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Health dept. investigates E.coli cases here locally

The Tennessee Department of Health has confirmed two cases of E.coli 0157 from the Fayetteville-Lincoln County community.

"The Department of Health has two laboratory-confirmed cases of E.coli 0157 from the Lincoln County area," Shelley Walker, communication coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Health in Nashville, said late Monday afternoon.

"After an extensive investigation, so far no source for these cases of illness has been identified," she said.

"We have interviewed more than 180 people as part of this ongoing investigation." (See CASES, Page 15A)

Bill Abbott, long-time ag supporter, dies

William G. "Bill" Abbott, who served as a district conservationist for the Farm Service Agency here for many years, died Saturday (Nov. 8, 2008) at his residence following an extended illness. He was 61.

Mr. Abbott worked for the USDA for more than 40 years, retiring in 2007 after 25 years in Lincoln County.

He had also worked as a director for Leadership Lincoln here.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Frances Abbott of Fayetteville; a son, Michael Thomison; and granddaughters, Sierra and Ebonni Thomison, all of Fayetteville; three sisters, Lottie Brown of Chicago, Ill., Paulette Harris of Dyer and Barbara Purnell of St. Louis, Mo.; and (See ABBOTT, Page 3A)

Bills chairs final school board meet

Jimmy Bills, who has served on the Fayetteville Board of Education for the past 25 years, chaired his final school board meeting last week.

Bills had announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election to the board in the Nov. 4 election.

Director of Schools Billy Joe Evans presented a plaque of appreciation to Bills, who has served as chairman of the board since long-time chair Bill Askew retired his post in 2004 after 35 years of service and 30 years as chairman.

"Jimmy has always wanted to do what's best for the children of the school system," Evans said during last week's school board meeting, citing a long list of accomplishments (See MEET, Page 3A)

U.S. elects Obama to presidency

Historic turnout sees McCain carry Lincoln; Alexander, Davis, Fraley, Cobb elected

While Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain carried Lincoln County with 70 percent of the vote during Tuesday's historic election, it was Sen. Barack Obama who claimed the White House nationally.

"If there is anyone out there who doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power

of our democracy, tonight is your answer," said Obama Tuesday evening. "It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this date in this election at this defining moment, change has come to America. That's the true genius of America: that America can change. Our union can be perfected. What we've already achieved gives us hope for what we can and must achieve tomorrow."

With those words, Obama

became the president-elect of the United States, the nation's first black president.

Here in Lincoln County, Obama received 3,694 votes to McCain's 9,226.

According to the Lincoln County Election Commission, unofficial results show that 70 percent of registered voters cast ballots in the presidential election - that's 13,362 of 19,203 voters.

Record numbers also (See OBAMA, Page 3A)



Barack Obama during his acceptance speech Tuesday night.

'Change has come to America'

Hopes, dreams realized in Obama, says Ardell Haston

By Lucy Carter
Editor & Publisher

It wasn't something he thought he'd ever see in his lifetime, but at the age of 88, Fayetteville's Ardell Haston is proud of Sen. Barack Obama and his accomplishments.

The first black man to be elected to the nation's high-

est office, Obama swept the country Tuesday, drawing people to the polls by record numbers

"Without a doubt I never did think I'd see this day, not in my lifetime," said Haston Friday afternoon. "I believe he will bring things up for our country, like our economy, and I believe he'll work hard to bring us more jobs."

Haston, a World War II veteran, is well familiar with hard times and challenges that have faced black America over the years. In

his day, he knew what it meant to have to go to the back door of a restaurant, home or business, to sit in the back of the bus or the black section at the theater, or to have to go without a drink of water because the fountain at the courthouse was for whites only.

He instilled in his family the belief that hard work and a good education will carry you far in life.

That strong work ethic has been with him throughout his life. Working well into his 80s, he retired less than two years ago from Goodman Manufacturing. He was 86 and had worked there for 37 years. Before that, he worked at Tennessee Can for almost two decades, and there were other jobs prior to that. Much of his life has also been spent as an electrician and plumber. It helped provide his family opportunities he didn't have as a young man; even so, those opportunities then were limited.

His daughter, Marilyn, was teaching at the black school in Blanche when schools here and across the nation were desegregated. Long the focus of the American Civil Rights Movement, desegregation was tough on everyone, Haston said.

"It was change for the good, but it was still hard." (See CHANGE, Page 15A)



Change has come

Ardell Haston of Fayetteville looks at Wednesday's edition of The Tennessean, one of thousands across the nation heralding the win of Barack Obama to the country's highest office.

Staff photo by Lucy Carter

Fraley, Bryant, Stewart elected

Raby, Eady, Palacio win seats

Fayetteville's Board of Mayor and Aldermen will have three new faces after Tuesday evening's election in which the two incumbents were unseated.

Local attorney Pat Fraley was the top vote getter in the race for one of three seats on the city board with 1,539 votes (23.2%). Political newcomer Danny Bryant, who retired after 40 years of service with the Fayetteville Gas System and Fayetteville Public Utilities, claimed second place with 1,262 votes (19.02%). Michael Stewart, who made an unsuccessful

bid for alderman two years ago, was the third highest vote getter with 1,259 votes (18.98%).

Marty Pepper, an incumbent, finished in fourth place with 907 votes (13.67%), while Michelle Parkin, who ran for a city board seat two years ago, came in fifth with 892 votes (13.44%). Incumbent Carolyn Denton was sixth with 772 votes (11.64%).

With the resignation of Dickie Bolles from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, a fourth seat is now vacant (See ELECTED, Page 3A)

Kelso man dies in Hazel Green wreck

A 21-year-old Kelso man was killed in a single-vehicle accident early Wednesday morning, according to Alabama state troopers.

The victim, Mitchell Watson of Kelso, was a passenger in a 1992 Honda driven by 20-year-old Chadrick Piper of Toney, Ala., according to published reports.

Piper and a passenger, 20-year-old Travis Mitton

of Hazel Green, Ala., were injured and transported to Huntsville Hospital.

According to troopers, the accident occurred around 1:45 a.m. about seven miles north of Huntsville in front of the Hazel Green Post Office on Highway 231-431.

Witnesses told authorities the vehicle caught fire after the wreck.

Shubert, Vann recall WWII, ready for Honor Flight

By Laurie Pearson
Staff writer

It's uncanny how the lives of James Shubert and Joe Vann have paralleled one another for more than six decades.

When they met as teens, they couldn't have imagined that, at 81-years-old, they would be traveling to the WWII Memorial together via Honor Flight Tennessee Valley.

Basketball players on the same team at Flintville High School, Shubert and Vann first became friends in eighth grade. Shubert became captain of the Bobcats' basketball team in his junior year,



James Shubert (left) and Joe Vann will travel to the World War II Memorial together via the Honor Flight Tennessee Valley.

Staff photo by Laurie Pearson

a team that later went on to claim seventh place in the state. Vann was president of the junior class.

Though they were actively involved in school at that time, they both felt compelled to join the service.

"During the winter months of that year, WWII was showing positive signs of victory for the Allied Forces in Europe, but the U.S. military was calling for every available person in preparing for the planned massive invasion of Japan," said James.

Rather than waiting for the draft and becoming infantrymen, the boys enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

In February 1945, their parents reluctantly gave the 17-year-old boys permission to join the Navy. Another classmate the same age, Robbie Smith, enlisted about the same time.

One week after the teens enlisted, Shubert's family received word that James' brother, Robert, was killed in action on Feb. 18. James had four brothers in the U.S. military, three of which were serving in the War Zone of the Pacific.

Joe had one brother in the military, who was wounded in France.

Following boot camp and (See WWII, Page 3A)

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IN BRIEF

City considers limiting use of fireworks

City leaders are considering a new ordinance which would limit when fireworks could be used within the City of Fayetteville.

Several residents have complained that fireworks use has become excessive in the weeks before and after holidays, such as the Fourth of July, according to discussion during Fayetteville Board of Mayor and (See FIREWORKS, Page 3A)

Fire erupts in vacant restaurant

An investigation began Monday afternoon several hours after an enormous fire consumed a vacant Flintville restaurant early Monday morning.

Several Volunteer Fire Departments, including Flintville, Elora, Vanntown, Park City and Central Station, were dispatched about 12:41 a.m. to the former Hickory Pit Restaurant (See FIRE, Page 15A)

Teen charged following 100 mph chase here

An Alabama teen surrendered without a struggle when he was met by three patrol cars following a reported high-speed chase through Park City.

Sheriff Murray Blackwelder attempted to stop 19-year-old Gregory Hice, who was driving a Dodge Neon, when the sheriff saw him "driving extremely fast." (See CHASE, Page 3A)

County schools eye Huntsville Hwy. site

Lincoln County Board of Education officials are expressing interest in 33 acres of Huntsville Highway property as a potential site for a new school at some point in the future.

In a 7-1 vote last week, board members agreed to let the property's owners know that they are interested in purchasing the property if a number of contingencies are met. (See SITE, Page 3A)

Most fans ready for UT's Fulmer to go

Fifty-nine percent of participants voting in *The Times'* online poll, sponsored by the Bank of Lincoln County, indicated that Coach Phil Fulmer should have stepped down as head coach of the University of Tennessee.

The remaining 41-percent of participants indicated, however, that he should have not been forced to go. (See POLL, Page 3A)