ya later and I dropped my big head and walked inside with Miss Pam and the kitten. When we got inside, she told me that I should tell the kitten that I was sorry. I went over to Miss Pam holding the kitten and I put my nose to the kitten's nose. The kitten was sweet now that Miss Pam was holding her. She even had something running in her that sounded like a little truck motor. After that, Miss Pam fussed at me about going out the door without her and I heard the whole being safe story again. She made me get in my house, but it was okay because I needed a nap. Barking at cats makes me sleepy.

Miss Pam and I were out at the Club to see my Buds. We went into the office and Scooter was putting color on the walls again so I decided that I would be told to go back outside. I went in to see what new Buds were here. I met Benji, the black and tan terrier. He told me that he was brought out to the Club because his two-leggers could no longer take care of him and that he was only there until he found new two-leggers. Missy, the black and white hairy feist mix, told about the same story but was sad and I told her that she would be fine out here with Mr. Buddy. Sam, the black and tan husky mix, wanted to know if he could go for a walk with Mr. Greg. I told him that he could be next to get a walk. I went into the cat room and decided that I would just stand at the door and look in. It worked before. I said hi and bye to the cats.

Outside, I went into the Barn. The boys were all running around in the sun. They were glad that the rain had stopped so they could get some play time in the sun. On the girl side, they were talking about the new boys in the barn. King, the Belgium mix, and Hobo, the chocolate lab mix, were telling a new Bud, that had just come in today, that he was lucky to be outside.

I went back into the office and I heard Mr. Buddy telling Miss Pam that James Climber had brought out some cat food, Russell and Sandra Langley made a donation, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Carmack made a donation in memory of their white German shepherd, "Rosie", and Margie Strain brought out some food for my Buds.

Birthdays

May 21 - Bill Jones, Daniel Martin, Steven McKinnie, Shelia Crowder, Cyndi Jones, Hayden Watts, Robert Belton, Stan Young, Casey Littles, Cissy Ray.

May 22 - Caitlyn Gitchell, Ben Barcroft, Jan Burlison, Dee Ballard, Brad Studard, Geno Hawks, Charles Hurt, Phillip Andrew Wong, Dabnie James, Hannah Elizabeth McKee, Talmadge Crowder, Mark Holder, Candice Frazier, Steve Ray, Ellie Claire Young, Wanda Hill, Lindsey Booker, Tamara Baltimore.

May 23 - Steve Fullen, Nathan Griggs, Matt Harper, Billy Hines, Ginna Cherry, John David Melton.

May 24 - Eric Ellis, Robert Henry, Cody Tutor, Daisy Stewart, Cole Arwood, Leslie Platzke, Scott Wiseman.

May 25 - Mike Land, Lauren Cherry, Caroline Walker, David Kesler, Ashley Blakley, Nix Crawford, Bill Sweat, Sara Armstrong, Carrie Glenn, Kristen Mitchell, Anita Chrestman, Steve Smith, Darius Hughes.

May 26 - Megan Hunter Harrison, Linda Meeks Mitchell, Abe Taylor, Laura Buckner, Sharon Langley, Phillip Hurt, Vickie Pennington, Brenda Monday, Lin Thompson, Betty McConnell, Alexis Pharr, Cindy Day, Bob Cabay, Mollie Bain.

May 27 - Tiffany Kirby, Judy Edwards, Kelly Nation, Todd Taylor, Leslie Dew.

Mr. Buddy also said Kim Coffey reclaimed her four-legger, Michelle Campbell, David Newman, David Stallings, and Eddie Cooper all took home new best friends. Mr. Buddy also told Miss Pam that my Buds still are in need of food. My Buds are like me, we always stay hungry.

Don't forget to have your four-legger spayed or neutered. Get ready for hot weather for your outside four-leggers. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, Ripley, or just give Mr. Buddy and Scooter a call at 836-PETS (836-7387). If you want to donate food and you don't want to come out to the Club, see Miss Sharon at Beasley's Treasures. Gotta go - nature is calling

Zeek out !!!

DEAN'S LIST

Students at the University of Tennessee at Martin named to the Spring 2009 Dean's Lists receiving honors, include, Clisty L. Buie, Rachel L. Grigsby, Dorian S. Thompson, David C. Wehrer, and Adrian N. Wilson, all of Henning; and Ashley E. Arthur, Annie M. Barnes, Wallace D. Boyd, Zachary L. Caldwell, Virginia A. Cherry, Candace C. Land, Wade A. Neal, Ashley L. Rorie, Anita W. Smith, Nicholas Q. Stilwell, Brenda F. Sullivan, Lucinda R. Taylor-Cox, and Kowenda L. Young, all of Ripley.

Receiving high honors, include, Rachel M. Isaak, Jessica N. Laws, and Willie C. McCadney, all of Gates; Michelle L. Adams, Landon N. Evans, Dottie McCadney, and Megan K. Moore, all of Halls; and Carolyn R. Allen, Mary C. Carpenter, Heather M. Day, Summer N. Edwards, Shaunta Frazier, DaShanda V. Fulton, Tera L. Gwaltney, Davmarious L. Hayes, Tamara L. Hughes, Brian G. Kelley, Jessica N. McLemore, Catelyn D. Meadows, Anita J. Medford, Leah A. Meyer, Abby L. Mills, Lisa D. Patton, Stephanie B. Sandoval, Emily A. Sorrell, Kristen E. Sweat, Jenny L. Vaughan, Shekita T. Walker, Ashley N. Ward, and Danita L. White, all of Ripley.

Receiving highest honors, include, Megan E. Robison, of Gates; Lisa R. Cherry, Judy K. Davis, Mary C. Meeks, Anna V. Spence, and Sara E. Wright, all of

INDUCTED

Judy Kay Davis, of Halls, was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Membership is based upon academic achievements and exemplary character. Those eligible include graduate students in the upper ten percent of their class, seniors in the upper ten percent, and juniors in the upper 7.5 percent. An internationally respected honor society, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and most selective organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The society was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and currently has chapters on the campuses of 282 colleges and universities in the United States, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

Halls; Amber M. Helton, and David A. Paschall, both of Henning; and Sandra G. Benjamin, LTanya L. Black, Brandon N. Bringle, Hatie B. Chaney, William D. Crawford, Walter E. Hunt, Constance Y. Mason, Sara A. McBroom, Robert H. Mitchell, and Doreen K. Voorhees, all of Ripley.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

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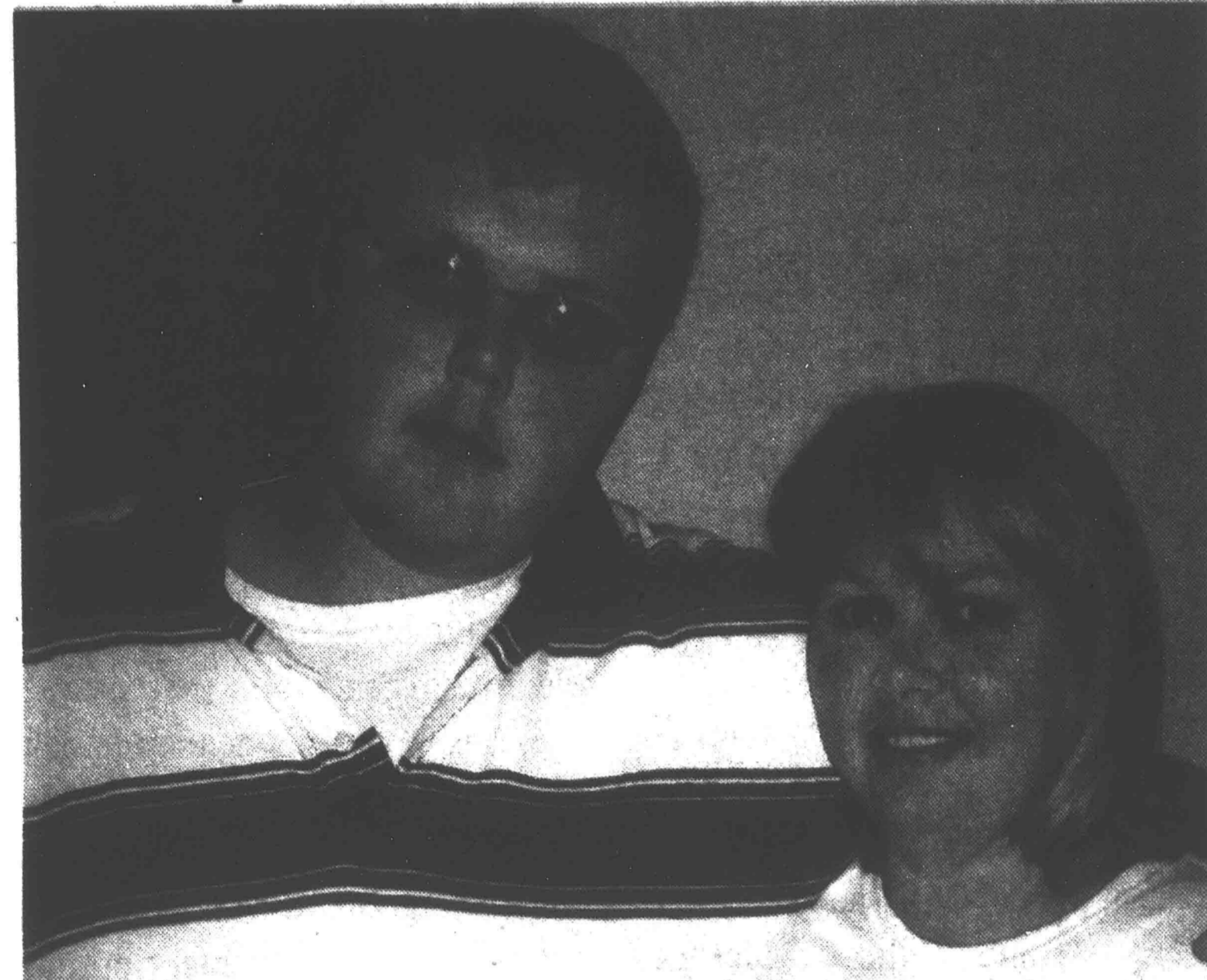
Pursuant to Section 67-5-508, Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Lauderdale County will be available for public inspection at Room Assessor office Lauderdale County Courthouse during normal business hours. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Lauderdale County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments June 1, 2009.

THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2009 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ITS 2009 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH WILL BE

June 30, 2009. The Board will meet each weekday from the hours of 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room Assessor office Lauderdale County Courthouse. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.

Diplomas For Family



RHONDA HOLLAND and her son, Marcus, of Halls, both have reason to celebrate their educational advancements. The Hollands received scholarships and bonuses from the Tennessee Career Center in Ripley to improve their educational level and increase their marketability in the competitive laborforce. Rhonda was awarded a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Needs-Based Scholarship to enroll in the Practical Nursing program at the Tennessee Technology Center Ripley at the Alamo campus. She passed the National Council Licensure Examination for the Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) in April after graduating the 12-month intensive training program in December 2008. She is preparing to enter employment as a Licensed Practical Nurse Marcus enrolled in the GEDNext program through the Tennessee Career Center at Ripley. He attended Adult Education to prepare for the General Educational Development (GED) Diploma test and passed in March 2009 earning a GED and a \$500 cash bonus from the Career Center. He is eligible for an additional \$500 in bonuses based on employment. Marcus is considering entering post-secondary training.

Land Transfers

May 10th - May 16th

T. E. Burrough estate, Ann B. Swims, Rhea Swims, Tom Hammond, Claire B. Hammond, Dallos Burrough, Gloria Burrough, Maxine Hardy, Gaylon Hardy, Mike Chisholm, Teresa Chisholm, John Wagoner, Alecia Wagoner, Virginia Hurt, Jackie Owen Walker, and Melodie Joyce Walker to United States of America, 31.7255 acres.
Linda Summar to Marty Wright, Dist. 12, lot.
Steve Grime and Dana Grime to James Bradley and Wanda Bradley, Dist. 3, 13.232 acres.
Randy Lankford and William Dan Douglas, Jr., to Tommy Sanders, Donna Sanders, Samuel Lee and Dorothy Lee, Dist. 2, lot.
Linda Lancaster Cox and Linda Lancaster Bishop to Nathan

Cox, Dist. 16, 5.2152 acres.
Kevin Drumwright to Thomas Mooney and Tiffany Mooney, Dist. 2, lot.
Mark C. Krueger and Lora M. Krueger to Eric Krueger, Dist. 16, lot.
Billy J. Prescott and Betty L. Prescott to Lana Joe Carney, Kimberly Hammock, Billy J. Prescott and Betty L. Prescott, Dist. 7, tract, 4.1 acres and 0.5 acre.
Billy J. Prescott and Betty L. Prescott to Tony Lynn Prescott, Billy J. Prescott and Betty L. Prescott, Dist. 16, 2 tracts.
Rosalee Butts to Carleton Davis and Carol Davis, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.
Jane Meadows to Crystal H. Goforth, Dist. 16, lot.
Harold Edward Prater to Evelyn J. Latham, Dist. 3, lot.
Federal National Mortgage

Armed Forces Day Celebrated



LAUDERDALE COUNTY CITIZENS celebrated Armed Forces Day May 16th at the Dyersburg Army Air Force Base in Halls. National Guard recruits marched from the Community Center, and a weapons demonstration and World War II re-enactment were held. Members of the Ripley JROTC drill team performed and all branches of the Armed Forces were recognized.

Health & Heritage Fair



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PARTICIPANTS of the annual Health and Heritage Fair, held May 8th, at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging facility in Halls, were awarded door prizes and took advantage of free health screenings. A silent auction and craft demonstrations were provided for those in attendance. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide ongoing services to senior citizens in Lauderdale County.
Association to Danny R. Goodman, Dist. 12, lot.
Randell Gatlin and Rebecca Gatlin to David Perkins, Dist. 3, lot.
Seamon Taliaferro and Eleanor Taliaferro to Michael Bursey, Dist. 1, 1.0 acre.

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Rising Water Causes Worry



RESIDENCES on Sumrow and New Streets in Halls faced rising water over the weekend with a rainfall of nearly 5.43 inches Sunday. Employees with the Town of Halls Public Works Department, in lower photo, worked Monday night to repair broken water lines that pulled apart, leaving 200 residents without water in the Unionville area. Officials stated the lines can handle a two to three inch rain, but with the ground already saturated, pipes could not handle the overabundance of water. Three inches of rain fell in only 45 minutes causing some of the flooding. Areas hardest hit included Industrial Road, and Airport, Pearl and Fenton streets. Even trucks in the public works lot were submerged in water. More photos are inside this issue.

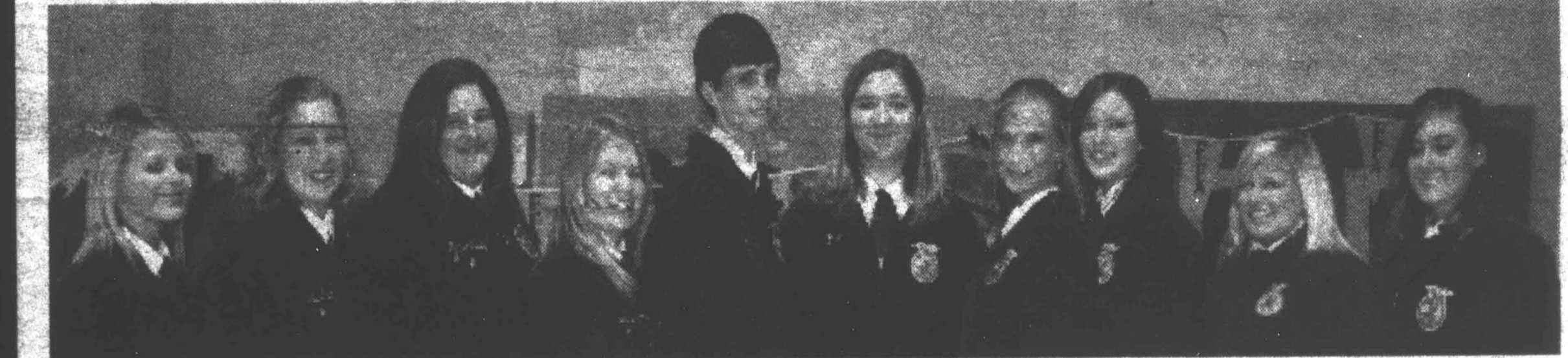
1969 HHS REUNION
The class of 1969 at Halls High School will have their 40-year reunion Saturday, June 20th.
For more information, contact Linda Jones Summar at 635-2561 or cell. 731-413-7327; Dreana Ramm Sinclair at 731-285-1424 or Julie Burks Davis at 731-285-0967.

Rescue Squad Truck



JAMES "BUBBA" BLAKLEY, Rescue Squad field captain, second from left, accepted the keys, week before last, to a 4-wheel drive truck from Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh, center, for the use of the volunteers of the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad. Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders, left, Chief Deputy B.V. Hutcherson, second from right, and Cecil Crowder, right, unit director, are pictured with them.

FFA Officers Selected



NEW OFFICERS for the Halls High School Future Farmers of America, from left, Sabrina Fike, sentinel; Kirby Cherry, treasurer; Kateye Cherry, reporter; Sara Beth Ammons and Matt Newman, vice-president; Shelby Gean, president; Paige Ellison, vice-president; Brenna Deaton and Barbara Joyner, secretary; and Taylor Jacobs, historian, were installed at the annual awards banquet Thursday of last week at Halls' First United Methodist Church.
In middle photo, Larry Patterson, second from right, was presented an honorary FFA degree. He is pictured with, from left, Missy Hammond, FFA advisor; his wife, Sandy, and Windy Willette, FFA advisor.
In lower photo, Amanda Wright, left, and Hannah Hutcherson, right, were awarded the star green hands award for outstanding freshmen. The star chapter farmer for the outstanding sophomore was awarded to Kirby Cherry. Additional awards were presented to Carley Cherry for the Gerald Cherry Livestock; Carley and Kirby Cherry, Shelby Gean, and Charlie Hammond, Ed Sumrow, Jr. Sheep Production; and Mickey Cherry, Stan Young Academic Achievement for the highest overall grade point average. Mrs. Kaye Baker was awarded an honorary FFA degree. The Future Farmers of America presented \$20 to students, Carley Cherry, Kirby Cherry, Mickey Cherry, Kateye Cherry, Amanda Wright, and Robert Hill, for receiving an A in all classes all year.

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Shirley Carroll and Mari-

on Leroy Phillips to Robert L. Burns and Jeanne Burns, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Taylor Bean and Whitaker Mort Corp. to Rachel Anthony, Dist. 2, lot.

William M. Webb, Judy W. Heinrich, and Mary W. Maietta to Dennis Jr. Heatherly, Dist. 6, 3 tracts.

Raymond Proctor to David

L. Rester and Peggy J. Reinholt-Burns and Jeanne Burns, Dist. 2, Rester, lot.

Tom Garner and Allison Garner to Randall Gatlin and Rebecca Gatlin, Dist. 2, lot.

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Celebrating Anniversary



LAMAR AND CHARLENE ABERNATHY, of Halls, will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary May 28th.

The couple were married in Tupelo, Miss., and have three children, Lanny Abernathy, of Newbern, and Vicki Curran and Angie Meeks, both of Halls, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Double Ring Ceremony



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN WAYNE FIKE were married May 23rd at their home at Concord with Bro. Greg Hunt officiating the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Hester Tucker, of Ripley, sang *The Rose*, and Stacey Fincher, of Ripley, daughter of the bride, sang *Love Can Build A Bridge*, as the wedding party walked down the aisle.

The bride, the former Jennifer Rose Fincher Littles, was escorted by her step-father, James Fincher, of Ripley. She wore a pink gown and chose a pearl necklace as something old. It belonged to her grandmother, the late Mrs. Jenny Fincher, of Ripley. Jennifer carried a bouquet of white roses with pink and lilac hydraniums. Samantha Fincher, of Ripley, served as her matron of honor. She wore a pink and white gown with a white wrap. Attendants were Mrs. Sherrie Cates, who wore a lilac gown, and Mrs. Heaven Paris, who wore a pink strapless gown, both of Ripley. They carried bouquets of white roses with pink and lilac hydraniums.

Bethany Littles, of Ripley, daughter of the bride, and Megan Fincher, of Ripley, niece of the bride, served as flowergirls. They wore white satin gowns and carried baskets of pink rose petals.

Joe Fincher, Jr., of Ripley, nephew of the bride, served as ringbearer.

The groom's children, Sabrina and Darren, of Ripley, accompanied him along with Timmy Fitzhugh, of Gates.

READING PROGRAM

A summer reading program is scheduled during June for Wednesdays beginning at 10 a.m. June 3rd at the Halls Public Library. A puppet show is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, June 19th.

For more information, call 836-5302.

Anniversaries

May 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leek, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry White, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Abernathy.

May 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Warner Pace.

May 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Conner.

May 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ward.

June 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Langley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scott.

June 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brown, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Harmon, III.

June 3 - Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grugett.

The reception was held in their barn. Tables were draped with white linen and decorated with candles, magnolia leaves, and summer flower arrangements in pink and lilac.

The bride's table featured a white three-tiered square cake with pink and lilac flowers on a silver cake stand with white lattice, lilac tulle, and magnolia leaves as the backdrop.

The groom's table was decorated with a sheet cake and a bouquet of flowers sent to the couple by the groom's sister, Mrs. Brenda Simpson, of West Virginia.

After a honeymoon trip to Destin, Fla., they are residing in Ripley.

Aids Scholarship Fund



JAMES SMITH, right, president of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club, presented a \$500 check last week to Youlanda Jones, director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center, for the center's scholarship fund.

Marriages

May 10th - Kenneth Adams, 37, to Mable Lee Arnold Phillips, 36, by John Ed Jones.

May 14th - Fernando Montez Bailey, 35, to Latonia Darcell Peat, 36, by Charlie James Peat.

May 15th - William Robert Binkley, 38, to Christie Gayle Cannon Hicks, 34, by Tracy Henson.

Houston Idale Buckley III,

29, to Tanya Hall, 35, by Tracey Henson.

May 16th - Ryan David Massengill, 19, to Rebecca Lee Houghtaling, 19, by Tom Perkin.

Dustin Lee Renfrow, 26, to Sarah Beth Cates, 24, by D. Stanley Anderson.

May 17th - De'Adre Ryshawn Dickerson, 20, to Hemeisha Nicole Cooper, 18, by Lawrence Andrews.

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Obituaries

Otis Lark

Otis Lark, 54, recently of 132 Northcrest, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Covington Manor Nursing Home.

Rites are set at noon Friday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning. Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include a brother, William Earl Lark, of Ripley; a son, James Cross, and daughters, Lashenda and Nyesha Jones, of Jackson; his step-mother, Emma Sue Wilson, of Atlanta, Ga.; other brothers, Alsey Wilson, of Brownsville, Earnest Wilson, of Atlanta, Ga., and Larry Lark, of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Annie F. Jones, of Brownsville, Shirley Bull, of Jackson, and Barbara Wade, of Portland, Oregon; and three grandchildren.

Campbell Infants

Garner Funeral Home, in Ripley, arranged rites Tuesday in Edith Cemetery mourning Conner Alton and Carson Ray Campbell, still-born Saturday, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington, to Robert Campbell and Lacey Kiestler.

Details of survivors were incomplete.

Sandra Kay Roy

Sandra Kay Roy, 48, of 6 Herron Rd., Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in El Canaan Baptist Church, west of Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include a son, Daniel Thomas; daughters, Candice Pierson, Kimberly Thomas, and Loraine Barbee, a brother, Rudolph Thomas, and sisters, Alice Whitelow, Mary Shaw, and Susie Thomas, all of Ripley; another sister, Ruth Whitelow, of Henning; and seven grandchildren.

Laura Branch

Laura Ann Branch, 45, step-sister of Gerald Campbell, of 2422 Dr. Lewis Rd., Ripley, died Sunday in her home at Maury City.

Rites were Wednesday in Maury City United Methodist Church, with burial in Maury City Cemetery.

She had retired as a certified nurse's assistant for Pro-Care Home Health.

Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey Branch; her grandmother, Mary Vales, of Toone; her father, Lawrence Edward Vales, of Bolivar; her mother, Gracie Kaye Joyner, and a sister, Rhonda Lynn (Mrs. Kyle) Woods, of Maury City; a daughter, Nicole (Mrs. Dwight) Yancy, of Alamo; another sister, Deborah Kaye Puckett, of Jackson; a brother, Kevin Vales, of Bolivar; other step-brothers, Mike Joyner, of Jackson, and Terrell Fleet, of Memphis; step-sisters, Cindy Tims, of Jackson, Pam Schendorf, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Rebecca (Mrs. Rich) Hawkins, of Morristown; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Ballinger

Betty Jo Ballinger, 72, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

Survivors include a son, Carter Ballinger, of 3897 Hwy. 209 north of Ripley; a daughter, Mary Ella (Mrs. Louis) Griggs, of 401 Arp-Central Road; two other sons, Brian Griffin, of Vermont, and Sonny Griffin; and a brother, Wade Yochum, of 43 Ross Road, Ripley.

C. C. Johnson

Clarence C. Johnson, 57, brother of James Garfield Johnson and Emma J. (Mrs. Willie) Lee, of Ripley, died May 11th in his home in Peoria, Ill.

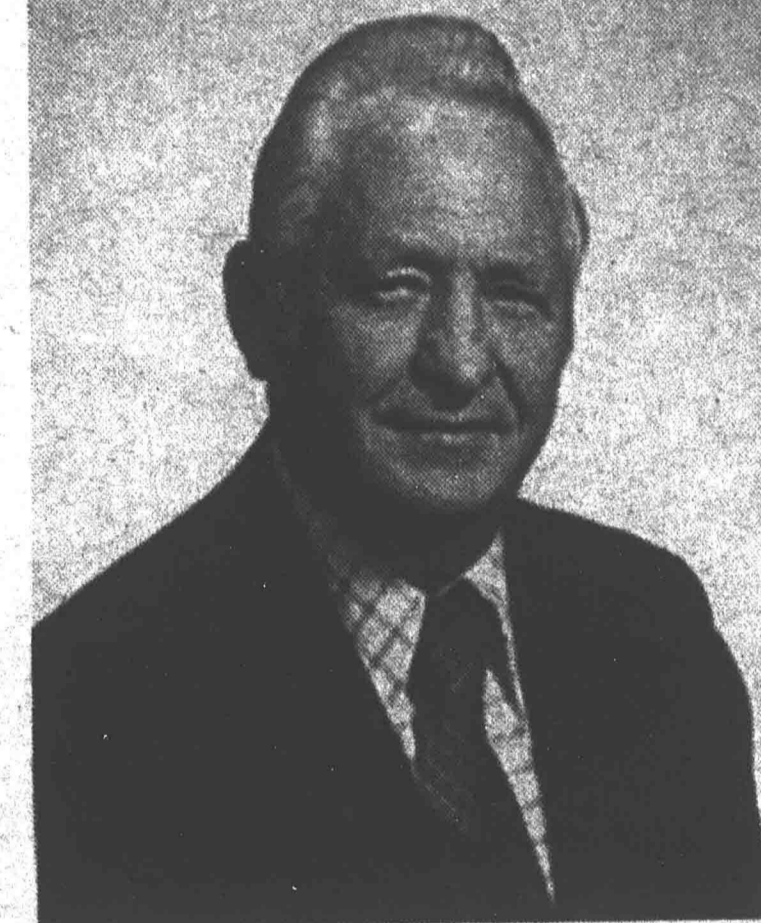
A memorial service was held Sunday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville.

Survivors include another brother, Earl, and another sister, Sue Copeland, of Detroit, Mich.

Mourned



He Served



George Earnest Crabb, 90, died Thursday of last week in his home in Ashland City, southeast of Clarksville.

MARY NEWMAN FORSYTHE, 96, of Lauderdale County, best known as the co-founder and co-operator of Ripley's original Blue & White Cafe, died Monday, May 25th.

Services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was the son of the late Sam and Mattie Riggs Crabb, of Texas.

After closing, at the Naval Air Station in Millington, more than 30 years of Navy service, he and his wife, the late Audrey Joan Stewart Crabb, resided at Curve and were active in its community projects while he worked as a state investigator of auto thefts.

His survivors include his wife, Debbie L. Bowman Crabb; a son, George Alan Crabb, of Atoka; a daughter, Audrey Dale Clark, of Ripley; step-daughters, Ashley and Crystal Newman, of Ashland City; a brother, Bennie Joe Crabb, of Dallas, Ga.; a sister, Thelma Lee Young, of Corsicana, Tex.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the Ripley chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police would be appropriate.

Betty Gates

Betty Gates, 45, of 160 Campbell, Ripley, wife of Anthony Gates, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Crawford, and a brother, Ray Crawford, of Henning; daughters, Marissa Gates, of Ripley, and Mashawna Wilkins, of Chicago, Ill.; another brother, Stanley Crawford, of Brownsville; and five grandsons.

Clara Moore

Clara Bell Moore, 80, of Memphis, a retired cook of Ripley High School, died Sunday, May 24th, at Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30th, at Fountain of Life in Halls, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley.

She leaves sons, Elder Felix Moore and Gregory Moore, a daughter, Mary Miles, a step-daughter, Annie Lee Halliburton, and a sister, Gladys Jones, all of Ripley; another son, Jerry Moore, of Jackson; three other daughters, Melinda Smith, of Dyersburg, Billy Manns, of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Deloris Bradford, of Spanaway, Wash.; a brother, Grady Maben, of Elyria, Ohio; 26 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Helen Davis

Helen Rebecca Davis, 93, died Monday in her home at 1534 Poplar Grove Road, near Halls.

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

She was born Dec. 28, 1915, to Henry Benjamin Moore and Lillian Della Summers.

She had been a member of Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church since 1937.

Survivors include her husband, Doyle E. Davis, whom she married Nov. 21, 1936; a daughter, Vanda (Mrs. Daniel) Shelton, of 1410 Poplar Grove Road; and a granddaughter.

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Barry Younger

Barry Lewis Younger, 57, of 230 Chisholm Lake Rd., Ripley, contractor, died Saturday in the Henry County Medical Center in Paris.

Rites were set at 11 a.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Gilliland Younger; a son, Colt, of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Kim Young, of Henning; his mother, Mary Younger, brothers, Chris and Manson Younger, and a sister, Louann Duvall, all of Ripley; another sister, Rosemary Lambert, of Henning; and two grandchildren.

Sadie Leake

Sadie Leake, 88, of 219 Northcrest, Ripley, died Saturday, in her home.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Sunday in Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ in Ripley, with burial in St. Luke Cemetery in Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include her sons, Joe, Roger, and Willie, and a daughter, Elane Payton, all of Ripley; other daughters, Linda Taylor, of Henning, and Debra Ward, of Dyersburg; a sister, Thelma Barlow, of Ripley; 18 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Joe F. Jones

Joe F. Jones, 81, who was born at Halls, April 9, 1928, died Tuesday of last week in Golden Living Nursing Home in Batesville, Miss.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Forrest Park Cemetery in Batesville.

He had retired from Exide Battery in Memphis.

He was the widower of Dorothy Lee Huddleston Jones, his wife for 49 years.

Survivors include a son, Bobby, of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Raymond, of Hometown, Miss.; and two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Del Rhea Adams

Del Rhea Adams, 73, of Hickman, Ky., a sister of Jimmy L. Roberts, of 345 Belton Road, Ripley, died May 17th in Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Hickman.

Rites were held Wednesday of last week in Strong Funeral Home in Hickman, with burial in Rush Creek Cemetery.

She was born at Hickman, June 20, 1935, to the late Hallis Thomas and Lorene Buckalew Roberts.

She was a Baptist.

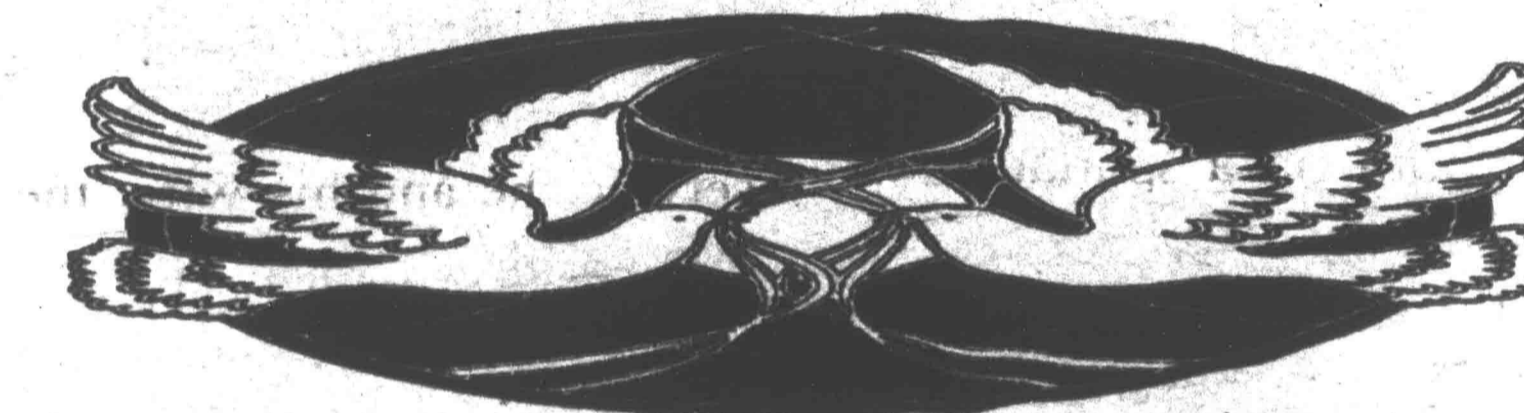
She leaves her husband, Dan; a son, Dan, of South Fulton; daughters, Lisa Adams, of Cayce, Ky., and Teresa Walker, of Cadiz, Ky.; other brothers, Joe, of Cayce, and Richard, of Hickman; sisters, Brenda McMullin, of Pevely, Mo., and Tonia Farley, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and a grandson.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot begin to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Thelma Lucille Belton.

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, food and visits to the hospital and the funeral home. The outpouring of love and concern for the entire family has meant more to us than you will ever know. Please continue to keep us in your prayers in the days ahead.

son, Raymond, Jr. and Sybil Belton, son, Artell and Brenda Belton, daughter, Sue and Roger Wright son, Danny and Corinne, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandson Adv.P.



Church Happenings

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

New Hope United Methodist Church will hold homecoming services Sunday, June 7th with worship services at 11 a.m., lunch at noon and a gospel singing at 1 p.m. featuring TNT. The public is invited.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, 1309 Walnut Rove Rd., at Arp, will hold a youth/young adult and family revival June 3rd through 6th. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. nightly and services will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, refreshments will be served at 5 p.m. and services at 6 p.m. Don Dowdy will be the speaker Wednesday and Thursday with Michael Criner speaking Friday and Saturday. Special music will be provided each night. A love offering will be taken. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 1st through 3rd, entitled Fishing with the Master, classes for all ages. Speakers include Wade Hunt, Monday, David Powell, Tuesday, and Will Norred, Wednesday. The public is invited.

The Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 East Tigrett St., Halls, has rescheduled its family day picnic to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6th at the church with food, games, and entertainment for all ages. The public is invited.

Praise Temple Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., will hold a summer casual attire revival at 7 p.m. nightly Wednesday, June 3rd through Friday, June 5th with Iran Yarbrough, pastor, of Elam



RESIDENTS on Airport St. faced rising water at their door.

Forked Deer Fun Day Scheduled

The Forked Deer Fun Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, with activities from 1-4 p.m. including, a cake walk, water wars, kickball, horseshoes, volleyball, hotdogs, popcorn and more and a dance from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a blanket, chairs and coolers, however, no alcohol is allowed.

For more information, call 731-413-9803, 731-432-0092 or 731-694-2689.

For more information, call 731-824-0079.

Ripley's First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th. For more information, call 635-0821.

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

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

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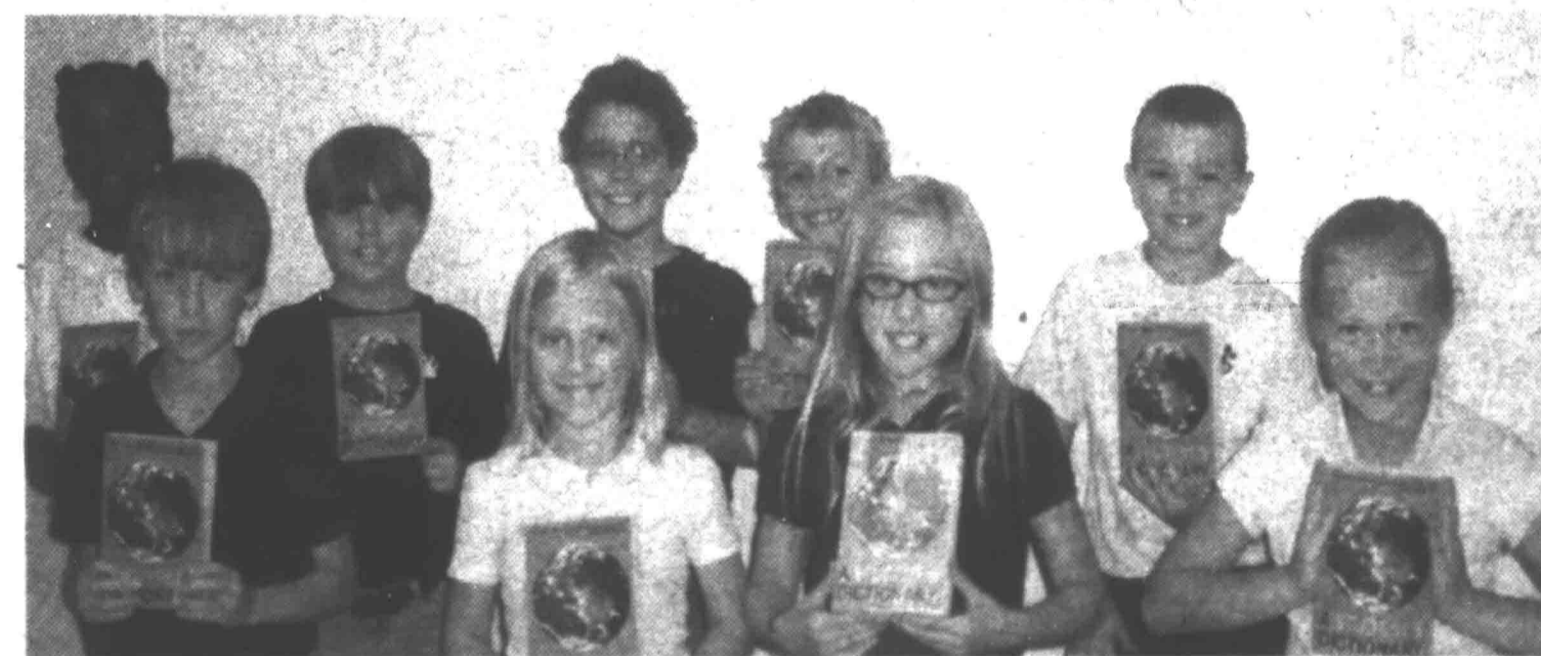
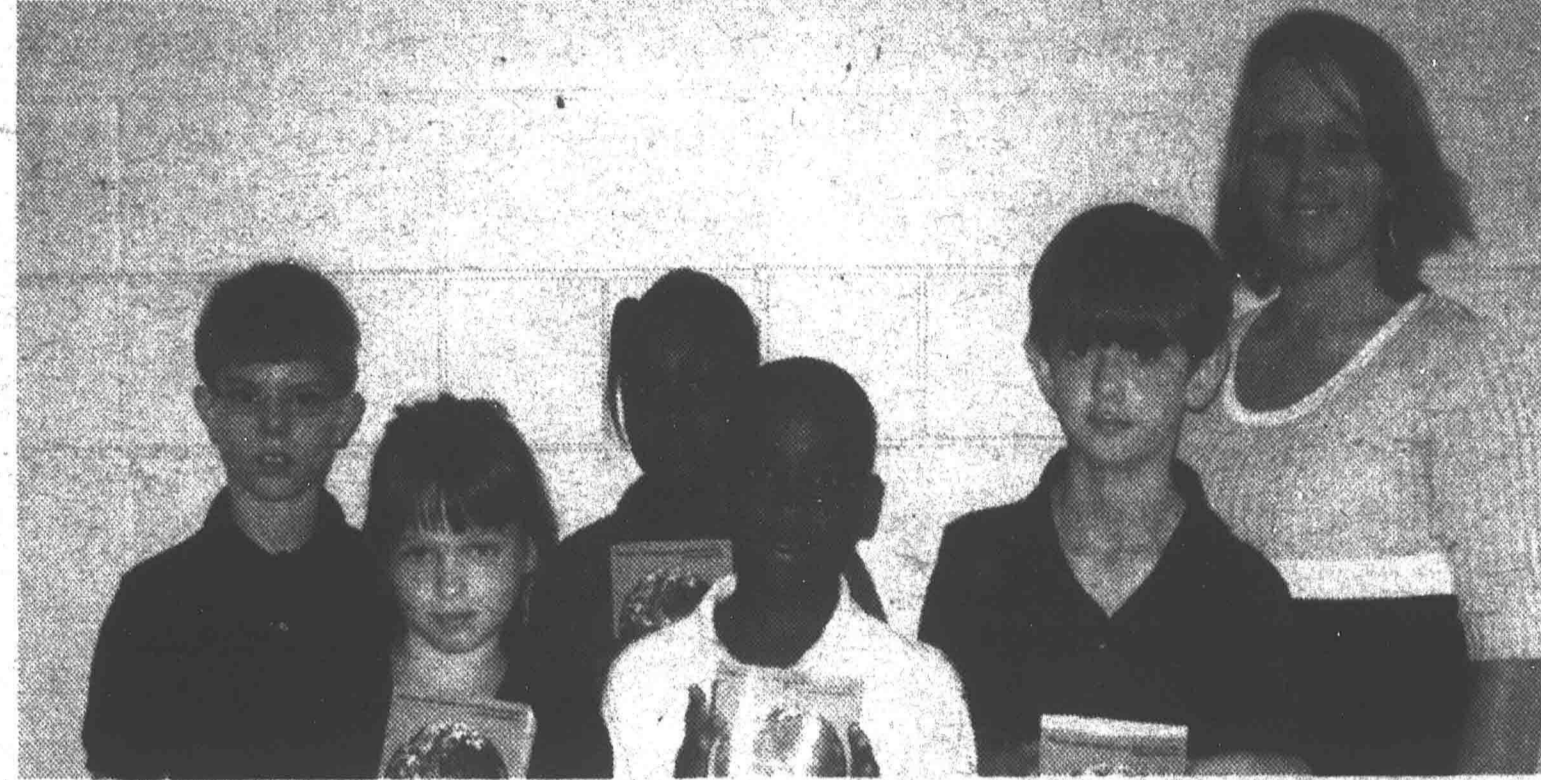
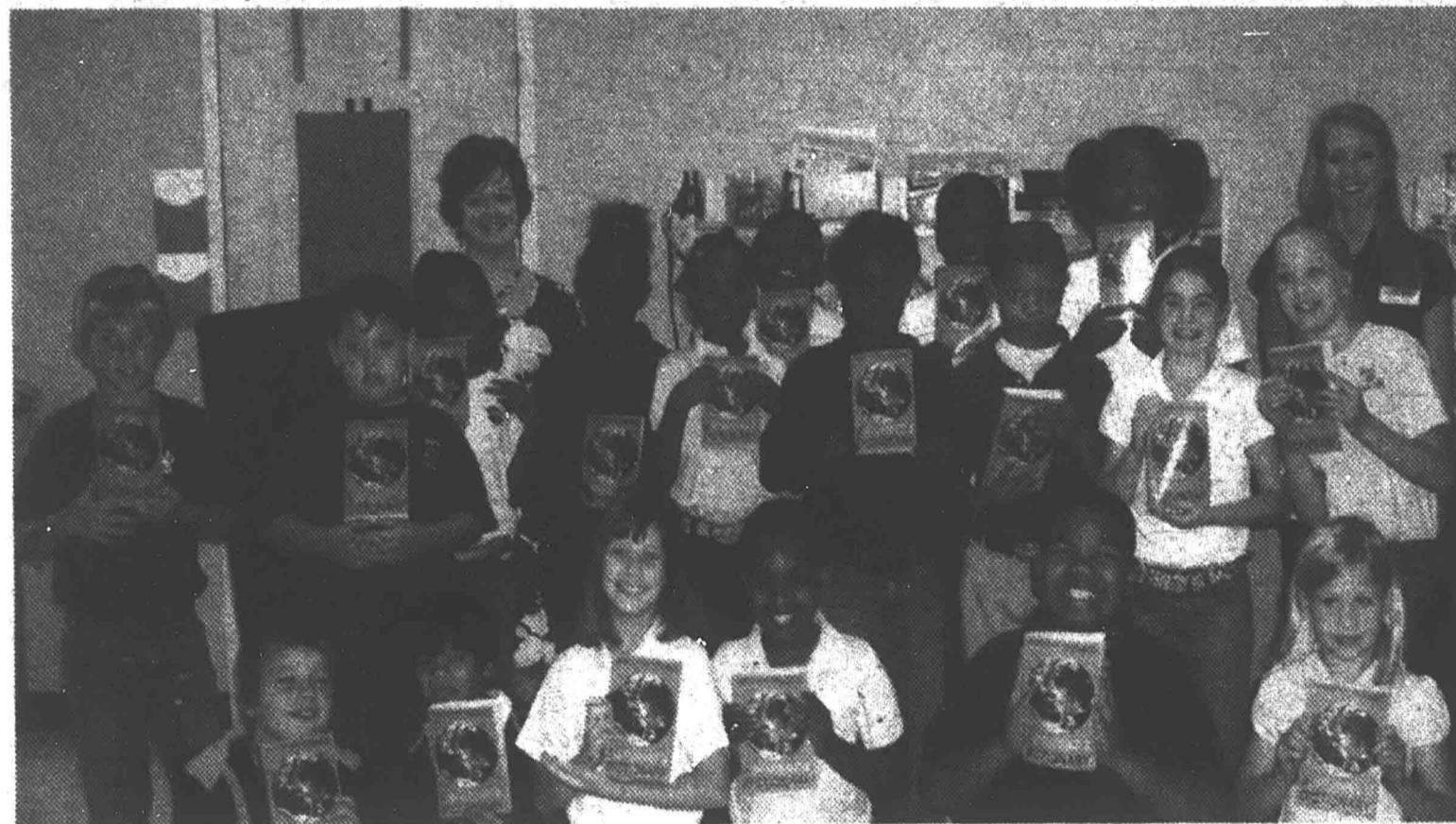
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THIRD GRADE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, of Ripley and Halls elementary schools, received a dictionary Monday of

last week by Rachel Freeman, of the Bank of Ripley, and Linda Brumley, of AT&T Telephone Pioneers.

The Dictionary Project began when Annie Plummer, of Savannah, Ga., gave 50 dictionaries in 1992 to children who attended a school close to her home. She gave this gift each year, raising money to help give more books, so that in her lifetime she raised enough money to buy 17,000 dictionaries for children in Savannah. Her project attracted the attention of Bonnie Beeferman, of Hilton Head, S.C., who began a project, of raising money by selling crafts, to buy dictionaries for the school children of Hilton Head and the surrounding communities. By 1995, Bonnie was getting so many requests from local teachers to be included in the project that she wrote a letter to the newspaper editor of Charleston, S. C., explaining the project and asking for someone to help meet the requests from the Charleston area. Mary French, who was already an active school volunteer even though her two children were still of preschool age, read the letter and decided this was a project for her. Starting with a few schools in Charleston and Summerville, she realized quickly that providing dictionaries to all the students in Charleston was going to require serious fundraising. She and her husband, Arno French, formed a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit association in 1995, along with a Board of Directors. Arno served as president, Mary became the director, and The Dictionary Project was born.

The goal of The Dictionary Project is to improve the reading ability and comprehension of all children and to encourage children to use dictionaries so that they will be able to use the English language effectively. A student cannot do his or her best work without a dictionary, and by providing this tool we assist teachers in helping all students become active readers, good writers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners. The program has been adopted and refined by individuals and civic organizations all over the country, including groups such as Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Elks Lodges, Granges, Lions Clubs, The Republican Federation of Women and the TelecomPioneers.

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!! The day after Church Day, Mr. Pam did not go to work and a bunch of two-leggers came to our house. They all brought two-legger food and Miss Pam was cooking hamburgers and hot dogs outside. It sure did smell good on the porch. I stayed close to Miss Pam just in case that she dropped one of them. I turned my head to ask her what was going on. She told me that today was a work day, but all of the two-leggers were on holiday. I turned my head to her again. She then told me that today was Memorial Day. She said this is the day to remember all of the two-leggers that had given their lives for our freedom. She kept on talking about holiday and freedom, which I did not understand. I walked over to the steps and wondered how I would get any two-legger food since the Mayor was not here. Then the two-leggers were ready to eat and they all got in a line in front of the food. I got in line with them. Miss Pam told me to get back on the steps, when a sweet two-legger told her that it was not fair for me not to get any two-legger food. She handed me a chip and I looked over to Miss Pam and she smiled and said it was okay. I sat down beside of the sweet two-legger and she shared her food with me. She told me all about her four-legger, named Chippy. I sure did find a new best friend.

Miss Pam and I went out to the Club today. We went into the office and Mr. Buddy was talking about having so many kittens out here. I went out of the door and into the cat room to see for myself. There were kittens everywhere. I went into the room, being very careful. Some of the kittens were rubbing against my legs. I could even hear some of their motors running. I really wonder how that happens. Then, one of the momma cat four-leggers came out and looked at me. I backed out of the room and fast as I had come in. Mr. Buddy wanted me to tell you that kittens are free.

I went on in to see the new Buds. Cookie, the brown feist mix, was about to take a walk with Mr. Greg. She has two puppy four-leggers with her, so she needed some away time. Kate, the tri-colored walker hound, was talking to Charlie, the black and white pointer, about going hunting with two-leggers. Reno, the Australian Shepherd, was telling me that he had been neutered and was ready to go with a two-legger. I told him that I had been tutored and we wondered if that was the same thing. I went around the corner and saw two of the cutest four-leggers ever. Rennie and Tess are Shihtzu and poodle mix. Tess was looking good because Mr. Greg had given her a bath and a new hair cut. She said that she really liked baths. I just looked at her and wondered what was good about a bath.

I went back in the office to see if I could find Scooter. I heard Mr. Buddy say that Tanesha Smith, Carolyn Cole, and Tonya Nelson had all come out to the Club to get a new best friend. Miss Leslie, my friend, had brought some food out for my Buds. We are always in need of food, so send your two-legger out with some food. If you do not want to come out to the Club, you can drop off your food donation at Beasley's Treasures on Hwy. 51 and just ask for Miss Sharon.

Don't forget to have your four-leggers spayed or neutered so we will not have so many puppy four-leggers out here. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, or mail us something at P.O. Box 172, Ripley or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387). Hot weather is coming so get your outside four-leggers' shelter ready. Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are.

I also heard Mr. Buddy tell Miss Pam that Scooter was on holiday too, so I jumped up in my chair and I am now going to take a nap. Talking with my Buds makes me sleepy. Zeek out !!!

Augusta Days Boxing Tournament



MEMBERS, of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, including, in front, from left, Deundre Smith, Grant Chipman, Blake Maynard, and Zack Parker; in middle row, Treyveon Taliaferro, D.J. Rogers, and Chuckie Driver; and in rear, Kyle Emerson, Olajowon Smith, Kani Coleman, Steve Lewis, and Steve Garrison traveled to Augusta, Ark., Saturday for the celebration of the annual Augusta Day Boxing Tournament.

Zack, 8, kicked the afternoon off in his debut. He came out in the first round going right to work scoring 1-2 combinations continuing for three rounds as he brought home the belt in the 55 pound weight class defeating Augusta's hometown favorite and coaches son.

Blake, 9, came out like a war horse after a short layoff and defeated his Van Buren, Ark., opponent and brought home the belt for the 65 pound weight class.

Deundre, 10, showed tremendous skill and speed as he defeated his St. Joseph, Mo., opponent winning the belt in the 80 pound weight class.

Treyveon, 10, did a good job against his stronger St. Joseph opponent.

D.J., 8, met a more experienced St. Joseph opponent in the center of the ring and went to war for three rounds getting some great work.

Chuckie, 12, did well against his Little Rock, Ark., opponent.

Chris, 21, met his St. Joseph opponent with more strength as he moved forward through out the entire bout keeping his taller opponent on the move.

Kani was a great assistant as he worked as the second corner man. He is also training very hard in preparing for the National Junior Olympics scheduled for June 8th-13th in Denver, Colo. This is a great accomplishment for a first year boxer to make it to the nationals.

Birthdays

May 28 - Ronald Blakley, Brittany Jones, Randal Shands, Patricia Butler, Grant Hilliard.

May 29 - Rhonda Wood, Ronnie Blakely, Benjamin Elkins, Mills Webster, Nan Danley, Ricky McWilliams, Myra Frazier, Kathy Sanders, Roy Bonds, Carol Dean, Sam Henderson Culver, Owen Hopkins, Richard Phagan.

May 30 - DeNohal Alley, Ron Peebles, Shirley Robison, Blake Fitzhugh, Emery Gillion, Alisha White, Inez Douglas, Don Prescott, Karen Hines, Molly Warwick, Xavion Currie, Linda Climer, Ona Voss, Posey Swope, Richard Ferrell.

May 31 - Tyler Thurmond, Dana McLemore, Elizabeth Burks, Alex Pipkin, Rose Rhodes, Bran-

don Williams, Bruce Ward, Doris Henderson, Kristen Beasley, Sandy J. Ward, Phil Morris, Danielle Oswald, Dianne Lane, Lana Carney, Cheryl Newman, Lynn Bain, Lillie Garner, Claudine Elder, Joshua McKinnie.

June 1 - Kelly Paris, Tabitha Brown, Mary McAlister, Deborah Sorrell, Alma Grooms, John Wade, Kelly Schrotberger, Jennifer Lewis Hinton, Trent Alton Terry, June Reece, Joe Barnes, III, Justin Williams, Terry Elmore.

June 2 - Donald Young, Elroy Meyer, Gloria Norvell, Judy Kelly, Leigh Douglas, Robert Cherry, Brandon Wakefield, Beth Anne Simpson, Roy Prince, Paul Betz, Morgan Andrew Trospen, Wilbern Dorris.

June 3 - Floyd Crain, Clayton White, Betty J. Rhoads, Paige

Hendren, Vicky Smith, Dr. John English, Jo Ann Elder, Alice Ward, Debbie Fitzhugh Smith, Shane Belton, Hannah Hutcherson, Phillip Goodman, Mariah Carmack.

JUNE EVENTS

Lauderdale Commission on Aging has scheduled two new events to begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 17th, with a trip to the Palmer-Turner Center in Henning with bingo, health screenings and snacks. The other event scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 23rd, with a trip to Holly Grove Baptist Church.

The van will leave Commission on Aging at 9:30 a.m. each morning.

For more information, call 731-836-5444.

Young Author's Day



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School celebrated Young Authors' Day Friday, May 15th. Each student wrote and illustrated a book. Family night was held May 14th with parents and other family members touring the school to see the decorations, and an awards ceremony was held to reward book winners at each grade level. The hallways were decorated for the theme, *Roaring Into Writing*. Students enjoyed several presentations, a play, meeting an author, attending a Teddy Bear Clinic, and in lower photo, watching Richard Dawson, left, teacher, kiss a pig, held by Kaleb Ellison. Dawson won the "Kiss the Pig" contest after teachers set up jars with their names on them. Students donated money in the jar of the teacher they wanted to see kiss a pig. This was a fundraiser for Relay for Life.



EMPLOYEES at the Halls Public Works department had to rescue vehicles and equipment submerged in the water.

Home Repair Grants May Be Available

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development is accepting applications for grants to help low-income, rural residents repair their homes. Grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. The grants to be awarded are part of USDA Rural Development's annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery

GARDEN TOUR

The Lauderdale Commission on Aging has scheduled a Garden Tour at the home of Mike and Leigh Douglas at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18th, with the van leaving at 10 a.m.

To make reservations or for more information, call 836-5444.

and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Deadline for applications are close of business July 10th.

For more information, call 635-7686 or visit 301 Lake Dr. in Ripley.

HES Young Authors



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS pose with their decorations, *Roaring Down the Yellow Brick Road*, during Young Author's Day, May 15th.

UT-K HONORS

Students from Lauderdale County earning academic honors at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville for the spring term include Jennifer Buntin, majoring in business administration, *cum laude* honors; Zachary Kelley, arts and sciences, *summa cum laude*; and Jeffrey Moore, agricultural sciences and natural resources, *cum laude*, all of Halls; and Brittany Chipman, arts and sciences, *magna cum laude*; Sara Pilcher, education, health, and human sciences, *magna cum laude*; Taylor Rice, university, *summa cum laude*; Marley Sigman, arts and sciences, *summa*



RESIDENTS on Pearl and Fenton streets faced rising water.

cum laude; and M. C. Winbush, architecture and design, *magna cum laude*, all of Ripley. Students whose term average is 3.8 through 4.0 earn *summa cum laude*; 3.65 through 3.79, *magna cum laude*; and 3.5 through 3.64 *cum laude*.