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Regular support group meetings are announced. Meeting notices must be submitted no later than Monday at 5 p.m. See more events on the Events Calendar at www.courieranywhere.com.

Relative Caregiver Support Group will be held at the Carl Perkins Center, 60 Brazelton Street, Unit 6, Savannah, on Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m. This month's topic will be Tennder Care. Anyone, especially those who are affected by caring for a young relative is welcome. Contact Leslie at 925-2252.

Al-Anon for family and friends of alcoholics meets in Savannah, every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 12 p.m., and Friday at 8 p.m., at N. Cherry Street.

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet every second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., at Park Rest Hardin County Health Center. For more information call Diane at 925-1181.

Brain Injury Support Group for McNairy and surrounding counties meets regularly at the Senior Center in Adamsville. For information call Laura Mills toll-free at 888-425-6930.

Horizons of Savannah, 430 Pinhook Road, peer support and rehabilitation center is open Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Transportation is available. Call 925-7790.

MS Support Group, for those with multiple sclerosis and their families, will meet regularly at the Mississippi State University Extension Office, 2200 Levee Road, Corinth, behind Crossroads Arena, on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information call 689-3671.

RiverWick Assisted Living has a caregiver support group every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., with Brenda Laurence as facilitator. Anyone taking care of a loved one is encouraged to attend at 1545 Florence Road. For more information call Ken Broyles at 926-4044.

Tennessee Valley Teen Challenge meets every week: Monday-Women's Meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday-for everyone at 6 p.m. and Thursday-LifeLine service at 7 p.m. It is a Christian discipleship program for teens, adults and their families with life controlling problems. Located at 1450 Florence Road. For more information call 926-2555.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets on Tuesday nights, with weigh-in at 6:15-6:45 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. If interested in joining, come for a no obligation meeting, at River Heights Pentecostal Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call Versie Gibbs at 632-9884.

W.R.A.P. is a non-profit agency providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The agency provides crisis intervention, support, public awareness, education and long term assistance to victims as well as serving the community as a whole. WRAP offers domestic violence groups on Mondays at 5 p.m., in Savannah. For more information call 925-1552.

Counties get federal assistance for flood damage

(AP) Sixteen counties in Tennessee are now eligible for federal farm assistance due to excessive rain and flooding that occurred in September and October. Hardin and 25 other counties qualify as adjoining disaster counties.

Gov. Phil Bredesen asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture in November to provide assistance such as emergency loans and supplemental farm payments.

The counties eligible are Bradley, Chester, Cumberland, Hamilton, Hardeman, Lauderdale, Macon, McMinn,

McNairy, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Shelby, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson.

Also qualifying as secondary, adjoining disaster counties are Bledsoe, Cannon, Clay, Crockett, Davidson, DeKalb, Dyer, Fayette, Fentress, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Loudon, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Putnam, Roane, Rutherford, Sequatchie, Sumner, Tipton, Van Buren and White.

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The community reporter

Gillis Mills news

Dorothy Stricklin ■ 925-8674

Rev. Cova Robbins celebrated his 81st birthday Friday, Dec. 11 with a party at the Savannah Health Care. Those helping him blow out candles were his daughter, Joyce Riley of Clifton, brother Sonny and Sue Robbins of Iron City Tenn., sisters Selma Newton, Kathleen Foust and Wesley Caperton, Charlene and Lewis Groves of Savannah, Emogene and Carl Moore of Florence Ala., Jewelene and Dan Holt of Sheffield, Velma Smith and daughter Janet Pusser of Colliwood, brother-in-law George and Nina Stricklin of Cypress Inn, Tenn., CNA Debra Daniels and Erstul (Pete) Johnson of Lutts who is a resident there. He and Cova went to school together years ago and he will be celebrating his 86th birthday on Dec. 30. Sonny Robbins will be turning another year older on Dec. 30. Sorry I don't know his age but I think he has finally got old enough to vote, right Sonny? This is the first time this family has all been together since the eighties and I bet they had a lot to talk about. I've know this family for all my life and they are fine people and none of them ever meets a stranger. They lost a brother

who lived up north, Waco Robbins in 2005. I remember Bro. Robbins telling me years ago I would kid him about getting older and this is what he said to me, "The only way to keep from getting old is to die young and none of us wants to do that." He also told me that the late Bob Shackelford told him that he better live to be an old man because he had several pre-arranged funeral's that he was in charge of holding. I guess that if he had kept up with all of the ones that he had held in a book it would be bigger than a Webster's Dictionary. I want to wish all of them a big happy birthday and may God bless you all with many more good healthy happy ones.

Jesse and I along with about 200 more parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends attended the Christmas program at Whites School Monday night. I thought that the children did a great job as usual. The teachers work so hard with them to make this program a success and it shows. I sure do hate to see this little school setting empty because a lot of children will miss out on alot of things.

The Stricklin family got together Saturday night for their Christmas supper in the

home of Harold and Joyce Gray of Corinth. Those present for the occasion other than Jesse and myself were Joe, Nancy and Joseph Stricklin, Larry, Linda and Lindsay Stricklin and friend Matthew, Kendrick, Chrisite, Jessica and Elizabeth Stricklin, Shuan Stricklin, Chad Stricklin, Joey Wagner, Jackie Stricklin and Patty Benson, Chris, Jennifer, Krystyn and Kayde Lambert. We all enjoyed the meal and playing dirty Santa afterwards. We missed the ones that didn't come.

Allene Brown visited last week with Bobby and Cathy Clement, Jacob and Chole Dale, Gina and Ralleg Wilder and with Louise Brown at Park Rest Nursing Home.

Martha Stricklin spent the weekend with Brian, Karen, Logan, Lacie and Landon Stricklin.

I hope that all the sick sre feeling much better this week. Shuan will be going into the hospital this Friday for tests. I ask that everyone keep us in your prayers that all will turn out good.

I ask that everyone please remember Cade Stricklin who is in the hospital in Memphis suffering from a gunshot wound. He is the grandson of O.C. and the late Emma Stricklin of this community.

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and remember that Jesus is the reason that we celebrate

this season. Put him at the top of your list of to give a present too and give him your heart. You will never be sorry and it doesn't cost one thing. It would be the best present he could ever receive from you. May God bless, have a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Community news

Walker Graham

Mary Rose ■ 926-2502

Patricia Shelby sends happy birthday wishes to Leigh Ann Gean on Dec. 22, Martha Gowers and Flora Delaney on Dec. 23, and Gerry Ford and Ben Gean on Dec. 24, Janice Paulk adn Zachary Tyler on Dec. 29, Reba Wilbanks, Dec. 30. And happy anniversary to Billy and Jimmie Allegood on Dec. 22, Ewin and Frances Stroud on Dec. 24, Ricky and Susan Gean on Dec. 26.

My brother Loyd and his wife Frances would have had a wedding anniversary on Dec. 23.

Our brother-in-law, Bill Smith has been gone a year on Thursday. I know Jackie and the kids all miss him a lot. Time is just flying by.

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