

# A lifetime of love



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## Underhills celebrate 75 years of marriage

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Bratton Underhill and Odell Parker were wed Jan. 14, 1943 in Rossville, Ga., marking 75 years together. The DeKalb County natives met while in elementary school, and wed when she was 17 and he was 19.

The couple remembers riding a bus from McMinnville, accompanied by his cousin, to Georgia to be married. They had to stand up most of the way back home because it was war time and the bus was full of soldiers in transit.

The Underhills reside in the Newtown community, having made their home there since 1946. They remember there being just one grocery store and one gas station on the stretch of road leading toward Centertown.

The couple celebrated the milestone with a family dinner in Cookeville, with approximately 25 attending. They enjoyed visiting with children, Dwight and Sue Underhill of Georgia, Michael Allen and Brenda Underhill of Crossville, Terry and his fiancé Lynn Pierce, and daughter Vicky Lynn Crouch. They have 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

He retired from working with McMinnville Water Department, and later worked at the Convenience Center in Centertown. She was employed for 18 years by Levi Straus, worked at the Garment Factory, and Georgia Girl in Smithville.

They still love to travel with their children, and he likes to fish at every opportunity. They are members of Forest Park Baptist Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Bratton Underhill enjoyed celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

## Morrison Ruritan's Little Miss Valentine pageant set for Feb. 17

The Morrison Ruritan's 2018 Little Miss Valentine Pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Morrison School gymnasium. Rehearsal will be held Friday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

Contestants must be between the ages of 3 and 6 years old, and not be in first grade, but can be in kindergarten. They must also meet one of the following: live in the

Morrison School area, have a grandparent who lives in the Morrison School area, be related to their sponsor who lives in the Morrison School area, have a business sponsor whose business is located in the Morrison School area, or have a parent who teaches at Morrison School.

There are no restrictions on dress or make-up. A photo for the newspaper, along with the \$25 sponsor

fee must be turned in with the application on or before Feb. 9.

Applications can be picked up at any of the following locations: First



Margaret Hobbs photo  
**The reigning Little Miss Valentine Kelby ReAnn Nunley will crown her successor at the 51st annual pageant to take place at Morrison School on Feb. 17. Applications to enter the pageant must be turned on or before Feb. 9.**

National Bank in Morrison, Security Federal in Morrison, Homeland Community Bank in Morrison, Morrison School, Morrison City Hall, Morrison Library, Morrison Hardware, Ashley's Attic, Kathy's of McMinnville, Tiger Lily Boutique; Upton's Bridal and WC Trustee's office.

Applications must be turned in to Security Federal in Morrison or WC Trustee's office on or before 4:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

The recipient of the 2017 Crown was 5-year-old Kelby ReAnn Nunley. Kelby is the daughter of Chris and Chandi Nunley, and is expected to crown the winner.

For more information, contact Little Miss Valentine chairpersons, Darlene Bryant at 808-0621, Tanarra Grissom at 273-3932 or Kirby Williams at 607-2769 or check out the Morrison Ruritan Facebook page.

## BONNER FCE NEWS

Bonner FCE met in the 4-H room on Jan. 8 at 11 a.m. There were six members in attendance. President Teresa Priestley called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone.

Brenda Mitchell read from the book "Shaping A Woman's Soul" for the devotional and closed with a prayer. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was conducted by members completing the following statement: When I say tree, I say \_\_\_\_\_. Minutes for the December meeting were read by Donna Dunlap. The financial report was given by Linda Nixon.

Mitchell gave a book report, but there were no demonstrations or reports. Nixon and Connie York will be attending the Global Leader training this month. Priestley gave everyone their FCE Yearbook and a sheet giving us the 2018 class schedule for the Crafting Now and Then. Priestley also shared a letter she had received from the TAFCE president. We

discussed our menu for the upcoming Visitation Day, which will be March 13. We decided on barbeque, potato salad, baked beans, slaw, bread and deserts.

Each club will furnish these menu items as well as a drink, with our club furnishing the barbeque. We discussed having a guess speaker and Priestley will check on this. At our next meeting we will be discussing the decorations. We also will discuss our next visit to Fannie B's at our next meeting.

Priestley will be contacting members who were not present and update them of our club's business. Members will also be contacted about their gold star amounts and books read in order to complete our year-end reports. Members provided items for the Hamilton Street Activity Center.

We will meet again on Feb. 6 at Priestley's home. Members volunteered to bring a dish for our noon meal. We adjourned for a delicious lunch at Dairy Queen.

## BEST WISHES

**Southern Standard** readers are invited to extend happy birthday and anniversary best wishes to friends and loved ones through this weekly column. Please submit your messages by our noon deadline each Thursday. No more than three wishes to any individual, please.

**Jan. 16** – Happy belated 41st birthday wishes to Charles Aaron Driver. From, Frances, Doug, Hatchi and Gidget.

**Jan. 20** – Happy birthday, pappa. Love Benjamin and Owen

**Jan. 27** – Happy 51st birthday Kevin Key. All my heart.

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