

DCHS GRADUATION

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Class Valedictorian Allison Maynard encouraged her classmates to go out and make their lives the best they can be.

"We will no longer walk the halls at DeKalb County High School as students as we have for the past four years," she told her fellow graduates during her keynote address. "We will all go our separate ways once graduation is over."

She admitted there will be big changes for most graduates who will be moving on to new things.

"No matter where you go or what you do, make sure you do what is best for you," she advised. "The chances you don't take, you miss. It's hard to turn the page if you're stuck reading the same paragraph."

Along with the saying of good-bye, the night saw awards given including the prestigious White Rose awards that were conferred to Marshal Evins and Olivia Walker.

The Citizenship Award was given to Trey Jones who also delivered the benediction to end the evening and send the graduates' caps flying.



Thanks EMS!

A word of thanks and a resolution by DeKalb County government marked EMS Appreciation Week which runs through May 26. National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety, and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." Pausing for a photo near one of its ambulances are members of the D-shift including Jason Rice, Trenton Hillis, Cody Johnson, Stephanie Brown, Matt Adcock, Hoyte Hale and Joey Criddle.

OBITUARIES

Mike Billings, 49

Mike Billings, 49, of the Johnson Chapel Community of DeKalb County passed away Thursday, May 10 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was a member of the Johnson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and a retired detective with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Funeral service was held Monday, May 16 at the Chapel of Love-Cantrell Funeral Home. Jackie Miller and Bernard Houk officiated with burial following in Johnson Chapel Cemetery.



Mike was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ernest and Edith Cantrell and Ray and Clara Billings.

Survivors include his parents, R.V. and Brenda Billings of DeKalb County; an aunt, Phyllis Cantrell Malone; special aunts, Janice Cantrell and Deborah Cantrell Luna of DeKalb County, Frances Billings of Warren County, and Alma Billings of DeKalb County; and an uncle, Claude Billings of DeKalb County.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Cantrell, Tim Cantrell, Terry Rice, Andy Cantrell, Keith Billings, Steve Billings, Wyatt Ellis and David McShane. Honorary pallbearers included friends and neighbors, Johnson Chapel Baptist Church family, the DeKalb County Volunteer Fire Department, EMT, Sheriff's Department and previous coworkers.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home of Smithville was in charge of the arrangements.

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Billie Ann Clausser, 81

Billie Ann Clausser, 81, of Cumberland, Md., formerly of Hurlock, died Saturday, May 12 at Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland.

Born Feb. 12, 1937 in Smithville, she was the daughter of the late Brown West and Jessie Bing Smith and adopted and raised by Aubrey Boyd Smith.

She married Andrew E. "Sonny" Clausser on July 13, 1956 and retired as an executive secretary from National Institute of Health. She loved to watch television, read books and tend to her flower gardens.

She is survived by a sister, Judy S. Harden and husband, Robert of Frostburg and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Elizabeth Diane Grauel and her son-in-law, Timothy Grauel.

Funeral service was held Thursday, May 17 at Zeller Funeral Home in East New Market with Rev. Delmer Willey officiating. Interment followed in East New Market Cemetery.

Zeller Funeral Home of East New Market, Md., was in charge of the arrangements.

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Danny Joe Hickey, 61

Danny Joe Hickey, 61, Morrison resident and La Porte, Ind., native, passed away May 16 at St. Thomas River Park Hospital in McMinnville following an extended illness.

A driver for Martin Transport, a long-time Carrier employee and a member of Rockliff Church of Christ, he was the son of the late Arthur Eugene and Buna Faye Moss Hickey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandparents, Sam and Alma Hickey and William and Siddie Moss; and several aunts and uncles.

He was married on May 16, 1987 to DeEtta Hobbs Hickey of Viola. In addition to his wife, he is survived by son, James Samuel Hickey (Cassie) of Viola; brother and sister-in-law, Donald Eugene and Brenda Hickey of Smithville; sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Earl Stewart of Baxter; nieces and nephews, Corey Stewart and wife Alicia, Kayla Stewart, Trent Prater, Angie Prater, Dustin Prater and wife Lisa, and Hillary (Kaine) Robinson; sisters-in-law, Linda Prater of Viola, Janis Grissom and husband Tommy of Morrison, and Donna Collins and husband Rickey of Viola; and great-niece and great-nephews, Kyler and Lauren, Ian, Alex, Maddie and Dalton.

Funeral service was Sunday, May 20 in High's Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Boyd and Keith Young officiating. Burial followed in Viola Cemetery, Warren County.

High Funeral Home of McMinnville was in charge of the arrangements.

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Ricky James Stewart, 55

Ricky James Stewart, 55, of Smithville passed away Wednesday, May 16 at his residence. He was a Baptist and mechanic and owner of Rick's Automotive.

Funeral service was held Saturday, May 19 at the Chapel of Love-Cantrell Funeral Home. Nathan Thomason officiated and burial followed in DeKalb Cemetery.

Rick was a dedicated family man. He was forever in love with his wife. His boys were the highlight of his days. He loved being able to guide them in their adventures and teaching them new things. He was looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren. He loved his customers and would always make sure they were taken care of. He was a devoted friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James T. and Mary Sellars Stewart.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years Gail Stewart of Smithville; two sons, Colt and Lacey Stewart and Hunter and Jessica Stewart of Smithville; two grandchildren, Syrus and Evie Stewart of Smithville and a sister, Patty Hunter of Cookeville. Several good friends also survive.

Serving as pallbearers were Van Parchman, Trey Finley, Paul Rowland, Danny Phillips, Carl (Willie) Tyler, Keith Franklin, Michael Maynard, Ryan Mollinet and Hunter Stewart.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home of Smithville was in charge of the arrangements.

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Douglas "Sarge III" Ross, Sr., 60

Douglas "Sarge III" Ross, Sr., 60, of Smithville passed away Thursday, May 10 at Cookeville Regional Hospital after a fight with stage four cancer and complications of heart disease.

He was born May 1, 1958 at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey, Illinois. He held numerous U.S. Postal positions during his career such as Carrier, MPLSM Clerk, Supervisor, Manager Tour Superintendent, Postmaster and Executive Senior Plant Manager. Douglas was recognized in the Cambridge Who's Who registry of Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs 2009-2010 Edition. As a young adult he developed a love for the Martial Arts until death. His vision materialized the Center Hills Martial and Healing Arts Club in its present renovated state in Smithville. Douglas was a member of Smithville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Douglas is survived by his wife Dinah Ross of Smithville, three daughters and three sons; Venus A. Mackell, Carl Bell (Stephanie), James R. Harden III (Tracie), Athena C. Giddens (Nephets), Cherita Patterson (Calvin), Douglas Ross Jr. (Alejandra Lira). Three brothers and two sisters: Cynthia (Andrew Morgan), Fred E. Ross, Robert B. Ross, Tom McElroy III, Camille L. McElroy. One granddaughter preceded him in death. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, first and second cousins and a multitude of dear friends, students and mentees.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, May 25 at 5 p.m. at the Center Hill Martial and Healing Arts Club located at 2580 Nashville Hwy, Smithville TN 37166.

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