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Indictments Returned By February's Grand Jury

The Lauderdale County Circuit Court Grand Jury returned indictments for John Henry Norfolk for the rape of a minor under the age of 18, attempted rape, sexual battery, false imprisonment, incest, and indecent exposure. Indictments were also returned against Kenyatto D. Fields for carjacking, rape, arson, and tampering with evidence.

Other indictments included Tabatha Bobo, child abuse.

Robert D. Brasch, initiate manufacture of methamphetamine and promotion of methamphetamine: manufacture.

Ben Green, initiate manufacture of methamphetamine and promotion of methamphetamine: manufacture.

Brian Bratschi, initiation of process intended to manufacture methamphetamine; manufacture of schedule II controlled substance (methamphetamine); promotion methamphetamine manufacture; possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Johnathan Carter, possession of a weapon by convicted felon and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Chelsea Patterson Crihfield, possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams and possession drug paraphernalia.

Danny Ray Demoss, Jr., aggravated assault (3 counts); felony evading arrest; convicted felon in possession of handgun; and accessory after the fact.

Casey Wright, handgun and accessory after the fact.

Eddie Donald, aggravated assault.

Delphine Edwards, criminal simulation (2 counts).

Prince D. Edwards, criminal simulation (2 counts).

Michael Brooks, criminal

simulation (2 counts).

Mark Edward Forbes, failure to timely report as violent sex offender and violent sex offender registration requirement.

Jack Green, possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeffery B. Gwaltney, burglary: building; and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Delbert Clay Harrison, initiate manufacture of methamphetamine; manufacture schedule II (methamphetamine); simple possession schedule VI (marijuana); possession drug paraphernalia; promotion of methamphetamine manufacture; and possession schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams.

Amanda Clarine Smith, initiate manufacture of methamphetamine; manufacture schedule II (methamphetamine); simple possession schedule VI (marijuana); possession drug paraphernalia; promotion of methamphetamine manufacture; and possession schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams.

Tawanna R. Hollis, attempt to acquire fraud prescription and criminal impersonation.

Gregory A. Hutcherson, domestic aggravated assault; reckless endangerment; and vandalism (\$500-\$1,000).

Aisha Jones, theft of prop-

erty (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Steven Van Tucker, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Jessica Jones, child neglect and accessory after the fact.

Danny Littles, theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Kevin Mosier, theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Danny Littles, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Rickey Littles, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Kevin Mosier, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Tonya Wilson, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Rickey Littles, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000); theft of property less than \$500; and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Kevin Mosier, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000); theft of property less than \$500; and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Jessie Starks, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000); theft of property less than \$500; and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Tonya Wilson, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000); theft of property less than \$500; and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Rickey Littles, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Kevin Mosier, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Tonya Wilson, aggravated burglary and theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Rickey Littles, theft of property less than \$500 (3 counts).

Kevin Mosier, theft of property less than \$500 (3 counts).

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Petitions Returned In Up-Coming Elections

Cyronose D. Spicer (D) has picked up a petition for the May 4th primary election to qualify for County Mayor. Other candidates, Rod Schuh and Trent McManus, have returned their petitions. Garie V. Andrews (D) picked up a petition for Circuit Court Clerk. Jeff (Bodean) Durham (I) picked up a petition for Register of Deeds.

Other candidates include Charletta Campbell (D) and Judy Conrad (I), Trustee; Steve Sanders (I) and Brian Kelly (I), Sheriff; Linda Summar (I), County Clerk; Richard Jennings (D), Circuit Court Clerk; and Jimmy Johnston (I), Gary L. Wilson (I), and J. B. Haynes (I), Register of Deeds. Campbell, Kelly, Sanders, Summar, Jennings, Johnston and Haynes have returned petitions.

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

Candidates, who have picked up petitions for the August 5th election include, county commissioner, Gene Edwards, Todd Rankin, and Todd Dunavant, District 1; Lynnwood Shoemake, Coy Summar, Andy Vaughan, Sr., and Ronnie Elder, District 2; Tommy Dunavant, Walker Ferrell, Dennis King and Carol Walker, for District 3; Tommy Ray Sanders, Johnny D. Johnson, Angie Phillips, District 4; Danny Hartsfield and Louis Ruff, District 5; Jesse Edwards, Rob Reviere, Dwight Shoemake, Sr., Terry Uselton, Sr., and Earl Bohannon, District 6; Clark Buckner, David Caldwell, Raymond Edwards, Kathy Alston, and Talmadge Crichfield, Sr., District 7; and Don Fisher, Eugene Pugh, and Monty McWilliams, District 8. L. Shoemake,

Scouting Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), an Eagle Scout, announced last month that the Senate has passed a resolution, he cosponsored, to recognize February 8, 2010, as "Boy Scouts of America Day" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

"Being a Boy Scout helped me build character and appreciate the outdoors. It taught me about this country and what it means to be an American, and I'm glad the Senate has recognized the organization on its centennial," Alexander said. "The Boy Scout law says we should be trustworthy, loyal, helpful and friendly, and the slogan reminds us all to do a good turn daily."

Vaughan, King, Reviere, D. Shoemake, Uselton, Bohannon, and Edwards have returned their petitions.

School board candidates include Eva Drain and Tammy Choat-Lambirth, District 1; Sheila Ferrell, District 3; Terry Sellers, District 5; and Melinda Hutcherson, District 7.

Gladys Crain has picked up a petition for Democratic State Executive Committeewoman.

Walker Ferrell has picked up a petition for Republican State Executive committeeman.

Candidates have until noon, April 1st to qualify; noon, April 8th to withdraw; and the last day to register to vote is July 7th. Early voting will begin July 16th through 31st.

The Lauderdale County mayor, trustee, sheriff, clerk, and register of deeds, and the circuit court clerk will also be on the ballot with different qualifying deadlines. Winners of the Democratic primary, to be held May 4th, will also be included on the ballot.

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Monday, February 8th

- Pizza
- Cheeseburger
- French Fries
- Fresh Veggie w/Dip
- Pear Halves
- Apricots
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, February 9th

- Oven Baked Ham
- Fish Fillet

- Green Beans
- Pinto Beans
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, February 10th

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

Thursday, February 11th

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

Friday, February 12th

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

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School

Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, February 8th

- Cheeseburger
- French Fries
- Apricots
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, February 9th

- Oven Baked Ham
- Green Beans
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, February 10th

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

Thursday, February 11th

- Chicken Nuggets

Whipped Potatoes

- Peaches
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Friday, February 12th

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Obituaries

Mourned



STELLA (Nell) CANNON LONG, 82, of Arlington, died January 26th. She was born on January 17, 1928 in Ripley.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 30th, at Munford Funeral Home in Millington.

Mary Frances Summar, 84, wife of Clyde J. Summar, Jr., of 39 Butner Rd., Ripley, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Woodville Cemetery.

She was a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Jerry Don and Roger Dale Summar, and sisters, Louise Land, Maggie Jewel Rhea, and Marie Lankford, all of Ripley; other sisters, Shelby Breman, of Jackson, and Geneva Miller, of Indiana; a brother, W.H. Clem, of Dickson; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Doris H. Duke

Doris H. Duke, 76, of Jackson, mother of Jennifer Duke, of Halls, died Jan. 11th, after brief illness.

Rites were in Parsons.

She was born at Parsons, Feb. 17, 1933, to the late Rev. Jessie and Opal Douglas.

She had resided in Knoxville, Memphis, and Jackson.

Survivors include her husband for 56 years, Guy Loyce Duke; another daughter, Sherrye Baker, of Collierville; and three grandchildren.

Mourned



C. E. Mueller, Noted Lawyer

Charles Eugene Mueller, 79, of Vero Beach, Fla., who was born in this county, Feb. 10, 1930, to the late Charles and Emily Griggs Mueller, died Sunday in a Vero Beach hospital.

Lowther Funeral Home, of Vero Beach, says a memorial service is not yet scheduled.

He worked in Chicago, Ill., while earning a law degree from Depaul University.

After service in Army counter-intelligence, he was employed for 15 years by the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C.

In 1967, he became editor of the Antitrust Law and Economics Review, with subscribers in 25 nations.

He wrote more than 100 articles on economics.

Survivors include his wife for 39 years, Ramona Smith Mueller, formerly of Jessup, Ark.; seven nieces, including Connie Kidd Carroll, of 253 Parchman Rd., Ripley; and two nephews.

J. R. Missildine

John Ray Missildine, 63, of 3876 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Macedonia Baptist Church at Edith, with burial in Grace Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was born in Texas City, Tex., April 5, 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Katie Ann Webb Missildine; a son, Ray, of 828 Steelman Rd., Halls, a daughter, Joy Warwick, of Princeton, N.C.; a brother, James, and sisters, Anita Ataway, Linda Smith, and Opal Parker, all of Texas; and four granddaughters.

Finis Kerby

Finis Kerby, 84, died Jan. 23rd at his home at 57 Gum Flat Road, Halls.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery, near Gates.

He was born at Halls, April

Sammy G. Layne

Sammy Gale Layne, 67, died Friday, January 29th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, February 6th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial to follow in Concord Cemetery.

He was member of Curve Baptist Church, Dyersburg Moose Club, Lauderdale Election Committee, and President of Business Men's Association.

He is survived by wife, Nancy Jones Layne; sons, Bartley Gale Layne, Perry Lynn Layne, and Stephen Bradley Layne; brother, Allan Layne, of Topeka, Kan.; twin sister, Dale Simpson, of Las Vegas, Nev.; and four grandchildren.

17, 1925.

He leaves a brother, James Kerby, of Halls.

'Frank' Sanders

Franklin Sanders, 64, of 110 Fenton, Halls, accountant/minister, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Mt. Lebanon-Assemy of God in Tipton County, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He leaves his wife, Hilda D. Sanders; daughters, Dee Dee McKee, of Covington, and Dena Harden, of Munford; brothers, James Sanders, of Henning, and Joe Sanders, of Ripley; sisters, Virgie Howard and Yvonne Kirby, of Ripley, Mable Mueller, of Covington, and Darlene Womack, of Senatobia, Miss.; and five grandchildren.

Paul Fewell

Paul Fewell, 57, of 1342 Mill Creek Rd., Halls, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Halls Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

He was born at Alamo, June 18, 1952.

Survivors include his wife, Lyn Buford Fewell; a son, Bryan, of Medon; step-sons, Paul Bleuw, of Nashville, and James A. Robertson, of Whiteville; a daughter, Michelle Johnson, of Whiteville; one granddaughter; and four step-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

The obituary of Bonnie Lue Sowers, 76, of Hobart, Ind.,

Joseph M. Ward

Services for Joseph McKinley Ward, 68, of Hernando, Miss., a master builder by trade, were held Saturday, January 30th, at the First Baptist Church in Nesbit, Miss, with burial in Hernando Cemetery.

Born April 21st, 1941, in Lauderdale County to the late Wade & Evelyn Ward and grandson of the late Richard & Mollie Duggan Ward.

He leaves his wife, Cheryl Ward, three sons, Chris Ward, Patrick Ward and Billy Ward, a daughter, Pam Whitfield, a sister, Kitty Montgomery, two brothers, Larry Ward and Billy Ward, and six grandchildren.

Jack Guy Riley

Jack Guy Riley, 88, of 6883 Hay. 88 west of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Jackson Regional Hospital.

Rites were held Monday in the Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the Maury City Cemetery.

He was born at Halls, May 4, 1921.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Pratt Riley; a son, Douglas Riley, of Halls; brothers, Hollis Riley, of 12994 Johnson Grove Rd., east of Halls, and D. J. Riley, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a sister, Mary Gilliland, of 67 Fincher Rd., Halls; and two grandchildren.

incorrectly listed her brother, Walter Dwight Vowell as Walter Lovell.

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Icing cancelled Halls' games scheduled Friday at South Fulton. The games have been re-scheduled for Feb. 12th.

Birthdays

Feb. 4 - Jennifer H Caffey, Jerry Crichfield, Brittany Buckner, Rob Henry, Tommy White, Terry White, Tina White, Lee Cannon, Maddison Webb, Drew Hearsberger, Bill Myrick, Billy

Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion, Terrence Mitchell, Bro. Thomas Eugene Sanders, Tammy Winchester, Anna Lauren Mills.

Feb. 9 - Michael Anthony Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Kelvin Lyles, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Priscilla Terrell, Wakeshia Lyles Mitchell, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Crihfield, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Stacey Gaines, Emily Katherine Fisher, Andrea Joseph, April Dowell, Malissa Hughes, Kevin Connell.

Feb. 10 - Rachel Gibson, Logan Rose, Paige Henderson, Noveline Hunter, Crystal James, Megan Buchignani, Sue Conti Holmes, Rob Reviere, James C. Newman, Kevin Drumwright, Jason White, Joni Cook, Lindsay Crain, Shirley Brown, Thomas Neil Martin, Jessica Byrd, Beverly Best Smith, James Newman, Chris Sanders, Stephanie McWherter.

Commission On Aging Scheduled Activities

The Lauderdale Commission on Aging has scheduled events for Thursday and Friday, February 4th and 5th, and Monday through Wednesday, February 8th-10th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday with chair dancing; 10 a.m. line dancing; and 11 a.m. crafts with Rosie Lemons.

Friday activities will begin at 10 a.m. with Get Fit, Stay Fit; 10:30 a.m. dining with diabetes; and 12:30 p.m. bingo.

Monday activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi for arthritis, and 10:30 a.m. Get Fit, Stay Fit.

Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. breakfast, call center for cost; and 11 a.m. family stories with Linda Weeks.

Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. a devotion, with The Rev. Jerry Hickson.

For more information, call 836-5444.

ary 13th. Spaghetti plates will be available for dine-in or take-out. Donations will be taken to benefit the youth members trip to camp this year. The public is invited.

Forerunner Baptist Church, on Eastland St., has changed its early morning worship service from 8 a.m. beginning February 7th. Sunday school will begin at 9 a.m. and worship services at 10:30 a.m. Thomas H. Bester, pastor, invites the public.

Elam Baptist Church and the Women of Purpose will present "Just The Two Of Us", a Valentine's Day banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, February 13th at the National Guard Armory in Ripley. The church hosts B.A.S.I.S., an exercise program, at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information or for tickets to the banquet, contact Deborah Halliburton, 635-3587.

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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- Many people in Shelby, Fayette, Tipton and Lauderdale counties qualify for extra help with these expenses, but are not receiving them. If you have questions regarding income and resources, contact the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for free, unbiased counseling and assistance.

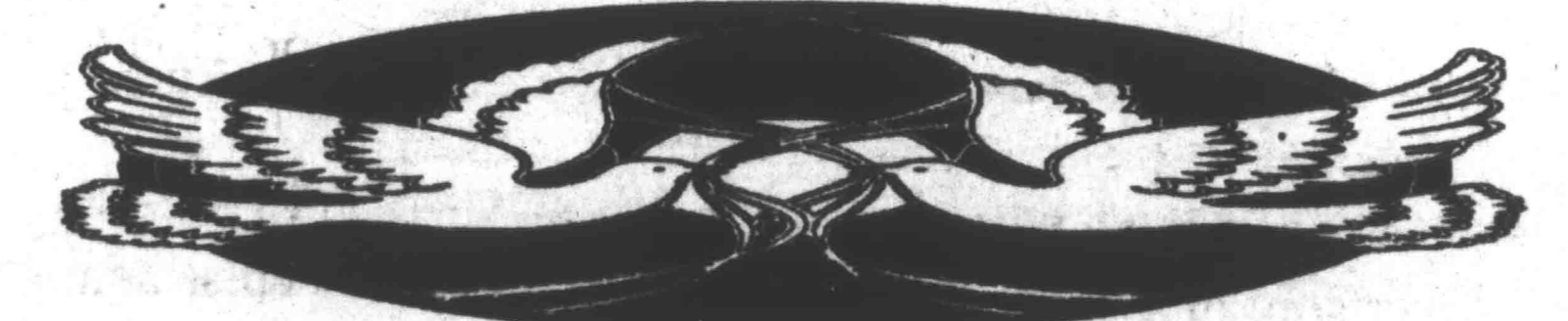
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CLASSES SCHEDULED

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has scheduled classes for 11 a.m. February 8th and 26th at its center to learn how to navigate your healthcare system and at 2 p.m. February 8th and 22nd at Ripley Housing Authority to walk one or two miles for exercise.

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



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.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, 279 Mary's Chapel Rd., Ripley, will feature Family Matters at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings during the February sermon series, including "Paperback Romance", February 14th; "These Kids Are Driving Me Crazy", February 21st; and "My Dad's Not Dumb and My Mom's Not Crazy", February 28th. Wednesday night services at 6:30 p.m. will feature similar topics. Child care is provided and the nursery will be open. For more information, call the church, 635-9330. Dennis Wilder, pastor, invites the public.

The United Methodist Men of Halls First United Methodist Church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., Halls, will hold a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, February 13th with all proceeds to benefit the Haitian earthquake relief effort. Carry outs will be available. To pre-order tickets, call the church office, 836-9332.

Faith United Methodist Church, near Henning, is a host site for the Angel Food Ministries. Orders must be submitted by February 13th. Anyone is invited to participate. For more information, call 738-0085.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, 1309 Walnut Grove Rd., near Ripley, will hold a Valentine's Day dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Febru-

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Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!!! Two-leggers can really have fun when they want to. Miss Pam and I are out at the Club. It took us a long time to get out here because Miss Pam says that when there is snow, two-leggers need to drive slow. So when we finally got to the Club, Mr. Buddy, Mr. Greg, Scooter and some of my Buds were all out playing in the snow. I jumped out of the truck and went out to see everybody. Sheba, the white German shepherd, Shelly, the border collie; Boots, the border collie; King, the black and tan German shepherd; and Lady, the shepherd/husky mix (that has been spayed), were all out playing. I ran and jumped with my Buds until I heard one of the two-leggers yell - Snowball fight. Then all of the two-leggers started throwing snowballs at each other. They were all laughing and playing in the snow. I was glad to see that two-leggers can have so much fun. Well, the fun didn't last too long. The two-leggers started throwing snow balls at us. Azhia, the husky, came out to play with us. She said that huskies like the snow. She was jumping up in the air to try and catch the snow balls. I just stopped and watched her. Then Scooter came closer to me and he hit me with a snowball. Now last year, Miss Pam hit me with a snowball, but it didn't hurt but when Scooter throws a snowball it hurts. So I ran over to Miss Pam and got behind her so he could not hit me again. Miss Pam fussed at Scooter and he came around and told me that he was sorry and then he laughed. Well, my paws were cold so I headed back to the office.

When I got into the office, I got right up next the heater and I decided that it was time for a nap. I just stayed on the blanket on the floor by the heater because I knew that Scooter would be inside in a little while and he would get in my chair.

After a short nap, all of the two-leggers came back into the office. Mr. Greg told me that Molly went to go live with Janet Ray. Robert Tims came out to the Club and took home Peanut. Susan Ward, Allyson Gitchell, Anna Keel and Shameeka Henning all came out to the Club and found new best friends to take home. Where were all of you two-leggers this week that bring food for my Buds. Mr. Buddy said that ya'll were all too worried about the snow and forgot about my Buds needing food.

So send your two-legger out to the Club with my Buds some food. We always need food because my Buds stay hungry all the time. If you don't want to come out to the Club with your food donation, just drop it off at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon and she will call us and then we will pick it up. Come out and 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).

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

Make sure that your outside four-leggers has good shelter and fresh water and food in this cold snowy weather so that they will be okay.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks that you are. When Scooter told me that he was sorry for the snowball that hurt - I didn't believe him. I think that he thought about us always wanting the same chair.

Zeek Out !!!!!

Earthquake Week Slated For State

Officials with the State of Tennessee and Lauderdale County Emergency Management has declared February 8th through 12th as Earthquake Awareness Week.

Scientists say we are long overdue for a major earthquake. Citizens should prepare for an emergency situation by keeping about a week's worth of supplies in both your home and your car. Ideally, your workplace is prepared as well, but have supplies there, just in case. The American Red Cross suggests these supplies, first-aid kit and important medications, canned food and can opener (include food for pets), at least three gallons of water for every person in the house, protective clothing, including rain gear, and sturdy shoes by the bed, bedding or sleeping bags, fire extinguisher, flashlight, radio and extra batteries, instructions, tools for turning off gas, electricity and water, in the house, secure all heavy objects that can fall, brace water heaters to prevent gas leaks, strap and firmly anchor heaters to the wall, install automatic gas shut-off valves or keep a wrench handy to shut off valves manually, windows made from safety glass or covered with a multi-layered Mylar film are less likely to shatter, secure kitchen cabinets with child-proof, hook or eye latches to keep them from flying open, secure large appliances, such as TVs, stereos and computers to tabletops with safety straps or buckles, test the batteries of all smoke alarms, move bookshelves to safer locations and heavy objects to lower shelves, talk to your children about what to do in the event of an earthquake, find and know your home's safe spots, typically under sturdy desks and tables, if you are in a building when the shaking begins, get under a desk or interior doorway, if you are outdoors, stay there, but move away from tall buildings, do not call 911 unless you have a serious medical emergency, keep cribs away from windows and bookcases. Install pads in cribs, show children what's safe if a quake hits, use tables for "Duck and Cover" drills, update children's emergency cards, keep in mind alternate cooking sources such as barbecues, make a family plan, designate someone out of state as a contact person, local telephone lines are often down longer than long-distance lines, decide where to meet if you are separated, and use a flashlight at night, never use

candles, which can be knocked over by an aftershock.

An earthquake survival kit should include, water-2 quarts to 1 gallon per person, per day, first aid kit and manual, food-canned or individually packaged, precooked, requiring minimum heat and water. Consider infants, pets, and other special dietary requirements. Critical medication, extra eyeglasses, Can opener, Blankets, Radio-portable battery operated, spare batteries, Critical medication and eyeglasses, contact cases and supplies, fire extinguisher-dry chemical, type ABC, flashlight-spare batteries and bulbs, watch or clock-battery or spring wound, barbeque-use outdoors only- charcoal and lighter, or sterno stove, plastic bags-various sizes, sealable, pots-at least two, paper plates, plastic utensils, and paper towels, large plastic trash bags-for trash, waste, water protection, ground cloth, large trash cans, hand soap, liquid detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, feminine supplies, infant supplies, toilet paper, powdered chlorinated lime-to add to sewage to disinfect and keep away insects, newspapers-to wrap waste, garbage; may also be used for warmth, heavy shoes for every family member, heavy gloves for every person cleaning debris, candles, matches-dipped in wax and kept in waterproof container, knife-sharp, or razor blades, garden hose-for siphoning and fire fighting, clothes-complete change kept dry, axe, shovel, broom, crescent wrench-for turning off gas main, screwdrivers, pliers, hammer, rope or bailing wire, plastic tape, pen and paper, mini survival kit for automobile, non-perishable food-store in coffee cans, boiled water, first aid kit and manual, fire extinguisher, blanket, sealable plastic bags, flashlight-spare fresh batteries and bulb, critical medication, extra eyeglasses, tools-screwdriver, pliers, wire, knife, short rubber hose, pre-moistened towelettes, feminine supplies, sturdy shoes and gloves.

Your emergency supplies should be adequate for at least 72 hours (3 days).

A 10-day supply of water, food, and medicine is recommended.

Many of us never think we will see an earthquake in our lifetime. In 2002, the U.S. Geological Survey released new earthquake possibilities for the New Madrid Seismic Zone. For a magnitude 6.0 - 7.5 or greater earthquake, there is now estimated to be 25 - 40% chance in 50 years.

When you feel an earthquake, DROP under a desk or sturdy table. Stay away from windows, bookcases, file cabinets, heavy mirrors, hanging plants, and other objects that could fall. Watch out for falling plaster or ceiling tiles.

Stay under COVER until the shaking stops.

HOLD onto the desk or table. If it moves, move with it.

After the earthquake has stopped, it is important to remember these safety tips.

There could be aftershocks. Be prepared.

If it is safe where you are, your best bet is to stay put. Do not go outside unless you think the building you are in is unsafe.

If you smell or hear leaking gas, open your windows and get everyone out of the building immediately. The same applies to the smell of smoke.

If you think there may be a gas leak, do not switch electric lights on or off. If you need light, use a flashlight.

Use a fire extinguisher to put out small fires. Do not use water on electrical or gas fires. If you cannot put out the fire quickly, get everyone out of the building.

Inspect your home's foundation, walls, and chimney. Look and listen for signs of collapse.

Stay OFF the telephone. The police and fire know about the earthquake. They will respond to the most serious problems first.

Stay off your cell phone, unless reporting a life threatening injury. Unnecessary phone calls to friends and relatives will jam the phone system, which could keep emergency calls from getting through.

It is best to stay off the roads until the shaking has stopped.

Turn off any appliance that was on when the earthquake hit and check for damage.

Check your water heater. If it fell over during the earthquake, it may have broken gas, electric or water lines.

If your utilities are damaged, turn them off. If you turn off your gas, do not turn it back on yourself. A professional should do this.

If your neighborhood has suffered damage, try to store water for later use. Fill your bathtub or other large containers.

Plan on sterilizing any water that is not bottled. You can sterilize water by boiling it for five minutes.

If you must leave your home or work, leave a note on the front door to tell family or emergency personnel where you have gone.

TRASH TALK

By
Pamela Cherry-Kerby



There are a handful of known concerned citizens in Lauderdale County who are volunteering their time to tackle the massive litter/illegal dumping in our county. There are also those concerned citizens whom we do not know, but are giving their time and efforts to chase the problems. Both groups are commended for their efforts and genuine care. WE NEED MORE!! It is pretty obvious why certain citizens and community officials continue to chase litter and battle illegal dumpsites: there are too many slobos out there who not only don't care about the environment, but who are really saying they don't care about their fellow citizens when they dump their garbage along the roads, in waterways, parks, ballparks, and any place for public enjoyment. There is no sense of obligation and pride. As we can all see, the eyesores are truly ubiquitous in our area: beer cans, cola cans, water bottles, fast food trash, lottery tickets, filthy diapers, gas tanks, tires, sofas, and yes, even animals: Our county is plagued with trash!

Many people are calling and asking, "Where are the recyclable receptacles and will they return? The answer is uncertain. The reason they have been removed is there are many, many things being disposed of that is not classified as recyclable. Nick Wright, of Wright's Auto Parts and Metals, says, "There are things in there such as filthy diapers and other nasty stuff that my workers don't want to touch and go through." With this, it tremendously affects the recycling process, and at this time, to the point where the collection bins have been taken away. How sad for our county. Just as the saying

goes, "One bad apple spoils the whole bunch," this is applicable regarding our beginning recycling efforts. We do not have the resources afforded to larger towns and cities, but this was a "step in the right direction." I don't know what the answer is, or even if there is an answer that will work for us, buy we will continue putting forth efforts to make a difference. Littering and dumping are already illegal. I do know that as long as people insist on treating our community and environment with such disregard, the trash problem will persist.

In the meantime, a BIG THANK YOU to the folks in the county who contribute in collecting what is deposited thoughtlessly and illegally. The volunteers are the only people standing in the way of our community turning into and even uglier landfill.

To report littering and illegal dumping, please call 1-877-8LITTER.

To make a difference in your community, please contact Pamela Cherry-Kerby at 836-0637 or County Mayor Rod Schuh's office at 635-3500.

Divorces

Andrew Raines Beasley vs. Vanessa Kay Beasley.

Regina Renee Toomes Pickens vs. Courtney Sherrill Pickens.

Carol Sadler Woodley vs. William Neely Woodley.

Sondra Elise Crowder vs. Jeffrey Allen Crowder.

Angela Levern Evans Bonds vs. David Odell Bonds.

Shelia Bryant vs. Darrell A. Bryant.

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Masquerade Ball Held



STUDENTS at Halls High School held their first masquerade

Land Transfers

Jan. 24th - Jan. 30th

Willisteen Clark to David Calvin Wehrer, Dist. 2, lot.

Jerome Williams and Sons, Inc., and Williams Jerome and Sons, Inc., to Dana R. Freeman, Dist. 6, 130.0 acres.

Jerry B. Hughes to Hurt Seed Company, Inc., Dist. 15, 31.6596 acres.

Kelly Gene Ray, Donna Jo Smith, and Janice L. McCloud to Karen Lynn Simpson, Dist. 7, 16.5 acres.

Bobby Hines, Debra S. Hines, and Debra S. Hammond to Robert A. Latham, Jr., Dist. 12, lot.

Lois Brantley Gamble to Danny Terry and Tori Terry, Dist. 17, 3 tracts.

Jerry B. Hughes and Cathy L. Hughes to International Word of Faith Family Worship Center, Dist. 17, lot.

ball, "Unmask The Night", January 23rd inside the newly built Agricultural Learning Center, a facility erected last year to house livestock as well as a banquet hall. Students danced in their colorful masks as they awaited the revealing of the senior class Who's Who. Winners included Miss HHS, Jessie Ellison; Mr. HHS, Hollis Belton; Best Personality, Jessie Ellison and Grant Dew; Best Eyes, Jacob Clark and Ashley Land; Most Dependable, Emily Winters and Chris Cessac; Most Artistic, Jeff Lents and Tabettha Carnell; Class Clown, Sara Ammons and Albert Nelson; Most School Spirited, Shamina Wells and Kenya Brown; Most Likely to Succeed, Clarissa Stark and Mickey Cherry; Friendliest, Leslie Patrick and Javion Stenson; Class Flirt, Tim Fitzhugh and Erica Claybrooks; and Most Athletic, Megan McBroom and Qaylon Smith. Members of the student council hosted the event with Brittany Ward and Casey Crockett serving as committee co-chairs.

Indictments xxx

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Jesse Starks, theft of property less than \$500 (3 counts).

Tonya Wilson, theft of property less than \$500 (3 counts).

Kendall Norfolk, possession of schedule I (methylenedioxymethamphetamine) with intent to sell; possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to sell greater than 0.5 grams; possession schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to sell greater than 1/2 oz.; possession of firearm during commission of dangerous felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Richard Wade Mosley, initiation of process to manufacture methamphetamine, and promotion of methamphetamine manufacture.

Kevin Mosier, theft of property less than \$500.

Jesse Starks, theft of property less than \$500.

Tonya Wilson, theft of property less than \$500.

Eric Pike, initiation to process manufacture methamphetamine; promotion of methamphetamine; promotion of methamphetamine; possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gregory Prater, DUI (felony); prior DUI; driving while license revoked for DUI; DRL; implied consent; resisting arrest; and violation of financial responsibility law.

Rosie Price, violation of compulsory attendance law.

Thomas Jacob Price, possession of a firearm by convicted felon; theft of property (\$500-\$1,000); simple possession of schedule II (cocaine); possession drug paraphernalia; and simple possession schedule VI (marijuana).

Dominique Reid, aggravated burglary; robbery; violence; and assault: bodily injury (2 counts).

Kurita Smith, aggravated burglary; robbery; violence;

and assault: bodily injury (2 counts).

Joshua K. Stewart, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Jeremy Taliaferro, failure to appear (felony).

Shelby Tarver, DUI; vehicular assault (2 counts).

Jeculvie Theus, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1.2 oz.; and possession drug paraphernalia.

Danny O. Thompson, felony failure to appear.

Arthur Toomes, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams and possession drug paraphernalia.

Rhonda Toomes, possession schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams and possession drug paraphernalia.

Christopher Tucker, initiation to manufacture methamphetamine and promotion of methamphetamine manufacture.

Carmen Vanness, DUI (child endangerment); DUI per se; filing a false report to law enforcement and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Angela White, deliver schedule II (cocaine) greater than 0.5 grams; deliver schedule VI (marijuana) greater than 1/2 oz.; introduction of a controlled substance into penal institution; and contraband in penal institution.

Brad Williams, initiation of process intended to manufacture methamphetamine; promotion of methamphetamine manufacture; simple possession of schedule III (testosterone); simple possession schedule VI (marijuana); and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tonya Wilson, theft of property (\$500-\$1,000).

Joshua Lee Wood, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Kelly Wright, burglary; building; theft of property

Voices Of West TN Essay Contest Held

The 2010 Voices of West Tennessee Essay Contest, sponsored by Dyersburg State Community College and partially funded by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is accepting entries for the annual essay competition.

Winners will be selected from five categories: grade school, middle school, high school, college and adult. These winners will be given a book for third place, a fifty dollar savings bond for second place, and a \$100 savings bond for first place.

All entries must be submitted by February 12th. For more information, contact Dr. William Northcutt (northcutt@dsc.edu) or Cindy Williams (cwilliams@dsc.edu).

Anniversaries

Feb. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Finley Green.

Feb. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. James Fincher.

Feb. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hayles.

Feb. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Myracle.

Feb. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tims.

Feb. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Greg McBroom.

(\$500-\$1,000).

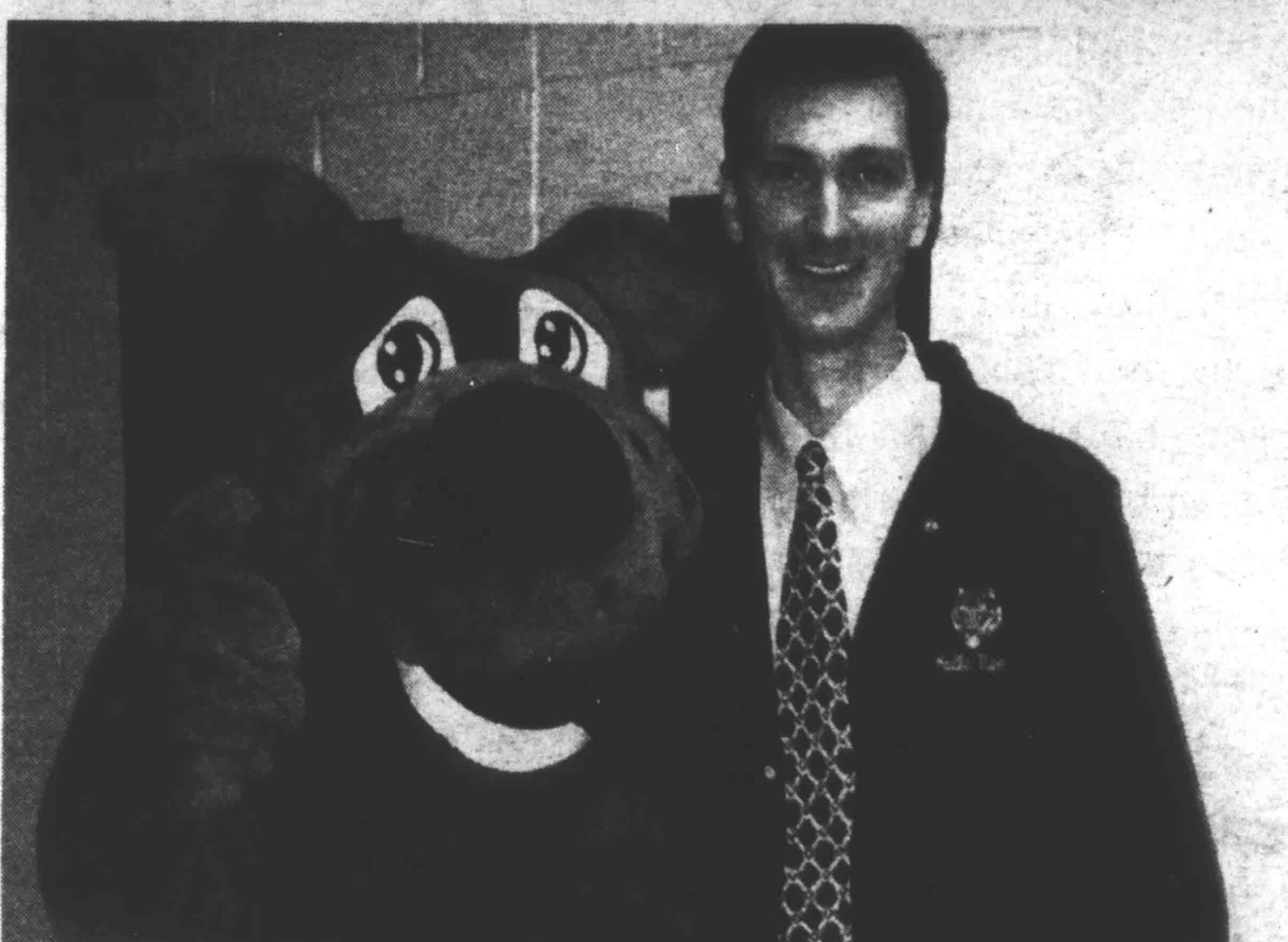
Octavus Wynn, failure to timely report as sex offender (2 counts).

Brandy J. Young, possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams.

Joseph Young, aggravated burglary; attempted theft (\$1,000-\$10,000); criminal impersonation; and felony failure to appear.

Christopher J. Younger, theft of property (\$1,000-\$10,000).

Surprise Visitor

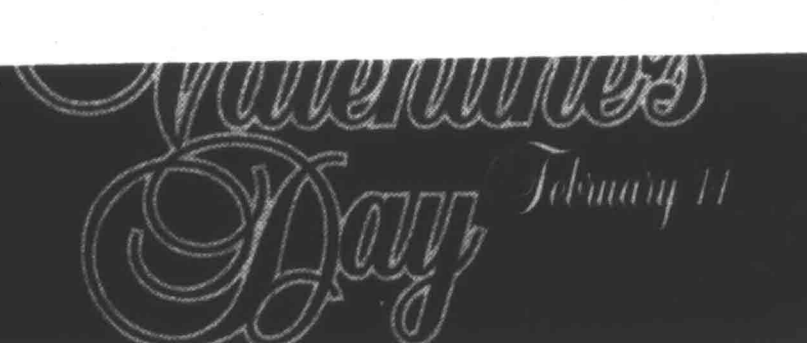


SCOOBY DOO made a surprise visit January 15th to the pe-kindergarten classroom of Mrs. Cindy Ream at Halls Elementary School to celebrate the fifth birthday of Grace Danehower. Scooby also visited with students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, Andy Campbell, assistant principal, and Donna Dabbs, curriculum coordinator. Scooby, also known as Katie Wyatt, UT Extension 4-H Agent, was assisted by Rachel Parker Howell, TSU Cooperative Extension Adult and Youth Agent.

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Candidate



CRAIG FITZHUGH, (D-Ripley) State Representative, issued a statement Monday announcing that he would seek reelection as State Representative for the 82nd District.

"After talking with my wonderful family, my friends and the great constituents of Crockett, Dyer and Lauderdale Counties, I am announcing today my desire to seek reelection as state representative of 82nd District.

"When my friend, John Tanner, announced his retirement from Congress, an interest in the position was immediately kindled in me. Since 1965, when I served as a page for our former Congressman Robert A. "Fats" Everett, I've always had a wish to follow in his footsteps. Encouraged by many, I pursued a look at the seat, even doing a bit of polling. With encouraging results, I became more interested.

"However, the more I considered running for Congress, the more I realized my passion for serving in the Tennessee House of Representatives. The Bible tells us that everything has its time. For me, this is not my time to run for the United States Congress.

"My commitment is to serve the citizens of Tennes-

Soil Conservation 2010 Candidates

The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors has announced candidates for the three positions, including Guy Bentley, Milton Drain, Vernon McBride III, Alice McCoy, Mary Olds and Rob Reviere. Those, whose terms expire March 31, 2010, include Vernon McBride III, Guy Bentley and Rob Reviere. Landowners holding legal title to lands within the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District are eligible to vote.

The election will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2010, at the following poll sites: Tipton Farmers Co-Op, Tennessee Tractor, Lauderdale Lumber, and the U.S.D.A. Service Center.

Persons with disabilities, who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.), should contact U.S.D.A.'s Target Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

see through my work as the State Representative from the 82nd District. It has been my honor to serve the people of this community and I would like to continue to have that honor.

"Our state budget situation is once again dire and I believe I can best serve my constituents by doing what I can to keep our state financially on solid footing.

"I want to thank all those who have shared with me their kind words of support and encouragement over these last few months. I intend to take your support and use it to do the best I can for the 82nd," said Fitzhugh.

2010 Summer Food Program

The Tennessee Department of Human Services contracts annually with a variety of local non-profit and government agencies to help prepare, deliver and serve free meals and snacks to low-income children during the summer vacation. Sites may include parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, schools, colleges, churches, camps and other accessible places.

For more information, contact David Farmer or Doug Hutchison, 615-313-4749, before March 17th.

Petitions Returned In Up-Coming Elections

Additional candidates who have picked up petitions for the May 4th primary include Ronnie Etheridge (I) for Trustee; Landis G. Garrison, Sr. (D) for County Sheriff; and Paula Lee Boger (D) and Kenny Stowe (I) for Register of Deeds.

Candidates who have returned their petitions include Trent McManus and Rod Schuh for County Mayor; Charletta Campbell and Judy Conrad for Trustee; Brian Kelly and Steve Sanders, Sheriff; Linda Summar, County Clerk; Paula Boger, J. B. Haynes, Jimmy Johnston, and Gary Wilson for Register of Deeds.

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

Additional candidates, who have picked up petitions for the August 5th election include, Garey Woodard, County Commissioner, District 5; and

Listening Tour



SEN. ROY HERRON, a Congressional candidate for the 8th District, launched a Jobs Listening Tour Monday with visits to Lauderdale and Haywood counties, two West Tennessee counties struggling with unemployment above 18 percent. Despite the snow, Herron held listening meetings to discuss job creation at 8 a.m. at the UT-Martin Ripley Center in Ripley and at 10 a.m. at the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce in Brownsville. He is pictured speaking with Michelle Smith and City of Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic.

Herron met with community leaders, business owners, and students to hear their ideas on ways to save existing jobs and create new jobs for rural communities. He also met with several people looking for jobs in both places.

"Families and business owners all across the 8th District are hurting," Herron said. "It's time Washington focused on jobs instead of bailing out Wall Street. In Congress, my top three priorities will be jobs, jobs and jobs."

A fiscal conservative, Herron has voted to balance state budgets and said he knows how to make the tough cuts needed to keep our country on track.

Herron stated he is proud to have supported policies that make Tennessee one of the top business-friendly states in the country; including legislation he sponsored to help employers train workers to meet new industry needs.

In addition, Herron fought for the West Tennessee Megasite that will bring 21st century jobs and industry to rural West Tennessee. He also advocated for the Hemlock Semiconductor plant in Clarksville and the Northwest Tennessee Port and Industrial Park in Lake County. Together, these new facilities are expected to create thousands of jobs.

Lauderdale County has the highest unemployment rate in the state at 18.9 percent, according to December 2009 estimates released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. At 18.5 percent, Haywood County ranks fourth among Tennessee counties in terms of joblessness.

In the coming weeks, Herron's jobs tour will include listening meetings in all of the district's 19 counties.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Lawrence

Jennifer Wren Lawrence, 35, of Arlington, died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Grace Cemetery.

Survivors include her grandmother, Jenny Vaughan, of Ripley; her parents, Brad and Betsy Parrish, of Arlington; and a step-brother, Shaun Parrish, of New Orleans, La.

Charles Wood

Charles William Wood, 76, of Ripley, died Monday, February 8th at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Asbury United Methodist Church, with burial in its cemetery. Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was retired from Navistar.

Survivors include his wife for 57 years, Rose Marie Hamil Wood; four sons, Mitch and Scott, of Ripley, Mike, of Cold Creek, and David, of Atoka; a sister, Peggy Brown, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Willie L. Young

Willie L. Young, 68, of Ripley, died Friday, in her home.

Rites will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Nelson Chapel Baptist Church in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Wright, of Ripley; sons, Gwinn Ludell Young, of Detroit, Mich., Melvin Cunningham, of Covington, and Larry Cunningham, of Pennsylvania; brothers, Willie Cunningham, of Gates, and Charles Cunningham, of Jackson, Mich.; sisters, Dorothy Ingram and Ella Norfolk, of Ripley, and Deborah Cunningham, of Brownsville; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Everett Canada

Everett D. Canada, 64, of 321 Sharp, Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Methodist Hospital in Germantown.

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

He was born in Dyersburg, Aug. 30, 1945.

Survivors include his mother, Dona Canada, of Halls, widow of Everett T. Canada, and a brother, Thomas E. Canada, of Dyersburg.

Faith Medford

Faith Alena Medford, daughter of Timothy and Amy Carroll Medford, of 160 Parchman Rd., Ripley, was stillborn Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

Survivors include grandparents, Don and Agnes Medford, of 325 Burke Drive, Ripley, and Johnny and Shirley Carroll, of 734 Parchman Rd., Ripley; and brothers, Lance Medford and Brett Binkley, and sisters, Jordan Medford and Afton Binkley, all of Ripley.

Quinton Riley

Quinton Eugene Riley, 63, of Dyersburg, father of Mechelle (Mrs. Rodney) Blakley, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

A truck driver, he attended Finley Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Shawn, of California; another daughter, Kim (Mrs. Daniel) Gilbert, of Dyersburg; a brother, Ernest Lloyd Riley, of Murray, Ky.; sisters, Mary Jane Riley, of Newbern, and Emma Jean Franks, of Murray; and seven grandchildren.

Algie Shipley

Algie Mat Shipley, 82, of Dyersburg, a retired employee of 47 years at Dyersburg Fabrics, died Thursday, February 4th, at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 6th, at Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

He was a member of McCullough's Chapel Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Mildred Shipley, a son, Kenneth Shipley, and sister, Mary Tinkle, all of Dyersburg; two other sons, Dennis Shipley, of Germantown, and Jeffery Shipley, of Covington; daughters, Deborah Joan Criswell and Angela Smith, all of Ripley; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Virgie Spann

Virgie Spann, 94, sister of John Gillon, of Gates, and Waylon Gillon, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in the Crockett County Nursing Home.

Rites were Sunday in the Chestnut Bluff Church of Christ, with burial in the Friendship Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include sons, Bob, of Nashville, and Jerry, of Alamo; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Daughters, Deborah Joan Criswell and Angela Smith, all of Ripley; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly February 22nd through 26th with five different speakers each night. The theme is...And Five Young Men Came Preaching. Two different choirs will provide spiritual selections each night. Brandon Blake, of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis, will deliver the message Monday; Len Williamson, St. Andrew A.M.E., Memphis, Tuesday; The Rev. Aaron Letcher, New Sardis Baptist Church, Memphis, Wednesday; Elder Jason Mitchell, Liberty Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Thursday; and The Rev. Vincent Joplin, St. Andrew A.M.E., Friday. The Rev. Dr. B. Charles Joplin, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Immanuel Episcopal Church will hold its annual pancake supper for Mardi Gras from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 16th and the Lenten service, Ash Wednesday, at 5 p.m. February 17th. Lenten studies will be held on Wednesdays beginning February 24th through March 10th. The public is invited.

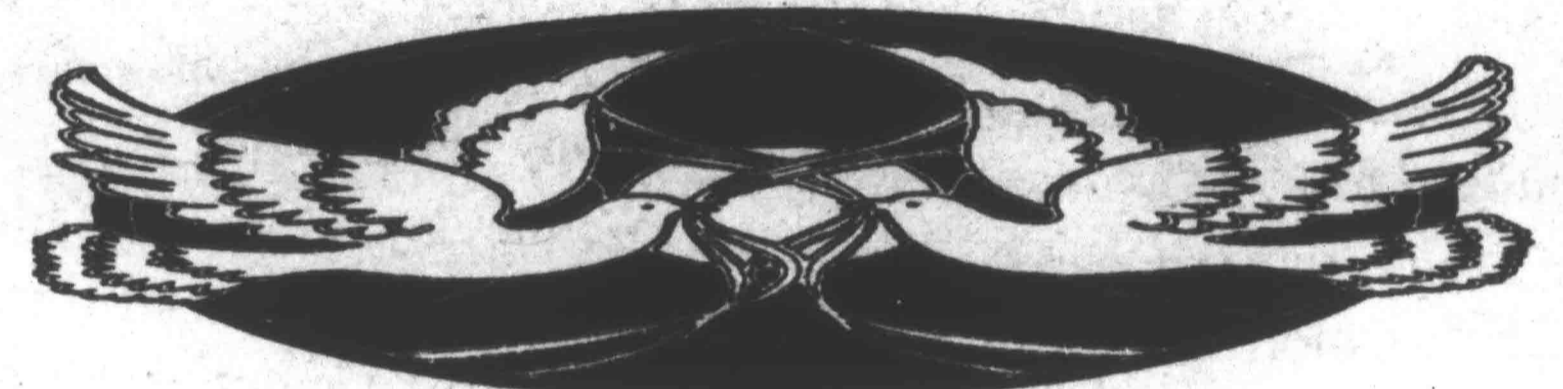
The Needhams will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, February 14th at Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., near Henning. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call 901-482-0160.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Halls Northside Advisory Board will present a gospel choir concert at 6 p.m. February 20th at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 208 St. George Ave., Dyersburg. The public is invited. For more information, call Jerry Rogers, 731-836-5825.

The Barnetts will be in concert at Grace Baptist Church, 3819 Edith Nankipoo Rd., at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 27th. A love offering will be taken and proceeds will be matched by the Modern Woodmen of America to benefit Central Park. For more information, call Dwight Shoemaker, 612-0750. The public is invited.

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

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



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.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, 279 Mary's Chapel Rd., Ripley, will feature Family Matters at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings during the February sermon series, including "Paperback Romance", February 14th; "These Kids Are Driving Me Crazy", February 21st; and "My Dad's Not Dumb and My Mom's Not Crazy", February 28th. Wednesday night services at 6:30 p.m. will feature similar topics. Child care is provided and the nursery will be open. For more information, call the church, 635-9330. Dennis Wilder, pastor, invites the public.

The United Methodist Men of Halls First United Methodist Church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., Halls, will hold a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, February 13th with all proceeds to benefit the Haitian earthquake relief effort. Carry outs will be available. To pre-order tickets, call the church office, 836-9332.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, 1309 Walnut Grove Rd., near Ripley, will hold a Valentine's Day dinner, weather permitting, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. February 13th. Spaghetti plates will be available for dine-in or take-out. Donations will be taken to benefit the youth members trip to camp this year. The public is invited.

Elam Baptist Church and the Women of Purpose will present "Just The Two Of Us", a Valentine's Day banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, February 13th at the National Guard Armory in Ripley. The church hosts B.A.S.I.S., an exercise program, at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information or for tickets to the banquet, contact Deborah Halliburton, 635-3587.

The International Word of Faith, Mary's Chapel Baptist Church and Ripley's First Assembly of God will hold a free soup and chili kitchen mission program from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, February 13th at Crossroads Project, in the old Walker building, 110 N. Jefferson. The public is invited.

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 222 Scott Dr., Ripley,

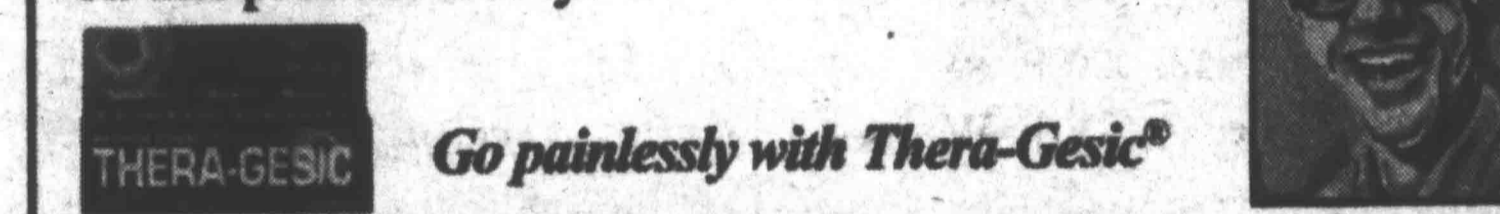
Service Grant Presented



JONI COOK, second from right, director, Jannette Payton, second from left, activities director, and Beth Cunningham, left, administrative assistant, at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, met February 3rd with Katie Wyatt, right, 4-H youth development agent for Lauderdale County, to discuss the details for the 4-H "Seasons of Service" grant, which was awarded to Katie. The grant provides for a day camp experience for the 4-H members of Lauderdale County to experience the satisfaction of giving back to their community. The 4-H club members will partner with the This 'N' That Gardening participants at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging to team up to improve the grounds at the Center. They met to plan a three-day day camp, scheduled for July 20th through 22nd. For more information, call 836-5444 or 635-3101.

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Black History Month Celebrations Scheduled

Dyersburg State Community College has scheduled several programs to celebrate Black History beginning at 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 15th, in Room N160 at DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington with the 1936 film, "The Green Pastures". The film depicts stories from the Bible as visualized by African American characters. The original Broadway stage production won the 1930 Pulitzer Prize for drama.

Tuesday, February 16th, at 12:45 p.m. in Room N145 at DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington with speaker, John Sullivan of the Nubian Theater Company in Memphis. The only folkloric musical theatre company in the region.

Wednesday, February 24th, at 11 a.m. at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center at DSCC in Dyersburg for music with Datis Cobb and Gavontai McDonald.

Thursday, February 25th, at 11 a.m. at DSCC in Trenton, with speaker, Mrs. Beverly Johnson, of the Alex Haley Museum. The museum is the boyhood home of Pulitzer Prize winner, Alex Haley, author of Roots.

Thursday, March 4th, at 7 p.m. at the campus activities building at DSCC in Dyersburg, "Ain't I a Woman!", core ensemble.

Sunday, March 7th, at 2:30 p.m. at DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington for an annual gospel extravaganza featuring area church choirs.

For more information, call 731-286-3200.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Girl Scouts Hearts of the South provides leadership development programming to over 10,000 girls and are preparing to sale their cookies. Anyone who would like to allow a troop to set up in your high traffic retail location may call Natalie Wilson, 731-668-1122, or email natalie.wilson@girlscoutshs.org.

Pianist Honored



MRS. DORIS MOORE, pianist for Halls' First Baptist Church, was honored Sunday, January 31st in the church's Family Life Center with a reception recognizing her 60 plus years of faithful service. "Miss Doris", as she is affectionately called by many, has accompanied her own brand of heartfelt music and intuitive accompaniment for longer than she can recall. In fact, she is the church's longest continuous member. She has shared the office of imparting worshipful music throughout the years with Mrs. Wymond (Pat) Hurt, Mrs. Marvin (Jean) Hansford, and Mrs. Donald (Patti) Hogue.

The hospitality committee of the church decorated with white lights and magnolia-swathed archway which welcomed guests, who were given the opportunity to speak with and express their gratitude to Mrs. Moore while Bill Kelly shared his own special musical talent. The tables were set with black and white toile cloths and hurricane lanterns over white candles, each presided over by a tiny red bird perched on the lip of each lantern. Committee and other church members prepared dips, ham wraps, meatballs, finger sandwiches, chips, a variety of fruits surrounding a fountain flowing with milk chocolate, punch, and an assortment of desserts.

David Jennings, on behalf of Mayor Eugene Pugh and the board of aldermen, read a proclamation outlining Mrs. Moore's outstanding service.

The music committee presented her with an engraved photo collage of the evening.

The Rev. Jeremy Byrd, on behalf of the church family, presented her with a framed work of art illustrating the words and meaning of Joshua 24:15.

Mrs. Moore and her husband, Charles, greeted many friends. John Snead and his wife, Rose, traveled from Troy, for the event. Mr. Snead served as music minister at First Baptist Church years ago and reminisced with Mrs. Moore about special memories of working together.

Zumba Gold Party Held



PARTICIPANTS, of Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, including, in front, from left, Regina Stutts, Gertrude Jones, Rosie Lemons, Jannette Payton, Elisa Townsend, Zumba instructor, Joni Cook, Olivia Norman, and Beaton Matthews; and, in rear, from left, Leora Abernathy, Laquinta Stanley, Patricia Stanley, Linda Sautter, and Helen Sondergeroth; plus, not pictured, Beth Cunningham, attended the Zumba Gold party, hosted by Elisa Townsend at the McWherter Senior Center in Memphis, January 21st. The Zumba Gold Fitness program is an innovative program designed for the active, older adult, the true beginner, and/or people who are not used to exercising, or people who may be limited physically. Doctors and nutritionists advise us to stay active, eat healthy, and think positively. A way to follow their advice is by taking Zumba dance classes which help us in all three areas. The program improves balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength and was designed to teach the basic dance steps to anyone, even those requiring chairs or wheel chairs. It provides an appropriate workout for the sedentary population.

LCCOA Attends Training



JONI COOK, right, director of Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, and Rosie Lemons, left, volunteer of Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, attended the workshop of Zumba Gold in Olive Branch, Miss., Saturday, February 6th. After receiving training by Maria Browning, center,

4-H Public Speaking Contest



PARTICIPANTS in the annual 4-H Public Speaking contest, held Thursday, January 28th at Halls Elementary School, included, in upper photo, fifth grade contestants, Victoria Cain, Drakan Blackstock, Dominique Toomes 6th grade winner, Ben Click, Olivia Woodall, Lucy Despain, KeAshia Harrel, Kayla Brogden, Jenna Moore and Jose Flores, and in rear, Amber Cobb, Alex Hutcherson, Jordan Eno, Shelby Orchard, Siquan Robinson, Ty Spoon, Tonysha Smith, Dahtijah Jelks, Bailey York, Shelby Morris, and Caylyn Goode. They are pictured with Katie Wyatt, 4-H Youth Development Agent, and Rachel Greer, representative from the Bank of Ripley, which sponsored the event. In middle photo, fourth grade contestants, in front, from left, Hanna Sprague, Caitlynn Curtis, Aliyah Lee, Chase

Walden, Alex Tippett, Rachella Lee, and Taya Barton, and in rear, Logan Hurt, Lacey Tips, Tabor Hurt, Britney Harris, Hanna Hicks, Javari Davis, Alexia Jenkins, Joe-carvius Washington, Zaylee Brown, and Kentravion Garrison. Fourth grade winner was Alex Tippett, a student at Ripley Elementary School, and Tabor Hurt, runner-up, a student at Halls Elementary. The winner for the fifth and sixth grade included Ben Click, Halls Elementary, Alex Hutcherson, runner-up, HES, and Dominique Toomes, sixth grade, HES. In lower photo, the middle and high school winners included, from left, Kristal Henderson, 11th grade, home school; Andreus Fritz, 10th grade, home school; Theresa Fritz, 8th grade, home school; and Chad Lewis, 7th grade, Halls Junior High.

Staff Development Held



TEACHERS participating in Project L.E.A.D. attended a training session Monday, January 25th for a staff development on the Importance of Family. "Our emphasis at this time, was to give our L.E.A.D. teachers training in the area of 'parental involvement', as we strive for greater harmony between teachers and parents working together for the good of our children," said project director, Tommy Durham. Mrs. Kathy Burton, of the Memphis based organization, Tennessee Voices for Children, provided an informative workshop, which covered topics that included, "Parents and Teachers Talking Together," and "A Parent's Support System." Mrs. Burton agreed to continue to serve the goals and objectives of L.E.A.D. as a active partner resource.

Birthdays

Feb. 11 - Bubba Klutts, Nickie Langley, John Forrest Douglas, Norene Douglas, Ernie Ellis, Marc Alley, Betty Bernard, Lyndsay Erin Dotson, Louise Land, Dan Coughlan, Olivia Woodall, Nickie Langley, Joe Griffin, Jackson Sumrow Fullen, Brian McKee.
Feb. 12 - Bud Young, Paul Spoon, Mark Bryant, Shannon Williams, Mary Ellen Jones, Bill Prescott, Larry Shelby, Marley Elizabeth Trosper, Mickey Arwood Hamlin.
Feb. 13 - Jill Hawks Sullivan, Amy Edmundson, Janie Burris, Brenda Olds, Bunnie

Fullen, Mike Currie, Brenda Marshburn, Judson Vaden, Tammy Horner, Franklin Garner, Andrea Baynes, Rivers Nelson, Janice Grigsby, Anna Moffatt, Larry Cain, Eli Larson, Darrell Smothers, Venus Crowder.
Feb. 14 - Carolyn Bridges, Kamlin Williams, Ericka Allyson Williams, Betty Fowler, Michael Shane Olds, Kristen Carihfield, Monty McWilliams, Todd Burks, Jennifer Baker, Melissa Olds, Stacey Drumwright, Judy Swope, Lela Cleek.
Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myrna Ambrose, Adam Akin, Janet

Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglas, Marrison Simmons, Jimmy H. Jones, Ana Maria Summar, Lynda Butler, Frances Mueller, Robert Maxwell, Clay King, Beverly Sellers, Valeri Scott, Janet Grantland.
Feb. 16 - Carlos McLemore, Gail Shelton, Virginia Sapp, Michelle Williams, Lisa Marie Spray, Harold Perry, Jodie Ward, Jeremy Emerson, Brett Ammons, Pam Carmack, Blake Alford, Zanni Gooch, Rita Murley McClellan, Kendarius Stowe, Seth Douglas, Lisa Trobough, John Elder.
Feb. 17 - Dr. Wayne Dudeney, Diane Kiestler, Wade Mathis, Keith Smith, Larry Wright, Linda Thurmond, Ricky Criffield, Kay Hansford, Allison Renee Hurt, Angie Layne Briggs, Linda Jetton, Patricia Turner, Hailey Holcomb, Lindsey Moffatt, Brad Cain.

Marriages

January 30th - Raymond Pullen, Jr., 43, to Georgetta Ann Bohannon Braden, 39, by Dwight Shoemaker, Sr.
February 2nd - Clifton Ray Roberson, 27, to Latisha Marie Fallon Bell, 32, by Tracy Henson.
February 3rd - Steven Lee Ortega, 26, to Rachel Denise West, 24, by Tracy Henson.
February 4th - Victor Lee

4-H Students Compete



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County 4-H high school team, in upper photo, in front, from left, Samantha Scott, Stephanie Hutton, Nicole Narduzzie, and Morgan Twizdale, and in rear, coaches, Linda Detlefsen, Mindy Harrison, Lisa Calvert, and Jamie Haislip, finished ninth; the middle school team, in middle photo, in front, from left, Brooke Pierson, Gracie Carter, Autumn Adkins, and Hunter Haislip, finished seventh; and in lower photo, from left, Katherine Goforth, Tyler Conger, and Fallon Fogarty, finished 20th, in the horse bowl contest, held January 23rd at Alamo Junior High School.

Kees II, 39, to Dana Jo Moore Arwood, 39, to Barbara Ann Vaughn, 38, by Tracy Henson. Latham Prescott, 38, by Rod February 5th - Brian Keith Schuh.

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Westview Nips Halls, 68-66

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Hollis Belton led Halls scoring with 25 points, including six 3-pointers.

Qaylon Smith added 17, Emmit Henning 15, including a 3-pointer, Cory Walker 8, and Kenny Bishop 1.

Friday, Union City (18-9, 12-2 in Dist. 14-A) won the district crown with a 67-35 win from Halls.

UC won a coin toss to break any district tie with Humboldt (17-6, 11-2 in the district, with a district game with Trenton still to play), and lead Humboldt in district tournament seedings, with Lake County seeded third.

UC led Halls 31-19 at the half and opened the third period forcing four consecutive Tiger turn-overs, romping 17-4.

UC opened the final period with another spurt, 13-3.

A 61-26 tally invoked the 35-point mercy rule and ran the clock continuously until the 67-35 verdict.

Halls girls (2-16, 0-13 in Dist. 14-A) lost to Union City (9-18, 4-10 in the district), 55-22.

HONOR ROLL

Students named to honor roll at Bethel University in McKenzie, include Nikki Bivens, of Gates, and Ashley Roark and Sasha Roark, of Henning.

To qualify for the honor roll, a student must have completed 12 or more hours simultaneously of academic work with an average of 3.70 or above with no grade below a "C."

Petitions xxx

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Craig Fitzhugh (D), Tennessee House of Representative 82nd District.

Candidates who have returned petitions include, County Commissioner, Lynnwood Shoemaker and Andy Vaughan, Sr., District 2; Dennis King, District 3; Earl Bohannon, Rob Reviere, Dwight Shoemaker, Sr., and Terry Uselton, Sr., District 6; Raymond Edwards, District 7; and Don Fisher, District 8; and school board member, Eva Drain, District 1.

Candidates have until noon, April 1st to qualify; noon, April 8th to withdraw; and the last day to register to vote is July 7th. Early voting will begin July 16th through 31st.

The Lauderdale County mayor, trustee, sheriff, clerk, and register of deeds, and the circuit court clerk will also be on the ballot with different qualifying deadlines. Winners of the Democratic primary, to be held May 4th, will also be included on the ballot.

Wheatley.

Feb. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman "Sonny" Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jordan.

Feb. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. James Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coughlan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hayles, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smothers.

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Halpin, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rose, Mr. and Mrs. David Booker, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleek.

Feb. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horvath.

Feb. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Craig, Mr. and Mrs. David Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Davis.

Students Use Chopsticks



STUDENTS in the third grade at Halls Elementary School learned to rice using chopsticks last week and enjoyed reading their fortunes found in fortune cookies. Prior to the celebration of culture, students read the story, "How My Parents Learned To Eat".

American Red Cross Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross has scheduled a training session from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, February 13th, in Memphis and another in Fayette County in April. Training online is available at <http://www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer>, scroll down to Get Started Now.

For more information, call 901-726-1690 or email tewarin@midsouthredcross.org.

Assistance For More Medicare Benefits

Vicki Thompson, coordinator of Tennessee State Health Insurance Program for Shelby, Fayette, Tipton and Lauderdale, will be at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging March 18th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide free counseling and assistance to citizens of Lauderdale County that qualify for extra Medicare benefits. If you are on Medicare and have a monthly income of less than \$1,354 and financial resources of less than \$12,510 you could qualify for help paying your Medicare drug costs, such as premiums, co-pays and deductibles. Qualified persons will receive reduced premium

COLLEGE FAIR

In celebration of Black History Month, the Halls Northside Advisory Board will hold a HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) College Fair from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. February 25th at Halls High School cafeteria. The public is invited. For more information, call Jerry Rogers, 731-836-5825.

PAGEANT

The 3rd annual King and Queen of Diamonds pageant is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, February 27th, at Ripley High School for girls, ages 0-21 years, and boys, 0-3 years. The winner of the 16-21 year age group will receive a scholarship.

For more information, contact Demetra Carmack, 731-612-2411 or demetrac@bell-south.net.

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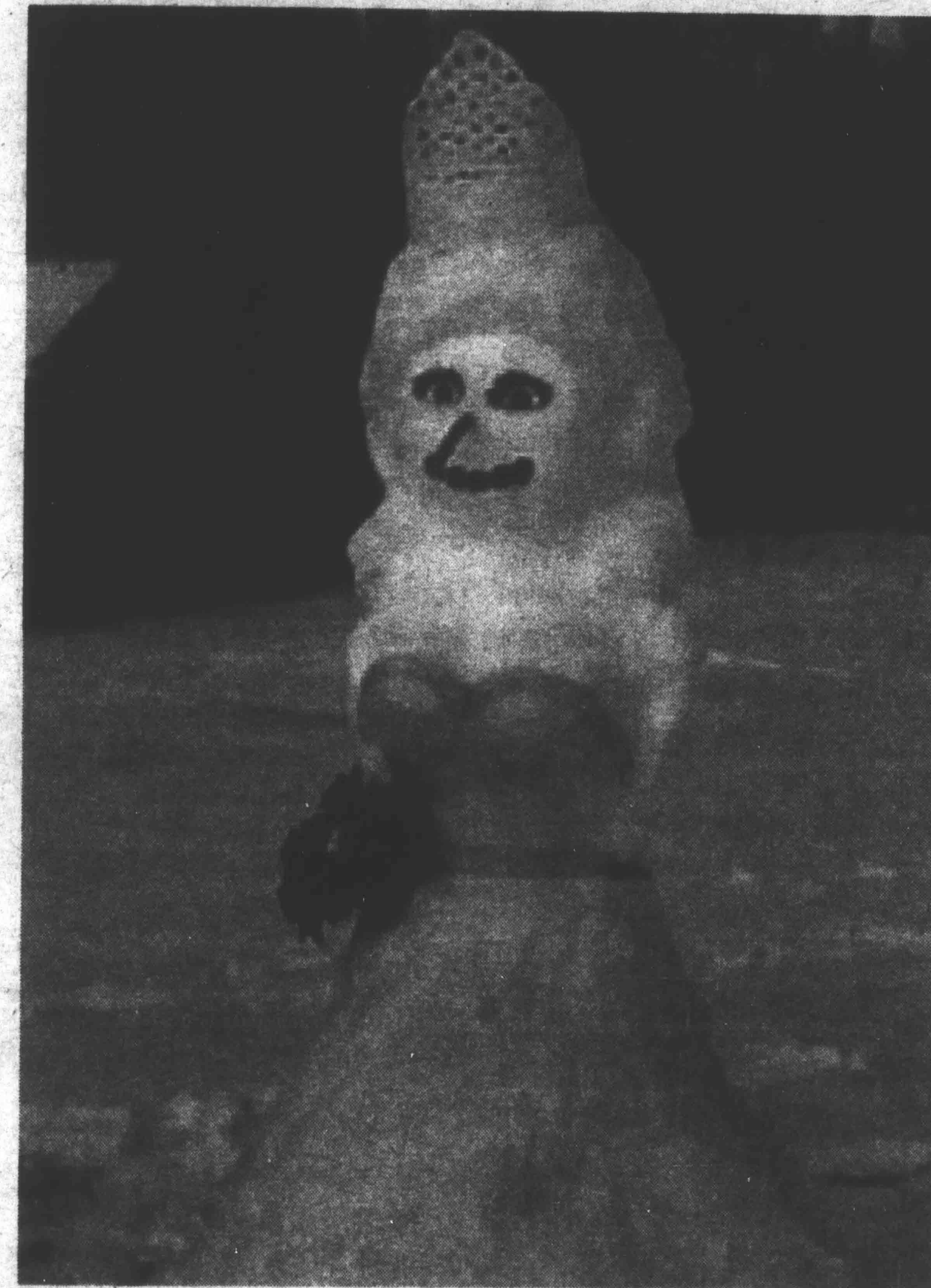
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Winner



EUGENE PUGH, JR., of Pugh Farms, Halls, was the winner in the Ridge Till Irrigated division of the 2009 National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) Corn Yield Contest in Tennessee. He won with Pioneer® brand hybrid 31D59, which yielded 215 bushels per acre and earned one of the 346 state titles won by growers planting Pioneer hybrids. The NCGA awarded 525 state titles in this year's contest. Growers planting Pioneer hybrids dominated the contest and won 66% percent of all state awards presented. In addition, growers planting Pioneer products took 17 of the 24 national yield categories. The NCGA Corn Yield Contest is an annual competition among corn producers with the goal of producing the highest yields.

Layne, of Halls, appeared in the county after last week's snow fall. The beach-themed, bikini-clad snow-woman is ready to frolic in the sun, with her beach towel, float, sunshades, flip flops and suntan lotion.

Native Sworn In



DAVID MILLS, center, Lauderdale County native, was sworn in last week as Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Correction. Mills formerly served as warden of the Morgan County Correctional Complex in Wartburg. His career began in 1975 at the former Fort Pillow Prison and Farm. Since that time, he has served in a number of leadership roles including warden at several institutions and regional administrator. Mills led the recent multi-million dollar expansion of the Morgan County Correctional Complex and the subsequent decommissioning of the Brushy Mountain prison. Mills is pictured with his wife, Sandra Harris-Mills, right, as he is being sworn in by Gayle Ray, left, TDOC Commissioner.

Shooting On Concord Rd.

Audra Perry, 21, of 2629 Concord Rd., Gates, was shot in the left arm by a 0.22 semi-automatic rifle Sunday at approximately 2 p.m. in the woods behind her home, according to Investigator Clay Newman. She was following her husband, Alex Perry, 23, while going down a hill, when she lost her footing and dropped the rifle she was carrying causing it to discharge.

Investigator Newman also stated that it is common for a semi-automatic weapon to fire upon impact if the safety is not on.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Scheduled

A meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, February 18th at the Curve Com-

Agency Schedules USDA Distribution

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by the Department of Human Services and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, will distribute commodities in Lauderdale County between the hours of 8 until 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 24th at the Ripley Senior Center, 149 Nelson St.; Rice Park, 107 Watkins St.; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St.; and New Hope Dowell Complex, 350 Moorer Ave., Henning.

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munity Center for anyone interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch program.

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Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!! Miss Pam brought me to the Club today. I heard her tell Mr. Greg that she would be back after while to pick me back up. She was going to go see Mr. Dan and Miss Mary Lou at a party.

After she left the Club, Mr. Greg and I went out to see my Buds. Lady, the spayed husky/shep mix, and the other three huskies were all running out in the snow. Why do these huskies really like the snow? I went over to see Butch, a neutered collie, and Princess, a collie, and they were talking about a two-legger coming out to the Club and looking at them to maybe take home. Sheba, the white shepherd, and Jersey, the spayed white shepherd, were taking a nap together. I went on to see the puppy four-leggers out here. There are wire terriers, beagles, and two tri-colored feist ones.

After Mr. Greg and I went to see all of my Buds, he told me to come on in the cat room with him to see the new cats. I knew that it would be safe to go into the cat room with Mr. Greg. I saw three kitten four-leggers and several new big cats. They all were looking at me and I nosed Mr. Greg's hand, so we left the cat room.

We went into the office and Scooter was in my chair. Then I saw Candy. Candy is one of the cutest puppy four-leggers that I think I have ever seen. She got out of Scooter's lap and came over to see me. I asked her where did she come from and she told me that she had been lost and was at the place of lots of stuff. She told me that she sure was glad to find a two-legger. I asked her more about the place with lots of stuff. Then Scooter told Mr. Greg that Candy was found at the Landfill. Boy, she was lucky to get to stay at the Landfill for a few days. I ran over to her to tell her that the Landfill is one of my favorite places but she said that she liked it a lot better here at the Club. So, Candy and I looked at Scooter and I hoped that he would know that we wanted the chair but he did not move so we got on the big blanket by the warm heater.

After a good long nap, Miss Pam came back to the Club. She was smiling and in such a good mood. She kissed me on my head and she picked up Candy. She told Mr. Greg and Scooter that she had really good news. She told us that she had been out to a party for Mr. Dan and Miss Mary Lou and that all of the two-leggers that came to see them brought my Buds food and donations. We all went out to help her unload the truck. Boy, I know now why she was in such a good mood. There was so much food that all of us said "WOW" when she opened the back of the truck. It took all of the two-leggers out here to unload Miss Pam's truck. We all went back inside and then she told us that she had a lot of money to take to the Bank. All of the two-leggers at the party had given Mr. Dan and Miss Mary Lou money to give to my Buds. I wondered when Miss Pam takes a lot of money to the Bank - will the pretty two-legger give me lots of suckers. I sure do hope so.

Miss Pam told me that it was time to go and I was ready to get on my couch. Scooter needs to learn how to share.

Eric Krueger came out to the Club and took Duke home with him. Mandy Tustin came out and took Beau home with her. Two real cute little two-leggers came out to the Club and brought my

Leads Study



SONNY THURMOND, of Halls Westside Baptist Church, visited residents last week at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for Bible study. Resident, Van Criehtfield, lead the singing.

Buds some food. They were Carnie and Will Rose. They told me that this food was for Valentine's Day. Now I have heard of Valentine's Day but I am not sure what it is all about. I will have to get Miss Pam to give me a two-legger history lesson on Valentine's Day.

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

Come out to see us at the Club. We are 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). If you want to donate some food but you do not want to come out to the Club, just drop off your donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon. Then she will call us and we will pick it up.

Make sure that your outside four-leggers have plenty of warm shelter, fresh water daily, and plenty of food so that they will be alright in this cold

snowy weather. Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. I sure do THANK ALL OF YOU who brought my Buds food and gave us money at Mr. Dan and Miss

Mary Lou's party. On our way, home, Miss Pam told me that Miss Mary Lou sent me, Rusty, Lil Girl and Mr. Pam some of her party cake. Yeah!!! Zeek out!!!

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Obituaries

Ralph Perry, Halls Officer

Ralph Vernon Perry, 81, of Dyersburg, former Halls police officer, died Monday of last week in the Williamson Medical Center in Franklin.

Rites were Thursday of last week in the Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in the RoEllen Cemetery.

He was born to the late Lonnie and Lula Notgrass Perry.

An Army veteran, he retired from Colonial Rubber Works in Dyersburg.

A member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, he was a Mason.

He was the widower of Geraldine Perry.

He leaves his wife, Wava; sons, Ralph, Jr., and Robert and Steven Goodman, of Dyersburg, and Chip Perry, of Franklin; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Lambert

Margaret Ann Lambert, 70, of 2650 Dry Hill Rd., Ripley, a former nurse's aide, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Dyersburg Funeral Home had charge of cremation.

A memorial service will be held at a date not yet set.

She leaves her husband, Henry, and a son, Allen Ray Lambert, of the home; other sons, Billy, of Dyersburg, Tony, of Jackson, and David, of Selmer; a daughter, Judith Haggard, of Tiptonville; a brother, Ray Treece, and a sister, Susie Stanley, of Caruthersville, Mo.; another sister, Nora Mauldin, of St. Louis, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

Miss Jennifer Wren Lawrence, 35, of Arlington, was incorrectly listed as married in her obituary last week. She was never married.

Alice Cole, 84, Teacher Here

Alice Cole, 84, of 422 N. Church, Halls, retired teacher in Lauderdale County schools, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Southaven, Miss.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Love Cemetery, near Halls, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a sister, Aline Cole, of Halls, and cousins and caregivers, Margaret and Marilyn Roberts and Mattie Taylor, of Halls.

Rosa Lee Craig

Rosa Lee Craig, 80, sister of Felix Reaves, of 988 West Dry Hill Rd., Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Dove Healthcare in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Forest Hill East Funeral Home in Memphis, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

She was a member of Range Hill Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband for 62 years, Charles E. Craig, Jr.; sons, Terry, of Memphis, Edward, of Collierville, and William, of Riverview, Fla.; a daughter, Charlotte King, of Las Cruces, N.M.; other brothers, Bill Nance, of Jackson, and John Nance, Jr., of Myrtle, Miss.; a sister, Mable Fields, of Memphis; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Opal Hendren

Opal Hendren, 89, widow of Thomas Oliver Hendren, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were held Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery.

She was born at Bethel Springs, Nov. 28, 1920.

She leaves a son, Thomas E. Hendren, of 250 Pine Hill Drive, Halls, two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Basil E. Smith

Basil E. Smith, 87, of Dyersburg, died Monday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

His grandson, The Rev. Eric Smith, of Curve, co-conducted rites Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, where he had been a member for 75 years, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

An Army Air Force staff sergeant in World War II, he took a degree from Murray, Ky., State University and did graduate work at the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania.

He had retired as owner of Basil Smith Realty.

He was a Kiwanis Club member for 40 years.

He had served on the board of the MacIver's Grant Library.

Survivors include his wife, Eva; a son, Basil "Gene," Jr., of Dyersburg; two other grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ida Williams

Ida Virginia Williams, 87, widow of Leon Williams, died Saturday in the Lauderdale County Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were Sunday in the cemetery of Walnut Grove Baptist Church, west of Ripley, where she was a member, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Linda Meadows, of Bentonville, Ark.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stanley

Elizabeth Steelman Stanley, 89, widow of Joe B. Stanley, died Tuesday of last week in the Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

Born at Halls, Oct. 23, 1920, she was a member of Bethesda

T. E. Sanders

Talmadge Edmond Sanders, 71, of Santee, Calif., brother of Albert, Charles, Jasper, and Zelford Sanders, of Ripley, died Feb. 5th.

Military rites are set at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif.

He was born in this county, Nov. 6, 1938, to the late James and Alma Sanders.

A 1958 graduate of Ripley High School, he joined the Air Force, Dec. 10, 1958.

He was a firefighter at Hamilton Air Force Base in Marin County, Calif., before leaving the service in November, 1962.

For the next 43 years, he was a production worker at the San Diego, Calif., *Tribune*.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Elizabeth Sanders; sons, Talmadge, Jr., and Steven, of San Diego; a daughter, Sheila Bragole, of Norco, Calif.; a sister, Mary Alice Starnes, of Munford; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Middleton

James Robert Middleton, 70, died Tuesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Monday in the Middleton family cemetery near Ripley, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was born at Ripley, Aug. 31, 1939.

He leaves daughters, Cora Dianne Williams and Wendy White, of Ripley, and Sarah Middleton, of Louisiana; a son, James William Middleton, of Loganville, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was long employed by the Jackson Clinic.

Ralph died in 1995.

She leaves sons, Bill, of Dallas, Tex., and Dennis, of Houston, Tex.; a daughter, Alice (Mrs. Brooks) New, of Jackson; a sister, Martha Ann Hendrix, of Cookeville; and seven grandchildren.

Virginia Rust

Virginia Rust, 101, Ripley High School graduate, died Jan. 31st, after brief illness, in the Methodist Manor House in Seaport, Del., where she had resided since 1990.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Wesley United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Del., of which she was a member, having formerly taught in Sunday School.

She was born in Dayton, Tex., July 11, 1908, to the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Jr.

The family moved to Arp when Virginia was 12.

She took a bachelor's degree in education from West Tennessee State (now the University of Memphis) in 1930 and a master's degree from Peabody College, in Nashville, in 1939.

She retired from teaching in 1971.

She was the widow of Manfred C. Rust.

She leaves a daughter, The Rev. Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred) Masterson, of Newark, Del., and two grandchildren.

Mary Hendrix

Mary Lee Hendrix, 94, sister of the late Kathleen Gooch, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in Presbyterian Village North in Dallas, Tex.

Rites were Wednesday in Forest Heights United Methodist Church in Jackson, of which she and her late husband, Ralph Hendrix, whom she married Feb. 29, 1936, were charter members.

She was born at Bethel Springs, Nov. 1, 1915, to the late Daniel Webster and Orlena Bassham Tull.

She was long employed by the Jackson Clinic.

Ralph died in 1995.

She leaves sons, Bill, of Dallas, Tex., and Dennis, of Houston, Tex.; a daughter, Alice (Mrs. Brooks) New, of Jackson; a sister, Martha Ann Hendrix, of Cookeville; and seven grandchildren.

J. C. Pierce

J. C. Pierce, 77, of Greenfield, who was born at Ripley, June 23, 1932, to the late Monroe and Ruby Earls Pierce, died Thursday of last week in Jackson Regional Hospital.

Rites were held Saturday in Gearin's Chapel Cemetery near Greenfield.

He had owned and operated Pierce Plumbing.

He leaves his wife, Shelby Jean Pierce; a son, Randy, of Dresden; and daughters, Debbie Pierce, of Greenfield, Donna Clark, of Milan, Sherry Young, of McKenzie, Vicky Allhound, of Millington, Karen

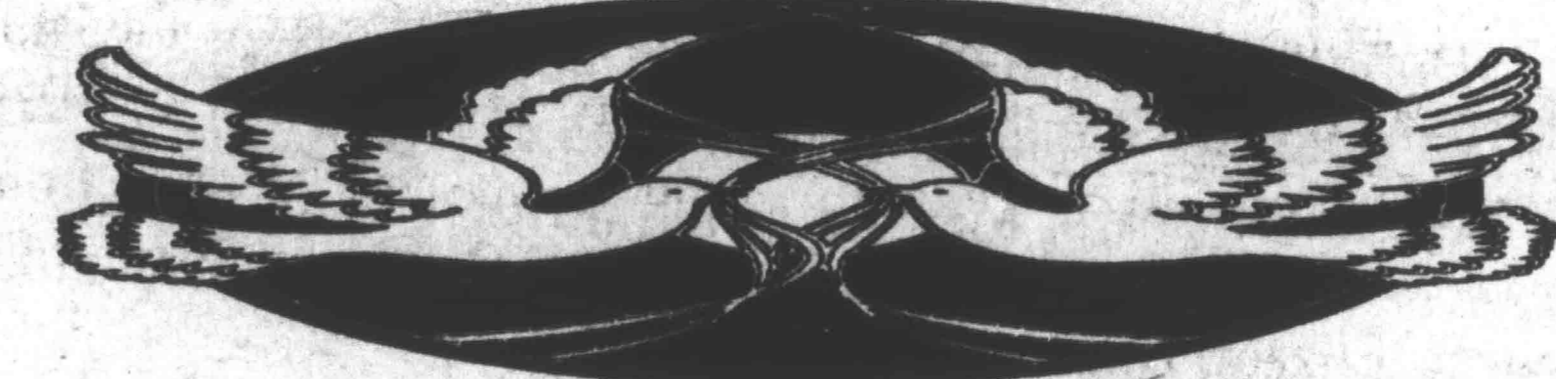
Lera Ingram

Lera "Inez" Ingram, 72, of 3282 Coffee Shop Rd., north of Ripley, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her husband, James; sons, James, Jr., and John; and a daughter, Gloria Ingram, all of Ripley; a brother, David Jones, of St. Louis, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pierce, of Nashville, and Kathy Evans, of Potosi, Mo.



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.

St. Mark M. B. Church will hold a benefit program at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 6th for Sister Lelar M. Halliburton. The Rev. W. L. McCadney, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Dyersburg, will serve as the host master of ceremonies. The public is invited.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold a Black History Service at 11 a.m. Sunday, February 21st with "A Legacy of Faith", representing 119 years of establishment, presented by Dr. Ellena Gooch. Lunch will be served. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, 279 Mary's Chapel Rd., Ripley, will feature Family Matters at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings during the February sermon series, including "These Kids Are Driving Me Crazy", February 21st; and "My Dad's Not Dumb and My Mom's Not Crazy", February 28th. Wednesday night services at 6:30 p.m. will feature similar topics. Child care is provided and the nursery will be open. For more information, call the church, 635-9330. Dennis Wilder, pastor, invites the public.

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 222 Scott Dr., Ripley, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly February 22nd through 26th with five different speakers each night. The theme is "...And Five Young Men Came Preaching". Two different choirs will provide spiritual selections each night. Brandon Blake, of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis, will deliver the message Monday; Len Williamson, St. Andrew A.M.E., Memphis, Tuesday; The Rev. Aaron Letcher, New Sardis Baptist Church, Memphis, Wednesday; Elder Jason Mitchell, Liberty Church of God in Christ, Memphis, Thursday; and The Rev. Vincent Joplin, St. Andrew A.M.E., Friday. The Rev. Dr. B. Charles Joplin, Jr.,

pastor, invites the public.

A gospel singing, along with a hot dog and chili supper, and silent cake auction will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, February 27th at the Newbern Rescue Squad building to aid the family of Ricky Cates, who passed away December 28th from cancer. Groups scheduled to appear include the Mistonairs, Brenda Davis, Bro. James Branscom, and the Hinson family. Check or donations can be made to Halls Funeral Home. For more information, call Amanda Cates, 731-627-6274, or Donna Hinson, 731-589-2476.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Halls Northside Advisory Board will present a gospel choir concert at 6 p.m. February 20th at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 208 St. George Ave., Dyersburg. The public is invited. For more information, call Jerry Rogers, 731-836-5825.

The Barnettts will be in concert at Grace Baptist Church, 3819 Edith Nankipoo Rd., at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 27th. A love offering will be taken and proceeds will be matched by the Modern Woodmen of America to benefit Central Park. For more information, call Dwight Shoemaker, 612-0750. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God will hold a special service at 7 p.m. Monday, February 22nd as they join other churches from surrounding counties in a time of fellowship and worship. For more information, call 635-4484. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

New Hope C.M.E. Church in Henning, will hold its church dedication service at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 21st with Senior Bishop William H. Graves, of Memphis, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Dowell, pastor, invites the public.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea mar-

What's for Lunch? School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, February 22nd
Hot Dog On Bun
Pizza
Tater Tots
Celery Sticks w/Dip
Pineapple Tidbits
Apricots
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, February 23rd
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites w/Cheese
Black Eye Peas
Banana
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, February 24th
Chicken Tenders
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Apple Slices
Peaches
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, February 25th
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Grapes
Pear Halves
Choice Of Milk

Friday, February 26th
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Hearty Vegetable Soup
Carrot Sticks w/Dip
Applesauce
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School

Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, February 22nd
Hot Dog On Bun
Tater Tots
Pineapple Tidbits

kets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

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

HHS Girls Lose 14-A Dist. Bow

After losing their last two regular season games, Halls High School's girls lost their Dist. 14-A tournament debut, Monday, to Lake County, 69-30.

Thursday of last week, Halls fought a close first period before Crockett took the second, 20-8, to lead at the half, 32-19, and coast to the win.

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Nakeysha Wilson led Halls scoring with 12 points. Cassidy Hardee added 10, Ashlee Nichols 5, Lateia Humphrey and Keyawna Parker, 4 each, and Jessie Ellison and Beckie Lents, 3 each, (six points not attributed).

Friday, in South Fulton, the Red Devilettes (6-17, 2-12 in 14-A), took the first period, 15-4, and never looked back:

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Cookie
Choice Of Milk

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100th Birthday Celebration



TALMAGE HEATHCOTT, seated, in front, celebrated his 100th birthday February 2nd with family members and guests at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, where he is a resident. He was presented the "Key to The City" by Mayor Jon Pavletic, a letter of proclamation by County Mayor Rod Schuh, and was recognized with a letter of proclamation from the Town of Gates for being a long-time citizen, leader, and friend by Bobby Vaughn and Shirley Dancy. Guests were served cake and punch. Attending the ceremony were four generations of his family including his son, Jerry Heathcott, second from left, in rear, and his daughter, Nancy White, second from right, in middle row, along with their spouses, Pat Heathcott, and Scott White; his grandchildren, Michelle Heathcott Leggett and Todd White, along with their spouses, Michael Leggett and Carole White; and his great-grandchildren, Rhett, Reagan, Reese, and Riley White, and Wyatt Leggett.

Birthdays

Feb. 18 - Pam Rhodes, Marilyn Garrett, T. J. Green, Barry Wakefield, Shawn Rivera, Jr., Austin Crutchfield, Elaine Barcroft, Judy Crook, Rose Heath, Tyler Wiggins, Sandra Jackson, Phillip Michael Cook, Teresa Tyler, Wayne Mitchell, Angela LeMar, Chase Holcomb, Dylan Roberts, Hayden Scoggins, Cindy Echols, Harrison Belton.

Feb. 19 - Tammy Connell, Wayne Barnard, Ray Anderson, Carol Keen, Kevin Kesler, Randy Jones, Linda Bernard, Noah Fletcher Standford, Scott Dunavant, Holly Crews, David Burnham, John Elder, Jr.

Feb. 20 - Roger Charest, Hannah Moore, Linda Daum, Betty Klutts, Carolyn Polk, Jack Baynes, Richard Halpain, Dustin Gordon, Drae Ross, Ja-

son Kiestler, Chad McAlister.

Feb. 21 - Celina Colvin, Clarence Delk, Lee Jennings, Dawn Platzke, Pat Carmack, Vicky Emerson, Robert Crutchfield, Brady Fleming, Taylor Carney, Nick Powers, Eric Scoggins, Rev. Doris Crawley.

Feb. 22 - Courtney Johnson, Louise Savage, Jessica Broglin, Janice Terrell Kee, Vence Carmack, Jimmy Meeks, Jacob Brazier, Laura Mueller, Christina Blakley, Billy Drew, Rick Vandergriff, Tristan Jackson.

Feb. 23 - Darla Johnson, Carolyn Bradford, Michelle Haislip, Diane Akin, Joe B. Arwood, Austin Monroe Ward, Donna Lynn Hawks, J. W. Warren, Jr., Jason Raines, Jason Searce, Timmy Bryant, Butch Latham, Brenda Kiestler, Luke Elder, Brian Latham, Bill Miller, Monica Madison, Robbie

Binkley.

Feb. 24 - Perry Garrett, Jr., Jerry Temple, Sr., J. C. Hendren, Sandra Carter, Terry Cook, Carol Caldwell, Marvin Land, Kevin Haislip, Brent Prescott, Dennis Weaver, Sr., Sarah Cherry, Doyle Moss, Paul Galloway, Eddie Evans, Anna Read Kennedy, Ellen Parker, Beth Fincher.

Anniversaries

Feb. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Huffman.

Feb. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.

Feb. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Vaughn.

Feb. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scallions.

Feb. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Climer, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hargett.

DSCC Donation Presented



OFFICIALS with Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale, including Janie Sweat, Chief Nursing Officer, and Daryl Blalock, Administrator/CEO, presented a \$60,000 donation January 27th to Dr. Karen Bowyer, president at Dyersburg State Community College, for the nursing program at DSCC.

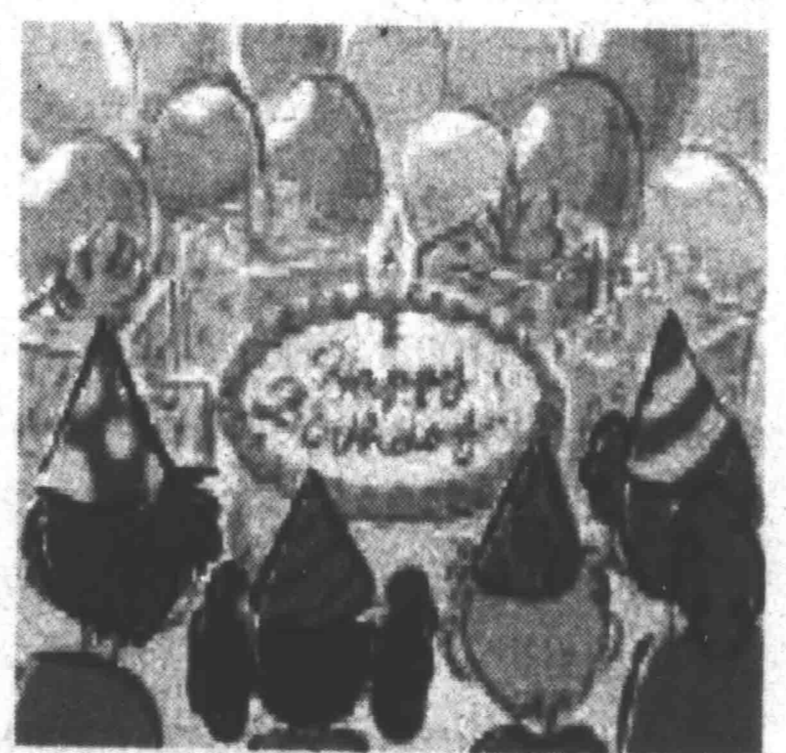
"During these difficult economic times and budget cuts by the state, we couldn't more appreciate of Baptist Lauderdale and thankful for their generous donation," said Dr. Bowyer. "The contribution will go toward helping pay salaries for nursing faculty among other needs."

"We are proud to be able to play a role in student development within the nursing program at Dyersburg State Community College," said Blalock. "We hope this helps provide a quality education for nursing students and prepares health care professionals for service in our community."

Celebrating



family and friends invited. Gospel singers are scheduled to perform and a luncheon will be served. Her grandson, Walter Lee Wiggins, Jr., will also celebrate his 20th birthday.



FRANCES NELL RUFFIN will celebrate her 77th birthday at 2 p.m. Saturday, Febraury 20th at the Halls Community Center with all

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Health Warning For Heart Failure

Congestive heart failure is a new epidemic in the United States. Nearly 5 million Americans have congestive heart failure. Despite success in treating blocks in arteries and other heart conditions that people are born with or develop as they age, heart failure is on the rise with an equal number of men and women affected.

Almost 1.4 million of individuals with heart failure are under the age of 60. Each year, there are more than 400,000 new cases diagnosed. Since heart failure is commonly associated with high blood pressure and diabetes, as more and more individuals develop these conditions, many will go on to develop heart failure. This increase in prevalence has made heart failure a new epidemic in the United States.

Heart patients are also surviving longer due to medications, surgery, balloon angioplasty or stents. However, as patients age and more arteries develop blocks, the likelihood of developing heart failure increases. As a consequence of the growing number of patients, the cost of treating with heart failure has sky-rocketed.

Heart failure is a progressive condition in which the heart muscle weakens due to injury from a heart attack, high blood pressure or other causes. As a result, the heart is unable to pump enough blood to meet supply the body's tissues.

"The heart doesn't 'fail' in the sense of ceasing to beat," said Dr. Stacy Davis, cardiologist and director of the Congestive Heart Failure Center at Saint Thomas Heart at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. "Heart failure is an illness in which either the heart is too weak to pump blood forward or to stiff to fill properly. As a consequence, blood backs up into the lungs and shortness of breath, fatigue, and in some cases, swelling in the belly and the legs occurs. This can be treated with medications that slow heart failure progression."

Davis also notes that, "In addition to problems with fluid, heart

failure patients often develop heart rhythm problems that can be treated with special pacemakers that include defibrillators."

Patients with heart failure will gradually deteriorate if the symptoms of heart failure are left untreated. Initially, the heart can compensate for weakness by beating faster and enlarging. However, this phase of the disease doesn't last for long. Thus, recognition of conditions that lead to heart failure, as well as identifying symptoms early, is critical to successful treatment.

Heart failure is frequently brought on by another heart condition. Some of the major causes include:

- Coronary artery disease (narrowing of the blood vessels that supply the heart)
 - High blood pressure (also known as hypertension)
 - Abnormal heart muscle (known as cardiomyopathy which may run in the family or may be a new problem unique to the patient)
 - Heart valve disease (narrowed or tight valves)
 - Diabetes (often associated with coronary artery disease)
- Heart failure becomes more common with advancing age. You are also at increased risk for developing heart failure if you are overweight, smoke cigarettes or abuse alcohol.

Since heart failure can progress rapidly, it is essential to consult a physician immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fatigue and shortness of breath during normal activities
 - Difficulty breathing at night, sometimes causing awakening
 - Asthma-like wheezing or a dry hacking cough that worsens with lying down, but improves with sitting up or standing.
 - Unintended rapid weight loss or gain
 - Progressive accumulation of fluid: in the feet, ankles, legs or abdomen
 - Enlargement of the liver
- If you experience the following symptoms, proceed immediately to the nearest emergency room:
- A cough that produces a pinkish froth; wheezing and

DINING WITH DIABETES

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging will host the final session of Dining With Diabetes Thursday, February 18th from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at its center located at 605 Airport Street in Halls.

Free health screenings will be provided by CareAll Home Care Services at The Nelson Street Center in Ripley, Tuesday, February 23rd at 11:15 a.m. Bingo games, cake walks, and refreshments will be available for your enjoyment.

"This n' That" Gardening will be held Thursday, March 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the center. Bill Wyatt, Madison County Extension Agent, will present "Pruning Landscape Plants" and a question and answer session on general spring gardening. Come share your garden photos and stories, enjoy door prizes and a plant exchange.

Join the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in reaching out to other senior citizens in Lauderdale County. Must be at least 60 years of age to participate. For information please contact Joni Cook, Executive Director, at 731-836-5444 or at jcook@lcco.net.

Readers Speak

Editor:

Our country is on a downward slide into immorality. Recently, President Obama renewed his vow to allow homosexuals and lesbians to openly serve in the military, by repealing the "Don't Ask-Don't Tell" policy. This will very greatly weaken our military. A Military Times poll found that 23% of troops said they would not re-enlist if "Don't Ask-Don't Tell" is repealed. Real men don't want to sleep in barracks

a sensation of bubbling in the lungs; or a feeling of drowning

- Pale, clammy, or blue-tinged skin

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or fight in foxholes with homosexuals. More than 1,160 retired admirals and generals and both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have come out strongly against overturning the ban.

The following was written in 1987 in "The Gay Community News." "We shall sodomize your sons... we shall seduce them in your schools, dormitories, gymnasiums, locker rooms, sports arenas, seminaries, youth groups, movie theaters, bathrooms, truck stops, Congress, and Army bunkhouses."

Homosexuality was once regarded as immoral and abnormal, but in our day the sinful lifestyle is promoted and protected by Hollywood and the political left. I say homosexuals should go back to the closet where they used to be and where they belong, but "they declare their sin as Sodom, they hid it not." (Isaiah 3:9)

Homosexuality is sin! It is not an alternate lifestyle as many would have us to believe. God said "the men of Sodom were WICKED and SINNERS before the LORD exceedingly (Genesis 13:13). What they do is unscriptural, ungodly, unnatural, unchristian, unclean, and un-American! God never intended for men to be with men, or women to be with women, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman kind: it is ABOMINATION." Leviticus 18:22)

Churches, preachers, politicians, denominations, or any one else who advocates, condones, promotes, or protects the homosexual life style or their agenda will answer to God.

God didn't allow Sodom and Gomorrah to get by, neither will He let America get by. If Americans don't repent and turn back to God, then we can certainly look for more economic problems, depression, more unemployed, and a multitude of droughts, floods, freezes, earthquakes, tidal waves, hurricanes, tornados, mud slides, forest fires, and re-

Snow Hits 49 States; More Here Friday?

Last weekend saw Hawaii alone, of 50 U.S. states, without snow, though Florida's was slight.

Kaleb Pace, 6, who had never seen snow except on television, scraped snow-balls from the hood of a truck after 10 minutes of snow in Century, Fla., just north of Pensacola.

The snow belt, so rare that no previous instance is recorded, resulted from a coincidence of Pacific Ocean and Arctic weather.

About every five years, for reasons unknown, Pacific Ocean temperatures shift to dump above normal rain onto the western U. S.

The event is called *El Niño* (Spanish for 'The Boy,' referring to the Christ child, since *El Niño* is often first noticed, off South America, about Christmas time).

There is a similar cycle in Arctic weather which last week coincided with *El Niño*, turning its excess rain into snow.

Alternating rain and snow disrupted the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada.

Curiously, Portland, Maine, where snow is usually a given, cancelled its Winter Festival for lack of snow.

The U.S. Weather Service predicts temperatures here Friday of 44 to 28 degrees, with a 30% chance of rain turning into snow.

cord setting snows.

We are living in the last days and the soon appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "as it was in the days of Lot;... thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." (Luke 17) This sin points to His soon return. I say "even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelations 22:20).

Pastor Jerry Hickson
Grace Bible Baptist Church

May 4th Primary Petitions Returned

Candidates have until noon Thursday, February 18th to qualify for the May 4th Democratic Primary. Only Democratic candidates will be included on the ballot with the winner to face the Independent candidates in the August 5th election.

Cyronose D. Spicer (D) returned his petition for County Mayor; Charletta Campbell (D), Trustee; Garie V. Andrews (D), Circuit Court Clerk; and Paula Lee Boger (D), Register of Deeds.

Independent candidates include Trent McManus and Rod Schuh, County Mayor; Judy Conrad, Trustee; Brian Kelly and Steve Sanders, County Sheriff; Linda Summar, County Clerk; Richard Jennings, Circuit Court Clerk; and Jeff (BoDean) Durham, J. B. Haynes, Jimmy Johnston, Kenny Stowe, Gary L. Wilson, and Ronnie Tatum, Register of Deeds.

Candidates who have picked up a petition, but did not qualify as of noon Tuesday, include Ronnie Etheridge (I), Trustee, and Landis G. Garrison, Sr. (D), County Sheriff.

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

Candidates, on the August 5th election include the winners of the May 4th Democratic Primary for Lauderdale County Mayor, Trustee, Sheriff, Clerk, Register Of Deeds, and Circuit Court Clerk, and candidates for County Commissioners, District 1, Todd Dunavant, Gene Edwards, and Todd Rankin; District 2, Ronnie Elder, Lynnwood Shoemake, Coy Summar, and Andy Vaughan, Sr.; District 3, Tommy Dunavant, Walker Ferrell, Dennis King,

and Carol Walker; District 4, Johnny D. Johnson, Angie Phillips, and Tommy Ray Sanders; District 5, Danny Hartsfield, Louis Ruff, Reed Sanders, Jr., Garey Woodard, and Sandra Hughes; District 6, James T. Arwood, Jr., Earl Bohannon, Jesse Edwards, Rob Reviere, Dwight Shoemake, Sr., and Terry Uselton, Sr.; Kathy Alston, Clark Buckner, David Caldwell, Talmadge Crichfield, Sr., Raymond Edwards, and Lowell Tillman II; and District 8, Don Fisher, Eugene Pugh, and Monty McWilliams; School Board members, District 1, Eva Drain and Tammy Choat Lambirth; District 3, Shelia Ferrell; District 5, Terry Sellers; District 7, Melinda Hutcherson; Democratic State Executive Committeewoman, Gladys Crain; Republican State Executive Committeeman, Walker Ferrell; and Tennessee House of Representatives 82nd District, Craig Fitzhugh (D).

Candidates who have returned petitions include, County Commissioner, Lynnwood Shoemake and Andy Vaughan, Sr., District 2; Dennis King, District 3; Tommy Ray Sanders, District 4; Sandra Hughes, District 5; Earl Bohannon, Rob Reviere, Dwight Shoemake, Sr., and Terry Uselton, Sr., District 6; Raymond Edwards, District 7; and Don Fisher, District 8; and school board member, Eva Drain, District 1.

Candidates have until noon, April 1st to qualify; noon, April 8th to withdraw; and the last day to register to vote is July 7th. Early voting will begin July 16th through 31st.

Boxers Compete



MEMBERS, of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, including, in front, from left, Toddy Pettigrew, 11, Blake Maynard, 10, and C.J. Maben, 9; middle row, from left, Brandon Smith, 12, Wyatt Braden, 12, and Deundre Smith, 11; and in rear, from left, Davian Rudd, 14, Terrell Taylor, 12, Chuckie Driver, 13, and Kyle Emerson, 13, competed Saturday night in Ripley with five wins and three losses beginning with Toddy. He kicked the night off as he defeated Tyler Anderson, of Columbia. Toddy landed crisp jabs and strong, right hands on his older opponent.

Terrell, of Dyersburg, representing Lauderdale County, did a great job against his more-experienced opponent, Sean Sullivan, of LaVergne, losing a close one.

Wyatt, with a nice reach advantage and difficult south paw stance, was able to outscore a strong LaVergne athlete, Bryan Morales.

Brandon came up a little short against Rudy Martinez, of LaVergne.

Blake just out-skilled and over-powered his 65 pound Osceola, Ark., opponent, Gary Grice. Blake stopped him in the third round with a vicious body attack win-

older and more-experienced competitor, Sloan Slater, of LaVergne.

Chuckie used great ringmanship and patience in the first round against Osceola's older and much taller, adversary, Terrell Jones, to feel him out and allow him to wear down. In the second round, Driver was able to land massive body shots winning by RSC.

Those who won awards during the night were Blake for most outstanding junior boxer, Chuckie for most outstanding intermediate boxer, and Davian and Marquistia for best bout of the night.

"My athletes are really making tremendous, technical improvements in learning the art of boxing. They are training vigorously to get their bodies in tremendous condition for upcoming events. We are looking forward to competing in Ripley again March 13th. What a great honor it is to see these boys grow into wonderful, productive, young men. They are appreciative to all who came out to support them and to see them perform at their bout in their home gym," stated Clay Conrad, coach of Lauderdale County Boxing Club.

ning by (RSC) referee stopped contest.

Davian did well against a larger opponent, Marquistia Griggs, of Covington, losing by a close, split decision.

Kyle displayed great improvements in skill and determination as he defeated his

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Certificate Presented



OFFICERS of the SkillsUSA chapter, including Twila Ward, Becky Uselton, Chris Hogeland, Misty Mendenhall, Kayla Newman, Joe Patrick, Harvey Wilson, and Terry Smith, from the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley presented a certificate of appreciation February 19th to Paul Duncan, manager of Town and Country, in Halls. Town and Country has been helping SkillsUSA by donating several items for fundraisers and other events.

Pageants Scheduled For Tomato Festival

The annual Tomato Festival beauty pageant will be held Saturday, April 10th, in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theatre at the Ripley High School. All pageant winners will represent Lauderdale County during the 27th annual Tomato Festival July 9th and 10th in the Ripley City Park. Miss Lauderdale County and Lauderdale County Junior Queen winners will represent Lauderdale County in the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival pageant in May.

Deadline to enter is March 26th. For more information, call 731-635-9541.

MEETING

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3rd, at Ripley Elementary School. Freeman Arthur, a freshman at Halls High School, will perform several piano selections. All teachers are urged to attend.

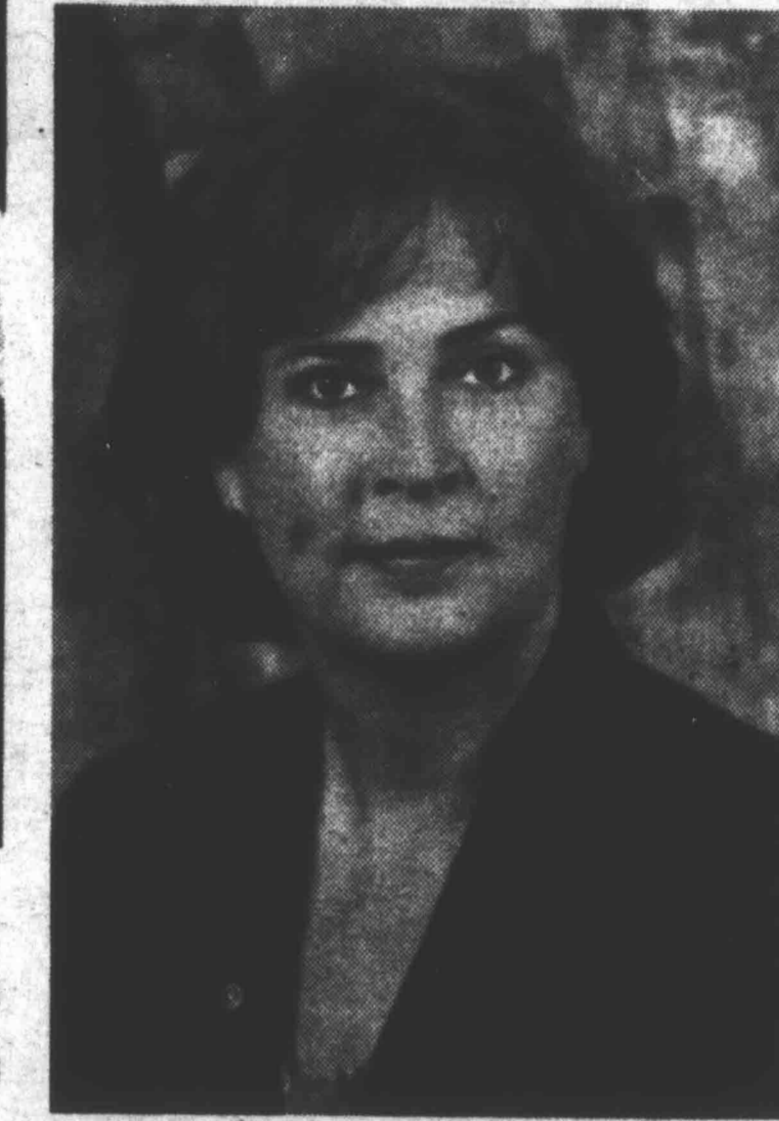
County Offices Set To Be Networked

The Lauderdale County Commissioners held their monthly meeting February 16th and passed budget amendments concerning linking all county offices into a central computer network, as recommended by the state, at a cost of \$5,100, and \$2,954 towards the installation of panic buttons throughout the courthouse that will message authorities by silent alarm in case of emergency.

A resolution was passed opposing the unfunded local government mandates, which are required by the state, and additions to local government maintenance of effort requirements, including some county employees' salaries. The commission is asking state legislature to fund those projects.

Another resolution was passed authorizing acceptance of a Rural Develop-

Resigns



LISA HANKINS, executive director of the Lauderdale County Chamber/ECD, has accepted a new position as director of the Regional Economic Development Initiative effective March 15th. She submitted her three week resignation letter Friday. Her last day is expected to be March 12th. The organization is comprised of 12 counties in West Tennessee to assist in development of all resources available to the growth and prosperity to the communities.

She said, "Lauderdale County is one of the 12 counties I will be serving in my new position as Director of REDI, along with Tipton, Haywood, Crockett, Gibson, Henderson, Chester, Hardeman, Fayette, Hardin, Decatur, and McNairy. I will still be living in Lauderdale County. My office will be in Jackson but since I'm going to be working in the 12

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ment USDA grant, in the amount of \$50,000, which funded the courthouse exterior restrooms as well as the courthouse sidewalks.

In school business, Lau-

Scholarship Presented



SUSAN TODD, center, director of chamber programs, Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, attended the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives meeting in Nashville February 10th; where she received a scholarship to attend the U.S. Chamber of Commerce institute for organizational management. It is a week-long professional development program to increase the participant's knowledge and help them gain more skills and techniques to help lead the community more effectively in the future. Institute focuses on chamber professionals to provide them with information on innovative management approaches, the latest marketing strategies, community development and analysis techniques, as well as, invaluable networking with fellow chamber professionals. With more applicants than available scholarships, Susan stated she was honored and proud to have been selected. She has attended TN State Chamber Institute and this will be her fourth and final year for US Chamber Institute. Susan will be attending US Chamber Institute in June at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. where she plans to graduate and receive her IOM Certification. "Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their communities," said Raymond Towle IOM, CAE, and VP of Institute for Organizational Management. "These Individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries." Susan is pictured with Rosemary Bridges, left, president of Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, right.

derdale County schools have used a total of 11 snow days out of an allotted 13 days.

It was also announced that Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton will be offering free mammograms to qualified persons. For more information, call the radiology department, 901-475-5443, or County Mayor Rod Schuh, 635-3500.

Allmand Selected As WTIA Vice-President

Mike Allmand, president and chief executive officer for the Ripley Power and Light Company, was named as the vice-president for the West Tennessee Industrial Association last week. The association, located in Jackson, is in its 54th year of providing industrial and economic development assistance to the West Tennessee region.

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Birthdays

Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye Connor, Angela Oswald, Rubin Jones, Ricky Rose, Nicolas Smith, Katlyn Moffatt, Charles Robbins, Kim Williams, Adam Houston.

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford, Anna Beard, John Paige Hendren, Erica Deberry, Barbara Mann, Shirley Holley, Christie Belton, Johnny Marvel, Ronnie Crawford, Tony Pearson.

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Martha Lee Hunter, Cindy Schuh, Bobbie Wilson, Bobby Cain, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Bryan Bomar, Will McCullough, Phillip Glenn, Shirley Garton, Valerie Stephenson, Violet Williams.

Feb. 28 - Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson Hartman, Scott Mayfield, Brooklyn Simpson, Sallye Rae Hartman, Carley Cherry, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Murrey Wakefield, Gregg Brown, Melissa Hurt, Jeanette Hamby, Jim Locks Schmidt, Anthony Binkley.

Feb. 29 - Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore, Charlotte Matthews, Paul Duncan.

March 1 - Chris Rhodes, Danny Young, Christopher Reynolds, Billy Green, Ricky DeSpain, Nick Nunn, Brooke Cole, Leon Hargett, Will Glenn, Terry Garrett, Brandi Smith, Chip Scott, Zoe Carmack.

March 2 - Carolyn Hunter, Bryan Harris, Kelly Harrison, Michael L. Gaines, John Austin, Susan Scott, Kay Steelman, Kenny Parham, Felicia Klutts, Kaleb Hamlet, Jack Newman, Clois Spray, Harrell Nation, Guilford Williams, Maxie Ferguson, Jonathan Lee Randolph, Shem Charles Campbell, Allie Moss, Jeff Edwards, Alan Davis.

March 3 - Kim Young, Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby Burnham, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Van Thompson,

Taylor Rai, Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson, Bobby Butner.

Anniversaries

Feb. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Scheiblein, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patterson.

Feb. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Todd White.

Feb. 28 - Dr. and Mrs. Art Poisal.

March 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horner.

March 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Connell, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler.

March 3 - Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley.

Land Transfers

Feb. 7th - Feb. 20th
Jerry B. Hughes and Cathy L. Hughes to Hurt Seed Company, Inc., Dist. 16, 49.6923 acres.
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank NA to James Whitelaw, Jr., Dist. 2, 2 lots.
Jean Hashagen to Robert D. Seaton and Wendy M. Seaton, Dist. 2, lot.
Patriot Bank to Barry Gray and Amanda Gray, Dist. 10, 1.0 acre.
Regions Bank to Dennis Latham, Dist. 2, lot.
Denise K. Newman to Danny J. Moore and Jerry Bettie, Dist. 9, lot.
Margaret Broglin and Libby Mansfield to Marty Wright, Dist. 12, tract.
HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., to Ryan Whiteside, Dist. 8, lot.
Helen Irene Moore to Ken-

Diabetic Foot Care Clinic Scheduled

A Foot Care Clinic, for those with diabetes, is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4th, at Lauderdale Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St. in Halls. Lunch will follow. Professional instruction and material will be provided, along with a brief question and answer session. An opportunity to choose diabetic shoes or to be fitted for your 2010 diabetic shoes will be available at your request. Seating is limited. Deadline for reservation is March 3rd.

For reservations or more information, call Bree Wilson or Tim Smith, 901-837-7130.

Marriages

February 9th - Randy Gene Gwaltney, 42, to Pamela Joyce Ray, 48, by Jerrell Dawson.

February 12th - Timothy Wayne Lenderman, 42, to Samantha Nicole Delaney Walk, 29, by Jon Pavletic.

February 13th - Michael Al-an Richardon, 31, to Gyneal Corlew Buckner, 40, by Kenneth L. Spegal.

February 14th - Robert Thomas Vestal, 23, to Andrea Michelle Thompson, 21, by Obadiah M. Hendrick, Sr.

February 22nd - Jermaine Jeffery Calloway, 21, to Mary Nicole Rogers, 28, by Rod Schuh.

Lifeguard Course Offered



PARTICIPANTS interested in the Ripley Parks and Recreation 2010 American Red Cross Lifeguard Course should contact the park office, 635-4645. Applicants must be 15 years of age by May 21st and strong swimmers. Class size is limited. The course, instructed by Gina Hendren, WSI, will be held Monday, May 10th through Friday, May 21st from 3:30 to 5 p.m. A swim test will be held May 10th, which if failed, the registration fee will be refunded. Taking the course does not guarantee a position at the Ripley Pool.

Divorces

February 19th - Clyde Jerome Copeland II, 27, to Erika Anneliese White, 20, by Rocky Gilliam.

February 20th - John Franklin Adams, Jr., 30, to Jodie Lynn Spencer, 29, by L. Michael Berkley.

February 22nd - Jermaine Jeffery Calloway, 21, to Mary Nicole Rogers, 28, by Rod Schuh.

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NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2010, at City Hall Board Room.

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Obituaries

Mr. McMahan

Thomas Adolphus McMahan, 91, of Memphis, a retired inspector at Firestone Tire Company, died Sunday, February 14th, at Signature Healthcare.

Services were Thursday, February 18th, at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, with burial in its cemetery.

He was the son of the late Jim and Lula McMahan, of Asbury Community.

He was a deacon and charter member at White Station Church of Christ and was a U.S. Navy veteran during World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Eva Lee (Perkins) McMahan; daughters, Linda L. Kirk and Sheila Cullom; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hammock

Clarence Thomas Hammock, 80, died Monday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Dry Hill Cemetery.

He was the son of the late Clarence and Inez Lewis Hammock.

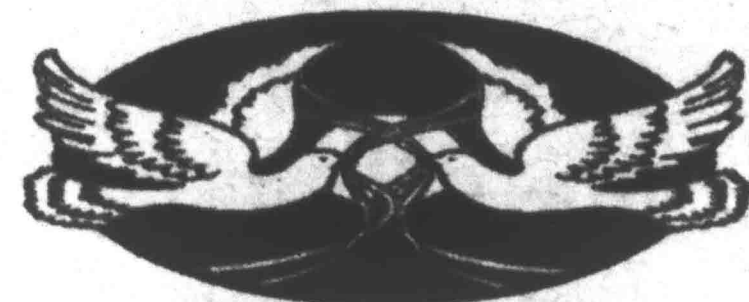
He leaves his wife for 58 years, Dessie Brewer Hammock; children, Betty Sue Ballard and Bonnie Sanders, of Ripley, Eugene and Kenny Hammock, Carol Harrell, and Johanna Carmack, of Halls, Monnie Whitney, of Dyersburg, Dee Wright, of Jackson, and Clarence, Jr., of Park Forest, Ill.; siblings, Edward Hammock, Bertha Sanders, and Mary Lucille Cox, of Ripley, Bill Hammock, of Halls, Marvin Hammock and Norma Franks, of Dresden, and Bobby Hammock, of Kentucky; 21 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

Jennie E. West

Jennie E. West, 82, of 3315 Coffee Shop Road, north of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Rice Park Church of Christ in Ripley, with burial in the Morrow Cemetery, near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a son, Ovelty West, Jr., of the home.



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.

Ashport Baptist Church, 6742 Hwy. 19 West, Ripley, will hold a gospel singing and spaghetti plate dinner to benefit Jerry Henson, a cancer patient, from 2 to 5 p.m. February 27th. The plates will be available to eat-in or take-out. For more information, call 635-9131.

St. Mark M. B. Church will hold a benefit program at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 6th for Sister Lelar M. halliburton. The Rev. W. L. McCadney, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Dyersburg, will serve as the host master of ceremonies. The public is invited.

The St. Mark young adult choir will celebrate its seventh anniversary at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 28th. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, 279 Mary's Chapel Rd., Ripley, will conclude its Family Matters series at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 28th with "My Dad's Not Dumb and My Mom's Not Crazy". Wednesday night services at 6:30 p.m. will feature similar topics.

Child care is provided and the nursery will be open. For more information, call the church, 635-9330. Dennis Wilder, pastor, invites the public.

The Barnetts will be in concert at Grace Baptist Church, 3819 Edith Nankipoo Rd., at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 27th. A love offering will be taken and proceeds will be matched by the Modern Woodmen of America to benefit Central Park. For more information, call Dwight Shoemaker, 612-0750. The public is invited.

Church of Jesus Christ, 2898 S. Washington St., Ripley, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly February 26th and February 27th. The services will conclude at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 28th. The guest pastor will be Bro. Johnathan McGaughy, of Corinth, Miss. The public is invited.

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

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

Agnes Moss Dyer

Agnes Moss Dyer, of Memphis, formerly of Halls, passed away on February 22, 2010. Agnes Dyer was born on September 22, 1911, the oldest child of L. T. and Lucy Moss. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Justice Ross W. Dyer, her beloved husband and companion for 57 years, her brother, L. T. Moss, Rena Chandler and Katherine Payne, and her nephew, P. H. Payne and niece, Lucy Orgain.

Mrs. Dyer, known to relatives and friends as "Aggie" or "Mrs. Agnes" gave tirelessly of her time to her church, her family, friends and to the town of Halls, Tennessee, where she lived from 1946 until 2000, when she moved to Memphis to be close to her family.

Mrs. Agnes was a member of First Baptist Church from 1946 until her death. She served as clerk of the church and Sunday school teacher for many years. She was appointed by the Governor of Tennessee and other state officials to numerous committees, where she and her late husband, Ross Dyer, tried to make a difference in the state and the Halls area.

She worked to improve not only the spiritual, but physical quality of life, in her hometown of Halls. In 1994, she was appointed to the Board of Alderman. She was re-elected 1997, and she served in that position until she resigned in 2000, at age 89, when she moved to Memphis.

She is survived by her son, Thomas R. Dyer, and wife, Dee; and two grandchildren, Jenny Pepper, and husband, Mike, of Madison, Mississippi, and John Ross Dyer, and wife, Amy, of Memphis, Tennessee; three great grandchildren, Daniel and Thomas Pepper, of Madison, Mississippi, and Mary Elizabeth Dyer, of Memphis, Tennessee; a sister Nokes Bone, of Gallatin, Tennessee; and nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held in the First Baptist Church of Halls, Tennessee on February 25, 2010, at 2 p.m. with visitation to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be made to the First Baptist Church of Halls, Tennessee, the Salvation Army or the charity of the donors choice.

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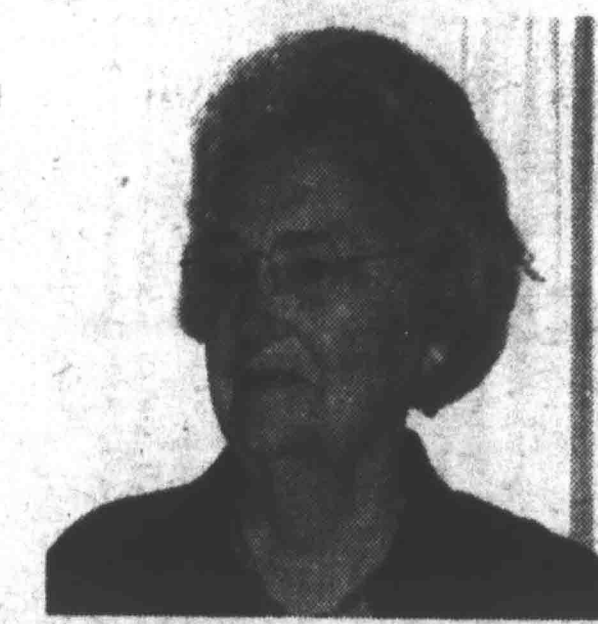
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This year marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Lauderdale Countians took part on both sides, with the majority joining the side of the Confederate States. Lauderdale-County-born Bell Irvin Wiley, noted Civil War historian, wrote in his acclaimed "The Life of Johnny Reb" that there were several reasons men joined the Southern cause. Among them were a desire for adventure in a war they thought would end quickly, and anger at U. S. forces' invasion of the South.

One source we have for the names of our men who joined early in the war is the January 1862 tax list showing men whose taxes had been excused for being a CSA volunteer. They were: James C. Armstrong, Francis Braden, Robert Griggs, Benjamin Lackey, W. A. Price, J. A. Rose, John Whitson, W. C. Whitson, W. W. Wheeler, James Alston, Jr., Sol Alston, C. H. Brown, J. L. Beasley, W. L. Fields, C. G. Fullen, Washington Johnson, E. P. Lankford, James Pitts, J. W. Watson, Thomas Chapman, J. R. D. Henley, Ed Ballenger, E. Cheney, James Leird, Wm. Meadows, James McIver, William Roberson, John Richardson, E. J. Turner, Abner Dunavant, W. S. Hendren, John Mitchell, Sidney Moore, C. R. Voss, Jo. Wright, L. B. Wright, E. W. Warren, E. W. Carnell, Lafett Faulkner, Alexander Faulkner, G. H. Macon, Elifus Misskelly, W. L. Nearn, J. H. Pillow, Mosco Pitts, E. C. Strickland, J. C. Slater, Milton Ferguson, James Garlow, William Rush, Thomas Slater, A. J. Barnes, William Crook, Stephen Childress, William Childress, Richard Clark, John Dwyer, William Hofman, Richard Davidson, J. C. Goforth, W. R. Glenn, P. M. Halliburton, Thomas G. Inman, John Gardner, Jo. Jordon, Jo. G. Pain, Thomas Ray, William Tomlin, John Thompson, William Williams, George M. Whitson, and ___ Cushman.

Cushman's first name was not shown in the excused-tax list; neither did anything but "Cushman" appear in the County Court Minute record when the Court voted to provide funds for families who needed help because of the absence of their menfolk. It's possible this Cushman was the one who became a guerilla and was killed in Ripley by Arthur Deloach.

By April B. F. Boydston, a Commissioner of the Poor House, had resigned his position to enter the army, and another group of tax-freed volunteers was listed in the County Court minutes: Green Alford (who was already dead), Richard Allen, William Boydston, James Braden, W. Bryson, T. B(un) Carson, James Chambers, Curtis Chaney, George Chipman, Jr., Green Hancock, Thomas Hendren, Frank Johnson, Thomas Johnson, J. L. Ledbetter, Alexander McCord, John Milam, J. Prewit, W. Randolph, Robert Smith, S. O. Southerland, Samuel Stewart, J. T. St John, A. B. Strain, E. P. Strickland, John Watson, and A. J. Weeks.

These lists are by no means complete; in his "Military Annals of Tennessee" John B. Lindsley lists 116 men who were members of the Ninth Tennessee Infantry, Company K, organized in this county in May of 1861, a month or less after the War began. Company E of the First Tennessee Cavalry was organized by October of 1861 when John W. Dunavant joined it at Ripley; and Lauderdale County's men also served in Company G of the Fourth Tennessee

Infantry, and other units.

At the April meeting the County Court voted a special tax for relief for families of volunteers, the earlier payments having come from a tax fund which had been collected to build a new jail. By June 2, however, when the Court next met, Fords Henry and Donelson had fallen, the South had lost the Battle of Shiloh, Corinth had been taken by Union forces, and Fort Pillow had been abandoned by the Confederacy and occupied at once by the Feds, so the new tax was rescinded at that meeting.

Confederate veterans, of course, were not eligible for Federal pensions, but in 1903 the Tennessee Legislature voted to provide pensions for veterans who were unable to work because of wounds or conditions sustained during the War. Numbers of veterans living in Lauderdale County were eligible, even those who had not served in Tennessee units if they had lived in the state a sufficient time.

Such a veteran was Henry Harrison Parker who had served in the Sixteenth Alabama Infantry's Company B. Mr. Parker applied for a pension on June 22, 1905. In his application he said he lived at Double Bridges and had lived in Tennessee since 1866. He wrote that he was born in Walker County, Alabama on March 4, 1842, and that he enlisted at Courtland, Alabama on April 16, 1861. He said he had been in the battles of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Tishomingo Creek, and Murfreesboro where his left index finger was shot off. He was shot in his left leg in a skirmish at Bell Buckle, Tennessee; was captured and taken to the prison at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was released from Camp Chase on June 12, 1865 when he had to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States to get his release. He said his wife was dead, his children, all girls, were married, and that he had no real or personal estate.

Dr. W. H. Tucker of Double Bridges described his infirmities as "difficulty hearing, deficient locomotion of his lower limbs as

a result of neuritis, and chronic bronchitis with an annoying hacking cough."

When Mr. Parker had no word about the issuance of a pension, he wrote the Tennessee Board of Pension Examiners in September to inquire about it, and advised that he had found a man here in the county who was with him at Camp Chase and hoped that would be of help. W. B. Savage signed an affidavit that he was in prison with Parker at Camp Chase and confirmed his release date. The Pension Board replied that the War Department of Washington could find no record of his service in the Sixteenth Alabama.

Mr. Parker reapplied in March of 1906, and wrote that his full initials were I.H.H. Parker and that he had enlisted that way, and had given his name as I. H. Parker at the prison. The Washington War Department advised the Tennessee Pension Board that "Isham H. Parker, private, Co. B. 16th Alabama Infantry, CSA enlisted 16 July 1861 for three years and that, as a member of Co. E. Steward's Cavalry was captured 4 Jan 1865 in Lawrence Co., Ala. and released June 12, 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio after taking the oath of allegiance."

Mr. Parker's pension was issued, and a few years later a number of citizens of Halls signed this appeal to the Pension Board:

...He was a hard-working man and desirable citizen, when about two years ago he was riding in a buggy—a team of mules ran away with a wagon and ran over him and crippled him so he is not able to do any kind of work. He is now 77 years old and has to go on crutches, is feeble and poor.

He is only getting \$15.00 per month pension, and can hardly live on that, so we urge that you have his pension increased to \$25.00 per month. We feel that justice to the old man demands it.

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whatever you may do for him.

Your obedient servants,
The following persons signed: L. H. Murchison; R. E. Hearn; W. E. Mullen; R. E. Stanfield; G. W. Espey; L. W. Birmingham; H. T. Francis; E. H. Curtis; J. H. Lucas; W. M. Utley; J. R. Williams; J. A. Nunn; J. M. Smith; Fred R. Hurt; P. H. Henderson; D. C. Warren; W. T. Nunn; N. A. Pones (?), J. B. Parker; W. E. Hurt; A. W. Williams; L. J. Rhodes; C. M. Kimbrough; A. P. Massengill, MD; W. S. Orman; Jas. M. Cox, jeweler; B. W. Archer; A. B. Strain; W. J. Daws; S. E. Pugh; A. Hargett; J. F. Curtis; B. L. Rhodes; J. M. Rhodes, R. L. Jones, I. W. Simmons; C. M. Taylor, A. S. Kenley; R. H. Jordan.

Mr. Parker is pictured on page 142 of "A Pictorial History of Lauderdale County, Tennessee"; he is the gentleman in the back row holding a gun (he had been rabbit hunting).

The Tennessee Civil War Commission will issue a special license plate commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial as soon as they receive 1,000 orders for them. For more information see <http://www.tnvacation.com/civil-war/commission/>

Community Reminder

Curve Neighborhood Watch meeting, 7 p.m. March 18th, Curve Community Center.

The Mustard Seeds will hold its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, March 10th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will focus on colorectal cancer. All cancer survivors, caretakers, and those recently diagnosed are invited.

Early voting will begin April 14th through 29th for the May 4th Democratic Primary. Voters must be registered by April 5th to cast a ballot.

Early voting will begin July 16th through 31st for the August 5th election. The last day to register to vote is July 7th.

Be the change you want to see in the world.
Ghandi

FBLA Week At HHS



STUDENTS, of Halls High School, celebrated Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) week, February 16th-19th by participating in many activities throughout the week including a 'Dress for Success' day Wednesday. FBLA members who dressed in professional business attire, include, in front, from left, Amanda Wright, Clarissa Stark, and Jayla Moore; and, in rear, from left, Briana Patrick, Jovita Stark, Kelsey Latham, Lindsey Elmore, Jasmine Washington, Destiny Street, De-Shawn Jordan, Devin Castelli, Shacueria Foster, Sha Patrick, Candace Stenson, Libby Butterworth, Timisha Alston, Darrien Walsh, Hayley Gillion, and Candace McKinney. Their sponsors are Paula Bales and Cynthia Lacy-Janes.

TRASH TALK

By Ann Tate



Once upon a time, long, long ago, a small family, Father, Mother, Little Boy, and Little Girl lived happily on a farm in North Carolina. Little Boy loved his home in North Carolina: the clear rocky streams to swim and fish in, the wooded hills to wander and explore. But one day they got the call: head west, young family... move to Tennessee. There's family to tend to and cotton to grow. So Father packed up everyone and everything and over the mountains and down the small highways they traveled to their new Shangri-La, hoping to live happily ever after.

Little Boy adjusted easily. He loved exploring the beautiful surrounds of his new home, wandering down the hidden paths, swimming in the small

ponds, just being an all-around boy. Soon, other boys were joining in the adventures, riding their bikes or old horses out to the countryside or even coming by foot (how does that work now?) to run and play in the woods and splash in the meandering streams.

One of Little Boy's favorite pastimes when he was alone was to climb up into the tall trees and read his Tarzan books while perched high above the landscape, listening for the roar of a phantom lion, ready to grab a grapevine and swing into action if duty called. The countryside was pristine back then, with wild flowers growing freely in the spring, streams flowing sweet and clear, and trees of all kinds creating deep woods where he could disappear into his make-believe, world.

Life moved on as life does, and Little Boy grew up to be a man and moved away to the city, where he married and started a family of his own. However, he

never forgot his country home, and one day, many years down the road, he got the same call his own father had once received. Come back to the country... we need you.

His home was still a beautiful place, with all the charm a rural community has to offer, and he yearned for it after years of traffic and crowds and city pollution. So this new generation Father packed up everyone and everything and moved back to the country to carry on the tradition. He built a house on the farm and made his life there, tilled the land and cared for his family. He was grateful for the chance to be back, listening to bird calls instead of car horns, breathing clean air instead of exhaust fumes, walking on soft dirt instead of hard concrete. Life was good.

As with us all, the sands of time kept moving, taking their inevitable toll on the happiness of our hero. Old Mother died, then Old Father too, and eventually even Little Girl grew old and passed away. Little Boy went from being Young Man to Old Guy in the wink of an eye, and as he looked around at what was left, he was washed in sadness.

Nothing was the same. His old home place was looted, then destroyed, burned down by trespassers, as was the barn where his father kept his mules and horses back in that other, happier time. And the countryside was changed as well. Where nature once reigned, junk now lined the roads... old tv sets, couches and mattresses cluttered up the embankments where rabbits once played and wildflowers once bloomed. People would drive from miles around to dump their trash on Old Guy's property, never thinking of the beauty or the environment they were so thoughtlessly destroying. Even worse, they felt free to throw out theft unwanted pets as well, leaving them helpless in what might well become their final resting place, since puppies and kittens won't survive



School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 1st

- Pizza
- Cheeseburger
- French Fries
- Fresh Veggies w/Dip
- Peaches
- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 2nd

- Oven Baked Ham
- Fish Fillet
- Corn Nibblets
- Pinto Beans
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 3rd

- Spaghetti
- Green Beans
- Garden Salad w/Dressing
- Grapes
- Apple Slices
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 4th

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

- Friday, March 5th**
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Hearty Vegetable Soup
- Carrot Sticks w/Dip
- Applesauce
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School Halls Elementary School

Pre-K to 3rd

- Monday, March 1st**
- Cheeseburger On Bun
- French Fries
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 2nd

- Oven Baked Ham
- Corn Nibblets
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 3rd

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long without food and water.

It seems that life didn't turn out so happy-ever-after after all.

Old Guy was disappointed that his county had allowed the beauty of its back roads to become degraded with tons of litter. He was saddened by the fact that so many people are so irreverent when it comes to God's creation, a creation that he has loved and treasured for almost eight decades.

... But then one day when Old

Guy goes out walking, he discovers lots of flags. Not the white flags of surrender, but bright red flags, planted very close to the illegal dump site that has grown up on his land. 1-69 is coming through, a bit of progress that Old Guy once dreaded, but now, somehow it doesn't seem quite so bad. At least the illegal dump site will be gone.... a moral victory if nothing else, and Old Guy can live with that... happily ever after.

Resigns xxx

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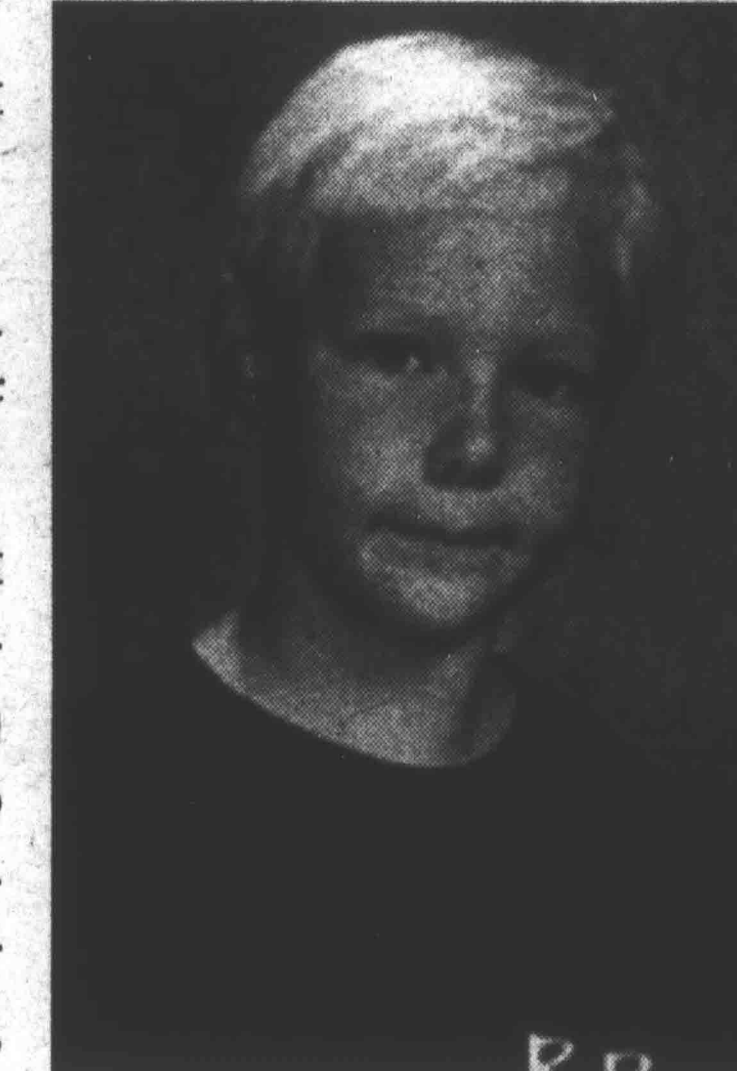
counties, I'll be all over West Tennessee."

Bill Maxwell, chairman, has appointed a search committee to begin the process of filling the position.

REDI started as a project of the Southwest TN Development District. Thirteen communities were invited to participate in a REDI conference to outline the plan for this initiative. Representatives included mayors, Chamber/ECD personnel, and others from business, education, healthcare and utilities. The mayors were then presented a proposal to invest in this initiative. The goals are to integrate and align the college access program (STEP) with counties who elect to invest in developing an asset based regional economic development strategy (REDI).

Lisa has served as executive director of the Lauderdale County Chamber/ECD since 1999. A 1979 graduate of Ripley High School, she holds a bachelor of science degree in communications/broadcasting from University of Tennessee at Martin and has vast experience in economic and community development. Highlights of Lisa's career include a graduate of the Economic Development Institute, University of Oklahoma; graduate of

He's Eight



CAYDEN VOSS MICHAELS, son of Ricky And Diane Michaels, of Ripley, celebrated his eighth birthday February 6th with a party at his home. He is the grandson of Oliver and Mary Ann Voss, of Ripley, and the late Butch Michaels, of Henning, and the great-grandson of Daisy Stewart, of Halls, and Margaret Nolan, of Covington.


the Institute for Organization Management, Villanova University; graduate of Delta Leadership Institute, DRA; Certified Tennessee Tourism Professional, TN. Tourism Roundtable; graduate of WestStar Leadership Program, UTM; past president, West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives; and a member of the TEDC (Tennessee Economic Development Council) and the SEDC (Southern Economic Development Council).

Valentine's Banquet Held



MEMBERS, in upper photo, of Ripley-First Assembly of God Church, attended a Valentine's banquet, hosted by the youth, Saturday, February 13th, at the church. Guests were served grilled chicken breast, seasoned green beans, a baked potato and a salad. Katie Arnold started the entertainment by singing a solo. Married couples, including, Tony and Wanda Hill, Brian and Angie Phillips, Terry and Elizabeth Jordan, and Danny and Alice Hughes, participated in the newlywed game with Caleb Phillips hosting the game.

In lower photo, youth performing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" as the Funk Monsters were, in front, from left, 'Disco Donna' by Jessica Shoemake and 'Funky Fezz' (Hayden Hill); and, in rear, from left, 'Hippy Hue' (Jay Green), 'Sunburst Suzie' (Taylor Nelson), 'Disco Bob' (Colby Phillips), 'Fuzzy Dice' (Caleb Arnold) and 'Dr. Love, a.k.a. Albert Lovingsstein' (Caleb Phillips), plus, not pictured, Awesome Ashley (Ashley Prescott). The evening concluded by them performing "Sweets For My Sweet" while passing Valentine lollipops to the guests.



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