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633 board-certified teachers. Being certified by the National Board, an independent, nonprofit education organization, means a teacher has successfully completed a 13-month assessment process that includes submitting portfolios of students' work and videotapes of classroom instruction.

"We have had two teachers who have attempted to go through the process, but it is extremely tedious, very expensive and very time consuming," said Lloyd Ramer, superintendent of Dyersburg schools.

He pointed out that it costs \$2,300 to participate in the board's review process, and there is no guarantee a teacher will pass the series of tests related to various "domains" of teaching. There also is an extra \$300 charge for any part of the process the teacher has to repeat.

Georgia education officials believe an incentive program that gives teachers a 10 percent raise after certification is responsible for that state's success. Alabama teachers who are

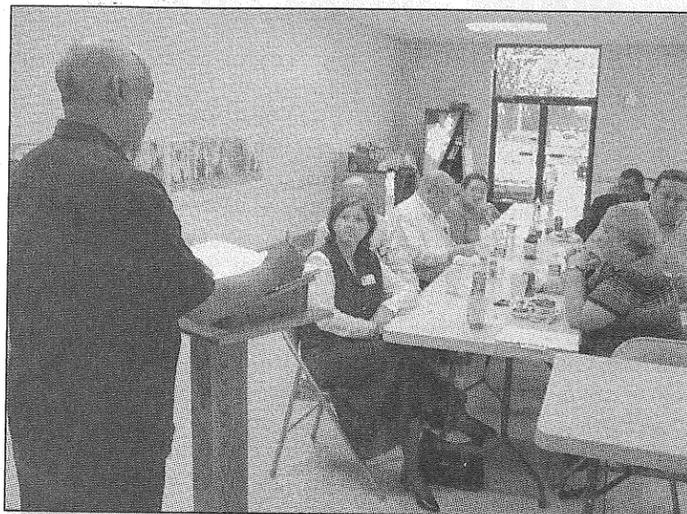
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Park. New dogwoods stand tall on Country Club Road. Unusual white-flowering redbud trees are featured near the little children's playground area. Bald cypress trees will tower in the northeast corner, and other trees will be scattered throughout the park.

The tree-planting effort was made possible by a \$745 Arbor Day grant from Dyersburg Electric System. Jack Golio, the electric system's forester, said the utility sponsors Arbor Day

whole will get to enjoy the trees." Planting trees is also a requirement for utilities and communities that want to be a part of Tree Line USA or Tree City USA. Golio noted that Dyersburg Electric System was the first utility in Tennessee to be certified for the Tree Line USA program. The program designates utilities that meet proper tree-management standards to improve tree health, lower

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State Gazette photo/Kathy Krone

George Mitchell, chairman of the local American Red Cross Heroes Campaign, officially kicks off the fund-raising program on Friday.



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Dwayne Cox and Sean Rosemeyer, both of Stanfield's Nursery, position a dogwood tree with advice from Master Gardener students Tammy Bryan, Sharon Bateman and Sharon Rusk.

Red Cross kicks off Heroes fund-raising

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The American Red Cross is challenging every Dyer Countians to be a hero.

You don't have to have the brawn of Arnold Schwarzenegger, the courage of Sgt. Alvin C. York or the brains of a scarecrow. You just have to make a contribution to the local Red Cross chapter.

The "Heroes Campaign" is an annual Red Cross fund-raiser. People who contribute to the

campaign are considered heroes because they help fellow citizens in need.

Campaign Chairman George Mitchell kicked off the fund-raiser Friday afternoon by hosting a luncheon at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

"I think everybody understands the American Red Cross is always here and plays such a vital role in our community," Mitchell said. "So far, our

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This validates what we have known for some time around here - that Dyersburg/Dyer County is one of the best micropolitan areas in America for corporate relocation and expansion. Our industrial base is strong and growing stronger."

The Chamber plans to purchase reprints of the article for distribution to prospects and site consultants around the country in an effort to raise awareness of Dyersburg's business advantages.

"We're right on the Canadian National railroad line, roughly halfway between Chicago and New Orleans, with easy interstate access, a bridge across the Mississippi and a new river port about to start construction," Hester said. "Our location is great, our transportation system is intermodal, and we've got a new industrial park ready for development on I-155. Plus we're very competitive on business costs. That's why we have twice the national average in percentage of manufacturing jobs."

Dyersburg was one of five Tennessee towns to make the list.

The others are Morristown, which tied for the fifth spot; Greene County at 32; Columbia at 56; and Lewisburg at 91.

Norris uneasy with proposed addition to abortion amendment to state Constitution

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A rider to the resolution for a constitutional amendment on abortion to the Tennessee Constitution has a fatal flaw, Sen. Mark Norris said Friday.

The resolution seeks to make the Tennessee Constitution neutral on abortion, said Norris (R-Collierville).

"This proposed constitutional amendment is not a ban on abortions," he said. "It's really about the balance of power between the legislative and judicial branches (of state government)."

The resolution is to be debated on the state Senate floor Monday night.

Norris said he fears an amend-

ment proposed by Sen. Roy Herron, (D-Dresden) would throw the issue of abortion back into the hands of judges.

"I'm not comfortable with Sen. Herron's amendment," Norris said. "He's addressing a vital concern about women's health that needs to be addressed, but it leaves the issue with the courts and that bothers me."

The resolution, proposed by Sen. David Fowler, (R-Signal Mountain), says only that "nothing in this (Tennessee) Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or the funding thereof."

Herron's proposed amendment would add to the end of that sentence the words: "except that government shall not inter-

fere with or prevent a woman from obtaining a medical procedure, including abortion, to protect her life or when she is the victim of rape or incest."

If Fowler's original proposal is placed in the state Constitution and everything else remains the same, lawmakers could essentially outlaw abortions - except where the life or health of the

mother is threatened because those are protected under the U.S. Constitution.

Or they could again pass laws requiring waiting periods for women wanting abortions, along with several other restrictions that were struck down by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

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OBITUARIES

Ola Mae Barham

Ola Mae Barham, 87, of Dyersburg, died Saturday, March 6, 2004 at Wesley at Dyersburg.

She was the retired owner of Barham's Barbeque and a member of the Three Oaks Baptist Church.

Funeral services will take place at Dyersburg Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Monday with burial to follow in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be between 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. today. Rev. Bill Phipps will officiate.

She is survived by two daughters, Elaine Reddin of Rives and Sheillah Cobb of Finley; three sons, Stoye Barham of Finley, Charles Barham of Newbern and Ricky Barham of Dyersburg; and by 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Shelley Barham, and two sons, Elvis and Jerry Barham.

Pallbearers include Ted McNeil, Billy Taylor, Bud Wallace, Floyd Sullivan, Floyd Halterman and Jerry Pate Hollingsworth.

Lee Hatch Jr.

Lee Hatch Jr., 69, of Dyersburg, died Saturday, March 6, 2004 at his residence.

He was a retired brick contractor, minister and an outdoorsman.

Funeral services will take place at Dyersburg Funeral Home at 5 p.m. Monday with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

Visitation will be between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. today. Rev. Bill Phipps and Rev. Scott Sewell will officiate.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barker Hatch of Dyersburg; two daughters, Cathy Zoellner and her husband Mike of Halls, and Christie Taylor and her husband James of Dyersburg; a son, Ricky Hatch of Dyersburg and his wife Paula; three sisters Era Wilson, Izola Patton and Crindola Milner, all of Dyersburg; six grandchildren, Heather Sewell, Holly Rogers, Brian Hatch, Hunter Hatch, Justin Taylor and John Cody Taylor; and four great-grandchildren, Trevor and Anna Clair Sewell and Emma and Evan Rogers.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, L. Hatch, Bert Hatch and Jack Hatch; and one sister, Marie Patton.

Pallbearers include Brian Hatch, Hunter Hatch, Justin Taylor, Scott Sewell, Jonathan Rogers and John Cody Taylor.

The honorary pallbearers are Trevor Sewell, Jerry Patton, Jerry Paul Patton and the Men's Brotherhood of Three Oaks Baptist Church.

Mary Curtis Reed Moore

Mary Curtis Reed Moore, 82, of Dyersburg died Thursday, March 4, 2004 at her home.

She was a homemaker and the widow of Dr. Olyn Fred Moore

Jr. She was born in Ripley in 1921 and was a descendent of the first and second settlers of Lauderdale County. She graduated from Ripley High School and attended Gulf Park College, graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1943. She was president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, and vice president of the Panhellenic Conference.

Moore was a lifelong Sunday School teacher at the Ripley Methodist Church in the Young Adult Life and at First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg where she also served on the administrative board. She was a Cub and Brownie Scout leader, served as president of the PTAs of her children's schools and president of the Medical Auxiliary. She was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees of the McIver's Grant Public Library in Dyersburg. She was the adult advisor for the high school sorority and president of the Good Earth Garden Club. She was a member of the D.A.R. and served in numerous other capacities in church, civic, youth and children's activities. She was a lifelong Methodist.

Graveside funeral services were held at Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg on Saturday with Dr. Phillip Cook officiating. Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Moore is survived by her daughter, Emily Moore Williams of Ozark, Ala., and her husband Bryant F. Williams Jr.; a son Dr. Fred Moore III of Dyersburg and his wife Ellen Carroll Moore; five grandchildren, Mary Margaret Williams Fiedler and her husband Timothy Robert Fiedler of Deland, Fla., Bryant Fleming Williams III of Birmingham, Ala., John Reed Williams of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Emily Elizabeth Moore and Rebecca Carroll Moore, both of Dyersburg.

Moore desired to name honorary pallbearers Dr. Scott Self, Dr. Jim Caylor, Fleming Hodges,

"Tee" Cutchin, Malcolm Gean, Lee Simmons, Lee Moore, Johnny Burks and Green Smitheal.

Memorials may be sent to the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church, McIver's Grant Public Library and Dyersburg Union Mission.

Harry Lee Winbush Jr.

Harry Lee Winbush Jr., 61, of Dyersburg died Monday, March 1, 2004 at the VA Hospital in Memphis.



He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m. at the People's Chapel Church in Dyersburg. Elder Johnny Smith officiated. Burial was in the Hopewell Cemetery in Dyersburg.

He is survived by five daughters, Kim Winbush of Dyersburg, Krystal Irby of Memphis, Elisa Miller of Memphis, Gwendolyn Ransom of Pittsburg, Calif., and Jackie Host of Houston, Texas; two sons, Charles Winbush and Darren Mayo, both of Houston, Texas; a brother, J.T. Winbush of Dyersburg; 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

H.H. Hudson Funeral Home of Dyersburg was in charge of arrangements.

The Mission's Festival of Songs is today

Forgo the afternoon nap and come relax with an afternoon of music.

The Mission's Festival of Songs will be at 2 p.m. today in the sanctuary of Hillcrest Baptist Church, 825 Hillcrest Ave., Dyersburg.

The afternoon will feature music by the choirs Cumberland Presbyterian Church in

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Justices found in 2000 that the right to an abortion was guaranteed under the state Constitution, which has privacy protections much broader than the U.S. Constitution. That means current state law has few restrictions on how abortions are performed, which led to what Fowler claims is "abortion on demand." If the federal abortion protection in the Roe v. Wade decision is struck down and Fowler's original proposal is written into the state Constitution, nothing immediately changes, but lawmakers could make abortions completely illegal. However, Fowler says he expects he and his colleagues in the General Assembly almost certainly would allow an exception if the woman's life was endangered.

If Herron's amendment to the resolution is approved and Roe v. Wade is struck down, Norris said, the state would have to allow abortions to protect the woman's life and if she's the victim of rape or incest.

"We believe the judicial branch has usurped the legislative branch," he said. "We don't believe three people (a majority on the Tennessee Supreme Court) ought to make this determination for five million citizens of the state - it's just not democratic."

Norris said legislative acts, unlike Supreme Court decisions, can easily be changed.

"If the Legislature passes a law that is unfair or flawed it can be amended," he said. "But it's hard to change a Supreme Court decision."

Asked if he feels the resolution will pass Monday night, Norris said he isn't sure.

"It's a very emotional issue and it depends on whether people vote with their heads or their hearts," he said. "It's really about a balance of power and preserving legislative prerogatives."

Norris said he hopes an alternative to Herron's amendment that protects women's health can be found.

"I don't know yet what that would look like, but if I can come up with the wording I will propose an alternative."

Even if senators approve the resolution, it would have to make it through the House committee system, where anti-abortion measures rarely succeed, and be approved by the full House.

Members of the next General Assembly would then have to approve it by a two-thirds majority before it could be placed on the 2006 ballot for voter consideration.

Norris represents the 32nd Senate district, including Dyer, Lauderdale, Tipton and part of Shelby counties.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

binning to perform "Majesty."

A donation of \$5 is requested for admission. Proceeds will benefit the homeless-prevention efforts of the Dyersburg-Dyer County Union Mission.

The Festival of Songs is the Mission's only fund-raiser specifically benefiting its homeless-prevention efforts.



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