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"Greetings From Your Government"

An interview with a draftee



Jerry Rushing recalls that letter that opened with "Greetings From Your Government..."



Jerry Rushing
Basic Training
Graduation Photo

By Gaye Bencini

"In 1961, most people had never heard of Vietnam, including myself," Jerry Rushing of Clinton said.

Around 1965, more and more troops were being sent there. The news inundated even the most sheltered of areas with information about those being wounded and killed.

"In high school you thought about it, but you thought the war would be over by the time you were out," he recalled. He graduated high school, and the war was still going on, still looming.

When young men turned 18, they had to fill out a form at the post office, and their names were in a holding pool. In Hickman County, Effie Phillips, a government employee, ran the draft board office. It was located upstairs in the government building (Post Office) in Clinton (over where ABC Bookkeeping is now).

College students had a four year deferment from being drafted, as did those attending seminary school.

"Religion kind of picked up there for a while," Rushing said. Some were exempt for medical and other reasons.

Rushing began college, and thought, "Well, War II didn't last four years, so this will be over with soon." He graduated college, and the Vietnam War was hotter than ever. "We were up to 30,000 to 40,000 dead, so you really start to think on it," he said.

No longer qualifying for college deferment, Rushing was now in the category "1-A," meaning he was eligible to serve.

"It was an awful dilemma for the draft age boys because it was an unpopular war, and generally the public didn't see it as being a threat for the United States. Who wanted to be the guy to get killed for a useless war? If you didn't go, you were a coward, and if you went, when you came back, you were a 'baby killer,' so what's the upside on that one, even if you were enthusiastic about going?"

Rushing gets a job with Cummings Engine Company and is living in Columbus, Ind. when he gets a letter from the draft board.

"I saw where it was from and thought, 'Oh boy, this is it.' I opened it up, and so help me it said 'Greetings From Your Government.' It said something like 'Your fellow citizens have selected you to serve your country.'"

Did your heart sink when you saw that?

"No, it's kind of like knowing when someone is going to die and they die, and you knew it was coming. I told my boss, and he started laughing. I didn't think it was funny at all. They had a big send-off party for me."

Was it constantly on your mind, during that party, "I might not live through this, what's coming up?"

"I didn't think I'd see 25. I was 22 at the time. At that point they were killing two to 500 a week. Your odds were pretty good statistically, but if you're dead, you're dead."

Rushing called the draft board to see if he could take his physical there in Indiana rather than driving back to Clinton for it. "I mean, I could fail!" he said, and he would certainly be okay with that failure.

Phillips granted permission to do that.

"I was in Indianapolis in an auditorium. A really big auditorium. There were 300 of us in there, naked."

As in stark naked?

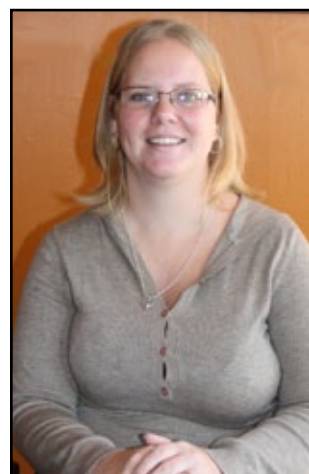
"As in stark, elbow to elbow, and this doctor is going up and down the line eating in a hamburger with juice running out of it, looking up everybody's orifice. I thought, 'I don't know what they are paying this guy, but he is the bravest man in the room.'"

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Calvin Alexander

We join his wife Nadine, daughter Je'Nola and grandchildren Je'Niiya, Jerrek and Ah'Marius, and all other veterans who served, a special Veterans Day 2015.



Shannon Payne fills the position of Clinton City Clerk following the recent retirement of Donna Bryan. Payne filled the position of assistant clerk for 3-1/2 years. She and Jeremy Wheeler reside in Clinton with their daughter Amber.



From the Chief's Desk

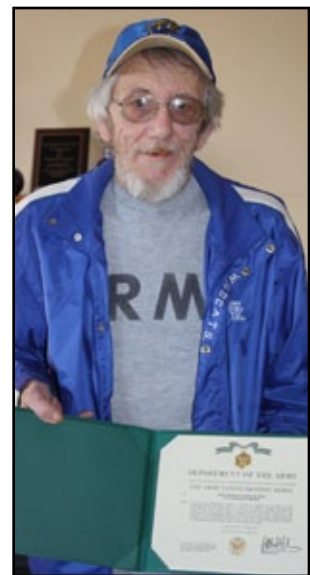
By Clinton Police Chief Snapper Seaton

I would like to announce some exciting changes within the Clinton Police Department.

I have been Police Chief for the Clinton Police Department for the past six years, and I have enjoyed serving this community as the department's head. At this time, I will be relinquishing this seat to take the position of detective with the Clinton Police Department. This position, being new to our department, will focus on following up on cases still open, to the more serious crimes in our community such as drug activity, burglaries, thefts, sexual assaults, etc.

I have put a lot of thought into making this change and

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Staff Sergeant Donald W. Boaz, 913th Engineer Company, received The Army Commendation Medal from the Department of the Army



Bobby Frizzell fills the position of assistant clerk for the City of Clinton. She and husband Chad have three children: Levi, Abbi and Janna Kay. They reside in Clinton.

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Staff from Coumbus-Belmont State Park in Hickman County supported Carla Hildebrand, manager of Wickliffe Mounds State Park, Tuesday morning during NBC Today Show's Al Roker's Rokerthon visit. Shown left of Roker wearing a UK Wildcats hat is Barbara Armstrong and right, is Cindy Lynch, manager of Columbus-Belmont State Park (in blue) with Lee Jackson behind her, left, and Shelton Bencini, right. Also from Hickman County, not pictured, were Teresa Pearson and Greg and Norma Pruitt. Photo by Gaye Bencini

Hickman County Economic Development Authority hears discussion on partnership and signs

By Gaye Bencini

The Hickman County Economic Development Authority, Inc., met for the

quarterly and last meeting of 2015 last Thursday, Nov. 5 at the office of Hickman County Executive Economic Director Greg Pruitt.

Present were Pruitt, Board Chairman Howard Dillard, and three of the board members Yvette Thomas, Bob Williams and Steve Bradberry; Norma Pruitt, executive director of Kentucky Great River Road Organization; Rebecca Cantrell with The Hickman County Gazette; Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson; Danny Whitlock, representing the Arts Council; and Gaye Bencini, representing The Hickman County Times.

Danny Whitlock attended the meeting on behalf of The Hickman County Arts Council. The HCEDA has provided \$1,000 in funding the last three years and the organization was requesting funding again this year. He shared with the board a lengthy written list of what the arts council has done in the community during the last 12 years. They are a 501 c (3). Membership dues are \$10 a year. Friends of the Arts in Hickman County, an off-shoot of the Arts Council, hosts the Hickman County Arts, Crafts Books Fair. The arts council sells lunches at the Hickman

County Arts, Crafts, Books Fair held around the Christmas holiday each year.

The HCEDA has \$862,725.78, the majority of which, Pruitt said came from Peerless Premier during the time they were leasing the building and property from HCEDA. The terms of the lease agreement have been completed. That money can only be used for industrial development and creating jobs, Pruitt said.

The HCEDA cash and note receivable is \$923,312.06.

This past year, at least \$64,000 was spent on the economic development effort in Hickman County. December will mark the end of Pruitt's first year in the newly created position as executive director of economic development in Hickman County. He receives \$2,000 a month for 100 days work for a total of \$24,000 a year. Norma Pruitt, executive director

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The place to be in Columbus...Jen's Place

By Jeff Shell

You can get a cup that says that. The full parking lot says that as well. I paid a recent visit, and I will say that now. Most people know that Columbus-Belmont State Park is there. Picnics, family reunions, camping and beautiful scenery bring them. Civil War Days in October brings thousands. Here's an idea: before you turn to head into the park, turn into Jen's Place, the place to be for great food and meet the friendly people of Columbus, Ky.

My boss at the Times told me that I had to start roving reporting on restaurants in Hickman County or I would be roving to Mayfield to the unemployment office. I got the hint. I was afraid to tell her that the dollar she gives me for gas allowance would not get me to Columbus and back. I picked up enough aluminum cans and scrap iron to cash in to get there.



Jennifer Dixon & Melissa

I'm glad I went.

The parking lot was full, so I parked in the post office lot and walked into another place full of strangers. Almost all tables were filled. I went up to the counter. A pleasant young lady walked up, and I asked her what was good on the 'Specials' board. Before she could say "everything is good," I stopped her. I could see it in her eyes. She did admit the fish was really good and a lot of custom-



ers like the BBQ. I didn't have the heart to tell her that I have been eating so much catfish lately that I was going to grow gills and was beginning to smell like a smoked Boston Butt. I asked for a menu and sat down.

The place was probably 99 1/2 percent men and four women. I sat my shy

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Books make great Christmas presents!

Last week the vendors for the 2015 Art/Craft/Book Fair to be held November 21 at the elementary school gym were listed in the paper. Following are the authors who are offering quite a range of reading materials, and what better gift for that special person on your Christmas list.

Lyn Warner (Fancy Farm) will have her 2014 release Spiders in the Snow/Land of the Eskimo and her 2015 release Seaweed Noodle Soup for sale. Both are children's books.

Sherry Roberts (Clinton) who published two calendars (Grand Old Homes of Hickman County and Proud Old Barns of Hickman County) has recorded yet another part of her county - Capturing Columbus. The photo-journal has short stories, poems, and 140 photographs portraying her view of Columbus, Kentucky both as a child growing up and now.

Mary Potter (Clinton) of West Kentucky Journal Publishing has released her newest book in the No Count Dog series. She may also have a calendar ready for the Fair.

Micah Gardner (Hickman) will be selling two books in her Triskel Devices books (True North: The Triskel Locket and Souls of the South: The Triskel Compass).

LaDonna Latham (Clinton) will have her two books Golden Age of Hickman County-The Early Years and Golden Age of Hickman County-The Difficult Years for sale. Representing the Hickman County Historical Society, she will also have Hickman County History, Volumes I and II as well as census/marriage/cemetery records for purchase.

Ken Tucker (Murray) will have an assortment of his books for sale. He hopes to have his two new novels (A Kentucky Colonel in Wagner Land and the final

installment of his comic fantasy Hal Morgan series The Familiar Compound Trickster, The Most Dangerous Enemy of Eliot Ness) available.

Lynn Bartlett (Benton), an author and photographer, will have her coffee table book Tobacco Barns of Western Kentucky for sale. It is a full color, 160 page book of tobacco barns unique to our area.

Bro. Charles Blair (Clinton) Brother Blair will have "Bah! Humbug!" a CD narration by Charles, two paperback booklets "The Church on the Rock" and "Our Baptist Heritage," and one hardback The Rain on the year in the ark with Noah's family for sale.

Bobbi Bryant (native of Calloway County)-Community Showcase, Inc.-offers three books: Farming in the Black Patch, Passions of the Black Patch: Cooking and Quilting in Western Kentucky, and Forty Acres and a Red Belly Ford.

Books from the Hickman County Museum and an unknown local writer who sold books last year through Mary Ann Elliott (Clinton) will also be available to purchase. With such a wide array of subjects, the Arts Council hopes shoppers will be able to find books for themselves or people on their Christmas list.

Two new vendors committed to the Fair after last week's list of vendors. Dr. Brolli will have blankets and soft goods, and a lady from Mayfield is bringing distressed wooden plaques with fabric crosses.

Remember, the Jammerz will be playing, an art contest where shoppers vote on student-decorated shopping bags will take place in the cafeteria, and lunch will be offered at this shopping opportunity on the 21st. Come and bring a friend!

Boaz,

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Boaz, shown in both photos above, has had an extensive career in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

"for exceptionally meritorious service spanning a career of 34 years in the Tennessee Army National Guard. During this time he completed multiple deployments and volunteered for natural disaster missions. His outstanding performance directly contributed to the overall success of his command. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of professional military service and reflect great credit upon him, the 913th Engineer Company, The Tennessee National Guard and the United States Army."

On Monday, Nov. 9, his grandson Henry Lamont Murphy enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Clarification

Bro. David Gossum retired from preaching at New Harmony Baptist Church and did not resign. He is still very much a part of the New Harmony Baptist Church family and continues to attend services there.

The Hickman County Museum is open every Wednesday 1-4 p.m.

Historical Society Open Wednesdays & Saturdays at 1-4 p.m. 270-653-7346

Woodmen of the World Lodge #978 meets the fourth Saturday at the senior center at 5p.m.

Farmer's Market/ Flea Market

The next Farmer's Market/Flea Market set-up day at the Hickman County Fairgrounds is Saturday, Nov. 14. There is no charge to set up!

Correction:

The City of Clinton has to give New Commonwealth three months notice if they choose not to continue with them and not 30 days.

AA meets every Monday at 8 pm at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

The Hickman County Library is Open Tuesday - Friday 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 Library Phone: 270-653-2225

Annual poinsettia sale for Habitat underway

The Annual Habitat for Humanity poinsettia sale is now in progress! Small- \$10; Large- \$20. Colors: Red, white or pink, place orders by Nov. 20. Contact Cherry Pyron, 270-627-0907 or tcjpyron@gmail.com. Delivery December 1. All proceeds support the building fund for Habitat houses in Hickman and Fulton counties.

Happy Anniversary!

Pastor Anthony (Tony) Johnson celebrates 23 years at Mt. Sinai M.B. Church on Nov. 15 3 p.m.; Dinner 1:30 p.m. Special Guests Pastor Lawrence Emerson, Associate Pastor Hulen Scates, Pastor Buster Johnson. Everyone is invited

Jenn's Place,

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self next to three women, trying to guess which one might be Jen. My waitress, Melissa, took my order for a patty melt and onion rings. She assured me there would be more than three or four onion rings like most restaurants like to serve to me. When the meal arrived I was not disappointed. I loved the two cheese Patty Melt that reminded me of a grilled cheese with a hamburger patty and onions stuffed in the middle. It was fabulous. The onion rings were plentiful and delicious.

I wanted to chat with Jen before she got too busy and my guess was that she was the lady that found out for me where my widowed sister-in-law from Columbus moved to. Debbie was her name. I leaned in to Melissa and asked which one was Jen. Jen was in the kitchen. The girl that met me at the counter was Jen? I thought, she looks barely out of high school. I went to the back to find her in the kitchen dishing out truly American food. A juicy deluxe cheese burger with tater tots, on an American flag plate, no less.

This place has been a restaurant almost forever. Jennifer Dixon has been here for the last nine years and she agrees she was barely out of high school when she opened Jen's Place. The crowd in the dining area was a mix of Columbus folk. The Ingram Barge crew had already left.

"They come in and leave together. The rest are farmers and retirees, along with some loafers," she chuckled.

Stop by Jen's Place and then head to the park with a blanket, because after a real American meal you just may want to nap under the shade of those beautiful trees on the bluff above the Mississippi River. BBQ, Burgers, Catfish and daily specials abound at Jen's Place. All you can eat breakfast buffet for \$7.00 on Saturdays through November, 7 am-10:30 am plus free coffee. 270-677-2942 ~Jeff Shell

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Seaton, continued from front

feel it is in the best interest of not only me personally, but the department.

With that being said, I am pleased to welcome Ben Natividad to the Clinton Police Department as our police chief. Ben graduated high school here in Hickman County and has worked in this area of many years. With Ben comes a great deal of experience and an outstanding work ethic. He is compassionate and loves being a police officer. I have personally witnessed him place his own life on hold to help total

strangers and that is just the kind of officer I would like to see lead this department.

He will be an asset to our department and a great leader for our community.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to those who have always stood beside me in the decisions I've made and the way I conducted the police department. It's now time for me to start a new chapter in my book.

Sincerely,
Snapper S. Seaton
Clinton Police Department

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Economic Development Authority,

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of Kentucky Great River Road Organization, receives \$5,000 from the county and \$5,000 from HCEDA. An additional \$2,500 is paid each month to the Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership (\$30,000 a year) for a total of \$64,000.

Eddie Crittendon, executive director of the Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership, has resigned effective Nov. 30 and has accepted a position in McNairy County, Tenn.

Pruitt, who serves as chair of the partnership, said they have advertised in both papers here and advertisements have been placed in other county papers as well. Pruitt said he has appointed a subcommittee to review applications for the position.

"The partnership board will meet soon to talk about where we go from here." Pruitt said that since the manufacturing facilities have been filled, the board may need to broaden what they do and look at small business development and tourism, and that may play a role in the decision of finding a new director.

"You won't go into the market and find somebody who has got successful industrial recruitment experience for anywhere near what Eddie was being paid," Pruitt said. "It will be a difficult process."

Greg Pruitt asked Norma Pruitt to share an update on her work as executive director with the Great River Road Organization.

She said she recently received the sign plan for the signs to be installed along the road.

"We are waiting for the federal highway administration to provide the approval for the encroachment permit," she said.

She provided maps to show where the signs, well over 200 in total, would be going up in Kentucky. The state and county location area encroachments have been approved, she said. The ones that have not been approved are the ones that will be placed on I-24 and I-69.

"We're pretty excited the board allocated things in priority, with priority 1 being the roads that are going to be on the Interstates so that it can direct folks to the four-county region," she said.

There are 39 areas where multiple signs will be placed in Ballard, Calloway, Hickman, Graves, Fulton, Marshall, Crittendon and Livingston Counties.

"We've got the signs designed, and then we'll look at fabricating those signs," she said, adding that the DOT partners out of the Reidland office will install the signs.

Greg Pruitt said the Trail of Tears signs were part of this project. There are also signs installed in Columbus Park that are also part of the project and they are currently in place. Two more signs are coming for Columbus Park.

"The fact is, the Trail of Tears signs were designed by National Park Service," Norma Pruitt said. "It is a huge honor to have that Trail of Tears sign route through our area, and we have a great opportunity for the tourism that will ultimately bring," she added.

Norma Pruitt said the Kentucky Tourism people and NBC television staff contacted her to make arrangements at Wickliffe Mounds for the live visit of Al Ro-

ker, who will broadcast the weather forecast as part of his effort to set a world record. From there, he was to go to Discovery Park of American in Union City, Tenn.

"We're the only place in Kentucky that is going to get this opportunity. We think it's a pretty big deal to get this national exposure, which is what we've been trying to do all along, to bring attention to what we've got, our amenities and treasurers and bring folks here to know we exist."

Norma Pruitt said she has been selected by the Delta Regional Authority to participate and attend the Harvard School of Government, an executive leadership program. She said there are only about 45 people in the Delta who are selected to participate in that.

She said she continues to promote the area with social media and said she encourages others to join and share happenings in the area. She said Columbus-Belmont State Park Manager Cindy Lynch asked her to help with media and promotion of the park. Pruitt's Kentucky Great River Road Organization created the event for Lynch, she said. "It reached over 90,000 people," she said.

"That's a big deal for us to have that communication on line," she said. "It is a great way for us to get communication out about an event." She said both Columbus-Belmont State Park and Wickliffe Mounds State Park saw record breaking revenue and visitation at both parks. "Cindy broke that level three times with the largest amount of visitation and revenue. That's what we're all about. Bringing more residents to our area."

Greg Pruitt said he represents Hickman County on the Purchase Area Regional Industrial Park was formed 20 years ago for counties to join together with their resources. He said that since the world economy has changed over those 20 plus years, and it would cost around \$700,000,000 to put utilities on the 2100 acres to locate an industry there.

"The chances of doing that in the foreseeable future are different than 20 years ago."

Eddie Crittendon has been serving as chair of that board and will resign from that also, and a new chairman elected.

Pruitt, who serves as secretary/treasurer on the board, said they are in the process to rework the documents to use money involved in that in a different way. He said some of the land in that area is leased out for cropping purposes. He said it is their hope that money can be used for an industrial development project that might need more funding or debt service.

The HCEDA has not been required, legally, to have an audit done. "We've had one done, but we haven't been required to," Pruitt said. Now, under the special purpose governmental entity law, they will be required to have one done annually. The board voted to pay ABC Bookkeeping \$150 a month for annual tax and audit preparation.

The HCEDA voted to go into closed session to discuss a project.

After coming back into open session, no action was taken.



Al Roker arriving at Wickliffe Mounds in the Wienermobile!
Photos/ Gaye Bencini



Roker coming out of the Wienermobile



Yes, Roker, it is I, Bencini, your formidable news opponent.



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WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST? Part # 7

In this column, the writer will address the following question:
HOW OFTEN IS THE LORD'S SUPPER EATEN?



In Matthew 26:26-30, we have recorded the Lord's institution of the Lord's Supper, which says, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.' And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."

A detailed study of the above text would outline the following truths concerning observance of the Lord's Supper:

1) Unleavened bread was used and should be used to represent the memorial of the body of Christ and fruit of the vine, such as grape juice rightly symbolize the blood of Christ.

2) To take these items "in My Father's Kingdom" is reference to the coming of the kingdom or church on the day of Pentecost after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. In Acts 2:42, now that the kingdom had come, the disciples would "...continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine (bible study), and fellowship (assembling with the saints), in the breaking of bread (the Lord's Supper), and in prayers." This communion between Christ and His followers is further discussed in I Corinthians 10:16, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

3) Also notice that in the institution of the Lord's Supper, following is the singing of hymns without the addition of man-made instruments of music.

WHEN DID THESE EARLY DISCIPLES ASSEMBLE FOR SUCH WORSHIP?

The Revised Standard Version of the bible, printed in 1952 as a revision of the 1611 version, renders I Corinthians 16:2 in this manner, "ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come."

Acts 20:7 reads, "Now ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, when the disciples CAME TOGETHER TO BREAK BREAD..." Let us reference some commentaries written by learned men who have spoken in times past about the above matter.

Matthew Henry's Commentary, Vol. VI, p. 259, reads, "This is here said to be the day when the disciples came together, that is, when it was their practice to come together in all the churches. Note, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IS TO BE RELIGIOUSLY OBSERVED BY ALL THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST..."

I will add: look at your calendar and the first day of the week is Sunday! Another knowledgeable commentator is Albert Barnes who wrote in his commentary on Acts, p. 288, "It is probable that the apostles and early Christians celebrated the Lord's Supper on EVERY LORD'S DAY." And then the well-known Adam Clarke, Vol. V, p. 851, "...as the Syriac has it; intimating, by this, that they were accustomed to receive the holy sacrament ON EACH LORD'S DAY."

It is therefore expected that every member of the church of Christ should assemble for worship on each Lord's day or first day of the week.

A central part of the Lord's Day worship is the eating of the Lord's Supper; and why not? This is the day that Jesus arose from the grave (Mark 16:9).

The church of Christ in Clinton meets each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at 413 West Clay St. Daniel Hamm, who authors this column, can be reached at hamdankat@yahoo.com or 731-796-7822.

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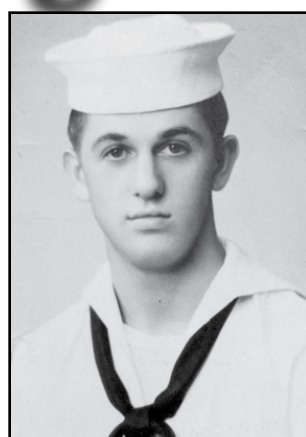
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In Memory
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US Navy
June 1961 - Aug. 1966



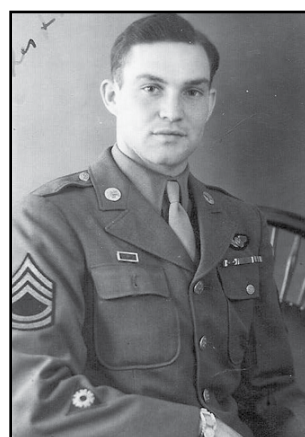
In Memory
Roscoe Thomas,
U.S. Army Air Corp
Philippines
1942-1946



S.D. Burgess
SK2 USN, USS
Los Angeles CA-135
served 1955-1958



ISG Allen Kyle
31 Years Kentucky Army
National Guard
1/123rd Armor



Robert F. Claud Jr.
WWII, Army
Air Force



In Memory
Howard Bugg
Cpl. /Army
Tank Division
Nov. 1942 - Oct. 1945



Joseph R. Burton
Cpl./ Army
Military Police
1962-1965



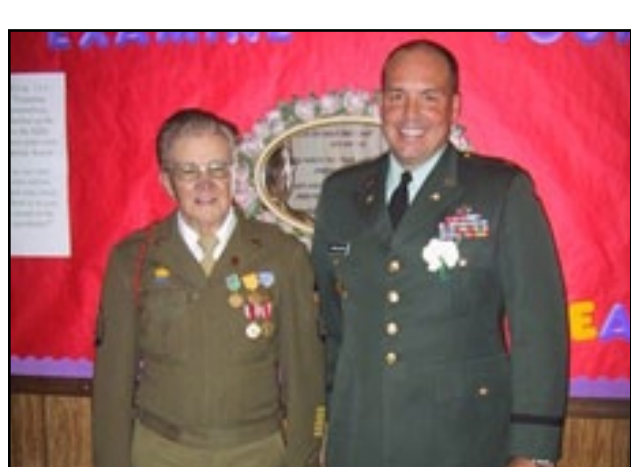
In Memory
Leon Faulkner
US Navy
1942 - End of WWII
Petty Officer 1st Class,
Pacific Theater



Grover Burkett,
US Army, WWII



Lawrence Myers
Staff Sergeant/E6
Served 39 years with 33 of
that in the reserves, served
in the Army.



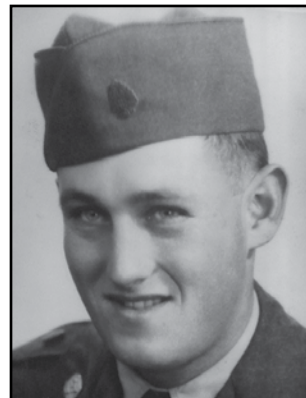
James Courtney & David Gholson



Jerry M. Berry
Army
37th Signal Co.
Three Years Philippines



In Memory
Elvis O'Neal
World War I



In Memory
Fred Marshall Walker
Army



Gordon Roberts, USN Pilot
1956-1981



Frank McClure, his mother, and Darrell Kelly

"Greetings From Your Government" continued from front page

"I thought, 'I don't want to be in the Army; I don't want to be in any of it,'" he said. While there, they had enlistment service options- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines.

"Problem was, if you joined the Air Force or Navy, it was four years minimum, but you were less likely to get killed."

He continued, "When I was kid, we always liked the Marines and the John Wayne movies, so I go in and take their test and did really well. The guy said, 'You did really well on that, let me take you in to see the Major.' I went into this little office, and this guy was the scariest human being I ever saw in my life. He was about my height, and he was all muscle. He was wearing an eye patch, and he looked up from his desk as if he wanted to kill me. I could tell. He would be most happy if he was on Hill 31 killing people, and I was interrupting his day."

Rushing talked to this Marine Major for a minute and decided, "Hey, maybe the Army isn't too bad!" So the Army it was.

Tell me about the night before you got on the bus.

"I'll tell you about the week before. We're thoroughly convinced we're gonna die, so we went out and partied for a week. The night before we got on the bus, we got drunk as possible without dying. I went to bed about 3 a.m. and had to be there at 4:30, so it was a short night."

In addition to Rushing, those from Hickman County included Henry Brazzell and John Asbell.

Is there much talking on the bus, or is it quiet?

"It was pretty quiet, but there was some talking and a lot of them were hung over. That wasn't the main problem though. It was the fear of the unknown. Like a darkened room."

He continued, "We get to Memphis, and it looked like a cattle auction. We mostly did paper work. I sat down at this desk and the woman shoves a piece of paper across and said, 'Sign this, this is your enlistment contract.' I'm like, 'What? I'm not signing anything unless I read it.' It said, 'You are voluntarily signing this to serve.'"

Rushing said he told her he had just taken business law and a contract is between two parties who mutually agree to something. He said

he did not agree to do this; he was drafted. 'I told her I'd serve, but I was serving under duress.'"

She called in someone who was over her, and they told him if he didn't, they'd basically send him to Ft. Leavenworth for 10 - 20 years.

"I said, 'Well, two is better than 20,'" so he signed, but under duress.

Soon he is in a room with about 20 other young men, right hands raised, taking the oath, and moving forward one step. They were officially in the US Army.

"We get on the bus and head for Ft. Campbell, and halfway there, we stop at the Holiday Inn or some place like that and had lunch, and I thought, 'Hey! This isn't going to be too bad!' and we had a nice lunch.

Are you still with Henry and John from Hickman County?

"Yes, we're still together. We're talking about how it's not going to be bad at all! Little did we know."

They get back on the bus and continue to Ft. Campbell. He continued, "We get to the reception center at the Army barracks at Ft. Campbell. This is where you really start to get a sense of what's going on. It's just bare wooden, 1940ish architecture."

So you slept that first night in the Army barracks?

"Yeah, and I was so tired it wasn't a problem falling asleep. The next day was when the Army came into play. That's when we found out how dumb a sergeant can be. This guy, I think, had to be led to come in out of the rain, but he was in charge, and they start telling us the dos and the don'ts. They want to know if you have any firearms, prophylactics, pornography or drugs. You can turn it in now and no questions asked, or if it's found on you later, you're in really deep trouble.

"I had my little pocket knife and it was in a really nice case with bone antler handles. I went up and was going to show it to him and the guy snatched it up and put it in his pocket. We were at war from that point on. I wouldn't have minded if they confiscated it, but he stole it right in front of me."

They were given their uniforms and big green barracks bags, which at the time just had one handle, as opposed to the two-strap backpack style used today.

"That's when they did the eye check on me, and the guy said, 'You've got one eye that's really weak; you're not fit for the Army.'"

So you're thinking, 'Hey!'

"I'm like, 'Hellooo! Come here, I want to kiss you,' but he wasn't the doctor. So the doctor comes in and checks and said, 'Oh run him through, it will be alright.' This was war time and they lowered their standards. Then you had these guys who were like 6'6" basketball giants and they had all these notes from their doctors saying 'their poor knees and joints' and all that, and my nose comes up to their elbows, and they are rejecting them and taking me, and I'm thinking, 'we're gonna lose this war.'"

The men have their green bag of clothes and they get on a bus and are taken to a field.

"They like lines," he said. "Everything has to be in a straight line. They lined our bags up, and we had to sit on them. These drill sergeants come up, and they are hollering and this one guy comes up to the middle of the bags and says, 'Everybody here, on that side, get on that bus, and on that side, get on that bus.' Well, Henry and John were on one side and I was on the other and that's the last I saw of them for two years. I didn't know one person in Ft. Campbell."

Rushing gets on the bus and is taken to where he will be for basic training. It's no resort- plain wooden barracks, on stilts.

"That's when the hollering and screaming started. And a lot of running. I think, what they were looking for is, if you screwed up, they weren't really after you, you were an example. That's what I told my boys when they went in, don't take it personally, they're using you for an example. Ten minutes after you graduate, they won't remember your name."

He continued, "There were 236 of us in this training company. Most of the guys were 17, 18 and 19. I was 22 years old and had graduated from college, so I was an old man. There were two categories too, if you were a draftee, your serial number was US and then your Social Security; if you had volunteered, that meant you were in for a minimum of three years and it was 'RA' (Regular Army) and a number assigned to

you. Other than the patriotic volunteers who truly wanted to serve, typically the three year men were running away from something- usually either a bad love affair, legal problems or dope. Back then marijuana was a big deal and typically what would happen is when you got busted for that, or something else, it was six years in jail or three in the Army, and they would choose the Army, but they were flawed when they came in. They had a really hard time adapting to it. They were running away from something, but when they got in, they found out the Army was worse than what they were running away from.

"We had one kid who was 16 years old. A kid. He lied about his age to get in, and he volunteered for paratrooper training and I tried to talk him out of that."

Rushing continued, "After they stole my pocket knife, they gave me a bayonet that was about a foot long. What's the logic in that? Anyway, you were probably carrying about 25 pounds of gear. It was in the fall and it would be warm in the day and cold at night and people would get sick. This went on for eight weeks. By the end of the eight weeks, I could do less push-ups than when I got there, because I was so sick."

"About half way through the program, we got a weekend pass. It's kind of like being in a life boat, you don't know these people but you learn to trust them because you're in it together and your life will depend on each other, so there were about 20 of us hanging together. Everybody would drink, but the young ones were the worst about it. So there we were in Clarksville and I'm blocking the door at the tattoo parlor telling them not to do it."

They overran him. "The next morning all these guys are hung over with bandages on their arms with girlfriend's names on their arms. They whined to me and I said, 'I don't want to hear it!'"

He continued, "You get a lot of shots, particularly because Vietnam was in another part of the world and there were a lot of diseases. Once again, we're all in line and you have your shirt off and they have these air guns that look like paint guns you'd spray paint a car with. It has two hoses,

one for air and one for the vaccine. You walk down this line and there's a guy on each side of you with one of these things. You got about 25 or 30 shots going down this line. There was one shot they gave with a needle, and the biggest guys were the ones afraid of the needle. It would take two or three to hold them down. After that, everybody had to do pushups to work it into the muscles and prevent soreness."

Next were seminars and a film with Lyndon B. Johnson talking about the importance of the war.

"I thought, 'Why aren't you over there fighting then?' I'm thinking, 'You Old (censored)'"

"The first Sunday was a mandatory church service. That was the only time we had to do that," he said.

It was never uneventful. "One time a trainee ran over a fire hydrant and they couldn't get it shut off for the longest. I came back and it looked like Noah's Ark on the water during the flood."

He recalled a time when they were running and the drill sergeant was staying on him and one kid started weaving and literally hit a stop sign and fell down with foam coming out of both sides of his mouth.

"The only thing I enjoyed about basic training was shooting the M-14 rifle. The rest was the incompetent leading the unwilling."

We graduate and are sent in different directions. Because of my background with heavy equipment, they put me as truck driver. I'm in Ft. Stewart, Georgia 575th Engineers. We had about \$25 million worth of dozers, trucks and cranes. Every morning you'd start the truck to make sure it ran, let it run for a few minutes and then you'd shut it off and stare at it for eight hours. That is hard to do. In the meantime, they are hiring civilian contractors to do the roads and stuff. The incompetent leading the unwilling."

He was later rotated to be a finance clerk. His name was drawn out of a pool to be a truck driver in Vietnam. However, his poor vision meant he couldn't do that particular job. That also meant paper work being sent back to Washington. This drawn out process was actually moving Rushing in the "under six months in service remaining" category.

Once under six months, they wouldn't send someone to Vietnam due to the costs involved for such a short period of time.

The clock was ticking, and time was running out and in this case, that was a good thing.

The war finally began to wind down. President Nixon gave Rushing a 10 days early out. However, he had tickets to a Darlington Race, so he stayed in the Army an extra weekend to see the race.

"I hated the Army so bad because not everybody went. Oftentimes the ones who appear most patriotic are the ones not willing to send their own children, and on top of that, the ones who went to Canada, President Carter pardoned."

Tell me about that last day

"I went to the basement there and took my uniform off and put my civvies on and it was like a larvae shedding its skin and turning into a butterfly. I got in my Volkswagon and went home."

He left with an Spc 5 ranking. The E-5 rank basically came because of the three up for it, the one recommended by the board to have it, got drunk and got busted in a fight and was back at an E3, the other guy said he didn't want it, so Rushing got it.

"When Mom and Dad dropped me off at the bus to go into the Army, it was 4:30 p.m. and I said, 'Well, if they don't kill me, I'll see you in two years.' When I came back, it was about 10 p.m., so I left in the dark and came home in the dark."

He said, "One thing the Army does, it's a great leveler in society."

He continued, "I think I can fix a lot of what's wrong with this country in three steps. The first is, when you graduate from high school, boys and girls, you have two years of military service, then you have your GI Bill of Rights, so you have a pathway to college or trade school so none of this whining about 'I can't go to college because I'm poor,' and second thing is, work across the counter with the general public for one year. After you do that, you get a three-week vacation at government expense to any civilized country you want to go to and see how they live over there, and then you won't have so many complaints about things over here."

Clinton-Hickman County Parade of Lights set for Dec. 5

The Clinton-Hickman County 6th Annual Parade of Lights will be held Saturday, Dec. 5. This year's festivities will be a little different with the parade beginning promptly at 5:30 pm and the Tree Lighting ceremony will take place immediately following the parade. Judging of the floats will be held during the parade this year with trophies presented during Tree Lighting ceremony. The Parade Committee request that all floats be lined up on Jefferson Street by no later than 5:15.

This year's change of events will give families time to take in the glister & shimmer of the Hickman County Court Square. New to the festivities are Christmas Cards on the Square that individuals, businesses, churches, and organizations have designed. The Parade Committee strongly urges families to view the cards that night. Also don't forget to stop by and look at each local businesses store fronts.

All floats and participants must have lights, except for antique cars and show cars. The committee also reminds participants that there is only one Santa and Mrs. Claus, which will be at the end of the parade. No Santa or Mrs. Claus suits please.

Monetary donations are being accepted from businesses and individuals who would like to donate to help fund this spectacular event. Anyone wishing to make a donation may make their check payable to: Clinton-Hickman County Parade of Lights and mailed to Amy Cunningham, 300 Lewis Lane, Clinton, Kentucky 42031 or may be dropped off at Clinton Bank, 220 East Clay Street, Clinton, Kentucky.

Parade committee looks forward to seeing everyone out on this festive night of fun for you and your family! Something you don't want to miss. If you have any question please feel free to contact Amy Cunningham (270) 804-1400.

Christmas Parade of Lights Rules

* ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE LIGHTS: Parade is at dusk/evening - you won't be seen if you don't have lights of some kind

* FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, NO CANDY IS TO BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES: If you wish to distribute candy during parade, please have "walkers" beside your vehicle/entry to walk close to the viewers with buckets of candy for tossing into the crowd - NOT THE STREET!

*ABSOLUTELY NO SANTAS/SANTA SUITS OR MRS. CLAUSES ON ENTRIES: The parade has ONE Santa and Mrs. Claus that will at the end of the parade. Anyone wearing such costuming will be asked to remove it for the parade.



LOOK AT ME NOW
Submitted by Clinton Place

Clinton Place proudly shares another success story! Ms. Maggie Hayden chose our center for her rehabilitation and post-hospitalization needs. Due to a fall which resulted in a fracture, Ms. Hayden was then hospitalized and upon her hospital discharge, she admitted to our program. Through the skills of both occupational and physical therapies, she diligently worked, progressed and achieved her goals!! We are delighted to have been chosen by the Hayden family for her rehabilitation needs.

Through her perseverance, determination, family support, and the therapy and nursing staffs, she successfully achieved her prior level of functioning. Once again, we are honored to share yet another successful adventure with such a loving lady!!! Thank you, Ms. Maggie Hayden!!! We sincerely hope you are enjoying the autumn days, and the delight of "just being home" once again.



LOOK AT ME NOW
Submitted by Clinton Place

As an experienced Certified Nursing Assistant in New Hampshire, Mrs. Eleanor Foster knows the attributes and qualities for short-term rehabilitation and Nursing. With that in mind following her recent hospitalization, Mrs. Foster chose Clinton Place for her own rehabilitation programming. Having relocated from the North to extreme western Kentucky, she relied on our 5 Star Rated Center as well.

With the skills of both occupational and physical therapies, Mrs. Foster regained her strength, mobility, ability to transfer, standing balance and ability to perform activities of daily living through the intensity of our rehabilitation programs along with interdisciplinary approaches. Returning to her prior level of functioning was Mrs. Foster's primary goal and she was able to return home in less than 6 weeks---her achieved goal!!

We are honored, once again, to "brag" on this delightful, informative and dedicated individual. Thank you for the opportunity to assist and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your western Kentucky mornings at home!!!



For a brief moment they couldn't get the camera to do live feed to the studio, so Al asked everyone to put their cell phones on airplane mode. It must have worked! Photo/Gaye Bencini

SENIOR CHATTER

By Glenda McClure

We have so many things going on at the Center, please come join us.

Mr. Mahlon Thomas will be here again on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10 am. His musical talent is astounding. He gets all up clapping, dancing, and singing. His performance is awesome and you can not remain in your seat. Do not miss out on your opportunity to dance and smile.

Thursday, Nov. 12, Melissa Wise with Elite Medical Supply will be here at 10 am. Her presentation is Diabetic Shoes. You may be eligible at little or no cost to you through Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. Please come and meet Melissa and order some shoes.

Once again I want to remind all senior citizens in our area that they can join us for lunch. Please give us a call by 8:30 am to 9:00 am to let us know to expect you so we are certain to have prepared enough. Come and dine with us and share in our fun.

Do not forget that we our having a raffle for \$100 gift card that can be used anywhere. Chances are one for \$1 or 6 chances for \$5. Please stop by and buy a chance. If you can not stop by give me a call and we will have someone stop by and see you. These are just in time for Christmas so do not miss your opportunity to buy a chance.

Lunch

11/10/2015, Tuesday - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Lima Beans, Whole Wheat Bread, Margarine, Fruit Cup, Skim Milk

11/11/2015, Wednesday - Pork Roast, Buttered New Potatoes, Buttered Spinach, Whole Wheat Bread, Margarine, Peach Delight, Skim Milk

11/12/2015, Thursday - Spanish Rice, Confetti Slaw, Corn, Whole Wheat Roll, margarine, Banana in Orange Juice, Skim milk

11/13/2015, Friday - Baked Chicken, Honey Glaze, Sweet Potato, Black-eyed Peas, Fruit Cobbler, Whole Wheat Bread, Margarine, Skim Milk

11/16/2015, Monday -Pork Cutlet, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Buttered Spinach, Whole Wheat Bread, Fruit Cobbler, Margarine, Skim Milk

11/17/2015, Tuesday - Baked Chicken, Noodles, Mushroom Gravy, Green Beans, Whole Wheat Roll, Fruit Cup, Almonds, Skim Milk, Margarine

Activities

11/10/2015, Tuesday - 10 am Mr. Mahlon Thomas and his musical talent.

11/11/2015, Wednesday - 10 am Canasta, 10am Devotion, 12 pm Games

11/12/2015, Thursday - 10 am Melissa Wise with Elite Medical Supply (Diabetic Shoes) 12pm BINGO

11/13/2015, Friday - 10:00 am Devotion 12:00 pm Lisa Adams Nutrition

11/16/15, Monday - Exercise & Devotion

11/17/2015, Tuesday - 10 am Regina Elliott Baptist Home Health, 12 pm Melissa Goodman



Lee Jackson and Jason Thomason of WPSD TV. I hope they are not talking to each other on those phones. Our world is too high tech!



Fred Biggs presented Roker with a special arrowhead plaque during his visit to Wickliffe Mounds.

Christmas Cards On The Square!

New this year to help add decorations the court square during the Christmas season, your family, business, farm, or church will have the opportunity to decorate a board (Christmas card) with a Christmas greeting to be placed around the court square. Spaces are limited so call to reserve your space today. Contact Amy Cunningham for question and to reserve your space at (270)804-1400.

Christmas Card Guidelines:

- 3ft high x 4ft wide board
- Weather resistant
- Cards will be displayed horizontal
- Cards must be Christmas themed
- Lighting and stakes will be provided

Area Obituaries

Ryan Matthew Scott

Ryan Matthew Scott, age 31, of Arlington, passed away at 9:16 am on November 7, 2015 at his residence. Mr. Scott graduated from Heath High School and IET of Paducah. He was self-employed as a drywall finisher and was a member of Community Fellowship Baptist Church.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife, Robin Scott of Arlington; one son, John David Scott of Arlington; one step-son, Nicholas Sayre of Arlington; mother, Ava Scott of Kevil; father, Bob Scott and step-mother Reba of Arlington; one sister, Kelly Scott of San Diego, CA; grandfather, Bill Carder of Grand Rivers, KY; grandmother, Breta Jeffries of Bardwell. Funeral services were Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Rev. Rodney Bice officiating. Burial followed at Columbus Cemetery in Columbus, Ky.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to: Lifesongs For Orphans, 3872 State Rt. 1748, Fancy Farm, KY 42039.

Willie Cranor

Willie Cranor, age 75, of Arlington, Ky., passed away at Countryside Center on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 9:30 p.m. She was a member of Arlington First Baptist Church and of the Jolly Seniors.

She is survived by her sons, Randy and Stacey Cranor of Arlington and her sister, Sue Wilson of Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Ray "Moose" Cranor; her parents, William "Bill" and Edna Taylor Ferguson; two sisters and six brothers.

Services for Mrs. Cranor were held Monday, Nov. 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington with Revs. David Sphinx and Shane O'Guin officiating. Burial followed in Arlington cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to: Carlisle County Ambulance Service 65 John Roberts Drive Bardwell, KY 42023



Cindy Lynch, manager of Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky State Park Commissioner Elaine Walker, and Carla Hildebrand, manager of Wickliffe Mounds State Park. Photo/Gaye Bencini



At the Rokerthon event at Wickliffe Mounds- L-R: Barbara Armstrong (CBSP staff); Carla Hildebrand, manager of Wickliffe Mounds State Park; her husband Christopher in the background; Trent Okerson with NewsChannel 6, WPSD TV; Lee Jackson (CBSP staff) background; Cindy Lynch, manager of Columbus-Belmont State Park; Shelton Bencini (CBSP staff) and Jessica Crisp, staff, Wickliffe Mounds. Photo/Gaye Bencini

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Name: Hope Harper
Parents: Todd and Karen Harper
School Activities: FBLA, Beta Club, Science Club, FCCLA, FCA
Accomplishments: 4.0 GPA, 2015 Governor's Scholar, Distinguished on State Testing, 26 ACT, College & Career Ready
Future Plans: Attend Union University and get a degree in Social Work



Name: Jordan Mathis
Parents: James Neil and Dawn Mathis
School Activities: FFA, Science Club, FBLA, Beta Club and Falcon Academy
Accomplishments: Soil Conservation, essay contest winner, proficient on state testing, College & Career Ready
Future Plans: Attend Murray State University and major in Ag Business

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Chaplain Corps History: The Four Chaplains

By John Brinsfield

It was Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, an officer aboard the German submarine U2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, striking the ship, far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more.

Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister.

Quickly and quietly the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to find their way to the deck of the ship, many were still in their underwear, where they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic.

Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back towards his cabin.

"Where are you going?" a voice of calm in the sea of distressed asked.

"To get my gloves," Mahoney replied.

"Here, take these," said Rabbi Goode, as he handed a pair of gloves to the young officer.

"I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied.

"Never mind," the Rabbi responded. "I have two pairs."

It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, only 230 survived. Before boarding the Dorchester back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required hero-



ism performed under fire. So a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, 'The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.

It was never given before and will never be given again.

LIFE'S STORMS - Author Unknown - Submitted by Denise McWhorter

A pastor had been on a long flight between church conferences. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten Your Seat Belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As the pastor looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive.

Later, the voice on the intercom said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke ..

The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines.

Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm."

"Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was

calm and orderly.

"Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid." The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time.

Having commented about the storm and

the behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid.

The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Let us remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home. Don't worry!

Wild Game Dinner



WILD GAME DINNER NOV. 20

A Wild Game Dinner will be held at First Assembly of God, Clinton, Ky. on Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Speaker Ike Murphey. Proceeds benefit a roof for the Christian Church. Food, fellowship, drawings, raffles, silent auctions and more are part of the fundraising event. Tickets are \$20 and are available at: First Assembly of God, Clinton Bank, First Community Bank, Crop Production Services, Clinton Hardware, River Valley Ag, and Shay's Hair Salon.

The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

FREEDOM? America, the home of the brave and the land of the free! Really? Does it take a brave person to ambush a policeman or an expressway driver? No. Does it take a brave person to abuse and assault a child or beat their wife? No. Does it take a brave person to curse and take God's name in vain? No, just an ignorant person who doesn't have a clue what they are doing like

those who crucified Jesus, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," Jesus said (Luke 23:34). Does it take a brave person to swagger into a mom and pop store and point a 38 revolver in their face and rob them of their hard earned living? No, just a bully and a coward. What has happened to the "home of the brave?"

Where is the home of the free? Try preaching Jesus on a street corner or in a shopping center in any

town in USA these days and see what happens. I tried that 46 years ago in a town in Mississippi and the law escorted me out of town. Try coaching a high school football team and lift a prayer to Almighty God on the turf and see what happens. If you won't go hide to pray, you will be escorted off the field. Try praying before a meal in some schools, and that student will be told not to do so ever again. All these things have and are

happening in the home of the free and much, much more. What has happened to the "home of the free?"

Satanism and witchcraft can be taught in schools along with two mommies and children or two daddies and children as an alternate lifestyle. The devil and his demons must have a hoe-down celebration every night over their success in what used to be the home of the brave and the land of the free. Evil has stolen our land away.

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On behalf of the Hickman County Board of Education, it is our honor to recognize the staff of this great school district with gratitude for a job well done. For those of us that have served on the board for an extended period of time, we have seen the different assessments come and go. We have always had a deep appreciation for the education profession. This year's state test scores serve as another shining example of how special each of you really are.

Inside your buildings and classrooms, you have the ability to shape the lives of so many. The relationships you build with these students, from a variety of different backgrounds, ensure that struggling students get the help they need. You make daily decisions to ensure that concepts are understood. You try a multitude of instructional strategies with every effort to meet the needs of each individual child. You sacrifice so much of your time and resources to ensure these students have what they need to be successful. For all of this, you have our deepest appreciation for answering the call to fulfill this incredibly important task.

Our goal is to assist you in any way we can to help you polish your craft, ensure a district culture in which cooperation and collaboration are the norm, and empower you to let your passion for education inspire the future of our community. We want you to know that you are respected for all you do for this district and that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thank you,

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Okay, I'm not saying this girl was a bad driver, I just know that Al Roker rode up to Wickliffe Mounds State Park in this Wienermobile, but he left in an SUV, so you can figure that one out for yourself. Photo/Gaye Bencini



This is a picture of WPSD's Trent Okerson getting a picture of Al Roker at Wickliffe Mounds State Park. Photo/Gaye Bencini

A View From the Rock

By CD Humphreys

Just take a little drive up I 24 N to Illinois 146, turn east and begin to relax and enjoy. Soon you will come to Golconda, an Ohio River town. Drive on the levee and eat at a floating restaurant. Then head up the river to Elizabethtown on the river, only a few miles to Cave In Rock, your destination. Get good lodging at the Cave In Rock State Park with the best view we could find and reasonable rates.

You can find great food and friendly people at Rose's place in downtown Cave In Rock (population 350). The food is delicious with pancakes that are plate size and an inch thick (maybe 2") and pies that call you back. The young can scamper down the steps to the cave below the cliffs. We hobbled carefully down, and explored the large cave and the rock structure.

Next, is a short drive to Garden of the gods off of Hwy. 34 to the amazing cliffs and huge rocks on a ¼ mile trail with many view points and many benches for us to take a breather.

Back to our lodging after a ferry ride across the Ohio, just for the experience, "it's free." You can do this in one day or three days, plus there are more things to see and do in the area and many cabins and lodging to choose from.

Now! To come back you should cross the Ohio on the (free) ferry, turn left on Hwy. 387, take Cotton Patch Road to Mt. Zion Church Road, stop at Stutzman's Bakery for the best fried fruit pies I have ever tasted, especially the apple, open Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Get a map of the Amish Community and visit the crafts and places of interest. Watch out for sheep- we met a flock of approximately 60 moving themselves down the road to pasture with no shepherd. From Marion, Ky., you can continue down US 641 to West Kentucky Parkway (Fulgham).

Now, for those old enough to remember;

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Who drive and drink
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Plumber Position

The University of Tennessee Martin Physical Plant is seeking a full-time Plumber. Detailed job descriptions on UT website at www.tennessee.edu/employment. Online application required. Application deadline: will continue until position is filled Call 731-881-7846 for application instructions. UT Martin is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA employer. The University seeks to diversify its work force. Therefore, all qualified applicants, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability or Vietnam veteran status, are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Seized Motorcycle to be Auctioned

Clinton Police will be taking sealed bids on a 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Bids will begin at \$4,000.00. Open bidding will start on Nov. 10, 2015 and end on Nov. 24, 2015 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Snapper Seaton with the Clinton Police Department.

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The Hickman County Board of Education is now accepting applications for substitutes in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Bus Drivers (CDL required)
- Cafeteria Workers
- Instructional Aides
- Custodians

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Harper's Country Hams, Inc., Clinton, Ky., now has a maintenance position available. Applicants must have knowledge of heating & air, plumbing and electrical. Apply in person at 2955 US Hwy. 51 N Clinton, Ky. No phone calls please.

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DISTRICT COURT REPORT

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 11/09/15. This is not an official docket.

Michael W. Tynes. Speeding 13 Mph. Over Limit. Op MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc .08 1st off. Tampering With Physical Evidence. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Required Insurance, 1st. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy Possess. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pled not guilty. Preliminary hearing set for 11/16/15.

Susan L. Anderson. Speeding 15 MPH Over Limit. Careless Driving. Final continue- 11/16/15. Nicoma Black. Theft By Deception- Include Cold Checks U/\$500.00. Pled guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. No checks 90 days and never again to Greg's.

Daniel S. Clapp. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence No Visible Injury. Terroristic Threatening, 3rd Degree. Pled not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 1/11/15. Steven L. Hammock. Speeding 22 Mph. Over Limit. Dismiss- CATS program. Jennifer A. Lusk. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. CATS program. Continue to 12/17/15. Jennifer K. Musoiu. Speed-

ing 15 Mph. Over Limit. FTA.

Tina Quillen. 1st Degree Possession of CS/Cocaine, 1st Offense. Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Posses (two counts). Tampering With Physical Evidence. Pled not guilty. Preliminary Hearing set for 11/16/15.

William S. Steinbeck. Speeding 25 Mph. Over Limit. Careless Driving. Dismiss- CATS.

Tundrea T. Taylor. Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possession. 6 mo. diversion.

Anthony W. Teems. Op. MV Under Influence of Alcohol/Drugs etc. .08 1st off. Pled not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 1/25/16.

Sharkia Warlick. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept of Transportation. Informally Divert 6 mo. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Pled guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine suspended on proof. Rear License Not Illuminated. Dismiss. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pled guilty. \$25 fine, suspended on proof. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismiss as merged.

Alana L. Webb. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. Dismiss- CATS. License to be in Possession- Dismiss on proof. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Ross Shields. Motion Hour. Continue until 12/7/15 for

pay in full. Cushena D. Vinson. Show Cause Hearing. Suspend \$25.

Brandy Grooms. Review. Show cause 11/23/15.

John Ryan Atwill. Reinstatement Hearing. Def. acquired new charges and pled guilty. Rear License Not Illuminated. Pretrial Conference 1/11/16.

Frank K. Boyd. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. Terroristic Threatening. Pled guilty (Purs. NC v. Alf) on both. 180 days, conditionally discharged on both. \$100 fine on both.

Amber N. Bradshaw. Op MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08, 1st off. Continue to 1/11/16.

Steven Burnett. Pretrial Conference. Continue to 11/16/15.

Christopher Crumble. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 11/16/15.

Kenneth D Sullenger. Pretrial Conference. No/Expired other State Registration Receipt or Plate. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Continued to 11/16/15.

Scotty A. Thomas. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. No Operators/Moped License. CATS program. Continued to 12/7/15.

Christopher Lee Crumble. Other Hearing. Release net bail amount to surety.

Mound Builders

By Jeff Shell

A visit on November 10 to Wickliffe, Ky., by NBC Network personality Al Roker during his 'Fifty States in Seven Days' tour has brought Wickliffe to national attention.

According to a Kentucky State Parks web site, Wickliffe Mounds is the site of a Native American village of the Mississippian mound building culture, located in Ballard County, Kentucky. This archaeological site was first occupied by the Mississippian Native Americans from A.D. 1100 to 1350. Around 900 years ago, Mississippian people moved to this bluff which overlooks the Mississippi River and built a village with earthen mounds, houses and buildings all surrounding a central plaza. The Native People at the Wickliffe site were typical of a vast culture that archaeologists call the Mississippians. Peaceful farmers, they grew corn and squash, hunted in the neighboring forests and fished the river; they made pottery from shell-tempered clay with elaborate designs and dec-

orations; they participated in a vast trade network up and down the rivers; they had stone, shell and bone tools; they had a complex chiefdom level society; they lived in permanent style houses made of wattle and daub; and they built flat topped platform style mounds. For reasons yet unknown, the village was abandoned after the 1350s. Wickliffe Mounds was one of many Mississippian towns built along the river and was a residential and ceremonial center.

Native American earthen mounds are located all along the Mississippi River. Hickman County and Fulton County farmers know about other mounds and try to protect them and their location. In modern times these mound building societies might be called 'suburbs' of the major site at Wickliffe.

James Black, a Hickman County farmer, owns land where two such mounds are located side by side. He has a theory of how the mounds were built. Walking the mounds, he came across graveled trails lead-

ing up to and across the top. No gravel in the immediate area puzzled him. There is a place where three ponds are located nearby. Almost identical and side by side. A bluff not far from there holds the kind of gravel located on the mounds on his land. He believes that "Three Ponds" as he calls them were dug for two reasons. One was to get the dirt to build the two mounds and the gravel from the nearby bluff, as well. The second, to collect the flood waters of the Mississippi and contain the fish that followed the muddy back waters as it receded.

Black has knowledge of camp fires between the two mounds. A small suburb of Native Americans, known as the Mississippians, also known as the 'Mound Builders', existed here in Hickman County. A later article will give more detail about the mounds. An artifact found in a wash along the creek will be described as well. ~Jeff Shell



Hickman County Schools Sports



Annual Red/White Night set for Nov. 20

The annual Red/White night held at Hickman County High School will be Nov. 20 starting at 6 p.m. The Booster Club will be cooking and having concessions. All teams will be recognized that night. Price of admission is \$1.00. Pepettes and Jr. Pro Girls and Boys will perform. High School Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams will scrimmage also. Come out and view all teams and the basketball teams as they perform. Go Falcons!!



GIRLS' JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Hickman County ladies handle Fulton County girls, 50-20

CLINTON - Hickman County rolled past Fulton County 50-20 in a girls' junior high basketball game on Monday night.

A pair of Hickman County girls' basketball players reached double figures in the scoring column. Leading the Lady Falcons to the 30-point win, Akacia Taylor scored a game-high 22 points for Hickman County, outscoring Fulton County herself in the November match up.

Accompanying Taylor in double figures in the Hickman County scoring column, Leigh Anne Jones flipped in 11 points for the Lady Falcons.

Finishing one shot short of reaching double figures, Destiny Wesley netted eight points for the Lady Falcons.

Andy Felty tossed in five points in Hickman County's convincing victory.

Rounding out the Hickman County girls' basketball team's individual scoring, Shelby Johnson and Hanna Pirtle added two points apiece.

The Lady Falcons are under the direction of head coach Danny Carr.



Standing, L-R: Head Coach Matt Weaver, Jory McCallister, Chase Adams, Cameron Johnson, Wes Carter, Matthew Ferguson, David Williams, and Asst. Coach Matt Hicks.

Kneeling, L-R: Rhett Dalton, Daymion McWhorter, Jackson Midyett, Micah Naranjo, Zachary Clinard, Garrett Ward.

Photo by Hope Harper

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

LEXINGTON - Nick Coffey placed 55th in a time of 17:55.71 to lead the Hickman County boys' team in the Class A State Meet at Kentucky Horse Park on Saturday. As a team, Hickman County placed 19th.

Along with the Hickman County competitors, runners from Augusta, Beechwood, Berea, Bishop Brossart, Bracken County, Buckhorn, Burgin, Butler County, Christian Fellowship, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Danville, Dawson Springs, Elliott County, Fort Knox, Frederick Fraize, Fulton County, Glasgow, Green County,

Hancock County, Harlan, Holy Cross (Louisville), Jackson County, Kentucky Country Day, Lee County, Lexington Christian, Livingston Central, Lloyd Memorial, Louisville Collegiate, Ludlow, Lynn Camp, Menifee County, Model, Morgan County, Newport Central Catholic, Oneida Baptist Institute, Owensboro Catholic, Paintsville, Paris, Raceland, Riverside Christian, Sayre, Somerset, St. Henry, St. Mary, Trimble County, Villa Madonna, Walden, Walton-Verona, Whitefield Academy, Williamsburg and Wolfe Coun-

The Falcons finished ahead of Dawson Springs, Sayre, Berea, Lynn Camp, Buckhorn, Paintsville, Raceland and Lee County. Hickman County placed behind Fulton County, Elliott County, Walton-Verona, Jackson County, Cumberland County, Hancock County, Burgin, Kentucky Country Day, Bracken County, Beechwood, Louisville Collegiate, Owensboro Catholic, Villa Madonna, Bishop Brossart, Green County, St. Henry, Holy Cross (Louisville) and champion Lexington Christian.

In addition to Coffey, Camden Aldridge, Ben

Lawrence, Logan Pittman, Tolley Cole, Zeke Goodman and Marcus Land competed for Hickman County in the state meet. The Hickman County runners finished as follows: 55. Nick Coffey, 17:55.71; 138. Camden Aldridge, 19:28.35; 154. Ben Lawrence, 19:55.93; 163. Logan Pittman, 20:09.18; 194. Tolley Cole, 21:28.52; 196. Zeke Goodman, 21:33.69; 198. Marcus Land, 21:34.23.

Complete results from the Class A State Meet are available at the following link: <http://ky.milesplit.com/meets/213723/results/413643/raw>

Correction

Editor's note: Last week's edition stated that Nic Coffey was the first in HCHS history to win First Place in Regional Cross Country Competition. This information did not come from the athletic director at HCHS. This information totally came from me based on messages from folks caught up in the excitement of Coffey's win. Lesson learned. I will call the school next time before I state anything as a "first." Totally my fault.

Bo Alexander reached this mark in the 1990s and was also a state champion.

- First team all-state: 93,94,95,96
- State runner-up: 96
- Region Champ: 93,94,96
- Region runner-up: 95
- State Champ: 94
- All Region team: 91,92,93,94,95,96

Neither Bo nor anyone from his family complained; it was brought to my attention by folks who are proud of both Bo and Nic.

In an article by Steve LeMaster in the Oct. 28 edition, it stated Jordyn Naranjo would lead the Falcons this year. Naranjo is playing for Graves County this year. The Times regrets the error.

Final 2015 1st Region

Volleyball Records

- McCracken County (31-10)
- Christian Fellowship (25-13)
- Marshall County (20-16)
- Ballard Memorial (18-12)
- Hickman County (17-17)
- Community Christian (Paducah) (16-14)
- Carlisle County (16-19)
- Graves County (16-21)
- Fulton City (11-10)
- Paducah Tilghman (11-17)
- Calloway County (9-15)
- Murray (9-16)
- St. Mary (9-24)
- Fulton County (4-13)
- Mayfield (3-20)

GIRLS' JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Hickman County ladies top Ballard County, Paducah

Jones records two straight triple-doubles for Lady Falcons

CLINTON - The Hickman County Junior High girls' basketball team posted back-to-back wins late last week, defeating both Ballard County and Paducah Middle.

More on each game involving the Hickman County Junior High girls' basketball team follows.

Hickman County 51, Ballard County 15: Hickman County pulled away to beat host Ballard County 51-15

on Friday.

Pacing Hickman County in the winning effort, Leigh Anne Jones notched a triple-double. Jones delivered 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocks for the Lady Falcons.

Delivering a double-double, Akacia Taylor scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Flirting with double figures, Andy Felty finished with nine points for the Hickman County Junior High girls'

basketball team.

Destiny Wesley scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Shelby Johnson flipped in three points for the Lady Falcons.

Hickman County 32, Paducah 27: Hickman County outlasted visiting Paducah 32-27 in a girls' junior high basketball game on Saturday.

Leading Hickman County to the win, Leigh Anne Jones registered a triple-double, scoring 12 points, pulling

down 11 rebounds and recording 12 blocks.

Destiny Wesley narrowly missed double figures, netting nine points for the Lady Falcons.

Rounding out the Hickman County scoring, Andy Felty and Akacia Taylor added six and five points, respectively.

The Lady Falcons earned their second straight win.

Lady Falcons drop games to South Fulton, Ridgemont, Hillcrest

CLINTON - The Hickman County Junior High girls' basketball team dropped games to South Fulton, Ridgemont (Tenn.) and Hillcrest (Tenn.) at the start of its latest season. More on the Hickman County Junior High girls' basketball team's recent games follows.

South Fulton 39, Hickman County 22: Akacia Taylor scored 13 points but it wasn't enough to push Hickman County past South Fulton on Oct. 26. South Fulton pulled away to defeat Hickman County 39-22 in the early-season matchup.

Following Taylor in the Hickman County scoring column, Leigh Anne Jones

contributed seven points for the Lady Falcons.

Ridgemont, Tenn. 38, Hickman County 22: Akacia Taylor tossed in 11 points for Hickman County in an early-season game versus host Ridgemont, Tenn. The Lady Falcons, however, fell as Ridgemont prevailed 38-32 in an early-season matchup on Oct. 27.

Directly behind Taylor in the Hickman County scoring column, Leigh Anne Jones netted six points for the Lady Falcons.

Another productive Hickman County player, Destiny Wesley, scored five points.

Hillcrest, Tenn. 38, Hickman County 32: Flirting with

a win, Hickman County fell short to Hillcrest, Tenn. on Oct. 29. Hillcrest managed to defeat the Lady Falcons 38-32 on Oct. 29.

Reaching double figures in the scoring column for the third straight outing, Akacia Taylor tossed in a team-high 15 points for the Lady Falcons but it wasn't enough as Hillcrest held on to win.

Taylor was the only Hickman County player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Leigh Anne Jones netted seven points and Andy Felty chipped in six for the Lady Falcons.

Rounding out the Hickman County scoring in the setback, Destiny Wesley and

Shelby Johnson added two points apiece.

Ridgemont 30, Hickman County 23: Hickman County dropped its second game to Ridgemont, Tenn. in three outings on Thursday (Nov. 5). Ridgemont, a long-time rival and a familiar foe, managed to beat the Hickman County 30-23.

Leading Hickman County in scoring, Leigh Anne Jones netted 14 points for the Lady Falcons.

Akacia Taylor (five points), Andy Felty (two points) and Destiny Wesley (two points) joined Jones in the Hickman County scoring column.

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