

Friday

A retirement reception will be held at Benton City Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. in honor of Debbie Dowdy, city clerk, and Ronnie Thweatt, of Benton Gas. All are invited to attend.

Saturday

The first ever March of Dimes Talent Search will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Lakewood Gymnastics Outdoor Amphitheater on Highway 45 in Mayfield. There are three age divisions: 12 and under, 13-18 and 19 and up as well as an instrumental division for all ages. All participants will be recognized and prizes will be awarded for the top three in each division. All proceeds to benefit the March of Dimes. Those wishing to enter may pick up an entry form at Solomon's Porch on the Benton Court Square. For more information, phone 443-8603 or 1-800-365-8603.

A country breakfast will be held from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church on Big Bear Highway. All profits will be used for Share-A-Meal Ministry.

Sunday

A retirement reception for Bro. David Brashear will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at New Harmony Baptist Church on Symsonia Highway. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Tuesday

Calvert City Elementary School's "Parent Orientation Meetings" will be held at the school. Class rosters will be posted at 6 p.m. Kindergarten through second grade parents will meet at 6:15 p.m. and third through fifth grade parents will meet at 7 p.m. in the child's classroom. At this time the teacher will discuss grade level curriculum expectations and classroom policies and procedures.

August 7

The last class to graduate from Calvert City High School in 1954, will celebrate their 50th class reunion at 6 p.m. at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. For reservations, phone Lucy Owen at 395-7596 or lowen7@vci.net.

August 8

The Marshall County Commission for the Arts, WCBL and the Bank of Benton will present The Stamps Quartet at 2 p.m. at the Kenneth Shadowen Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be obtained through the Bank of Benton or by phoning 354-9555.

August 14

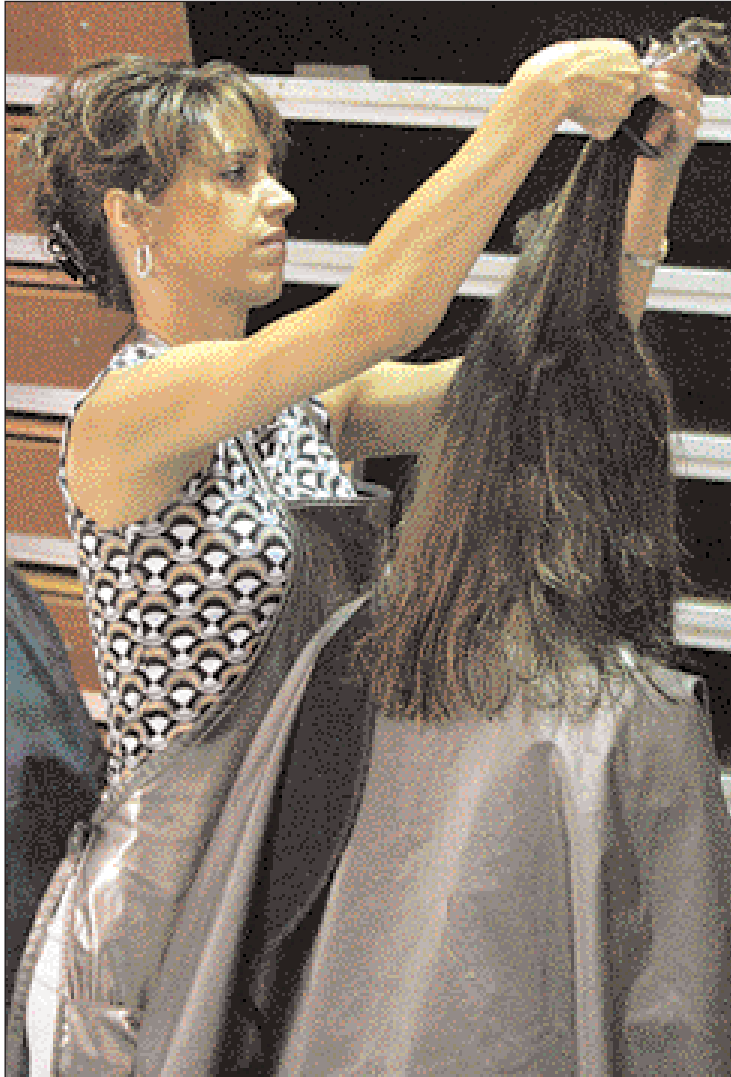
A Brewers school picnic will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the large pavilion at Mike Miller Park. All former teachers, students and patrons of the school are invited to attend. Those wishing to attend are asked to bring their own picnic lunch and lawn chairs. For more information, phone Barney Thweatt at 354-6430.

North Marshall High School class of 1969 is planning a 35-year reunion at Kentucky Dam Marina picnic pavilion with a catered picnic of \$15 per person. Contact Karen Fish Barlow at 395-4442 or Linda Pershing Howard at 395-4872 for more information.

Bridge winners announced

The winners from the July 20 meeting of the Benton Duplicate Bridge Club were: 1. Martha Lents and Theo Gammel, 2. Jane Bushart and Lynn Humston, 3. Marilynn and Jim Schucker, 4. Peggy and Jack Solberger, 5. Ron Deluca and Mark Anderson and Marilyn and Merl Wysock.

Back to School BASH



- Jamie Dexter/Tribune-Courier

Students county-wide lined up Saturday inside Reed Conder Gymnasium to get their hair cut, teeth cleaned and eyes checked as well as to pick up free school supplies at this year's Back to School Bash.

County groups such as Haven of Hope and the Marshall County Commission for the Arts (left) informed the public of their services.



The Tribune-Courier and the Marshall County Commission for the Arts features

Artists Among Us

(Editor's note: This is an entry in a series of stories featuring artists from the four disciplines chosen by the Marshall County Commission for the Arts. To nominate someone, e-mail Jody Cofer, commission chairman at jody.cofer@murraystate.edu.)

By **Jamie Dexter**
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While walking along the lake in 1986, collecting driftwood and looking for Native American artifacts, Stanley Griggs began to notice certain pieces of driftwood took certain shapes.

"I started noticing that some of them looked like Indians," said Griggs, of Calvert City.

He picked up a chisel and began carving the driftwood to make them look even more Native American.

"I've always wanted to carve," Griggs said. "My grandfather got me into it. I just picked it up and taught myself."

The results of his self-taught art are elaborate wooden sculptures of Native Americans, most of which he gets from wood carving books.

"The one with the mohawk

I just kind of dreamed up on my own," he said, pointing to the sculpture that he calls "Square Jaw."

"I like to give them all names," he said.

He says the artistic gene has always been present in his family. His sister Wendy paints and his brother does wood sculptures.

Some of his most notable works are on display at the Calvert City Library. One work of art even reached celebrity status in 2002.

"My sister gave one to Billy Ray Cyrus," he said. "He was proud of it, and showed it to everyone at the show. That's the sculpture I named 'Skunk-Nose.'"

Griggs is currently working on a sculpture out of a walnut tree stump. He used the roots of the stump to create horns and is forming the stump into a medicine man.

Indian carvings are not his only favorite types of wood work. He has also made clocks for several local people.

"My wife saw one of them clocks and said she bet I couldn't make it, so I did," Griggs said.

Griggs, humble about his works, says that he doesn't create his pieces of art for monetary gain, even though several of his works have been purchased by locals taking notice of his artistic nature.

"It's just something I like to do," he said.

"While most see him as a humble member of the community, I find him as more of a passionate artist among us," said Jody Cofer, chairman of the Marshall County Commission for the Arts. "Wood carving is a disciplined art and Stanley's talent is clear."



Stanley Griggs



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