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Tupperware Blaze Law-Suit Is Settled

Siegel-Roberts, automotive parts manufacturer with a plant north of Ripley, claimed a \$1,000,000 loss of plastics it had stored in the former Tupperware building, south of Halls, when fire damaged the building, Nov. 4, 2006.

Dart Industries, owner of the building, said United Industries, Inc., which rented space to S-R, had exceeded its space limits.

UI said Dart should have provided a fire-depressant system.

An out-of-court settlement has been reached.

Donation Presented



RANDALL HARRIS, left, Ripley Postmaster, donated a ten volume set of books, *Celebrate the Century*, a pictorial history of the United States Postal Service, to the Lauderdale County Library and the Halls Library, in honor of **Billie Morris**, second from left, and **Bettie Davis**, second from right, for their work on *A Pictorial History of Lauderdale County, Tennessee*. Mrs. Morris' first volume was released in November and the second volume, just completed, is expected to be available November 2010. Lauderdale County Mayor **Rod Schuh**, right, congratulated the women.

BOOKS AVAILABLE

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by Chelsea Handler, *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold, *Nauti Deceptions* by Lora Leigh, *The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis, and *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom.

For more information, call 731-836-5302.

Collision Injures Dyersburg Man

A collision at approximately 6 p.m. Monday on Highway 51 N., near Darby's Trailer Park, injured Timothy T. Dewalt, 38, of Dyersburg, according to Tennessee Highway Trooper James Smith. Dewalt was driving a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria.

Charles Dewalt, 60, of Halls, was driving a 2001 Freightliner and attempted to turn left, crossing Highway 51 through a median cross-over after leaving the trailer park. Timothy, who is not an immediate relative, skidded approximately 40 feet striking the Freightliner's right rear with his left front. He was airlifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Trooper Smith states that both drivers were wearing their seatbelts and alcohol was not involved.

Charges are pending.

According to witnesses, a small white car skidded, prior to or afterwards, at the crash site. If anyone has information concerning the accident, contact Trooper Smith, 901-543-6255.

Need Pictures Of Vietnam Veterans

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (The Wall), located near the Washington Memorial on the National Mall in Washington D.C., is in the process of building an education center near The Wall and needs photos of all the people listed on the Memorial. Names listed on The Wall, include, U. S. Marine, James Aubrey Blakely, Charles Calvin Burns, and James Erley McGarrity, Jr., all of Ripley,

Trooper Is Held As Child Beater

Former Riplian Marvin Norfolk, Highway Patrol trooper since 1998, assigned to Tipton County, is held on \$5,000 bond on charges of Child abuse and filing a false police report.

Norfolk is alleged to have beaten a 9-year-old family member, about Christmas, 2009, in Norfolk's home at 29 Planter's Grove Trail, Brighton.

Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington found bruises all over the child.

Investigators believe a belt was used.

Norfolk's wife, Dawn, is alleged to have been present at the beating.

She is held on \$2,500 bond for filing a false police report.

Dist. 14-A Stars



and Harmon Wayne Burks, of Henning; U. S. Army, Michael Earl Koonce, Raymond Wilkie Richardson and Carl Wayne Scallions, all of Ripley, and Wade Thomas Shaw, of Henning; and U. S. Navy, James Lloyd Griffin, of Gates.

Anyone who has a photo is asked to send a copy to Faces With Names, P. O. Box 226, White Bluff, TN 37187 or email a copy to kingfieldpoet@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT 14-A's ALL-DISTRICT basketball team includes Halls High School seniors Hollis Belton, right, forward, and Qaylon Smith, left, guard. Belton joined Bradford's Matt Bryan on the boys' All-Academic team.

Lady Tigers Jessie Ellison and Cassidy Hardee, seniors, made the girls' Academic team.

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Instructor



LAVON BLAKLEY, support services manager at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, spoke to the staff and homemakers at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging February 23rd about the seven step rules to clean and disinfect a room from top to bottom. She explained how they could apply the same principles in the home of the clients, as well as their personal homes, that the hospital implements every day. Lavon provided everyone in the workshop with a cleaning criteria checklist and pointed out ways to prevent the transmission of germs.

Commission On Aging Scheduled Activities

The Lauderdale Commission on Aging has scheduled events for Thursday and Friday, March 4th and 5th, and Monday through Wednesday, March 15th-17th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday with chair dancing; 10 a.m. line dancing and a diabetic seminar; and 1 p.m. bunko. Friday activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Get Fit, Stay Fit; 11 a.m. Healthy weight with Rachel Parker; 12:30 p.m. bingo and spiritual wellness table 1 and 2. Monday activities will begin at 9 a.m. Tai Chi for arthritis; 9:30 a.m. gym equipment with Coach Robert Jaynes; 10:30 a.m. Get Fit, Stay Fit; and 11 a.m. international women's day. Tuesday activities will begin at 10 a.m. cake deco-

Sounds of Music



MUSICIANS, Cecelia Koonce, Helen Redmond, on the Auto Harp, Thresa Gooch, Dorothy Bridges and Juanita Elmore, entertained participants February 16th of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging with the sweet, soothing melody of the mountain dulcimer. Dorothy shared some history about the dulcimer. She stated "Mountain dulcimer is widely used in the American old-time music tradition." The mountain dulcimer became used as a parlor instrument, as its sound volume was well-suited to small home gatherings. The melody played on the top string (or string pair) only, with the unfretted drone strings, providing a simple harmony, gives the instrument its distinctive traditional sound. The group assured the participants that the mountain dulcimer is easy to play, great for hobbyists as well as accomplished musicians.

Land Transfers

Feb. 21st - Feb. 27th
Patriot Bank to Dale Hutcherson, Dist. 2, lot.
John H. Gillon, Jr., to Bobby A. Jacobs, Dist. 12, 20.6 acres.

William R. Voss and Natalie R. Voss to Danielle Smith and Jennifer Holland, Dist. 12, lot.

Rodney Hemby and Dawn Hemby to Charles W. Byrd, Jr., and Debbie Byrd, Dist. 2, 6.39 acres.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Bobby Underwood, 2 lots.
Janice Pitts to Mike Douglas, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Charles O. Viar to Joel Jordan, Dist. 12, 52.0 acres.
Bobby Underwood to Linda Wood, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

rating with Rosie Lemons; and 1 p.m. Mahjong.
Wednesday -activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast; 10:30 a.m. a devotion with The Rev. Hickson; and 12:30 p.m. March Birthday party.

For more information, call 836-5444.

Anniversaries

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

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

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

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

March 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

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

Birthdays

March 4 - Dana Freeman, Delene Johnson, Loretta Hammock, Harley Patterson, Jo Middleton, Linda Graves, Ronnie Ferguson, Jane Coleman, Rodney Ervin, Billie Faulk, Scott Hume.

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

March 6 - Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, LaVerne Harris, Joe Maxey, Joann Crain, Betty Warren, Amanda McBroom, Sherry Seeley Layne, Clyde Nelson, Martha Cabay, Donnie Wieber, Vanessa Cain, Harvey B. Johnston, Wayne Bringle.

March 7 - Amanda Hutcherson Booker, Pug Conner, Misty Oswald Anthony, Ashley Terry, Sandra Wieber, Ann Carmack, Jessica Little, Will Warren, Nyiesha Gingery, L.G. Morton.

March 8 - Dalton Lee Young, Luke Hemby, Jerald Bridges, Melinda Pilcher, Barbara Sue Ezekiel, Glenn Lazure, Kathy Cherry, Tammye Terry, Sandra Wieber, Ann Carmack, Jessica Little, Will Warren, Nyiesha Gingery, L.G. Morton.

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

March 10 - Zackery Flatt, Rita Glenn, Rita Gillon, Polly Adkisson, Troy Sinquefield, Kim Vanden Hurt, Conner Stanley, Louise Ward, Randy Harris, Jacob Newman, Phyllis Elkins, Reagan Mills White, Brandy Lane, Brandon Crumpler.

Newborn



ELIJAH J. HENSLEY, 8 lb. 15 oz. son of Amber Midkiff and James "AJ" Hensley, of Durhamville, was born at 1:07 p.m. February 9th in Jackson Regional Hospital. Measuring 21 inches long, Elijah James is the grandson of Jimmy and Eva Jo Hensley, of Brighton, Pam and James L. Moore, of Gates, and Ronnie and Brenda Midkiff, of Ripley, the great-grandson of Faye Midkiff, the late Pete Midkiff, Mary Kissell, and the late Emery Kissell, all of Ripley, Shirley King, of Halls, the late James King, and the late James L. Hensley and Maybelle Hensley, of Tipton County.

Jerry Summar, Jr., Matthew Ratcliffe, Bill Zachary, Jayme Ann Buntin, Anne Paris, Jill Carpenter, Katrina Burns, Lindsey Smith, Lois Harris, Opal White, Tommy McDearman, Greg McBroom, Nancy Etheridge, Robbie Summar, Rachel Adkins.

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Obituaries

Gwynita Hill

Gwynita Parker Hill, 42, of Jackson, sister of Victor R. Brantley, of 282 Roy Crain Rd., Ripley, died Friday in Jackson Regional Hospital.

Rites will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Faith Deliverance Church in Brownsville, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery, east of Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her mother, Lula Mae Scott, her husband, Austin Hill; a son, Takaus D. Hill, a daughter, Renica Clay, and a sister, Pamela Hagans, all of Jackson; another son, Zedderick Hill, of McComb, Miss.; other daughters, Chelsea Hill, of Nashville, and Corina Hill, of Bloomington, Ill.; and other sisters, Jacqueline Parson and Vicky Scott, of Memphis, and Barbara Ingram, of Decatur, Ill.

Maggie Dew

Maggie Jewell Dew, 99, of Curve, widow of Leonard Dew, died Thursday of last week in the Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in the Leggett Cemetery.

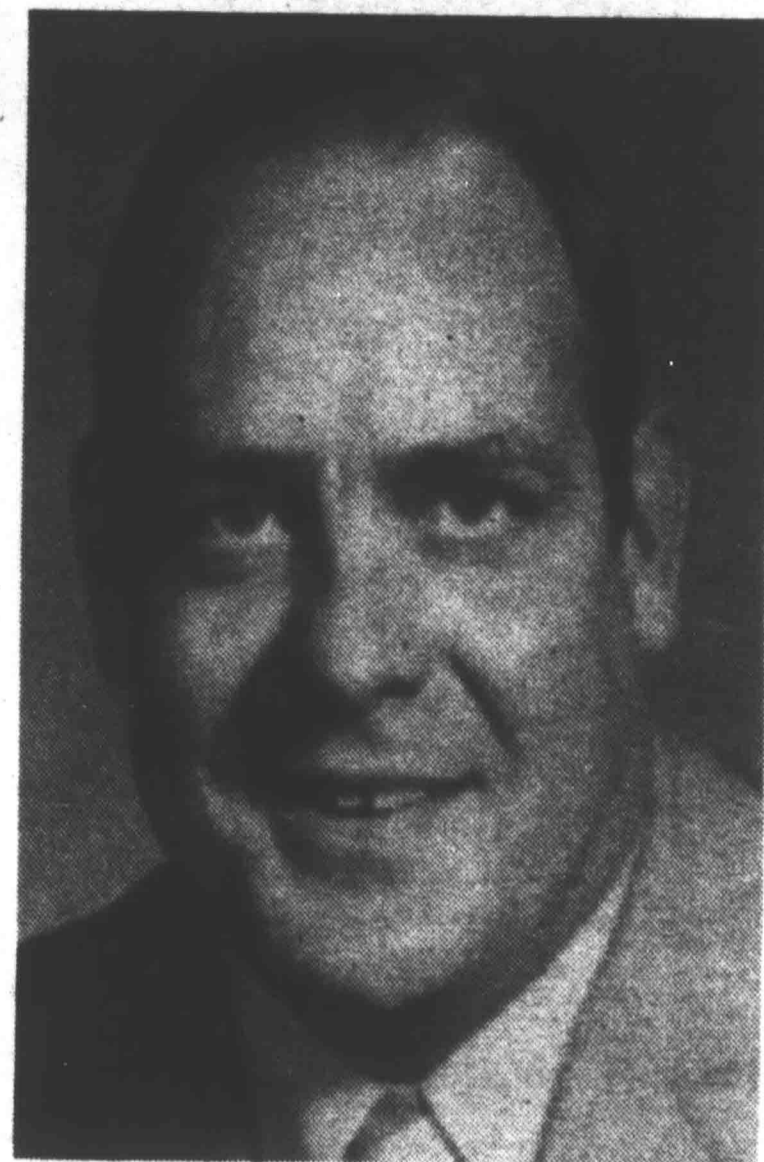
She was born June 22, 1910.

She leaves sons, Kenneth, Odell, and Wesley Scallions, of Curve, Jerry Scallions, of Charleston, Ark., Leon Scallions, of Paris, Ark., and Terry Scallions, of Palmetto, Fla.; daughters, Nora Rosencrans, of Palmetto, Peggy Anderson, of Big Foot, Tex., Virginia Jones, of Hondo, Tex., and Patricia Nelson, of Superior, Wisc.; a step-son, Charles Dew, of Curve; step-daughters, Helen Newman, of Jackson, and Clara Nell Hegeheiser, of Memphis; and 36 grandchildren.

Berton Hendrix

Berton D. Hendrix, 75, former Western Auto assistant manager, died Tuesday in

Mourning



Carl A. Goolsby, 76, of Memphis, reported by Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel as the father of James Robert Roberson, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in University Hospital.

Rites were Friday in the funeral home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

He took bachelor and master's degrees, in 1958 and 1971, from Memphis State University, where he was president of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He retired, as a captain, after 33 years in the Memphis Police.

He was a member of Leawood Baptist Church.

An avid golfer, he supported the Boy Scouts' Old Kia Kima Preservation Assn. (3590 Sherrod, Nesbitt, MS 38651), to which memorial gifts would be appropriate.

He was married for 42 years to the late Peggy B. Goolsby.

Survivors include a brother, O. Halbert Goolsby, of McLean, Va.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Rites will be Wednesday in Trinity Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves a son, Curtis Damon Hendrix, daughters, Shelia Irene Hardister and Tammy Lanette Hayes, sisters, Bernice Jerden and Fannie Marie Kissell, and three grandchildren, all of the Ripley area.

Elizabeth Beaver, National Organist

Elizabeth Diane Beaver, 64, of Alamo, mother of Kristina (Mrs. "Bubba") Burks, of 421 Dogwood Trail, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, at home.

Rites were Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Alamo, with burial in Oakview Memorial Gardens.

She was the daughter of the late McNeil and Willie Mae Hopper.

A bookkeeper, she taught piano, was organist for local churches, and for more than 30 years was organist for Walking Horse and Racking Horse Shows across the U.S.

She leaves a son, Chris, of Alamo; a brother, Michael E. Hopper, of Memphis; and two grandchildren, John-Curry Burks and MaryAnn Elizabeth Burks, of Ripley.

Ross L. Friend

Ross L. Friend, 51, of Chicago, Ill., brother of Abraham and C. J. Friend and Elvira Austin, of Henning, died Friday, at home.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Garden of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church in Broadview, Ill., with burial in Oakridge Cemetery in Chicago, Currie's Funeral Home in Henning assisting Corbin Funeral Home in Chicago.

He had been a steel factory worker.

He leaves a son, Ashley Williams, of Kansas City, Mo.; daughters, Akili Brown and Shantel McKinley, of Chicago; and other brothers, Charles, John, Robert L., Robert T., Steve, Tyus, and T.J., and other sisters, Ethel and Imelda Friend, all of Chicago.

Mrs. Lambert

A memorial service for Margaret Ann Lambert, 70, of 2650 Dry Hill Rd., Ripley, who died Feb. 8th, is set at 1 p.m. March 20th in the First Assembly of God in Ripley.

Betty Wright

Betty Louise Wright, 77, died Friday in the Crockett County Nursing Home in Alamo.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Grace Cemetery at Central.

She was born May 2, 1932.

She leaves a son, Jim Esra, of Covington; daughters, Judy Brandon, of Dyersburg, Kathy Taylor, of Lexington, and Deborah Bachmeier, of Palo Verde, Calif.; three stepchildren, Billy, Bode, and William E. Wright, of Ripley; brothers, Larry Langley, of Ripley, and Robert Langley, of Memphis; sisters, Maggie Savage, of Ripley, Genelle Hendren, of Dry Hill, Linda Hunt, of Edith, and Crystal Augustine, of Michigan; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

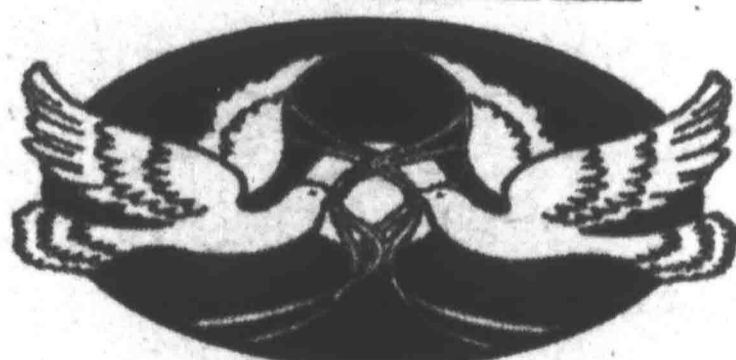
Mary Spoon

Mary Ruth Meacham Spoon, 78, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Woodville Cemetery, east of Gates.

She was born Aug. 29, 1931.

She leaves her husband, Junior Spoon; a son, Jerry Leggett, and his wife, Myra, and a daughter, Connie Leggett, of Ripley; another daughter, Mary (Mrs. Jerry) Moore, of Gates; a sister, Sinnie Pugh, of Greenfield; four grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Adv.



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 in-

Nellie Caldwell

Nellie Barham Caldwell, 78, of Ripley, the widow of J. A. "Jiggs" Caldwell, died Monday in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She leaves a son, Richard, of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters, Celia McNeill and Rita Criner, of Ripley; sisters, Jo Ann Haynes, of Ripley, Clara Conley, of Millington, and Ruby Faye Barham, of Trenton; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Jerry C. Horner

Jerry C. Horner, 75, of 619 Sumrow, Halls, died Monday.

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

He was born July 28, 1934, to the late John and Reba Horner, of Dyersburg.

He leaves his wife for 36 years, Carolyn Buckner Horner; daughters, Jerrie Gail Jackson, of Halls, Debbie Smith, of Jackson, and Tracie Canfield, of Germantown; brothers, Toby Horner, of Dyersburg, and Bob Horner, of Wilmington, N.C.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th Street, Gates, will hold revival services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7th and continue at 7 p.m. Monday, March 8th through Wednesday, March 10th. John Yates, of Enterprise, Ala., will lead the services, along with his wife, Patty. The public is invited. For more information, call 836-9887.

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Mission Team Visits The Philippines



MISSION VOLUNTEERS, including Tommy Griggs, Bethpage Baptist Church, Kenton; The Rev. Randy Crews, pastor of the Ashland Baptist Church, Ashland, Miss.; The Rev. Randy Boals, pastor of Avondale Baptist, Humboldt; Lanny and Judy Abernathy, members of First Baptist of Newbern; Roy Hinman and The Rev. Johnny Michael, pastor of Roellen Baptist, near Dyersburg; Jerry Foster, Dr. John Hayes and Troy Hoppers, Zion Baptist, Brownsville; The Rev. Tony Michael and Edward Bone, Jolly Springs Baptist, Dresden; D.C. Melton, Lakeview Baptist, Selmer; Eddie Wilbanks, Jerry Moore and Andy Davis, Finley Baptist Church, Dyersburg; The Rev. Jason Reynolds, pastor of the Path Church, Dyersburg; local native, The Rev. Willie Pounds, pastor of St. Paul Baptist, Kenton; The Rev. Loren Stephens, and his wife, Charlotte, of Southside Baptist, Dyersburg; Donald Williams, Beech Grove Baptist, near Halls; and Dr. Charles Pratt, Fayette-Haywood Baptist Association mission's director, based in Brownsville, and a member of FBC of Somerville. The 22 members serving on the Cross Partners Ministry team returned from two weeks in the Republic of the Philippines, where they served with over 50 churches in four different Baptist associations. The team participated in over 200 evangelistic crusades with the Filipino Baptists across Luzon Island and saw 17,983 professions of faith and over 1,000 other decisions for the Lord Jesus. They were led by Dr. Pratt, who is the president and founder of Cross Partners Ministry, Inc. He has been leading volunteer mission teams on five continents for over 20 years to serve on short time mission trips.

overseas stated, "I will never in a million years be able to do enough for my Savior to repay Him for the life changing experience that I have received on this trip to the Philippines with Cross Partners Ministry.

The New Mitchell Grove Baptist Church, near Halls, in the Dyer Baptist Association provided the funds to build a new church building, in lower photo, in San Carlos City, located in the central region of Luzon Island. The mission church already has over 60 members, but no building. The church, led by pastor, Jeff Ray, also, helped to purchase more than 8,000 New Testaments and Bibles to be given to the new converts to Christ.

Dr. Hayes, medical doctor from Zion Baptist in Brownsville, remarked, "Even though, I have been on numbers of these before, it never gets old in seeing all these people asking Jesus into their hearts. It was great to see the American flag flying over the former POW camp at Cabanatuan." Pastor Crews said, "To be present when God chooses to do His mighty acts, is a blessing that I do not deserve. Thank God that He can and does use anyone who is willing." Bone, a war veteran on his first mission, said, "After travelling for the military in two wars, I asked God to use me in some way and it was very humbling to see how much happened in such a short time. This experience has strengthened my Christian walk by sharing my faith with the Filipinos."

The Republic of the Philippines is a "Third World Country" that consists of 7,100 islands filled with 96 million people. Manila is the capital city with a population of over 16 million with an unemployment rate of over 60%. There are many peasant farmers, fishermen and craftsmen of wood and iron. The main crop is rice, which is grown on every island, including the mountains with the famous rice terraces. The tropical nation is famous for their tasty fruits such as mangoes, bananas, melons, pineapples, apples, durans, coconuts, and hundreds of other fresh fruits and nuts.

The partnership mission work was developed over 20 years ago by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and has been continued through the efforts of CPM, Inc. founded by Pratt, who serves as President of the mission sending organization.

Mrs. Abernathy on her first overseas mission trip stated, "My most important decision of life was accepting Jesus as my Savior and the next important one was being able to share Jesus with the Filipino people. This was the most rewarding thing of my life." Her husband, Lanny, has served on about a dozen of these trips before, but "it was a blessing to have my wife on my team," he said. Hoppers, member of Zion Baptist in Brownsville, on his first mission trip

rewarding mission trip ever." Some of the volunteers were taken to the POW camp at Cabanatuan, where army special forces liberated some 523 American POW's from the Japanese on January 30, 1945. This was the greatest act of liberation of soldiers in American history. A movie was made of the heroics called the "Great Raid." The 100 Army Rangers with many Filipino soldiers went through 26 miles of mud and jungle to surprise the Japanese soldiers and to liberate the weaken POW's. For most of the last mile before reaching the camp, the Rangers literally crawled through a drainage canal to keep out of sight of the Japanese soldiers. There were thousands of Japanese camped less than half a mile on either side of the POW camp guarding the road that lead to the camp at Cabanatuan.

"This was a very emotional experience," explained Dr. Pratt, "as I read the accounts from the war memorial describing the hour by hour account of how the battle was won. Thousands of Japanese soldiers were killed, while only one American medic was killed in the entire battle." The mission team also visited the monument that marks the end of the famous Bataan Death March. There are lessons on American history scattered throughout Luzon Island in the Philippines as a result of WWII.

Hinman, on his first ever mission trip stated, "It was amazing to experience the openness in the schools and the willingness of the youth to listen as I shared the Gospel." In a finale of events, the last Baptist Association to host the American volunteers held a celebration rally with people from each church inside a city gym to express their love and appreciation for the volunteers that helped to evangelize their countrymen to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Dr. Pratt was asked to share a message of encouragement to those in attendance. Awards were presented to each volunteer missionary and testimonies were shared by some of the team.

The volunteers raised their own support, as well as, money for more Bibles. The team gave away over 15,000 Bibles and over 35,000 Gospel tracts. They shared their faith openly in public high schools, colleges, public town squares, prisons and were able to baptize hundreds of Filipinos awaiting baptism in the South China Sea before they returned home. The CPM volunteers assisted the Filipino pastors in the mass baptism of candidates in the ocean that had gone through discipleship training during the past few weeks. Pastor Pounds, a Lauderdale County native, on his fourth trip, stated, "This was the most

Dry Hill Dog News

By Zeek



Zeek here!!! I am at the Club today. Mr. Buddy talked on the two-legger phone and told Scooter that they needed to go see about some four-leggers. When they were getting in the truck, I looked at them and Scooter told me to come on and go with them.

After we rode in the truck for a little while, we got to a two-legger house. I didn't see any trucks or any two-leggers. I did see two four-leggers tied up to a tree. Mr. Buddy, Scooter and I got out of the truck. One of the four-leggers was glad to see us but the other four-legger just growled at us. Mr. Buddy told us that some two-leggers had moved to another two legger house and had left their four leggers here. I really didn't understand why this had happened.

Scooter told me to go to the four-legger that was growling and to tell him that we were here to help him. Both of the four-leggers looked hungry and thirsty. I went up to the tree and told them my name and that I needed a new home one time. I told them all about the Club and that two-leggers were out there to feed and water my Buds all the time. Both of the four-leggers were ready to go to the Club. I looked over at Mr. Buddy and Scooter and let them know that the four-leggers were ready to go to the Club.

Mr. Buddy and Scooter came over to the tree and untied my new friends. Both of the four-leggers were happy to be out from under that tree. Mr. Buddy and Scooter helped the four-leggers into the truck and we took off back to the Club.

When we got to the Club, Mr. Greg was waiting on us and the four-leggers jumped out of the truck and went into a pen and started eating good food and drinking fresh water that Mr. Greg had fixed just for them.

Miss Pam came out of the cat room to see what was going on. Scooter told her about these four-leggers being tied to a tree with no food or water and that their two-leggers had moved to another two-legger house and left these two good four-leggers. Well, you know, that she had some water come out of her eyes.

We all watched the new four-leggers and then they told me after that good food and water that they sure did need a good nap on the blanket in their new pen.

We all went back into the office and I turned my head to Miss Pam to ask why would any two-legger move off and leave their good four-leggers. Miss Pam said that two-leggers should never leave their four-leggers because it was not right and it is against the law. She also said that we have such a good Club, that any two legger can bring any four-legger out here that is not wanted anymore. Miss Pam also said that we can feed and water four-leggers when two-leggers can't. I sure am proud of our Club. I wish every two-leggers knew about our Club and that we will take care of any four-legger.

Seeing those four-leggers left must have made Scooter proud to be a two-legger that is out here at the Club because he let me get in our chair. Mr. Buddy told us that Dale Mozier and Robert Cerdi took home a puppy four-legger. Jill Joyner took home Sandy, and Dwayne Moiser took home Jack. Lady got to go home with Virgie Johnson.

After a short nap, I went out to tell some of my Buds about the two new Buds out here being tied to a tree and left by their two-leggers. Betsy and Droop, the boy and girl bassets, were sad when they heard the story. Sandy, the brown boxer told us that she had been tied outside and it was not fun. Shelly and Shep, the border collies, were sad to hear about this. The beagles all said that they had always lived on pens but they sure were glad not to be tied up. Brown Benji, the wire terrier said that he was glad that the new four leggers were out here

Day On The Hill



COUNTY STUDENTS and volunteers traveled to Nashville Tuesday, February 23rd for the NAACP's Ninth Annual Legislative Day on the Hill at the Tennessee State Capitol's house chambers. Lauderdale County School Superintendent Joey Hassell worked diligently with local NAACP president, Dr. Cyronose Spicer to make sure the principals, schools, and students were informed. The first scheduled date was cancelled due to snow. When the meeting was rescheduled, transportation supervisor Jimmy Meeks worked to secure enough buses for the trip. Even the loss of an extra bus did not deter the group's efforts to move forward. Ripley High School principal, Joe Bridges, and Lauderdale Middle School principal, Greg Billings, made sure the children were prepared to go and that their day of school was account

with us. He said that this was a good place to be when you were looking for a new home.

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 shot and yearly check up. Miss Pam says that a healthy four-legger is a happy four-legger and a happy four-legger makes a two-legger happy.

We really need some food at the Club. Where were all of your two-leggers this week with food. My Buds stay hungry so bring us out some food. If you do not

want to come out to the Club, drop off your food donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon. She will call us and we will pick it up. Come out and see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, mail us something at P. O. Box 172, or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

Miss Ilene Davenport and Miss Kathleen Doss made generous donations to my Buds. Miss Mary Hayes made a donation in honor of Miss Doris Moore. Mr. and Miss William Tate made a donation in memory of Gary Allen and Mary Kelly. Thank all of you two-leggers so much. With

generous donations, we can make our Club a better place.

Please take good care of your outside four-leggers. If you are moving or just don't want them anymore - please bring them to the Club so that we can take good care of them until we find them a new home.

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. On our way home today, I sat really close to Miss Pam in the truck and she put her arm around me. We just looked at each other and we both knew that we were proud to be a family.

Zeek out!!!!!!

Read Across America



TEACHERS and students, along with special guests, celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday Tuesday during the Read Across America Day at Ripley Primary and Halls Elementary Schools. Guests read books to the students, while others "dressed for the occasion".

Peer Tutoring



STUDENTS, Toni Martin, Jonathan Russell, Tania Steel, Star Sollis, Constance Mason, and Lauren Lambert, are assisting classmates at the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center through the Peer Tutoring program for the spring semester. Jane H. Connell, master tutor, said, "We have six UT Martin students who have been approved to provide tutoring to other students." The program is free and will run through the spring semester. They are available to assist with English, writing, math, basic computer, and psychology. Contact Mrs. Connell at the school for further information.

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.

Chemo caps for cancer patients are available by calling 635-6888.

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.

Dining



RACHEL ERWIN, UT Extension agent, joined with Lauderdale County Commission on Aging and LeBonheur to provide another Dining with Diabetes series, even through the weather did not cooperate. Participants were pre-screened for cholesterol, blood pressure, weight and glucose at the beginning of the series and are scheduled to be post-screened on April 16th. The goal is to educate diabetics about nutrition, exercise and preventative practices in an effort to improve their screening numbers. The series provided several speakers including Gale Martin, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale dietician; Gladys Hunt and Jennifer Sullivan, Q-Source Disparities/QI Specialist; Donna Sowell, Ripley Healthcare Staff Development Coordinator; Tracy Brown and Adrian Brown, New Gen Advanced Orthotics Lab; and Amanda Harris, pharmacist at Arnold's Health Mart. Amanda presented each participant with a new blood glucose monitoring system provided by Home Diagnostics. Rachel prepared tasty treats for participants to sample. Some of the favorite recipes were the Peaches and Cream Sipper, Fettuccine with Ham and Vegetables and Snickers on a Diet. Each person that completed the series will be given *The Right Bite Cookbook*.

May 4th Primary Petitions Returned

Candidates who have qualified for the May 4th Democratic Primary include Cyronose D. Spicer for County Mayor; Charletta Campbell, County Trustee; Garie V. Andrews, Circuit Court Clerk; and Paula Lee Boger, Register of Deeds. Only Democratic candidates will be included on the ballot with the winner to face the Independent candidates in the August 5th election.

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

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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, Todd Rankin, and Marva Temple; 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, Tommy Ray Sanders, and John Gaines; 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

D. A. Targeting Teen Pregnancy

Dist. Attorney Gen. Michael Dunavant, of Ripley, notes that two of the five counties in his 25th Judicial District, Lauderdale and Hardeman, are among the top five counties in the state for teen pregnancy.

He and other district attorneys general are adding, to the literature previously provided to schools and medical offices, messages on Facebook, MySpace, and YouTube, on the Net.

Terry Uselton, Sr.; District 7, 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, Andy Vaughan, Sr., Dennis King, Tommy Sanders, Danny Hartsfield, Garey Woodard, Sandra Hughes, Earl Bohannon, Rob Reviere, Dwight Shoemake, Sr., Terry Uselton, Sr., Kathy Alston, David Caldwell, Talmadge Crichfield, Sr., Raymond Edwards, and Don Fisher, along with school board member, Eva Drain and Melinda Hutcherson.

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.

Jarrett Attended Public Speaking Contest

TEMA Training

Jim Jarrett, director of Emergency Management Agency in Lauderdale County, attended the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) communications training Tuesday and Wednesday of last week at Paris Landing State Park. The event, funded by a Homeland Security grant, help emergency workers prepare in case of major catastrophic events like earthquakes. A large command vehicle, with satellite dish and rotating camera, was brought to the meeting for a demonstration. The vehicle was set up for a conference room in the back area, a planning section in the middle and a communications section with state and local agencies in the front.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 8th

- Hamburger
- Pizza
- French Fries
- Celery Sticks w/Dip
- Pear Halves
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 9th

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

Wednesday, March 10th

- Roasted Turkey w/Gravy
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Peas
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Orange Sections
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 11th

- Menu
- School's Choice

Friday, March 12th

- BBQ On Bun
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich



STUDENTS, from left, in upper photo, Dominique Toomes, of Halls Elementary School; Chad Lewis, Halls Junior High; Theresa Fritz, home schooled; Alex Tippett, Ripley Elementary School; and Ben Click, Halls Elementary, competed in the Sub-Regional public speaking contest held February 25th in Dyersburg. In lower photo, Andreaus Fritz and Kristal Henderson competed in the Regional Public Speaking Contest February 13th in Lexington. They are pictured with Katie Wyatt, 4-H agent.

College Fair



MEMBERS of the Halls High School Future Business Leaders of America co-hosted a college fair last week along with members of the Halls Northside Advisory Board. As a Black History Month activity, the college fair only involved schools from historically black colleges and universities, including Rust College, Lane College, Howard University and Fisk University. Representatives from Rust College spoke with Halls High students, Shameka Eisom and Sha Patrick.

- Fresh Broccoli w/Dip
- Homemade Baked Beans
- Peaches

- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

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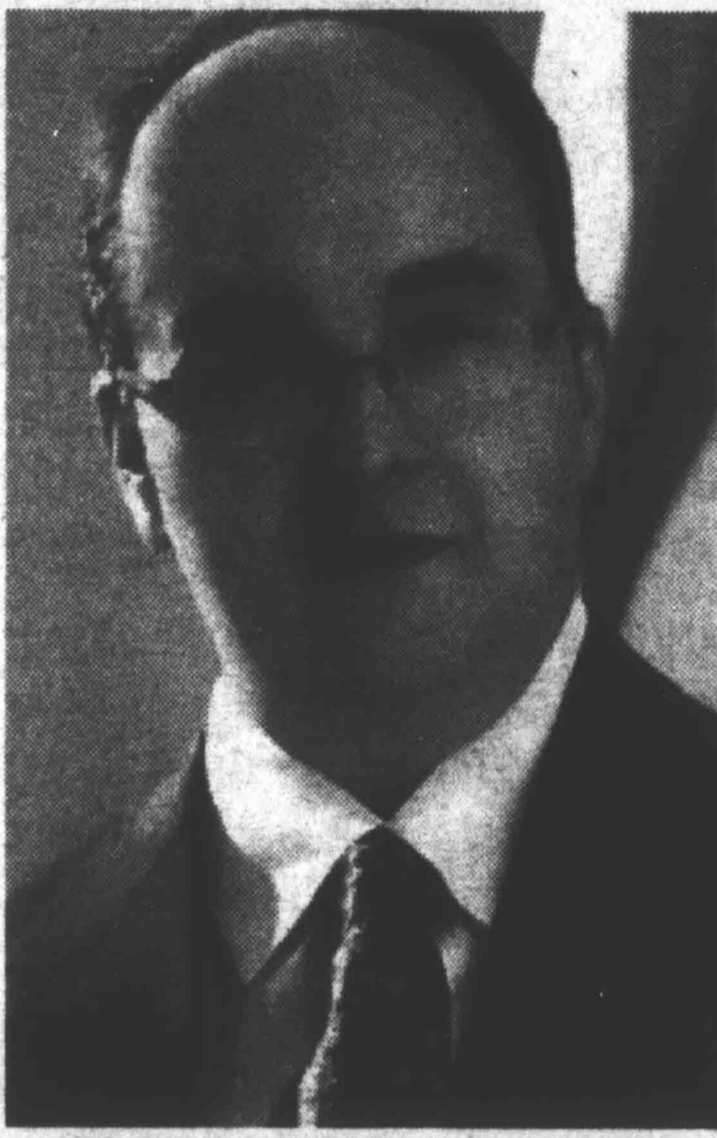
County Teams Open Baseball

The high school baseball season begins Monday with Halls and Ripley facing off in the Aaron Schuh Memorial Tournament at 1 p.m. March 15th at Ripley High School.

Halls will face off at 4:30 p.m. against Lake County High School, March 16th, Covington High School, March 18th, and Brighton High School, March 19th.

Ripley will face Brighton High School, March 16th and Lake County High School, March 18th, both games at 7 p.m. The championship game will be held March 20th.

Candidate County To Receive Recovery Act Funds



RANDY SMITH, 41, of Mercer, in Madison County, has announced his intention to seek the 8th District Congressional seat. He classifies himself as a Conservative Republican. He issued the following statement.

"It's time to get off the sidelines and get in the game. I have been frustrated and concerned about our nation's future and have decided that now is the time to stop complaining and start trying to do something about it. It's time for 'regular folks' with common sense solutions to our problems to get involved in Government again. If you feel the same way join me in this campaign," said Smith.

RESCUE EFFORT

The Lauderdale County Rescué Squad has joined efforts to locate Stephen C. Grayer, 49, of Atoka, who left his home about 7:30 a.m. Saturday to fish in the Randolph Chute of the Mississippi River.

His 16-ft. fiberglass bass boat was found Sunday, capsized on the west bank of the river, about two miles south of Duvall Landing.

Lauderdale County will receive \$430,500 for Ripley and \$367,292 for Halls from the ARRA grant, which was announced by Mayor Rod Schuh, during the Lauderdale County board meeting held Monday evening at Lauderdale County Courthouse. He stated that in order to apply for this grant people had to be a non-profit entity. Those who applied for the grant were New Beginning Center in Ripley and Halls Senior Center in Halls. The commission unanimously approved to build three houses, near the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in Halls, where Helen Tucker citizens may be allowed to rent with rental monies going to the center for upkeep on the houses. The use of these funds will be overseen by the county mayor's office.

The board also approved to give the Edward Byrne grant to the Lauderdale County Exchange Club/Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The grant, in the amount of \$25,000, is a shared grant between the city and county with the city receiving \$50,000. Rick Gilliland, director of finance and operations, of the Lauderdale County School Board, stated they were able to hire two full-time maintenance employees through the Job Recovery Act. He stated the school will pay their salary then be reimbursed through the Job Recovery Act.

In other business, the commissioners approved to accept into budget \$597 of building permits written for a shop and two new homes.

Dan Frazier, coordinator of Rural Planning Organization, stated they were able to hire two full-time maintenance employees through the Job Recovery Act. He stated the school will pay their salary then be reimbursed through the Job Recovery Act.

Books, including math, reading, English, science, social studies and music, will be given away from 10 a.m. until noon and 1 until 3 p.m. Monday, March 15th, at the Lauderdale County Department of Education, 402 S. Washington St., Ripley. This is an opportunity for your child(ren) to receive supplemental materials for practice and review from past textbooks.

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Allmand Suit Not Resolved

Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic says a pre-trial conference before U.S. Magistrate Tu M. Pham, in Memphis, Wednesday of last week, failed to settle a suit filed Aug. 31, 2006, by Mike Allmand, of 230 Hunter's Trace Drive, Ripley, against City of Ripley officials, claiming that his civil rights were violated by being dismissed from contracted utility positions for political animosity rather than on any factual basis.

The only visible result of the conference was dropping Ripley & Power Light as a defendant.

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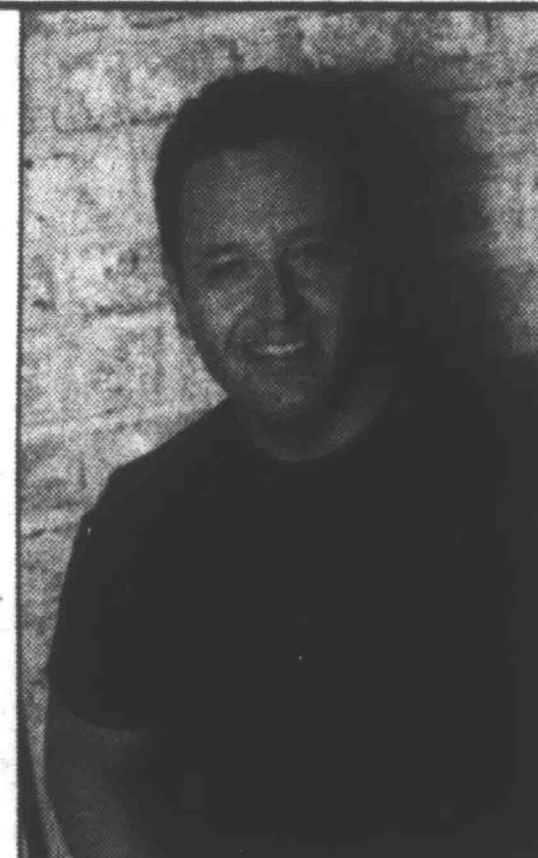
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TRASH TALK

By Committee Members



STOP LITTER "Tennessee's had enough" this is the slogan everyone in our state and county needs to pay attention to. You may ask why I should care about litter. Let us count the ways:

\$11,000,000 tax payer dollars our state spends picking up trash Tennesseans throw down on the ground.

12,000,000 miles are driven each year picking up litter in our state. Think about all the gas that is needed to fuel trucks for litter pickup.

18% of all littered items end up in our streams and waterways as pollution.

There are many issues all of us face everyday, litter is preventable! If you see someone dumping or littering call the litter hotline 1-877-8Litter.

Divorces

Robert Michael Lewis vs. Tracy Dawn Lewis.

Jennifer Gunter Short vs. Kevin Snow Short.

Collis E. Brown vs. Cassandra Brown.

Wilson Edward Simpson vs. Denise Renee Simpson.

Anniversaries

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

March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckner.

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

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

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

Land Transfers

February 28th - March 6th

Bobby A. Jacobs to John H. Gillon, Jr., Dist. 12, 0.33 acre and 3 lots.

Steve Cherry to Jordan Henson and Jessica McLemore Henson, Dist. 2, 2.25 acres.

Casey Leanne Hargett to Gus Hargett, Jr. and Shirley Hargett, Dist. 6, 8.6 acres.

Charles O. Viar to James Jordan and Diane Jordan, Dist. 12, 28.0 acres.

Carey K. Blakley to Jerry B. Hughes and Cathy L. Hughes, Dist. 10, 2 tracts.

William G. Parker and Elaine R. Parker to Billy F. Gillespie, Sr., Kathleen B. Gillespie, Pamela Kay Rhodes, and Billy F. Gillespie, Jr., Dist. 11, tract.

She's Four



TEYONCE' K. SHAW, daughter of Cynthia and Tony Andreas Shaw, of Halls, will celebrate her fourth birthday March 12th with a Sponge-Bob party for family and friends at her home. Born March 8th, she is the granddaughter of Tony Shaw, Sr., of Decatur, Ill., Helen Williams, of Halls, Mary Bates, of Gates, and the late Larry Barbee, of Ripley, and the great-granddaughter of Janie Lucas, of Gates.

Birthdays

March 11 - Joe Tidwell, Larry Reynolds, Zane Bernard, Carol Douglas, Russ Poston, Grayson Morris, Lance Medford, Jeremiah Boyd, James Ryan Hilliard, Annie Hume.

March 12 - Natalie Schneider, Dalton Fowler, Stacy Fullen, Paul Childress, Roger

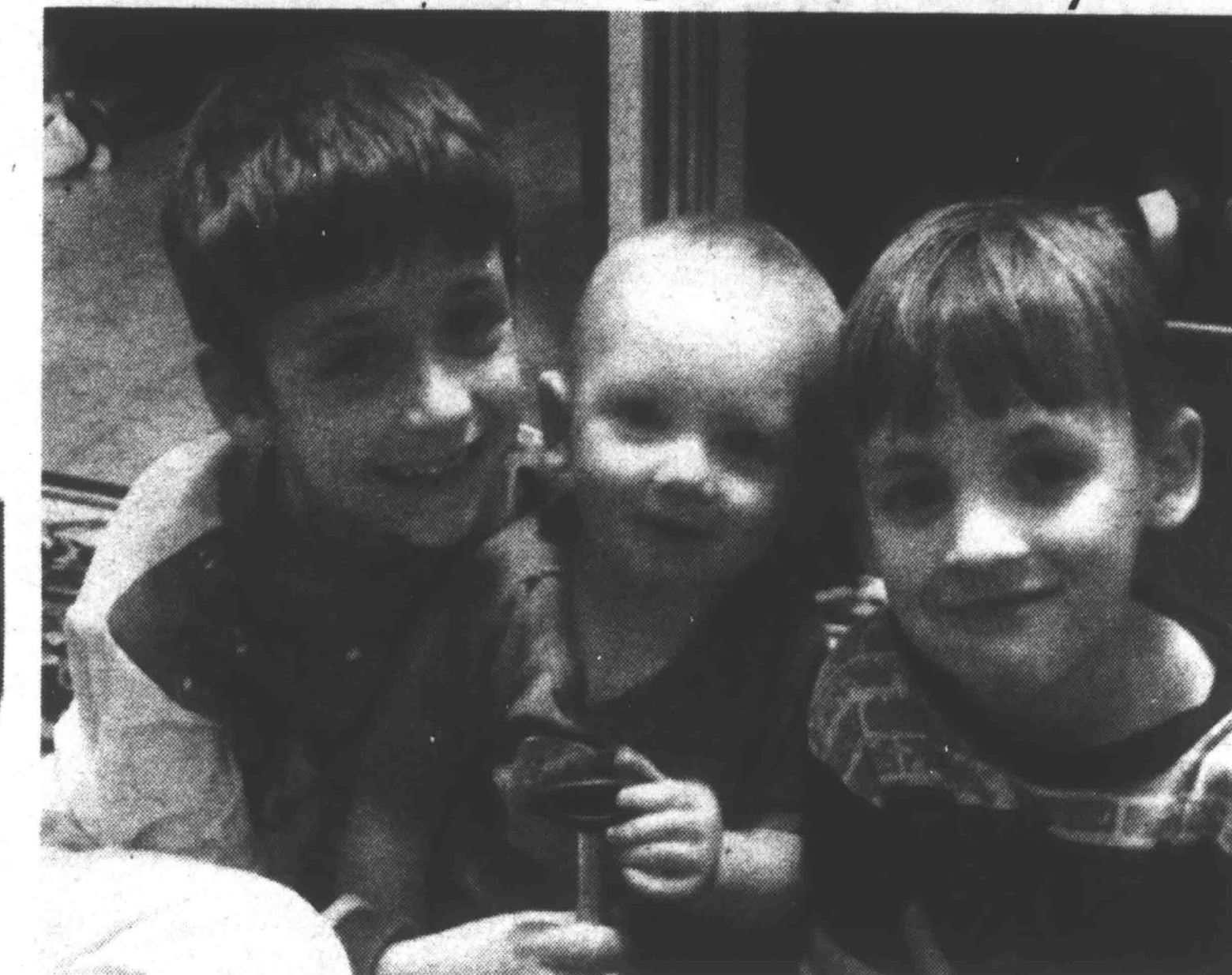
Marriages

February 27th - Willie James Smalls, Jr., 52, to Cora Jean Barbee Brown, 53, by Booker Joe Nance, Jr.

Daniel Lee Brown, 24, to Crystal Renee Goforth Buckner, 29, by Rod Schuh.

March 5th - David Gene Leggett, Jr., 33, to Lisa Marie New, 23, by Rod Schuh.

Celebrating Birthdays



BROTHERS, Seth Braden and Khale Maverick, will celebrate their birthdays March 13th. Seth will be seven and Khale, one. Their brother, Brock Timothy, will celebrate his sixth birthday April 9th. They are the sons of Timmy and Tina Jones, of Gates, the grandsons of Jackie and Sheila Luttrell and Dennis and JoAnne Jones, and the great-grandsons of Roger and Theresa Charest, Mrs. Josephine Latham, and Ruffin Luttrell.

Mills, Frankie Spray, Lorene Pennington, Susanne Hurt Troutt, Jamie Young, Alicia Gooch, Sue Hamby, Sue Adkerson, Kevin Welch, Olivia Norman.

March 13 - Don Gaines, Jonathan Cummings, Debbie Brewster, Virginia Williams, Frances Hargett, Miranda Hopkins, James Littles, Belinda Halpain.

March 14 - Caroline Edmundson, Michal Pool, Macaleb Neal, Tammy Pipkin, Saul Nelson, Kanisha Whitelaw, Dr. Bobby Webb, Jonathan Strantz, Tammy Carmack, Bryan McCarron, Leslie Jackson, Brooklyn Terry, Graeme Parsons, Tereasa Faye Boyd, Sonya Ham-Buckner, Mitchell Holley.

March 15 - Juanita Haynes, Amanda Buchignani, Dr. Randall Cummings, Steven Summer, Annie B. Jones, Leslie Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward, Colton Olds, Debbie Hendrix, Robert Fisher, Ronnie Crutchfield, Kenneth Laumer, Donna Griffin, Patricia Cooksey, Justin Adams, Chandler Carmack.

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

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

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Obituaries

Gerline Davis

Gerline Davis, 76, of 133 Fincher Road, Halls, former employee of Universal Electric in Ripley, died Monday, in her home.

Rites were Wednesday in Murry's Chapel United Methodist Church, near Maury City, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery at Frog Jump, Halls Funeral Home in charge. She was born at Maury City, Jan. 22, 1934, to the late Lavoid and Gladys Gertrude Riley Bushart.

She leaves a son, Ronnie Lynn Davis, of Gates; daughters, Cindy Gay Elliot and Patti Moore, of Halls; brothers, Jerry Bushart, of Maury City, and Riley "Pete" Bushart, of Friendship; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Ruben Runions

Ruben Nathan Runions, 79, of 318 Keltner, Halls, formerly employed by Tupperware in Halls, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates.

He was born March 3, 1931, in Trimble, to the late Eddie Lee and Vivian May Prince Runions.

He leaves his wife, Ruby Paris Runions; a son, Nathan Ray Runions, of Newbern; daughters, Darlene Ham, of Halls, Glenda Langley, of Ripley, and Donna Tate, of Alamo; and sisters, Brenda Patterson, of Cookeville, and Sue Burzynski, of Lewisburg.

Billy Burden

Billy Alfred Burden, 77, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in White & Ransom Funeral Home in Troy, with burial in Antioch Cemetery, near Hornbeak.

He was born at Matthews, Mo., Oct. 14, 1932, to the late

Dies At 89



Bertha May Jackson, 89, widow of Everett H. Jackson, died Friday in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Everett and Larry, of Ripley, and Michael, of Athens; daughters, Felicia (Mrs. Eddie) Harrell, and Linda Ruth (Mrs. Claxton) Chipman, of Ripley, and Deborah Cihfield, of Henning, widow of Coy Cihfield; brothers, Sam and W. L. Forsythe, of Ripley; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Walter and Grace Howell Burden Nichols.

A building contractor, he had retired after 20 years with the Reelfoot Packing Co. in Union City.

He was a Baptist.

He leaves a son, Billy Burden, of Halls; brothers, Bobby Burden, of Somerset, Ky., Eugene Nichols, of Troy, and Johnny Nichols, of Alamo; sisters, Christine Dunn, of Tiptonville, and Betty Lou Williamson, of Gadsden, Ala.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bridgewater

Zenas B. Bridgewater, 76, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, at home.

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

He leaves a son, Bobby, a daughter, Lisa Morris, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of Ripley.



Church Happenings

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

Abundant Life Church, 2131 Highway 51 S., Ripley, will hold a benefit for Wade Kiestler beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13th with a spaghetti dinner and a bake sale, and at 6 p.m. a gospel singing featuring The Joyful Sounds, Cindy Day, His Song with Larry Kelly, With Willing Hearts, of Dresden, and more. The spaghetti dinner will include the trimmings and dessert and will be eat-in or take out. The public is invited. All proceeds will aid in Wade's fight against cancer. A fund has been established in the name of Wade and his wife, Cindy, at First Citizens National Bank to help during this most difficult time. Anyone wishing

to make a donation, call drop it by the bank on Cleveland St., or call 635-8008.

Spirit Filled Baptist Church, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold a gospel singing at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14th featuring the Master's Call. The morning service will be held at 11 a.m. with a pot-luck luncheon afterwards. The public is invited.

The New Greater Harvest Church of God In Christ, 176 Randolph St., Ripley, will hold its women's seminar, from 9 a.m. to noon March 20th at the church. For more information, call 731-697-4534.

Immanuel Episcopal Church will hold its "Quiet Day, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 27th; Maundy Thursday service at 5 p.m., April 1st, and Good Friday service, April 2nd.

Duke Scholars



STUDENTS, Maddie Hutcherson, Julie Hill, and Allisa Belton, seventh grade classmates at Halls Junior High School, took the ACT exam, normally given to high school students. They were selected last week for the Duke Scholars Seventh Grade Talent Search.

New Hope C.M.E. Church, in Henning, will hold its annual youth revival at 7 p.m. nightly March 10th through 12th with The Rev. Reginald Boyce, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Milan, and Johnson Chapel, Trenton, as guest speaker. The church will also hold its annual Usher Day program at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14th with The Rev. Dr. Cyronose Spicer, of New Beginnings Christian Center, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Dowell, pastor, invites the public.

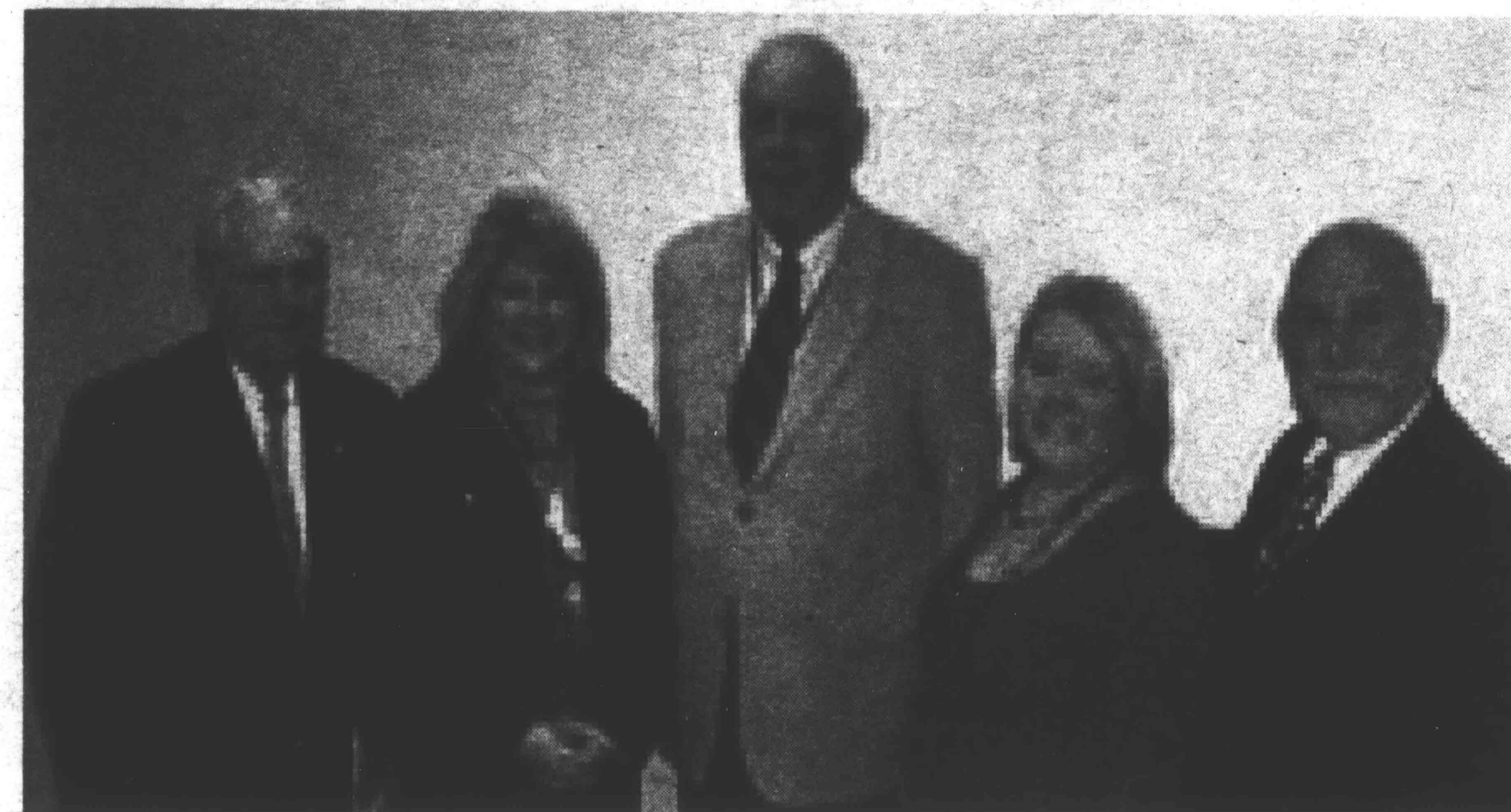
Spirit of Deliverance Ministries, 629 S. Washington St., Ripley, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly March 24th through 26th with Elder Leon White, of Paris, as guest evangelist. Bobby Treadway, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

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Promoting Learning Center



AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS, Windy Willette, second from left, and Missy Hammond, second from right, at Halls High School, met with members of the Legislative House Agricultural committee Tuesday, February 23rd in Nashville concerning the new Lauderdale County Agricultural Learning Center on the campus of Halls High School. During a presentation, Wendy shared a slide show about the construction of the facility and how the Department of Agricultural's grant money, which was awarded to Lauderdale County, was spent. They are pictured with, from left, Representative Stratton Bone, Chairman of the House Ag. Committee; Terry Oliver, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture; and Ken Givens, State of Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture.

Halls Junior High Science Fair



WINNERS of the Science Fair at Halls Junior High School include, from left, Julie Hill, Haleigh Hurt, Valerie Patrick, and Grayson Morris. They are pictured with Shane Lange, seventh grade science teacher.

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

A Community Disaster Education (CDE) class will be held Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, located at 123 South Jefferson Street in Ripley.

As Red Cross volunteers, you see first hand how natural

and human-caused disasters strike without warning- anytime, anywhere. You also know that if families take a few simple steps to learn what to do in emergencies and to prepare for disasters; property can be protected and lives will be saved.

The purpose of this disaster specialty course is to prepare you to present disaster educa-

tion information in a fun and meaningful way to the community. Whether you are talking to large groups or one-on-one, senior citizens or children, with the right information and presentation tools you can lead a powerful discussion on preparedness. To register please email tewarin@midsouthredcross.org or call 901-672-6377 or 901-239-3331.

Company Donates Trees For County

Chris Clark, president of Steve Clark and Associates, in Nashville, is giving free trees to people all across Tennessee who will plant them, Lauderdale County is allocated 1,000 trees.

"I heard once that the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago," Clark said, "but the second best time to plant one is today."

Over the next few weeks, SC&A, Clark's multi-disciplinary land planning company with clients nationwide, will be coordinating his gift through at least 10 distribution centers across Tennessee. Each of Tennessee's 95 counties have been allocated bare rooted whips ranging from 24-48" tall. Because of their Springtime expiration, Clark hopes to find plenty of people who are willing to step up and plant them now.

Request the free trees, in quantities up to 100, at www.FreeTreesTN.com

"Basically, if you have a business or a home with any amount of land, if you know someone who has a large yard or easement, if you represent a public or private entity with planned tree planting projects, or even if you know of a stream bank or open space that's begging for a tree, just get in touch with me," Clark said.

The species Clark has chosen to donate are all indigenous and grown in Tennessee. They include Nutall Oak, Overcup Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Shumard Oak, Swamp White Oak, Tulip Poplar (the State Tree), Shortleaf Pine, and Bald Cypress. The trees will be equally divided amongst species for each count with special requests considered if received before March 20th.

The gift is in large part to honor his father, SC&A founder, Steve Clark, who passed away the first day of Spring

SPRING PREVIEW

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Admissions will host Spring Preview Day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 27th, on the UT Martin campus.

Registration will be held in the Boling University Center. Welcoming remarks and an information session will follow at 10:30 a.m. in Watkins Auditorium. An academic fair will be hosted at 11:30 a.m., in the Duncan Ballroom. The campus tour, including housing and the Student Recreation Center, will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Students may register for Spring Preview Day or for more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-881-7020.

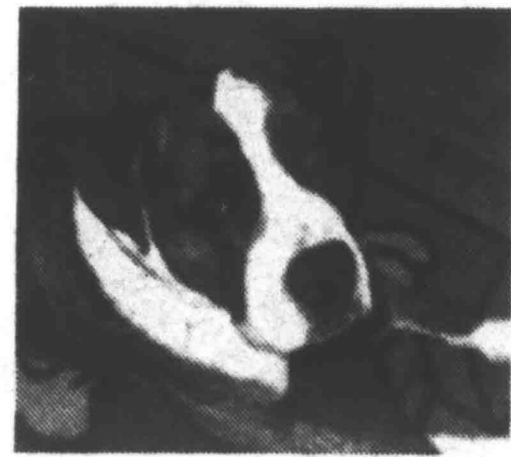
six years ago. The Company is celebrating its 35th year of quality sustainable design that achieves a balance between the use and management of our nation's resources.

"My dad believed that the simple act of planting a tree helps foster eco-sensitivity and is something that translates into greater appreciation of our planet," Clark said. "I want every family who might want a tree in their yard to have one. If you think about it, I'm not going to be here when these trees mature so really I'm doing this for my children and other kids across Tennessee."

Clark says his mission for 100,000 Trees Tennessee is to promote self-action and to emphasize the importance of taking responsibility for the world around us all.

His mission is to simply plant enough trees to make Tennessee greener and healthier. If every K-12 school in Tennessee alone planted 25 trees, Clark estimates half of his goal would be achieved. Those same schools could go deeper by writing curriculum around tree planting projects, exactly the kind of ownership and energy Clark is hoping to create.

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!! Miss Pam and I are out at the Club and there is a lot of work going on out here. Mr. Buddy, Scooter and all of the other two-leggers are outside digging in the dirt. I really don't know what they are doing but I did hear them say something about the drain and new pipes.

Mr. Greg and Miss Pam have been outside with my Buds. They decided that some of the Buds needed to be out playing and running around in the sunshine. Miss Pam says that sunshine is good for all of us. Oscar, the neutered red dachshund, and Nissian, the black dachshund, have been out running and playing in the yard. They sure can run fast to have such short legs. I tried to keep up with them but I was having a hard time doing it. Droop and Betsy, the two basset hounds, are fun to play with because they really have short legs and I can out run them. Felix, the white terrier, and Buster, the white feist mix, are out here playing, too. Felix came over to me and told me that he had an idea but we would have to wait until the two-leggers took a rest break.

Finally, Mr. Buddy and all of the two-leggers took a rest break. Felix came over to me and told me to follow him. He said that he had found something fun to play in. I followed him and we went over to the place that the two-leggers had been digging and we found mud. Mud is stuff that four-leggers love to get in. So, Felix, Buster and I jumped in the hole full of mud. We rolled around and played in the mud until Miss Pam came around the corner looking for me. When she saw what we were doing, she yelled at all of us. I jumped straight up out of the mud and so did Felix and Buster. Now, I knew that I was in trouble, but she just started laughing. She told us that she could not believe her eyes. Felix and Buster are both white four-leggers but now they are brown muddy four-leggers. We all walked up to the office and all of the two-leggers came out and looked at all of us. Most of the two-leggers laughed but Mr. Greg just shook his head. (You know that two-leggers just shake their heads when they can't think of anything to say.)

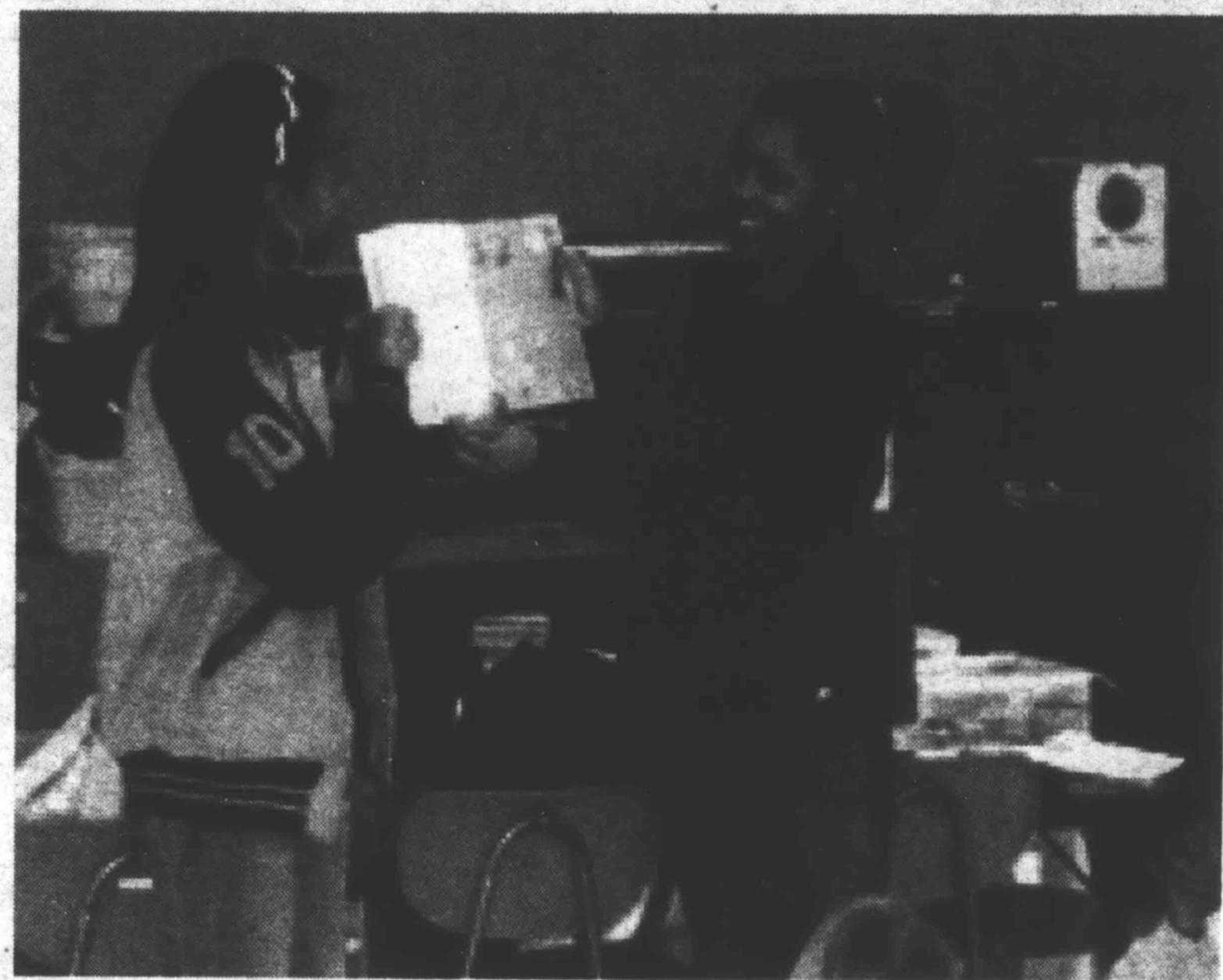
Mr. Greg and Miss Pam told us to come on into the room where we all get baths. I really didn't want to get a bath today but I knew that I was going to have to clean up before we went home.

After we all had baths, Felix, Buster and I played in the yard but we sure did stay away from the mud. We all decided that one bath a day was enough.

Larry Prater came out to the Club and took home Goldie. Donald Burroughs found a collie mix four-legger that he really liked. Chelsey Boone took home Scobey. Denise Richardson took home a wire terrier puppy and Rudy White let Big Boy go home with her. Thomas Bryant took home a husky with him. Mr. James Hall, Jordan Shempert and Jessica Layne came out to the Club and brought my Buds some food. Nathan and Camryn McLemore came out to the Club and brought us some dog and cat food. They sure are cute little two-leggers. Cody Ellis and Dr. Joe Harper made generous donations to the Club. We sure do thank ya'll. With generous donations we can make our Club better and better. Lady and Princess came out to the Club but their two-legger, Melissa Wilson, came out and took them back home.

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-leggers to see the Doc for their yearly shots and checkup. Miss Pam says that a healthy four-legger is a happy four-

Read Across America



legger and a happy four-legger makes a two-legger happy.

Send your two-leggers out to the Club and bring my Buds some food. We always need food because my Buds are always hungry. If you don't want to come out to the Club just drop off your food donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon. She will call us and we will pick it up and take it to the Club. Come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, or mail us something at P. O. Box 172 Ripley, or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

Be as good as your four-legger thinks you are. While Felix, Buster and I were getting our baths, I showed them how to shake bath water all over Miss Pam and Mr. Greg. We all just laughed.....

Zeek out !!!

MEMBERS of the Halls High School National Honor Society visited students in grades kindergarten through five at Halls Elementary School March 2nd to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, renowned author. Read Across America has been an active part of the National Honor Society for years and has always been a joy to elementary school students. This annual project encourages the young students to have a love for reading and also inspires them to get good grades in school.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Please join the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in reaching out to other senior citizens of Lauderdale County Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the New Hope C.M.E. Center in Henning. The van will leave the center at 9:30 a.m. and at the Nelson Street Center in Ripley on Tuesday, March 30th at 11:15 a.m. Activities will include Bingo, a cake walk, refreshments, and free health screenings provided by CareAll Home Care Services.

Please contact Joni Cook at jcook@lccoa.net or at 731-836-5444 for more information.



School Lunches
Lauderdale County Schools
Monday, March 15th
To
Friday, March 19th
Spring Break
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Arthur Wins Talent Contest

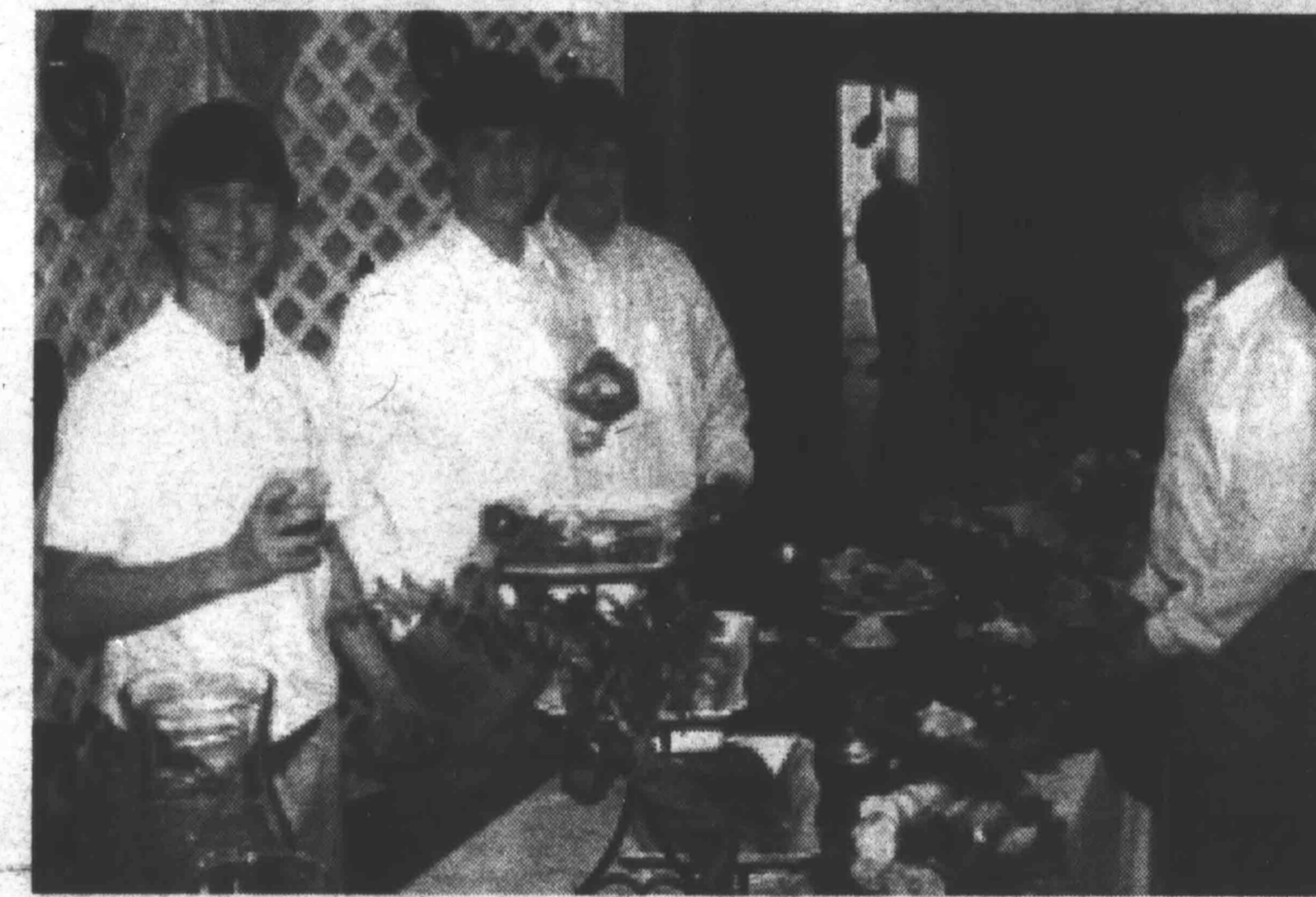
Freeman Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arthur, of the Edith community, and grandson of Betty Arthur, of Ripley, and Leamond Arthur, of Halls, was the winner of a talent show in Kentucky March 7th, where he played *The Last Dance* on the piano. He is a freshman at Halls High School.

Love Notes At Halls Junior High



Workforce Board Award Recipient

The Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board of Dyersburg, earned a Commitment Award February 24th in the annual Excellence in Tennessee recognition program administered by the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE). Attending were Melissa Bane and Kacey Real, Workforce Investment Act Case Managers, representing the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board and Tennessee Career Center at Ripley. Dr. Karen Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, and Henry Lewis, Director, Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board, accepted the award at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin.



The Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board is the local governing body for Federal Workforce Investment Act funds and is committed to the development of a highly skilled workforce that will sustain northwest Tennessee's economic vitality. Dyersburg State Community College serves as grant recipient and administrative entity for the Workforce Investment Act funds.

Through an annual evaluation and assessment process, the non-profit TNCPE recog-

COMMUNITY MEMBERS, parents and students joined together for "Love Notes" February 13th, an event hosted at Halls Junior High School featuring the musical talents of Bill Butner, Tommie Currie, Mario Hayslett, Bill Kelly, Jessie Belton, Carla Barnes Evans, Keith Gambill, Jana Parnell, Mekia Reynolds, Lori Greer, and Jerry Rogers.

nizes organizations that have achieved the highest standards of excellence in their operations and results. The program uses the Criteria for Performance Excellence established by the Baldrige National Quality Program as the evaluation tool.

Awards are presented in four categories: Interest Recognition (the beginning level),

Commitment, Achievement, and the highest level - the Excellence Award.

"Organizations that pursue a TNCPE Award know that success is achieved through the combined efforts of every employee and a shared commitment to quality and leadership," said Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen. "This recognition validates these

companies' commitment to success through sustainable efforts that produce measurable results. TNCPE recognition is a dedicated means to accomplishing this."

Recipients of Commitment Awards have demonstrated progress by identifying and putting in place some key process improvements, which are directly attributable to a fact-

based improvement process.

"The Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board validates, through its Commitment Award, that it is one of Tennessee's leading organizations," said Bredesen. "Congratulations to the Workforce Board and all the people whose hard work made this recognition possible."

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tion (RPO), gave a presentation explaining why TDOT established the West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization. TDOT established 12 RPO's across the state to provide a forum to work with local officials in rural areas to improve regional transportation planning. The organization serves as a forum for public input regarding local, regional and state transportation issues, including State of Tennessee road conditions, safety needs, traffic congestions and over-used roads. A portion of Mr. Frazier's job is to help TDOT prioritize needs of where the tax dollar should be spent first in improving state roads and highways. According to Rod Schuh, he was verbally told that Cleveland St. would begin 2011.

Commissioner Don Fisher stated citizens should call Senator Mark Norris about SB2938/HB3590. This bill allows existing local education agencies to convert to special districts and would allow local school board independent control of the system's annual budget and would allow that body to levy a local property tax to finance it through a private act. This proposed legislation expands taxing authority to additional agencies, removing local legislative body from the decision-making process entirely. The bill would allow the school board to bypass the county commission to go straight to the General Assembly to set and/or increase the local property tax. Expanding that authority dilutes the commission's ability to effectively manage its mandated local education requirements.

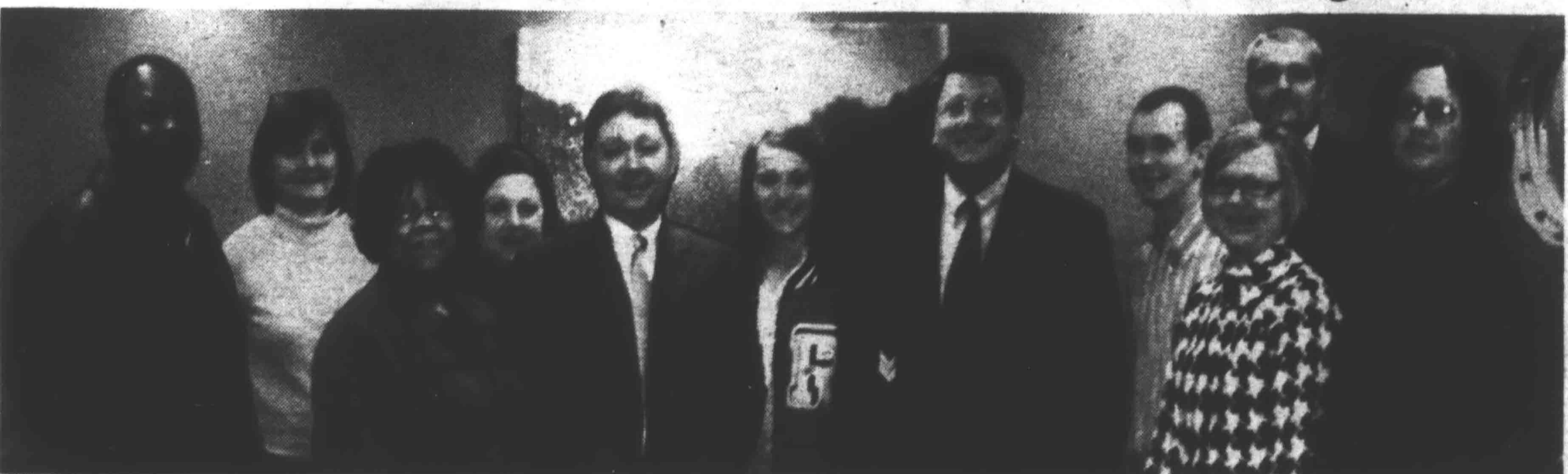
Mayor Schuh reminded his constituents to complete and return their 2010 Census questionnaire forms between March 15th and April 15th, 2010. The questionnaire consist of 10 questions (shortest in history) and helps determine, if any, any federal or state grants the county may be able to receive.

Youth Attends Winter Jam 2010



YOUTH, of Ripley First Assembly of God Church, in upper photo, including Ronnie Hunter, leader, Keaton Jacobs, Ashley Yurk, Kayla Jordan, Bailey Stewart, Katie Arnold, Ashley Prescott, Taylor Nelson, Jay Green, Kelsey Ruff, Amber Roark, Jessica Shoemake, James Paul Pittman, Caleb Arnold, Leslie Hughes, Colby Phillips, Angela Hunter, leader, Caleb Phillips, and Hayden Hill, plus, not pictured, Chelsea Hill and Gabby Castelli, met after morning worship service Sunday, March 7th, to attend Winter Jam 2010 at the FedEx Forum in Memphis. In lower photo, the group had lunch at J.T.'s in Munford.

TSBA Legislative Networking



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County School Board of Education, Cynthia Glenn, board chair; Melinda Hutcherson, vice chair; Eva Drain, Sheila Ferrell, Bill Hendren and Austin Thompson, Jr., Director of Schools Joey Hassell; Shawn Kimble, Deputy Director of Schools; Tatum Carmack and Chris Cessac, Student Board Members; and Johna Arwood, board secretary, gathered with their counterparts from across the state in Nashville Tuesday, February 24th for a day of legislative networking at the Tennessee School Board of Association's annual "Day on the Hill" event. Featured speakers included Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey; House Higher Education Subcommittee Chair, David Hawk; Senate Education Committee Chair, Dolores Gresham; House Education Committee Chair, Harry Brooks; and Tennessee Commissioner of Education, Timothy Webb. The "Day on the Hill" is designed for school board members

and superintendents to study pending education legislation and discuss priorities with local legislators. The event began for the members with a working breakfast with other boards and legislators at the downtown Sheraton Hotel. Board members then had the opportunity to visit legislators' offices and committee hearings. "The 'Day on the Hill' provided a unique opportunity for school board members throughout the state to promote public education and seek assistance from the General Assembly with one collective voice," said TSBA President and Cumberland County school board member, Dan Schlafer. "A quality public education system is essential to the future economic development of our state, and every citizen has a vested interest in its success. We look forward to partnering with the General Assembly to continue improving the quality of schools in Tennessee," Schlafer said.

TSBA's 2010 legislative priorities include maintaining board-appointed superintendents, addressing issues related to funding of public education, and securing maximum flexibility for local boards of education in managing schools.

"We will continue to urge the legislators to resist reverting to the outdated practice of electing school superintendents," said Lee Harrell, TSBA's director of Government and Labor Relations. "With today's unprecedented requirement for accountability in public education and the recognition of education as the key to our future success, why would Tennessee want to join only three other states in the nation that limit the selection of a school system's chief executive officer to one who happens to live within a confined geographical area?"

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Miss FFA Sweetheart Crowned



PAIGE ELLISON, third from right, daughter of Angela and Owen Thurmond, of Ripley, was crowned Miss FFA Sweetheart Friday night at Halls High School, where she is a senior. Her court included, from left, Beth Hugueley, best smile; Kirby Cherry, third maid and best in interview; Taylor Brasfield, second maid and best dressed; Whitney Patterson, first maid; and Brenna Deaton, fourth maid.

Collision Injures One



KAREN BROWN, 41, of Gates, who was driving a 2005 Nissan, was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale with "moderate injuries" after a four-car collision at approximately 4 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Asbury Rd. and Highway 51, near the Lauderdale County Justice Complex. According to Ripley Patrolman Tim Mullen, Brown's vehicle, stopped at the red light, was struck in the rear by a 1990 Ford F-150, driven by Ryan Lambirth, 45, of Ripley, who was charged with failure to maintain control. The impact sent the Nissan into the rear of a 2005 Hyundai SUV, driven by Angela Riley, 37, of Halls, which impacted the rear of a 2008 Ford Mustang, driven by Jane Gilliland, 43, of Ripley. None of the other drivers reported injuries.

Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Annual Banquet Scheduled

The Lauderdale Chamber/Economic and Community Development has scheduled its annual Chamber banquet for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22nd, at Rolling Hills Country

Club, 502 Country Club Rd., near Ripley.

Nominations for the Chamber's Small and Large Business of the Year (a large business has over 75 employees), Chamber Citizen of the Year, and two Honorary Members can be submitted by Calling 731-635-9541, emailing stodd@lauderdalecountyttn.org or by postal mail 123 S. Jefferson St., Ripley, TN 38063. Requirements for the nominations are someone who is involved in the community; has a successful, growing business and is actively involved with the Chamber and its programs. The deadline to submit nominations is March 31st.

The centerpiece competition will be held with the theme, "Around the World" and should be a representative of your business. Winners, of first, second and third place, will receive a discount on their annual dues for the next year.

For more information, call the Chamber at 635-9541.

RHS Leads Halls To Start Baseball

Ripley High School led Halls High School, 11-2, Monday, as both teams launched their baseball seasons in the Aaron Schuh Memorial Tournament in Ripley.

Ripley's junior team lost to Munford, 9-2.

Tuesday's scores were too late for this issue.

New Director Named



SUSAN TODD has been named to replace Lisa Hankins as the director of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD. Keith Davidson, chairman of the personnel committee, stated that Susan has been with the Chamber for eight years and is very qualified for the position.

She has a degree in business technology, has completed year one of Economic Development Institute at the University of Kentucky, has completed two years of State Chamber Institute at MTSU, and completed three years of US Chamber Institute at the University of Georgia.

Todd plans to complete her fourth and final year of US Institute this year and afterwards will graduate with her IOM Certification. She intends to pursue her CCE certification. Todd is a community volunteer and serves on many boards.

Jennifer Cooper, left, joins the chamber as secretary along with Annette Sanders, right, administrative assistant. Jennifer was previously employed by Heaven Sent Christian Child-care and the late Dr. Luis Wong.

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

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Surprise Reception Held



LISA HANKINS, fourth from left, former executive director of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, was surprised with a reception in her honor at the monthly Chamber Coffee at Asbury Cove, March 12th. Chamber members, ambassadors, family and friends attended to express their appreciation for her time and service and congratulate her. She began her new job as director of the Regional Economic Development Initiative Monday.

Colorectal Cancer Month Declared

Governor Phil Bredesen declared March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Tennessee. As part of the state's participation in this annual health observance, the Department of Health and the Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition encourage all Tennesseans over the age of 50 to get screened for colorectal cancer.

Approximately 90 percent of colorectal cancer cases occur in people age 50 or older. "Studies indicate as many as 60 percent of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented

if all men and women 50 years of age or older were screened routinely," said Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN, Health Commissioner. "We urge Tennesseans to make these important tests part of their routine medical care, and encourage older relatives to get screened."

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. In 2006, at least 136,794 people in the United States were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 53,196 people died from it. In Tennessee in 2008, colorectal cancer was the third leading cause of cancer death, claiming 1,237 lives. That number is divided almost equally between

men and women. In most cases, colorectal cancer develops from precancerous polyps, or abnormal growths. Screening tests can find these polyps before they turn into cancer. The tests can also find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best. Men and women who have no symptoms or relevant risk factors should begin screening soon after turning 50, then continue getting screened at regular intervals.

However, testing may be needed earlier or more often for individuals who have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer, have been diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease, or have a close relative with any of these conditions.

Other risk factors for colorectal cancer include tobacco use, lack of physical activity and high-fat diet.

Race is also a risk factor, as African Americans are less likely to have colorectal cancer diagnosed in the earliest and most treatable stages. Individuals are encouraged to talk with their health care provider about the risk for colorectal cancer to determine the best screening tests and schedule. Several tests are available to screen for colorectal cancer.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends a colonoscopy every 10 years, a high-sensitivity fecal occult blood test every year, and a flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years.

Halls Rotary's Guest



JOSH BOST, left, in upper photo, community representative for the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society, was the guest speaker for the Monday, March 15th meeting of the Rotary Club of Halls-Gates. He was the guest of Rotarian Shea Harris, center. Bost spoke about the importance of screenings during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. In lower photo, club members have scheduled fundraisers including the annual golf tournament, scheduled for June 4th at Rolling Hills Country Club, with Ron Goforth left, chairman, and the Miss Halls pageant, scheduled for March 27th at Halls Junior High, with Rebecca Summar, center, chairman. James Smith, right, Rotary president, is pictured with them.

NOTICE
The Town of Halls will turn all 2008 Delinquent Property Taxes over to Chancery Court for collection Thursday, April 1, 2010.
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NOTICE
The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010, at City Hall Board Room.
The public is invited to attend.
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BENEFIT
For Lauderdale County Rescue Squad and Central Park (Located on Central & Nankipoo Rds.)
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Obituaries

'Beth' Escue, An Educator

Frances Elizabeth Escue, 71, former Lauderdale County school teacher and librarian, died Sunday in Highlands Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington. Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves sons, Richard, of Burlington, Billy, of Dyersburg, and Jimmy, of Nashville; a brother, Dr. Grady Bogue, of Knoxville; a half-sister, Hazel Townsend, of Covington; and five grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to her church, the Alzheimer's Association, or Ripley's Imagination Library would be appropriate.

Billy Miller

Billy George Miller, 80, formerly of 115 Gum Flat Rd., Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Oakwood Community Living Center in Dyersburg.

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

Addine Tyus

Addine Glenn Tyus, 87, of Memphis, a nurse, sister of Raymond Roberson, of 210 Northcrest, Ripley, died Monday in her home.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mt. Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Ripley, with burial in the Turnpike Cemetery in Haywood County, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She was the wife of the late Julius Tyus.

Survivors include three sons, three daughters, another brother, a sister, 14 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Reese Brothers, County Natives

Rhea Douglas Reese, 82, of Roscoe, Mo., and Sterling Wallace Reese, 79, of Osceola, Mo., born in this county, Oct. 24, 1927, and May 10, 1930, to the late Lafayette Sterling Reese and the late Edna Eudoris Gitchell Reese Wilson, died Feb. 27 and March 10.

Rhea's rites were March 4th in Sheldon-Goodrich Funeral Home in Osceola, with burial in Iconium Cemetery.

Sterling's rites were Saturday in that funeral home, with burial in the same cemetery.

The brothers picked cotton for 75 cents a day before "Wally" left the sixth grade to go to Oregon. Sterling followed him there in 1946.

They worked together, 12 hours a day, logging for Weycrhaeuser.

Both earned General Education Diplomas, Sterling at 34.

Rhea suffered a back injury from logging.

He married Wilanna Mae Fisk. Both worked in hospitals in Coos and Curry Counties, Oregon, she as a laboratory/X-ray technician.

He later married Marie Davidson.

He leaves his third wife, Kathy Perkins Hash Reece; sons, Jerry, Norman, and William, of Oregon; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; five step-children; five step-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandson.

Sterling married Deloris Blackburn a few days before her 16th birthday. They were divorced after 26 years of marriage.

Injured in an accident, he moved to Missouri, where, through a mutual interest in horses, he met and married Viola Kisner, who survives.

His final six years were with Alzheimer's disease.

He leaves sons, Larry, Mike, and Terry; daughters, Carolyn and Connie; and five step-sons.

Star Realtor



Haywood Eason, Jr., 80, a prominent Dallas, Tex., realtor who was born in Ripley, June 6, 1929, to the late Haywood W. "Babe" Eason and the late Flossie Ann Davis Eason, died Saturday, of congestive heart failure, in his home in Heath, Tex.

Rites were set at 1 p.m. Thursday in Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall, Tex., with burial in its cemetery.

A graduate of Ripley High School, he served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

After taking a bachelor of science degree from Murray, Ky., State University, he settled in Dallas and there married Frances Leath, Dec. 21, 1958. She died in August, 2008.

He leaves a daughter, Becky (Mrs. Ernie) Burkett, of Heath; his twin sister, Shirley (Mrs. H. S. "Dugan") Pennington, of Rockwall; and two Burkett grandchildren.

Fred Walker, Jr.

Fred Walker, Jr., 71, of Memphis, son-in-law of Raymond Roberson, of 210 Northcrest, Ripley, died Monday in the Veterans' Hospital in Memphis.

Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, says a memorial service is pending.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Roberson Walker, of Carbondale, Ill.; two sons; four daughters; and four sisters.

Eddie Sue Jones

Eddie Sue Jones, 66, a resident of Madison, Ill., for 33 years, died March 1st.

Rites were March 5th in Covenant Christian Assembly in Madison.

She was born at Henning, June 2, 1943, to the late Luke Johnson and Lillie Mae Lovelace.

She was graduated from the Palmer-Turner School in Henning and from Lauderdale High School in Ripley.

She married Marvin Jones, Feb. 6, 1965, in Ripley.

She had worked as a cook, a house-keeper, and a 13-year employee of the Dept. of Rehabilitation Services.

Besides her husband, she leaves five children; two brothers; and five sisters, including Barbara Gaines, of Ripley.

Dorothy Jones

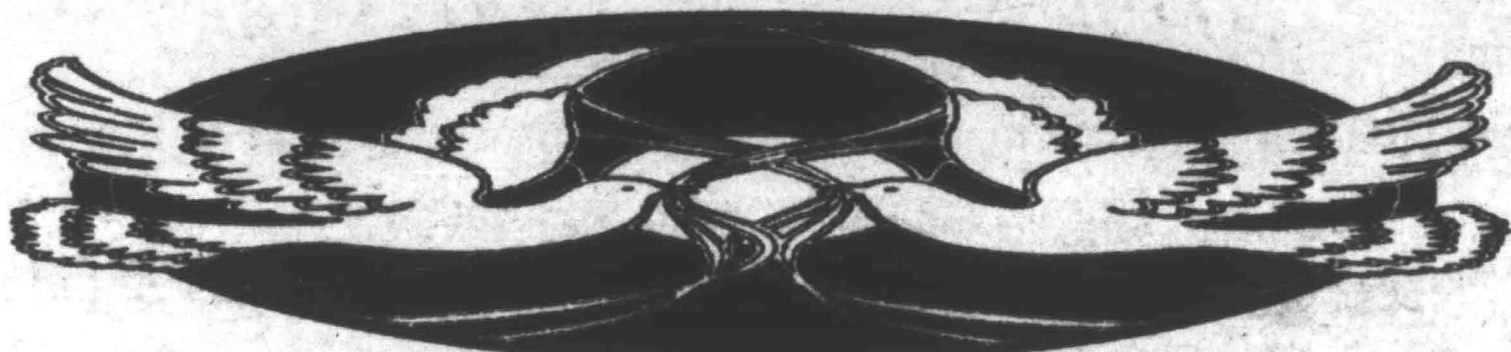
Dorothy Lee Jones, 88, of 3892 Jeff Webb Rd., Ripley, widow of Charles Lawrence Jones, died Thursday of last week, in her home.

Rites were Saturday in Poplar Grove Cemetery, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She was born in Fairdealing, Ky., Jan. 19, 1922, to the late Henry and Jessie Rhodes Pulum.

Retired from Wal-Mart, she was a member of Henning Baptist Church.

She leaves sons, Jerry, of Ripley, Wayne, of Dyersburg, and Billy, of Memphis; daughters, Brenda Wright and Sandra Hardy, of Ripley; a sister, Sue Ross, of East Tennessee; and 14 grandchildren.



Church Happenings

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

Ripley Church of God will host a gospel singing at 7 p.m. March 20th with the Inmans, of Memphis. Tracy L. Henson, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 635-4484.

Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church, 295 Red William Rd., Gates, will hold their musician's day program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28th with guest choirs including Matthew Zion, of Halls, Pleasant Plain, of Jackson, and Buck's Chapel, Maury City, plus many more. L. T. West, pastor, invites the public.

Whitefield Assembly of God Church, 5796 Conner Whitefield Rd., will hold homecoming services beginning at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, March 21st with former pastor, Steve Shinn, and his family as special guests. Dinner will be served at 12:15 p.m. with a special singing at 1:30 p.m. featuring the Shinn family and Whitefield choir. For more information, call 635-4062. The public is invited.

The New Greater Harvest Church of God In Christ, 176 Randolph St., Ripley, will hold its women's seminar, from 9 a.m. to noon March 20th at the church. For more information, call 731-697-4534.

Immanuel Episcopal Church will hold its Maundy Thursday service at 5 p.m., April 1st, and Good Friday service, April 2nd.

Spirit of Deliverance Ministries, 629 S. Washington St., Ripley, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly March 24th through 26th with Elder Leon White, of Paris, as guest evangelist. Bobby Treadway, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

Learning Spanish



EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS, Kaitlyn Cherry and Kristen Davis, at Halls Junior High School, are pictured working last week on their Spanish class offered through e4tn; an online course earning high school credit.

Halls Elementary's Bear Parade



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School celebrated the end of their Letter "Bb" unit by holding a Bear Parade Friday, March 5th. The students in pre-school, pre-kindergarten and first grade enjoyed the parade.

Hands-On Geometry



STUDENTS in the third grade classroom of Mrs. Lee Ann Harrison at Halls Elementary School worked "hands-on" March 5th with geometry. Students worked in groups to determine geometrical attributes.

Science Fair Demonstration



PARTICIPANTS of the science fair at Halls Junior High School presented their science projects last week to fourth grade students at Halls Elementary.

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Discovery Success



STUDENTS in the seventh grade language arts classroom of Jennifer Kent and Mrs. Karen Schoepke at Halls Junior High School celebrated success on the Discovery Education Thinklink test with a pizza and ice cream party last week.

Birthdays

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

March 19 - Parker Brown, Matthew Walker, Mary Ellen Williams, Jack Francis, Latamara Jones, Ruby Duvall, Mike Lewis, Justin Klutts, Shelby Morris, Richard McDaniel, Lewis Paris, Will Simpson, LeAnn McGarrity.

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

March 21 - Sue Drumwright, Stephanie Mooney, Delene Craig, Jennifer Scofield, Amanda Harrison, Ron Goforth, Bobby Hart,

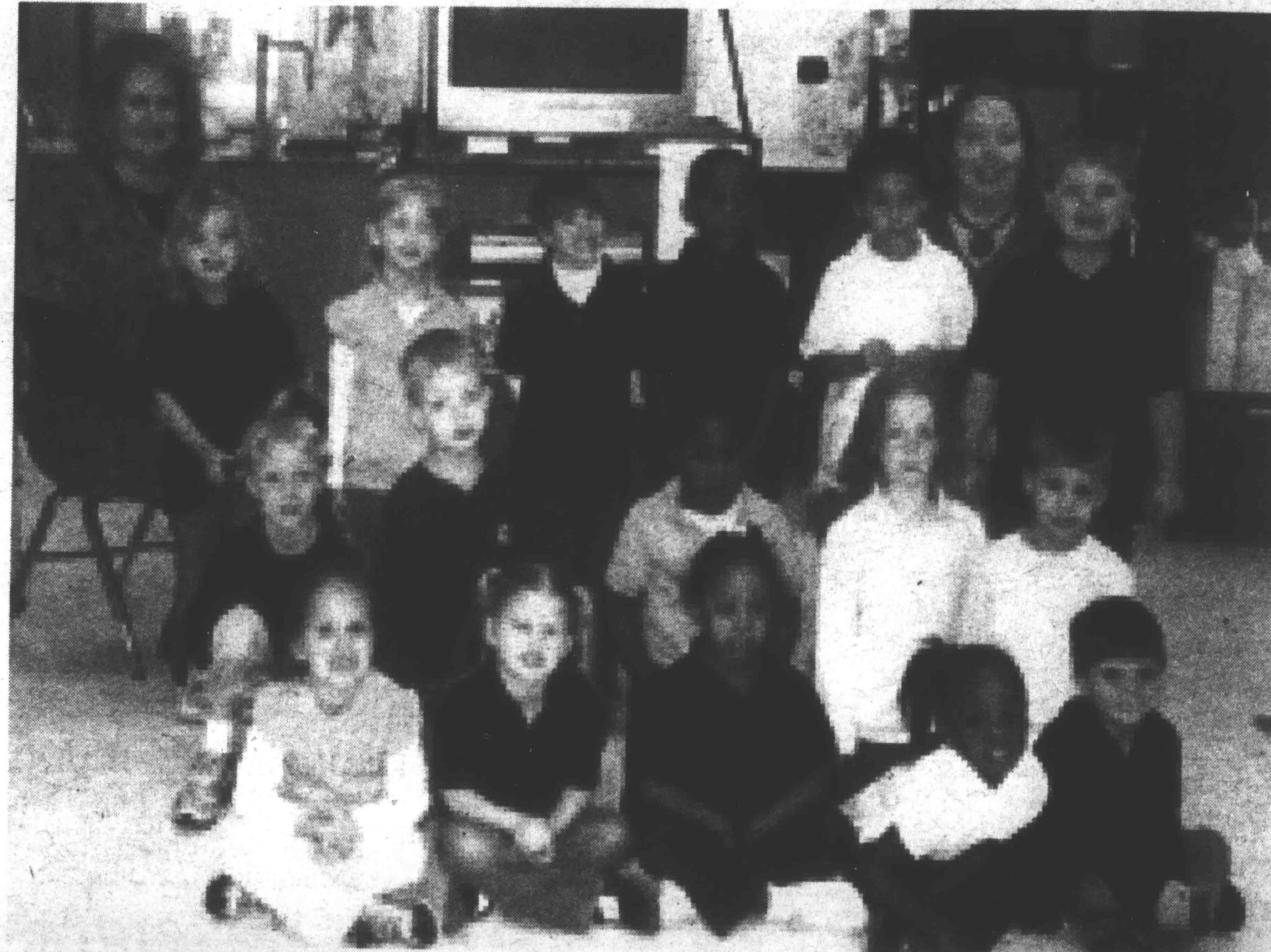
James A. Davis, Richard Deaton, Sue Williams, Al Conrad, Jaycob McDaniel, Cindel Welch, Ava Jones, Amanda Bain, Whitney Pilcher, Bobbie Emerson.

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

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

March 24 - Kellie Tutor Haislip, Brian Parker, Mary Ann Still, David Edwards, Nick Choat, Frances Harrell, Lashae Currie, Judy Hargett, Lisa Morris, Mickey Ward, Madison Douglas, Gary Douglas, Bob Stanton, Jon Helwig.

Handwashing Sessions



STUDENTS in the pre-kindergarten classes of Mrs. Janet Baker and Mrs. Marsha Capps at Halls Elementary School participated in handwashing skills session, "Captain Clean Hands", March 10th, taught by Rachel Erwin, Rachel Howell, and Katie Wyatt, of the University of Tennessee/Tennessee State University Extension Office agents, and Michelle Brazier and Charlotte Johnston, Coordinated School Health. A special lotion was used to show where germs hide and a black light was used to allow the students to see the "germs" on their hands. After following the proper way to wash their hands, students returned to black light box to view where they had missed the magic "germs."

PTK MEMBER

Melissa Diane Rogers, of Halls, was inducted February 26th into the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Dyersburg State Community College.

Majoring in education/teaching, she is the daughter of Jimmy and Brenda Patton,

of Halls, and is married to Billy Rogers III.

Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. The Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students

and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming. Students must rank in the top 20% of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college.

Teachers Entertained



FREEMAN ARTHUR, of Halls, entertained members of the Lauderdale County Retired Teachers Association March 3rd at the Ripley Elementary School. A freshman at Halls High School, he performed several musical numbers on the piano including "Hallelujah", "Last Dance", and "Amazing Grace". A short business meeting followed the program and door prizes were awarded afterwards. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

What's for Lunch? School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 22nd

Hot Dogs
Pizza
Tater Tots
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Applesauce
Pineapple Tidbits
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 23rd

Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites w/Cheese
Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 24th

Chicken Tenders
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Apple Slices
Grapes
Roll

Thursday, March 25th

Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks w/Dip
Pear Halves
Apricots
Choice Of Milk
Friday, March 26th
Parent/Teacher Conference
No School

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School

Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, March 22nd

Hot Dog On Bun
Tater Tots
Applesauce

Young Writer's Clubhouse Set

The West Tennessee Writing Project will sponsor a Young Writers' Clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17th at Ripley Elementary School, located at 100 Hwy. 19 E.

As part of the clubhouse, children will write creatively, work with Writing Project teachers and share with their friends. Activities include writing workshops, writing response groups, mini-lessons on content and editing strategies and one-to-one conferences with West Tennessee Writing Project Teachers. The theme is "Food for Thought and Writing."

Leading this session are Jennifer Brandon and Becky Hasselle. Brandon has taught for 13 years at Ripley Primary School and is also the technology and writing teacher at Project L.E.A.D. at Lauderdale Middle School. She is an avid blogger and enjoys writing with students. Hasselle has taught for 18 years, nine of which have been at Dyersburg Middle School. Teacher of the year for her district in 2008, she is a gifted enrichment teacher and enjoys providing additional opportunities for children to learn outside of school.

"The Young Writers' Clubhouse experience develops a joy for writing in a fun, non-threatening atmosphere," said Hasselle.

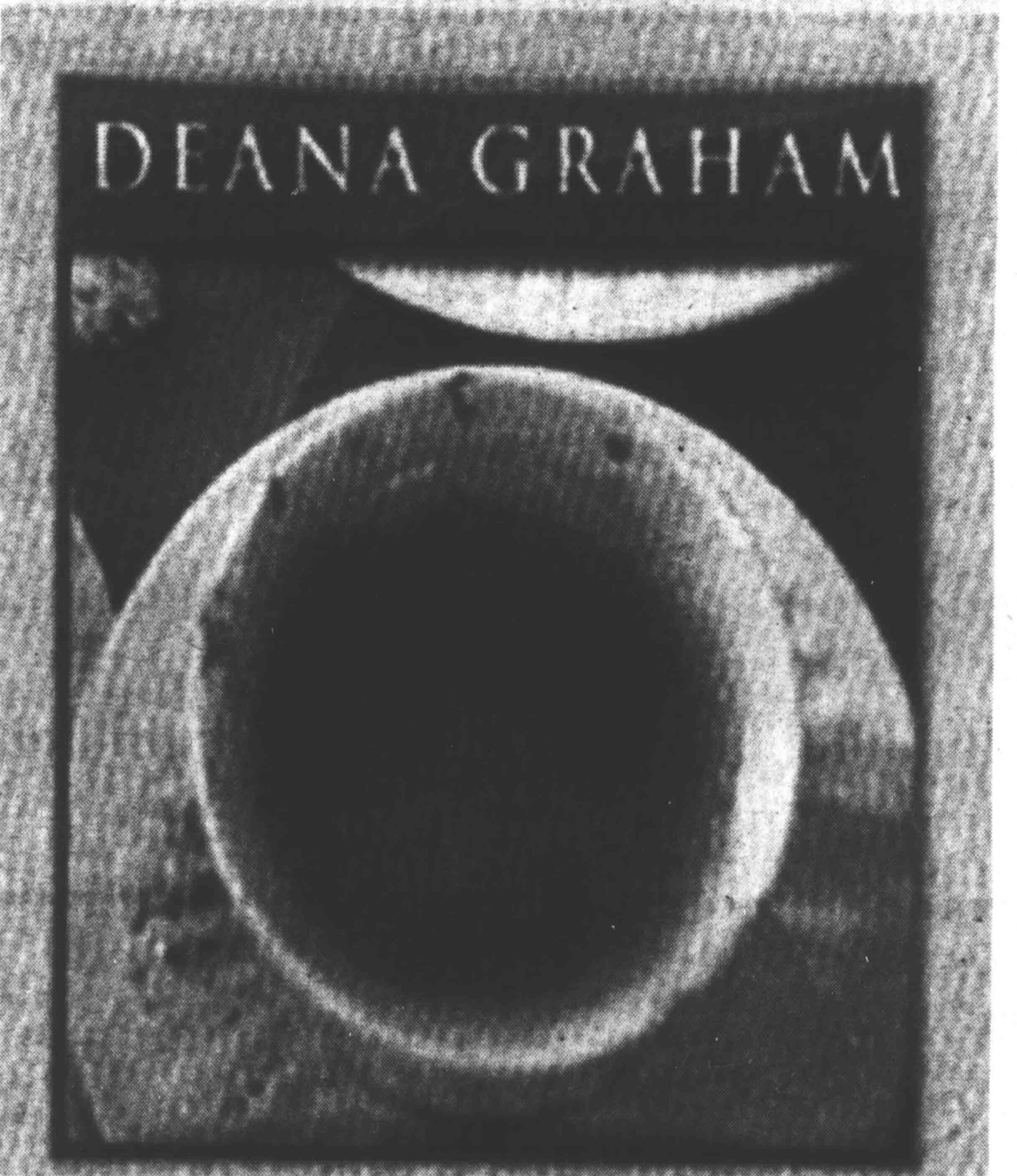
Each child will need to take his or her lunch to the session or purchase pizza by the slice. Register online at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/youthwriting/writingreg.php>.

Cookie
Choice Of Milk
Tuesday, March 23rd
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Broccoli Bites
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Wednesday, March 24th
Chicken Tenders

Author Publishes Book

I'd Stick A Fork In Me, I'M DONE

A Mother's Narrative



DEANA GRAHAM, former teacher at Halls High School, has published her first book, *Stick A Fork In Me I'm Done, A Mother's Narrative*. She has been a teacher in the area for more than 25 years. Currently, she and her husband, Tim, are the band directors for Dyersburg City Schools. They spent several years in Lauderdale County and one year teaching in New Mexico. The book is about their years as teachers, band directors, and parents. The project started as a gift for their children after they lost all of their family treasures in a house fire.

"Motherhood is one of the most difficult professions in the world. I am sharing my personal journey as a daughter-in-law, wife, and mother," said Graham.

Reared near Pittsburg, Penn., she moved to Murray, Ky. during her junior year and graduated from Murray High School in 1978. She went on to receive a music education degree from the University of Memphis in 1983 and has been teaching since. She met her husband, Tim, while teaching in Halls. She has served the last 11 years as the middle school band director and assistant to her husband at the high school in Dyersburg.

Whipped Potatoes
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk
Thursday, March 25th
Chili Pie

Corn Nibbles
Pear Halves
Choice Of Milk
Friday, March 26th
Parent/Teacher Conference
No School

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Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!! Miss Pam and I are at the Club today. We have been out here taking care of my Buds. Mr. Buddy, Scooter, Mr. Greg and Mr. Gene have been working hard trying to make our Club the best ever. Miss Pam and I have been going around to all of my Buds, looking and talking to them. We sure do have some cute puppy four leggers out here. We still have two of the schnauzer puppy four leggers and we still have some beagles. The two dachshunds, Oscar and Nissian have been out playing in the sunshine. They like to run and play even tho they really can't run too fast just like the two bassets, Droop and Betsy. I thought that I was seeing double when we went on the hill. I saw two four leggers that looked just alike and had spots all over them. I turned my head to Miss Pam and she told me that they were called dalmatians. Miss Pam told me that their names were Dottie and Spot. Now which one of the two leggers came up with those two names? I just laughed and shook my head and went over to talk to them.

As I walked over to talk to the dalmatians, I heard somebody call my name. I knew that voice. I looked and I saw Rocky. Rocky is a big four legger that has been out to the Club three times now. I walked over to him and asked him why was he back out here at the Club. He just kinda laughed and told me that he liked it out here. He told me that he got really good food and fresh water everyday and that he liked all of my Buds. I just could not believe it.

The first time Rocky came to see us he had been left my some two leggers. Then he went home with some new two leggers but he was too big so he came back. But he went home with some new two leggers and I just knew that he would be happy but he told me that he missed my Buds and all of the two leggers out here so he walked back to the Club. I asked him how far did he have to walk but he told me that he didn't know but it wasn't too far. I really laughed and told him that I was glad to see him and that I was glad that he was back at the Club if that was where he wanted to be. He told me that the day that he walked back to the Club that the two leggers were gone so he just laid down by the tree and waited. When the two leggers got back, he told me that all of the two leggers were happy to see him because they all patted him and welcomed him back. What a four legger story....

I had to go into the cat room because Miss Pam told me to. I walked in with her really quite just in case some of the cat four leggers were walking around. I looked around and I didn't see any and Miss Pam told me not to be afraid. She told me that I could be friends with the cat and kitten four leggers. I looked at the kitten and cat four leggers just like she told me to. I guess that I could be friends with them as long as they are in their pens. Miss Pam said that the kitten and the cat four leggers are really cute. I was glad when we left out of that room.

I went into the office and got in my chair before Scooter came back in. Mr. Buddy said that Jim and Peggy brought my Buds out some food. My friend, Miss Becky Hendrix, left some food for my Buds with Miss Sharon at the Antique Mall. Bobby Harrell came out to the Club and took home Sheba. Sheba sure was glad to go home with a two legger because she had been with us for a long time. Jessica Jackson took home a brown puppy four legger. Judy Whetsel and Carrie Womack let Taz go home with them. I sure

Petitions Returned For County Election

Candidates have until noon, April 1st to qualify for the August 5th county election and noon, April 8th to withdraw their names from the ballot. The winners of the May 4th Democratic Primary will be on the ballot with the Independent candidates for Lauderdale County Mayor, Trustee, Sheriff, Clerk, Register Of Deeds, and Circuit Court Clerk. Other candidates will seek the offices of County Commissioners, school board emmbers, and Democratic State Executive Committeewoman and Man for the 32nd District, and Republican State Executive Committeeman for the 32nd District, and the Tennessee House of Representatives for the 82nd District.

Candidates who have picked up a petition include:

- County Commissioner
- District 1, Todd Dunavant, Gene Edwards, Todd Rankin, Marva Temple and Debora Drain Tyus

am glad that there are special two leggers that will take good care of a four legger with special needs.

Have your four leggers spayed or neutered so that we don't have so many kitten and puppy four leggers out here at the Club. Take your four leggers to the Doc for their yearly shots and checkup. 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 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).

Be as good as your four legger thinks you are. I really don't want to be friends with the kitten and cat four leggers but I have to make Miss Pam happy. Don't forget that cat and kitten four leggers are free out here at the Club.

Zeek out!!!

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, Tommy Ray Sanders, and John Gaines

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.

District 7, Kathy Alston, Clark Buckner, David Caldwell, Talmadge Criehtfield, Sr., Raymond Edwards, and Lowell Tillman II

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 District 32, Gladys Crain

Democratic State Executive Committeeman District 32, Roger W. Warmath

Republican State Executive Committeeman District 32, Walker Ferrell


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

Candidates who have returned petitions include, County Commissioner, Ronnie Elder, Lynnwood Shoemake, Andy Vaughan, Sr., Dennis King, Tommy Sanders, Danny Hartsfield, Garey Woodard, Sandra Hughes, Earl Bohannon, Jesse Edwards, Rob Reviere, Dwight Shoemake, Sr., Terry Uselton, Sr., Kathy Alston, Clark Buckner, David Caldwell, Talmadge Criehtfield, Sr., Raymond Edwards, Lowell Tillman, Jr., Don Fisher, and Eugene Pugh, along with school board members, Eva Drain, Shelia Ferrell, and Melinda Hutcherson. Craig Fitzhugh returned his petition.

Voters have until July 7th to register and early voting will begin July 16th through 31st.

Attention Candidates

With several candidates in view, this newspaper will publish a candidate's photo, if desired, and a few paragraphs of his or her platform, free of charge, if submitted to our office four weeks before early voting.



READ ALL ABOUT IT

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

Uncle Sid Goes HD

It was a beautiful Tennessee early spring afternoon when I pulled in the long gravel driveway of Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie's farm. The hills behind their house this time of year are starting to show signs that full-blown spring is on its way. Maples are turning maroon in color with red buds on their limbs getting ready to bloom and other trees are starting to show signs of pastel greens, as they too are ready to come back to life once again. I love this time of the year when new life is arriving after a cold winter and this year was one that winter just didn't want to give up.

Just like spring's newness, Uncle Sid's house was also sporting something new on the white frame home's roof. Located just at the roof's edge, and on the overhang, was a brand new satellite dish that sort of looked out of place due to the yesteryear look of the rest of the house. I knew they had been using an antenna ever since television arrived back in the 50s and they were still using the first color TV that had ever been seen in these parts the last time I made a visit. Evidently, something had changed and Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie were now experiencing digital HD television watching.

Aunt Sadie met me at the front door wiping her hands on her apron as usual and led me to the back portion of their house where the old couple spends most of their time. There, sitting in the family room in his cane back rocker was Uncle Sid watching The Price Is Right on a huge flat screen TV. The thing was so large I felt like I had "come on down" and was one of the contestants in the studio. What can I say? It was a nice one and Uncle Sid was totally engrossed.

After exchanging pleasantries, Uncle Sid once again directed his attention to the program and I took my seat on the sofa located beside him. I knew this was one of his and Aunt Sadie's favorite programs and waited for a commercial to find out what was going on. As soon as the show went from spinning wheels and screaming prices to a commode cleaning commercial, I had to ask, "When did you get the new TV?"

Now looking my way, Uncle Sid said, "The old Sylvania finally bit the dust the other night and I went in the next day to Fred's Furniture and talked to your cousin Pierce about a new set. He sold me this high debt TV, which most folks call HD. He suggested I should also get satellite channels since my antenna is a thing of the past, so I signed up for that and now get over 150 channels. And you know, ain't none of them worth watching."

In less than a week Uncle Sid had found out what most of us already know, that finding a good TV program is a tough chore. "What do you watch?" I asked.

"The same things we always did," the old man said. "We started going through the channels once this thing got all set up and I've never seen anything like it. People just don't have any scruples anymore!"

"Like what?" I just had to ask.

He rolled his eyes and said, "They've got this show where folks come on there to lose weight and I agree they had eaten too many hot water hoecakes at some time. But, to come on television and take your shirt off before the world is a little too much for this old man. Then you got these folks who have been lost for years and everybody votes to see who gets kicked off an is-

land I wouldn't have been on in the first place. Just don't make sense if you ask me. Plus, all these shows where folks think they can sing and they couldn't carry a tune in a milk bucket is not my idea of entertainment. Why don't they just put the good ones on to begin with and let those others go back home to a day job."

I could see cousin Pierce had sold Uncle Sid more than what he really needed or understood,

but it was good to hear common sense for a change. Uncle Sid had always called things the way he saw them and his review of TV shows was pretty much on my way of thinking.

"This high debt TV really makes ball games enjoyable and Andy and Barney seemed like they are right here in the room with you," Uncle Sid went on to say. "But that other stuff just gives me an opportunity to read the paper and this

week's Sunday school lesson, which is good enough for me. Won't be long any way before it's time to be in the garden."

Get'n in the garden does sound good, and when that happens, high debt TV will go a begging until fall around these parts. But, The Price Is Right will still have two folks making their plans to take a break and watching a little HD TV.



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LCCOA's Party Time



PARTICIPANTS of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging took fun and games to the community center on Nelson Street in Ripley last month. Jeannette Payton, activities director at LCCOA, provides bingo, cake walk, exercise and education to the daily participants at the Nelson Street Center. Mrs. Willie Mae Harmon and Mrs. Doris Gaines provided cakes for the cake walk. CareAll was on hand to provide free blood pressure checks. Lauderdale County Commission on Aging will visit the Nelson Street Center again March 30th. For more information, call 836-5444.

Completing Training



CATTLE PRODUCERS, Carolyn Smith, Nic Smith, Jim Voss, Reed Sanders, Taylor Rice, Jerry Biggs, Sandra Dyson, Charles Morris, William Lattimore, Wayne Etheridge, Joe Carmack and Don Conrad, completed Master Beef Training at the Lauderdale County Extension office during the month of February and March. Master Beef is a twelve-session educational program designed to provide information to Tennessee cow-calf producers to aid them in becoming the best cattle producers in the country, improve their profitability and to make their cattle and the Tennessee cattle industry competitive with other states. The Master Beef Training is led by University of Tennessee Extension Agents and Specialist with involvement from local and state agencies. Topics covered by the program were marketing, genetics, carcass merit, feeding, forage production, reproduction, herd health, cattle handling and behavior, environmental concerns, food safety and general management of the beef herd. For more information on how to become a Master Beef Producer, contact the Extension Office, 635-9551.

Land Transfers

March 7th - March 13th

Maie Bailey to Dorothy J. Simpson and Joseph H. Simpson, Dist. 7, 1.5 acres.

Jesse Wheeler to Kenneth Dewayne Hankins, lot.

Russell E. Adkerson and Kim Adkerson to Anthony Sanders, Dist. 6, tract.

Ryan Whiteside to Charles R. Bryant, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Anthony Jerrod Sanders and Angela H. Sanders to Russell E. Adkerson and Kim Adkerson, Dist. 6, 18.48 acres.

Billy Joe Webb and Shirley Faye Webb to Jerry Cox, Dist. 6, 0.5668 acre.

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bach, TR, and Lucinda A. Coulter-Burbach, 2006 Revocable Trust, to Wiley W. Hutcherson, Sr., and Frances Hutcherson, Dist. 8, 0.52 acre.

Local Company Awarded Grant

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March 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maclin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy White, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams.

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

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

March 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Shanon Crowder.

March 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jer-

ry Tolene, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Dzedzic, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baggett.

March 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Blakely.

Marriages

March 5th - Dwight Donnell Smith, 43, to Sonya Michelle Mitchum Houston, 31, by Rodney Patrick.

March 6th - John Nolan Vanderpluym, 27, to Danielle Theresa Ruff, 27, by Mark Hodge.

March 12th - Ronnie Lynn Ward, Jr., 26, to Amber Nicole Moore, 22, by Rod Schuh.

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Jewels Of The South Pageant Ends Campaign Candidate Tours County



CONTESTANTS in the Miss Halls Jewels of the South pageant include Jessica Ellison, Paige Ellison, Cassidy Hardee, Kelsey Layne, Victoria Leggett, Shelby Parsonson, Whitney Patterson, Lauren Rogers, Brittany Ward, and Hollie Wilson, plus, not pictured, Taylor Brasfield, Ashley Buckner, and Shelby Hurt. The pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 27th at Halls Junior High School gymnasium and is sponsored by the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. The tradition started in 1941 and will crown its 66th queen.



LUTHER MERCER II, of Jackson, a candidate for the 8th District U.S. Congressional seat, has announced he is ending his campaign, citing an inability to raise the necessary funds to mount a viable campaign. "I would like to thank my family, friends and supporters for believing in me as I pursued this position," said Mercer, who announced in December he would seek the post being vacated by U.S. Rep. John Tanner, who is retiring.



STEPHEN FINCHER, Republican candidate for Congress in the 8th District, toured Lauderdale County Monday. He kicked off his campaign with a tour of 19 counties and 22 cities in three days. He is seeking the seat held by Congressman John Tanner, who is retiring. A 37-year old farmer, businessman, and member of the family gospel singing ministry, he and his wife of 18 years, Lynn, live in the Frog Jump community, near Halls. They are active members of Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Haslam Tours Area

Bill Haslam, mayor of Knoxville and Republican candidate for governor of Tennessee, toured Lauderdale County last week and met with businessmen and local citizens. Local business man, Jerry Stanley, of Arnold's Drug Store, has joined the Business Leaders for Haslam Coalition. Haslam states that many Tennesseans are concerned about jobs and the coalition feels that he is the best person to bring about a change in the lack of employment for Tennessee residents. He created thousands of jobs in Knoxville by growing and expanding his family business as president of Pilot Travel Centers, and then he recruited new jobs to the city. He and his wife, Crissy, have two daughters, Annie and Leigh, and a son, Will, who resides in Knoxville with his wife, Hannah.

Offices To Close Early April 2nd

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic*, at 145 E. Jackson Ave., Ripley, will close at noon Friday, April 2nd for Good Friday.

They will re-open at 8 a.m. Monday, April 5th.

Deputies Charge County SCD To Dyer Co. Resident Offer Free Trees

According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders and Halls Police Chief Ricky DeSpain, Antonia Jones, 25, of Dyersburg, was arrested Saturday, in the parking lot of Linda's Bar in Halls after she allegedly sold cocaine to an informant. Sheriff's deputies and officers with the Halls Police department seized her vehicle and a small amount of cash. She was charged with possession of Schedule II narcotics over 1/2 ounce.

The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District (SCD) will hold its annual Tree Day from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 2nd, at the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.) Service Center, located at 301 Lake Dr. in Ripley. The tree seedlings, including a mixture of tulip poplar and several varieties of oak, are free and distributed on a first come, first served basis.

TALENT SHOW

Future Business Leaders of America at Halls High School will host their annual Talent Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25th, in the gym at Halls High School.

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Halls Rotary Speaker



YOULANDA JONES WILCOX, center, director of The University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center, was the guest speaker March 22nd for the meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. She was the guest of Rotarian Donald Hogue, left. She explained the benefits of having a local venue available to residents so that they might further their education, earn degrees or just study to improve skills in their areas of interest. "To be able to accomplish this without having to leave their home environment is becoming apparent to many present and former students who have taken advantage of the opportunity to further their studies at a facility close to their home," said Wilcox, who is also a member of the Ripley Rotary Club. James E. Smith, Rotary president, right, presented a check at the conclusion of the program for the UT Martin Ripley Center.

Donations Received By Cancer Society

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

In memory of John Missildine, Mary Frances Summar, and James Robert Middleton by Jay and Betty Chipman.

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In memory of Gale Layne by Stan and Kathy Matras

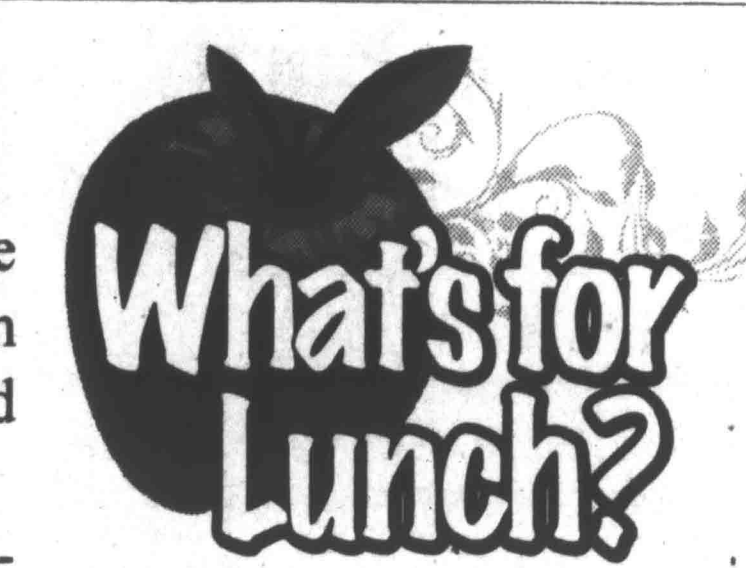
In memory of Rodney Neal York by Marvin Windows and Door Associates of Tennessee, Pam and Craig Fitzhugh, and Cardinal Glass.

In memory of Jerry Horner by Lauderdale County Courthouse Friends.

In memory of Bertha Forsythe Jackson, Tom Biggs, and Nellie Barham Caldwell by Jay, Betty and Shelley Chipman.

In memory of Tut Pellegrin by Katharine Garner.

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



School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 29th

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

Tuesday, March 30th

- Oven Baked Ham
- Fish Fillet
- Corn Nibbles
- Pinto Beans
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Apple Slices
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 31st

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

Thursday, April 1st

- Chicken Nuggets
- Whipped Potatoes

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School

Halls Elementary School

- Pre-K to 3rd
- Monday, March 29th
- Cheeseburger On Bun
- French Fries
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 30th

- Fish Fillet
- Corn Nibbles
- Apple Slices
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 31st

- Spaghetti
- Green Beans
- Grapes
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 1st

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

Friday, April 2nd

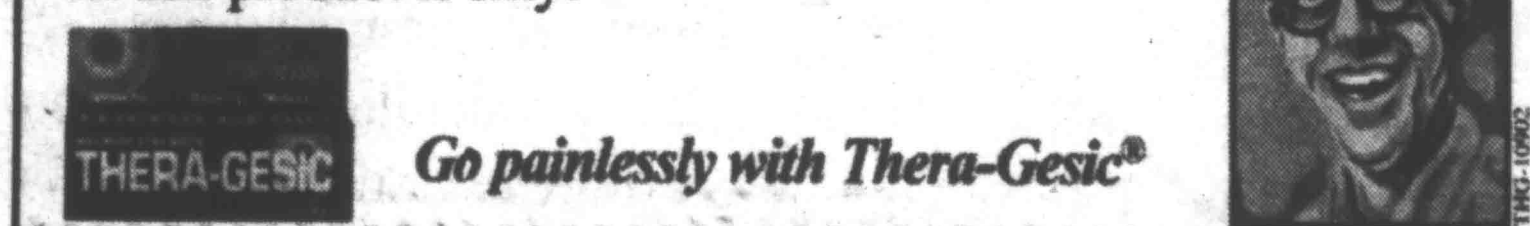
- Good Friday
- No School

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Obituaries

Mrs. Lendermon

Lisa Marie Lendermon, 29, of 332 Loretta's Lane, Henning, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

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

She was born in Memphis, Jan. 24, 1981, to James and Judy Fuller Dowell, of Ripley.

She had managed the Bur-ger King in Brownsville.

Besides her parents, she leaves her husband, William Ewell Lendermon; a sister, Natasha Lawson, of Ripley; and step-daughters, Katrina Lendermon and Felicia Rangel, both of Ripley.

Clay Dunavant

Alex Clay Dunavant, 82, of Highland Haven, Tex., died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls, Tex.

Burial was Friday, with military honors, in the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Tex.

He was born at Henning, Sept. 8, 1927, to the late Oscar and Blanche Garner Dunavant.

He had retired from the Army as a chief warrant officer 4, after 30 years of service, including the Korean War and two tours of duty in Viet Nam.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening.

He was a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Marble Falls.

He leaves his wife, Janet; a son, Alex, Jr., of Meadowlakes, Tex.; and a daughter, Cynthia Conrad, of San Antonio, Tex.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Llano Hospice, 1100 Ford St., Llano, TX 78643.

Carlos Hardy

Carlos Howard Hardy, 72, of 536 W. Main, Halls, died Tuesday, in his home.

Rites were set at 2 p.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

He had retired as a captain from the West Tenn. State Prison at Fort Pillow.

He was a Mason.

He leaves his wife, Marlys Carihfield Hardy; a son, Carlos Wayne Hardy, a daughter, Tonya Coudret, and a step-daughter, Leigh Anna Allread, of Ripley; a step-son, Leslie Crook, a brother, Joe Palmer Hardy, and a sister, Lois Burrough, of Halls; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Hutcherson

Wayne Hutcherson, 54, of Ripley, died Monday of last week.

Private rites were in Nashville, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Kathy Taylor Hutcherson, a son, Urban, and a daughter, Jo-Ina Hutcherson, all of Ripley.

Mrs. Thurmond

Kathryn Thurmond, 91, widow of Clayton Thurmond, died Monday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were set at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Thurmond Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, in charge.

She was a member of Westside Baptist Church in Halls.

She leaves sons, Chapman "Sonny" Thurmond, of Halls, and Dennis Thurmond, of Shelbyville; a daughter, Linda Manning, of Michigan; sisters, Earline Cates, of Ripley, and Hazel L. Boedecker, of Dowl- ing, Mich.; brothers, Clifford, Odell, and Roy Burks, of Mis- souri; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.



Dorothy Elizabeth Carpenter Foust, 90, of Ripley, died Sunday.

Rites were held Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where she had been an active member, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Born at Paducah, Ky., April 5, 1919, she grew up in Memphis.

She met Charles Lee Foust, Jr., in 1935. They were married for 63 years.

They spent nearly 40 years in Chicago, Ill., before retiring to Ripley in 1985. Mr. Foust died in 1999.

She leaves a daughter, Kay (Mrs. Don) Bradford, of Germantown; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Scotty Garcia

Scotty Ray Garcia, 53, of Camden, Ark., husband of Angela Garcia, a teacher at Halls Elementary School, died Sunday, March 21st.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday, March 25th in Victory Church, Proctor Funeral Home, Camden, Ark.; in charge.

Other survivors include his sons, Scott and Logan Garcia, of Camden; daughter, Rachel Simpson, of Clarksville; his mother, Pearl Cates, brothers, Perry, Billy, Ricky, and Bob- by Joe, all of Camden; a half-brother, Earl Waldon Tinkle, of Conway, Ark., and a grand- daughter.

Samuel Meter

Samuel Woodrow Meter, 92, of Newburgh, Ind., brother of Ella Yochum, of Ripley, and father of Pam Farris, of Ripley, died Sunday in the Visiting Nurse Assn. Hospice in Evansville, Ind.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with rites at noon, burial to be in Lightfoot Cemetery.

He served in the Army from 1941 to 1945.

He worked for Wonder Bread in Memphis for more than 30 years.

He was the widower of Dell Crook Meter, his wife for 62 years.

He leaves another sister, Bes- sie L. Nimitz, of Tucson, Ariz.

James Prater

James Haskill Prater, 70, of 3615 Old Brownsville Rd., Ripley, died Sunday, in his home.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in the Prater Cemetery.

He was a farmer.

He leaves sons, Jamie, Jason, and Billy Joe Prater, daughters, Kristy and Pam Prater, Loretta Rose, and Sandra Billings, brothers, Eddie, Jerry, Joe, and Tommy, and sisters, Helen Sanders, Linda Spencer, and Louise Richardson, all of Ripley; other brothers, John- ny, of Halls, and Earl and Joe, of Mason; other sisters, Cath- erine Bradshaw, of Covington, and Marie Mayfield, of Drum- monds; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

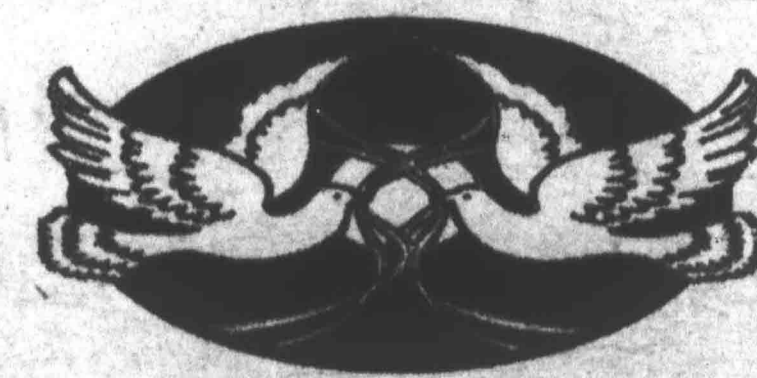
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James L. Reed

James Louis Reed, 67, of Brownsville, brother of John Reed, of Henning, died Mon- day of last week in Jackson- Madison County Hospital.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Satur- day in Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Haywood County, with burial in its cemetery,



Church Happenings

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

Halls First Baptist Church will sponsor a community Easter egg hunt from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28th at Crichfield Park in Halls. The public is invited.

Conner Assembly of God Church, 1482 Conner White- field Rd., Ripley, will host Brad Dashiell in concert at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 28th. The public is invited.

Ashport Baptist Church, 6742 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, will celebrate Friend Day at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 28th with worship services to be held at 11 a.m., and lunch to follow. The public is invited.

Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church, 295 Red William Rd., Gates, will hold their musician's day program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28th with guest choirs in- cluding Matthew Zion, of Halls, Pleasant Plain, of Jackson, and Buck's Chapel, Maury City, plus many more. L. T. West, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his mother, Lue- venia Reed, of Brownsville; his wife, Linda Nelson Reed; three daughters; three oth- er brothers; four sisters; five grandchildren; and a great- grandchild.

Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. BUCKNER, of Decaturville, formerly of Halls, will be honored with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27th at the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad building, at Nankipoo, for their 50th wedding anniversary, with all family and friends invited.

The event will be hosted by their children, Teresa Han- kins, of Gates, Tina Polk, of Atoka, Michael Buckner, of De- caturville, and Scottie Buckner, of Buffalo, Mo.

John and the former Martha Sorrell were married March 26th, 1960 in Memphis.

Birthdays

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

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

March 27 - Miller Lane, James Hilton Vaughn, Harold Wheatley, Jackie Evans, Re- ese Gaines, Maurice Gaines, III, Ann Young, Billy Elder, Diane Stallings, Bryan Jarrett, Tina Cates, Kay Nolen, Diane Noblin, Glen Privett, Kelly Thompson, Katherine Snell, Rebecca Williams, Shamari Gooch, Caulyn Halliburton, Grant Summar, Gary Brown, Mary Neal Stanley.

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

March 29 - Shawnee De- nay Burris, Paul Merando, Perry Williams, Kay Grug- gett, Mallory Murray, Glenda Hayles, Pam Floyd, Brenda Ward, Dixie Drake Lender- man, Adriene Brooks, Alma Jenkins, Elna Robbins, Linsey Beard.

March 30 - Amy Land, Kay- la Howard, Amy McBroom, T. L. Michael, Fay Taylor, Beth Newman, Deb Wooster, Mary Ann Swims, Corey Carihfield, Beth Wright, Rachel Jackson, Larry Allmon, Michael Jank- ovsky, Inez Hendren.

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

Newborn



KALLIE PAIGE LITTLES, 12 lb. 10 oz. daughter of Amber Hargett and Steven Littles, of Gates, was born at 5:12 p.m. March 2nd in Dyersburg Re- gional Medical Center. Mea- suring 21 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Kathy Holcomb and Jeanette and Mike Littles, all of Gates, and Mark and Marion Hargett, of Ripley.

Land Transfers

March 14th - March 20th
David Wehrer to David L. Rester and Peggy J. Rester, Dist. 1, 2 lots.

Bonnie Rodriguez and Javi- er Rodriguez to Jennifer Long Hardee, Dist. 11, lot.

Herman B. Smith, Jr., and Barbara P. Smith to Lee A. Smith and Lisa M. Smith, Dist. 16, 1.5 acres.

Federal Home Loan Mort- gage Corporation to Casey Maxwell, Dist. 10, lot.

Leland Gaines and Pam Allmon to Lawrence Walker and Joyce Walker, Dist. 2, lot.
U.S. Bank NA to Lauderdale

Anniversaries

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

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

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

March 28 - Mr. and Mrs.

He's One



BRYANT MOORE, son of Donnie and Heather Moore, of Ripley, celebrated his first birthday March 7th with a jungle party at his home for family and friends. Guests colored jungle animal masks and were served ice cream, chips, coke, and a jungle decorated cake. Born March 4th, Paul Ashton-Bryant is the brother of Jordan Bro- die-Kyle, 3; the grandson of Don and Paulette Moore, of Ripley, and Danny and Dar- lene Campbell, of Gates; the great-grandson of Sammy and Jeanette Grantland and Kath- leen Ditto, all of Ripley, and Wesley and Elizabeth Ray, of Gates; and the great-great- grandson of Mrs. James Tol- bert and Francis Voss, both of Ripley.

County, Dist. 2, 1.11 acres.
Clyde Summar, Jr., to Rog- er Dale Summar, Dist. 2, .05 acre and tract.

Clyde Summar, Jr., to Jer- ry Don Summar, Dist. 2, 60.0 acres.

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

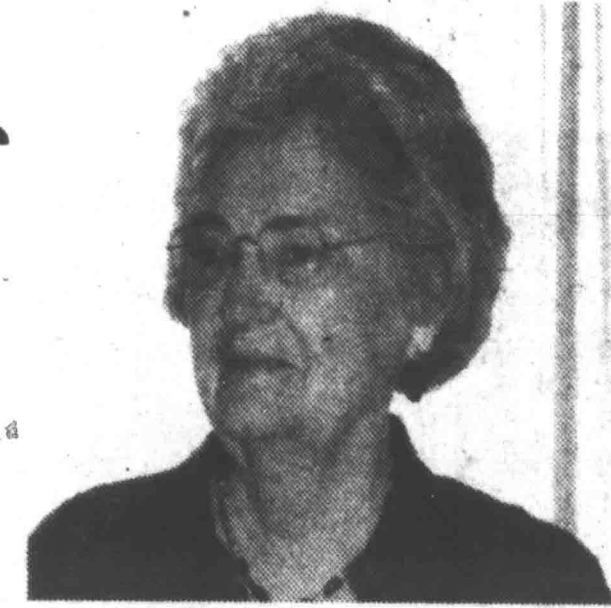
March 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.

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

Yesteryear

Robert F. Chapman's
Memories of
Woodville, Tennessee

Preserve our history
...discover your heritage.



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Several years ago the late Robert Fleming Chapman, born about 1910, wrote his memories of Woodville, which sits on the Lauderdale-Haywood County line. Mr. Chapman's son, Robert, of Covington has given his permission to share it. Mr. Chapman's memoir follows:

"We, the Benjamin W. Chapman family, moved to Woodville, Tennessee in December 1917 from Taylor's Store, a community about five miles north of Brownsville in the Tabernacle Area. I do not remember the exact date; however, it was the week before Christmas. My father owned and operated the country store at the former location.

"The weather was extremely cold. It had been raining, and the old dirt roads were cut up by wagons and buggies, frozen and almost impassable. We traveled in six two-mule wagons. The family was behind in a surrey. The drivers walked behind the wagons to keep warm. When we arrived, the horses' and mules' feet were bleeding from being cut up by the frozen roads.

"We moved into the Methodist Parsonage which was owned at that time by Sam B. Wilson (my mother's first cousin who had married my father's sister, Hattie Chapman), until our house was completed. He moved his family to Granma Chapman's home.

"My father had bought a property at the corner of the county road and the Gates road. There were two buildings on it. He moved one to face west across from the Methodist Church, added several rooms and converted it into our residence. The other, facing south along the county road, was remodeled into a store building.

"The afternoon we arrived they unloaded three of the wagons, the ones with the household goods. The other three, with the store merchandise, were parked by the side of the Methodist Church and covered with tarpaulins. That night twelve inches of snow fell.

"The sun would come out, melt the surface, then rain and freeze. Then it would snow again on top of that. After several of these off-again, on-again, rain, sleet, and snow falls, we accumulated about 18 to 20 inches of cover. We did not see the ground again until March.

"At that time there were two stores in Woodville. My father was in the process of opening the third. One was owned by Sam B. Wilson; the other by Mack Dunnivant. Dr. Glen T. Scott had an office in a lean-to building on the side of the Dunnivant store. Later Sam B. Wilson sold his store to a Mr. Clen Davis.

"On the corner across the road from the Dunnivant store, Mr. John Daniels operated a blacksmith shop and a grist mill. His son, Wiley Daniels, operated a garage working on and rebuilding Model T Ford cars. There were three churches—Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist. Each held a service once a month. The Baptists may have had two services a month.

"Some mention was made that there was once a barber shop in

Woodville. The only barbering that I remember, Mr. Perciful would cut hair on my father's store porch on Saturday once or twice a month, weather permitting. He charged 15 cents for a haircut.

"Dr. Glenn T. Scott owned the first car that I remember in Woodville. It was a BRUSH, an open touring car. I do not remember the name of the manufacturer. Levy Clark owned the first tractor. It was a Caterpillar.

"Then came the big fire. One night in 1918 the Dunnivant store, the Davis store, and Dr. Scott's office were totally destroyed by fire. That left only one store in Woodville, the Chapman store.

"The high spot of the night was during the fire which attracted people from miles around. The Clen Davis family had moved into the Dunnivant home. We were all awakened suddenly, dressed in a hurry, and went out. At the height of the fire, with one half of Woodville burning, Miss Lelia (Mrs. Clen) Davis saw her daughter Ruby, who at that time was in her teens, standing in our yard watching the fire.

"Ruby, are you prepared?" Miss Lelia asked.

"Mother, what do you mean?" Ruby replied.

"Do you have on any drawers?" Miss Lelia asked.

"No, Mother," said Ruby. "I did not have time to put on my drawers."

"Miss Lelia told Ruby to go back into the house and not come back until she was prepared.

"After the fire Dr. Scott opened an office in Brownsville and moved his family there. The Sam B. Wilson family moved from the Methodist parsonage to the Scott home across the road from the W. J. Wilson place. Later Sam B. Wilson went to work for the First State Bank in Brownsville and moved his family there.

Clarence Wells bought that place and moved his family to Woodville.

"This was about the time of the influenza epidemic that hit the United States. It was the custom of the men in the Woodville Community to open the grave of someone who was to be buried in the cemetery the next day. The men would gather at my father's store at night to see how many graves they would have to open the next day.

"There was a Brother Morrison who was a Methodist minister on the Woodville Circuit at that time. He had a brother who was an M.D. He lived in the Green home by the Presbyterian Church. He did not have any means of transportation. He would walk the muddy roads in knee boots with his black satchel caring for the sick. If he had a call too far away to walk, someone with a car or buggy would volunteer to take him.

"Our educational opportunities consisted of attending a two-room schoolhouse about one mile east of the business section between Woodville and Toulon. Grades one through four were taught in room #1. Grades five through eight were taught in room #2. Miss Lallie Walker who married Herbert Willis and Miss Tessie Clark are the only two teachers that I remember.

"We walked the mile from Woodville to the schoolhouse every day in all kinds of weather, mud, snow, rain, and ice. Once in a while when the weather was too bad, someone would take their children to school in a wagon, picking up others on the way.

"After the failure of a cotton crop in 1920, my father closed his store and moved his family to Brownsville. I do not remember much about Woodville until after the 1929 to 1933 depression. In the meantime, Sam Wilson had lost his job in Brownsville, and I had

National Donate Life Month Begins

Organ donor awareness, 'Give To Live', kicks off National Donate Life month during regular business hours Friday, March 26th, in the office of Lauderdale County Clerk Linda Summar and staff at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Ripley. Residents will be asked to donate \$1 when they purchase their automobile tags. The collected funds will be distributed by the Tennessee County Clerk Organ Donor Awareness Foundation (TC-CODAF) to Mid-South Transplant Foundation and Tennessee Donor Services who are the two organ procurement organizations in Tennessee.

According to Kim Van Frank, executive director of Mid-South Transplant Foundation, "Tennesseans can now register as donors at the time they get or renew their driver's license or state identification at the Department of Safety or online at www.tndonorregistry.org". Printed forms are also available by calling MSTF at 877-228-5433 or 901-328-4438.

lost mine in Memphis. We ended up back in Woodville. I ran the cotton gin at Toulon during the 1932-1933 ginning season.

"As I remember about the Wilson Memorial Presbyterian Church, in the late 1930's—1937 or 1938—the members became concerned about the steeple. It was old, and had deteriorated to the point that it was dangerous. They decided to remove it. In the process of removing it, they decided to dismantle the entire building and reconstruct it. While it was dismantled, the Memphis Presbytery decided there were not enough members in the area to support a church, sent down trucks and hauled all of the building material, pews and furniture away to construct a church in Tipton County."

Dry Hill Dog News



By Zeek

Zeek here!!! Miss Pam and I went to the Club early and I sure am glad. The Mayor came out to the Club early and asked me if I wanted to spend the day with him. I jumped and was happy but he told me that he would have to ask Miss Pam. She told him that I could but that I could not eat two-legger food. The Mayor and I just smiled at each other as I got up in his truck.

He told me that we were going to watch the Ripley Tigers play baseball in the Aaron Schuh tournament. I didn't know what that was, but I didn't care so I just moved closer to the Mayor and was proud to be going somewhere. Now Miss Pam took me to watch the Ripley Tigers one time. They were dressed funny and played with a funny ball that she called a pigskin. On the way to the two-legger place, the Mayor told me that I had to sit by him and I could not chase the balls. I didn't care because if they were like the pigskin ball, they were too big for me to chase.

When we got to the two-legger place, the Mayor and I got out of the truck. There were a lot of two-leggers there. All of the two-leggers said hi to the Mayor and most of them knew my name and I got a lot of pats on my head. We sat down and some two-leggers came running out of a pen. The two-leggers were all yelling loud and I go closer to the Mayor because I didn't know why the two-leggers were yelling. The Mayor told me that the two-leggers were the Ripley Tigers. Some other two-leggers ran out of another pen. Then they started playing with a ball. This ball was like one of the ones that Miss Pam throws for me. One of the two-leggers would throw the ball at another two-legger and then the two-legger would hit it with a big stick and then all of the two-leggers would run after the ball. I watched this for a while and then I stood up and tried to run after one of the balls, but the Mayor reminded me that I could not chase the balls. So I sat back down beside him and decided that I needed a nap.

I napped for a little while and then I thought that I smelled hotdogs. When I looked up, some of the two-leggers were eating hotdogs. I looked at the Mayor with sad eyes and he knew just what I was thinking. He told me to stay and that he would be right back. When he came back, he had lots of two-legger food in his hands. He gave me two hotdogs. I ate both of the hotdogs first and then I ate the bread. He ate two hotdogs, too. He even brought me some water which I really needed. Watching the Ripley Tigers and eating hot dogs makes a four-legger thirsty. He reminded me that we could not tell Miss Pam about the hot dogs.

We stayed there for a long time and finally the Mayor told me that it was time to go. I was glad because he would not let me play ball with the Ripley Tigers and I was really needing to get on my couch. So we went back to the Club.

At the Club, we have so many puppy four-leggers. We have all sizes and colors and kinds. There still are some bird dogs, husky, and beagles out here. Spot and Dottie, the two four-leggers that have lots of spots on them are still out here. I think

Mr. Greg told me that they are called dalmatians.

Mr. Jim Hickman and Maggie Smith came out to the Club and brought my Buds some food. Mr. Buddy said that Emily Apperson, Donna Barbee, Angela Sprague, Keith McKee, Misty Pittman, and Tim Wilson came out to the Club and all took home new friends. Denise Caviness took home a fancy looking little four-legger. Gina Austin took home Oscar. Ronnie Prive took home a beagle, Thomas Bryant took home one of the feist with him, and Charles Thorpe took home Nissian. Mary Hammock came out to the Club and loved Rocky and took him home with her. I sure hope he likes his new home. Thanks to all of you two-leggers that came out to the Club and took four-leggers home.

Sent your two-legger out to the Club with some food for my Buds. We always need food because my Buds stay hungry all of the time. If you don't want to come out to the Club just drop off your food donation at 51 Antiques and see Miss Sharon. She will call us and we will come and pick it up. Or come see us at 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road, Mail us something at P. O. Box 172 Ripley or just give us a call at 836-PETS (836-7387).

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-legger to see the Doc for their yearly shots and check up. Miss Pam says that a healthy four-legger is a happy four-legger and a happy four-legger makes a two-legger happy.

Be as good as your four-legger thanks you are. While we were at the Ripley Tiger ball game, I could have ran after that ball quicker than the two-leggers could.

Zeek Out!!!

Identity Theft Growing: How To Prevent It

(StatePoint) Identity theft is on the rise, as approximately 10 million Americans fell victim last year. While nothing can guarantee you won't become a victim yourself, there are many ways to minimize risk.

"No matter if you're shopping, drawing money from the bank, or simply taking out your trash, it's important to take precautionary actions," says Dr. Nelson Ludlow, CEO of Intellicheck Mobilisa, a developer of wireless security and identity systems for the government, military and commercial markets. Ludlow's Defense ID System has scanned millions of IDs, identifying over ten thousand criminals and suspects with zero false positives.

"Remember, people aren't always who they say they are, both online and in the physical world," he adds, noting identity fraud more often occurs in person than online.

With this in mind here are some tips from the experts at Intellicheck Mobilisa on safeguarding your identity:

* Protect Your Social Security Number: Don't keep your Social Security card in your wallet or include your number on checks. Only provide your number when absolutely necessary, and ask to use other identifiers. If your number appears on your driver's license or health insurance card, ask to substitute another number.

* Backup Your Wallet: Photocopy the fronts and backs of your wallet's contents, including driver's license, credit cards and insurance cards. You'll be able to quickly notify the appropriate institutions if it gets stolen.

* Safeguard Your Mail and Trash: Before disposal, always shred credit card receipts, checks and bank statements; credit applications or offers,

insurance forms, doctor statements, expired charge cards and anything with personal information.

* Store Personal Information Securely: This is especially important when you are having work done in your house, if you employ outside help or have roommates.

* Be On Guard In Public: Thieves don't have to steal your wallet for your identity. Shield your entry of your PIN when using the ATM. Watch out for people peeking over your shoulder or using cell phone cameras to record your actions.

* Stay Vigilant Online: Practice safe surfing when it comes to online shopping, banking, email usage and more. Don't use public computers to access personally sensitive information. For tips to protect against Internet fraud, visit the government's safety site at OnGuardOnline.gov.

* Choose Better Passwords: Select tough passwords for bank, credit card and phone accounts. Don't use easily available information like your birthday, address, phone number or mother's maiden name. Combinations of letters, symbols and numbers create the strongest passwords.

"It's critical we make it difficult for the wrong people to gain access to valuable information that can be used to cause damage," urges Dr. Ludlow. "There are many tools in our arsenal today that can help catch dangerous suspects. It's important these tools are implemented correctly."

PROGRAM

A program, "Balanced for Life", is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, March 26th, at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St. in Halls, with assessments and evaluations.

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