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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Your Historical Society has GOOD NEWS! The funds to establish a Historical Marker in Greenback has been reached. The marker will be placed between the Depot and the Post Office. One side will contain facts about the establishment of Greenback and the other side of the marker will contain information about the Depot and the railroad in Greenback. The information must be documented and submitted to a committee of the State Historical Society to be approved. Our Thanks goes to Jim Matlock, State Representative, The Loudon County Visitors Center, Carolyn Peck, and the late Ron Edmondson.

Several people have expressed interest in honoring Ron Edmondson for all the wonderful things he had done for Greenback. One major suggestion has been to landscape the park that Ron had started. This has met with the approval of Wendy Tittsworth, Ron's daughter, who was already interested in landscaping the area around the Depot. We're in hopes the Historical Society can spearhead a program to fund the park and next spring with the unveiling of the marker also honor Ron.

The Drug Store Quilt Square is being repaired and will soon be re-hung with hopes of adding other squares on Highway 95 entering Greenback and another on the Morganton Road as you approach Greenback from Morganton.

We are still working to put together information for a driving tour of important land marks of Greenback. If you have suggestions of a point of interest please give any ideas to your board members or leave suggestions at the museum.

A test of email addresses will be sent to members who requested their Newsletters could be emailed rather than through the mail soon. This would really help with the Society's monies. We will still continue to mail newsletters to those who don't receive email.

Hopes are for a very successful Quilt Show at the Museum Sept 11th, 12th, and 13th along with the Craft Show on Sept 12th and 13th at the Depot.

Please mark your calendar for our next quarterly meeting on October 5th at 2:00 PM to be held at the Greenback Community Center and make plans to attend. The program will be focused on the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook with emphasis on the completion of Volume III.

Shirley Hall

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, October 5, 2:00PM.

Greenback Community Center

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The Greenback Historical Society sponsored its Annual Ice Cream Contest on July 26. Among those attending were State Representative Jimmy Matlock, Historical Society President Shirley Hall and State Representative Kent Calfee. Picture courtesy of Scott Keller, The Daily Times.

"The Times, Places, and Manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations except as to the places of choosing Senators." U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 4

Copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution may be purchased in the Greenback Heritage Museum, sponsored by the Greenback Historical Society. Proceeds from those sales are used for the general funds of the non-profit organization and are tax deductible.

PUBLICATIONS

The Greenback Heritage Scrapbook will be the program topic for the October 5 Historical Society meeting. There will be a short overview of the effort followed by a discussion of the status of Volume III which covers the period 1930-1960. We will then switch to an informal format where we will examine photographs and ask questions. There are several areas where we need more information. We would like pictures of the “old” farmer’s co-op building when it was located in town; pictures of the various businesses around town, pictures of farm equipment from the 1940s and 1950s, and pictures of the marble quarries from the 40s and 50s. If you have material that you have been meaning to put in the scrapbook, this will be an excellent opportunity to present it to us.

At the last meeting, we discussed delivering the newsletter by e-mail to those who would like to receive it that way. The cost of postage for the newsletter is one of the largest recurring expenses that the society has. So far, we have seven people who have signed up to try this method of delivery. The electronic newsletter will arrive as an e-mail attachment in Portable Document Format (PDF) which almost all computers can read directly without having to have special software. The electronic newsletter will look identical to the one sent out through the postal service and can be printed as a hard copy if you have a printer. If you happen to have an older computer that does not have a PDF reader, software can be downloaded for free to enable it to do so. If you would like to join the e-mail delivery list, send a message to paul.bailey@wildblue.net.

Paul Bailey

MUSEUM MUSINGS

The Greenback Heritage Museum held its 4th Annual Quilt Show on September 11, 12 and 13. There were 58 entries this year. It is estimated that around 185 people visited the show and viewed the display. A Craft Show was held concurrently in the Depot on September 12 and 13.

Among the exhibits this year were entries that are part of the *Quilts of Valor Foundation* program to offer quilts to veterans that have been touched by war. Around 100,000 quilts have been distributed by this group since the organization’s founding over a decade ago.

As in years past, the winners were determined by counting the pennies placed by visitors in the “piggy banks” assigned to each of the entries. This year’s winners were:

1st Place: Eva Lee Brackin of Greenback.

2nd Place: Shirley Wiseman of Maryville.

3rd Place: Ella Herron of Maryville.

This year’s Quilt Show Committee wishes to express

their appreciation to all exhibitors and hopes to see them back next year. Information about next year’s show will be available on the museum web site early next summer.

Barbara Davis and Paul Bailey



Some of the *Quilts of Valor* made for Combat Veterans by “Love N Stitches” on display at the 2014 Museum Quilt Show.

ICE CREAM CONTEST, 2014

Approximately 60 people arrived at the pavilion behind the Community Center on July 26 to sample the wares of Greenback’s finest confectioners. This year’s entrants were: Colleen Ragain, Shirley Hall, Laura Del Rio, Bobby Anderson, Rocky Anderson, Tracie Littleton, Barbara Davis and David Bell. After an hour and a half of tasting, talking, politicking, and voting, the judges huddled and counted the ballots. The winners were announced to be:

1st Place: Bobby Anderson, creator of *Banana Pecan* won \$100

2nd Place: Tracie Littleton, with *Old Fashioned Strawberry* won \$50

3rd Place: Laura Del Rio, with *Almond Joy* won \$25.

The Greenback Historical Society would like to thank all of this year’s participants and ask you to mark your calendars for the last Saturday of July, 2015, when we will do it all again. We would also like to thank those who contributed to the \$125 in donations that helped offset the cost of the event.

Paul Bailey

ABOUT OUR DIRECTORS

Wendy Edmondson Tittsworth was elected to the Greenback Historical Society Board of Directors in January, 2013, to serve a term of three years. Wendy is the daughter of Ron Edmondson, wife of Steve Tittsworth and mother of three children. Two of the children, Brooks Talley, and Ellie Talley are now students at Maryville College and the youngest, Chloe, is a sophomore at Greenback High School.

Wendy has many ties to the Greenback Community and especially to the youth. She works with the youth at Oakland Methodist Church which she and her family currently attend. Wendy is known for her kindness and caring personality and for her creativity. She and her son Brooks now host Arts and Crafts shows at the Depot, the most recent in September, 2014. One of her friends just disclosed that she weaves her own wool, quite an achievement in this modern world, in contrast to her business acumen at their store "Just So Decorating" in Maryville.

Ms. Tittsworth and her son, Brooks Talley are the contact persons for scheduling events in the Depot, something she wants to continue as her late father Ron Edmondson wished. Telephone 865-548 3764.

Carolyn Melton Peck

FALL IN EAST TENNESSEE

September 22 is the first day of Autumn, usually called fall in East Tennessee. Leaves are expected to peak in our mountains in mid-October

Will our Smoky Mountains in Pigeon Forge be so filled with tourists that we vow to stay away from Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Townsend? Or are you trying to hit the beautiful scenery in mid-week between the tourists who are coming or going each weekend?

Can we get a good look by taking the Motor Nature Trail from Airport Road to Rocky Branch or driving from the Quiet Side of the Smokies at Townsend up the River Road, taking a turn at Cade's Cove before driving up into Gatlinburg or the National Park or even venturing as far as Cherokee, North Carolina.

Perhaps we should continue up 321, stopping at Greenbriar Trail, taking a hike up to Mt. Le Conte, or continuing on 321 to Cosby and Newport. We might even go as far as Del Rio, a little known place just at the Tennessee/North Carolina line. A convenience store and a group of cabins provide a stopping place that few of us have tried. Stop in and speak to Harold Cates, former Mayor of Cocke County.

Should we just try to stay close to home by taking the

Parkway from 321 across to the end just off Hwy. 72 at Calderwood? Or drive to Tellico Plains and take a good look at Bald River Falls? Or drive on up the river to Cherohala Parkway? Perhaps we might like to attend the Autumn Gold Festival at Coker Creek the weekend of October 10th-13th and pan for gold in a place where gold was discovered before it was found in California. We might have a meal at the restaurant there and take a look at the horses once owned by Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton. Or just stop in Tellico to visit the Museum that former Mayor Charles Hall developed.

There may be those among us who are brave enough to try the Dragon's Tail from Hwy. 129 to old Deals Gap near Fontana. The 318 curves in 11 miles on the Tail of the Dragon make an exciting ride for many hardy dare-devils as they ride into North Carolina. Many of those just come through Greenback to hit old Hwy. 72 from 411 They might stop at the Greenback Diner, the Museum, or the Greenback Depot or the Greenback Corner before going on.

Perhaps we would like to take a driving tour through the Joyce Kilmer Forest which inspired the poem in which Kilmer states "Only God Can Make a Tree" We could, of course, drive all the way to the Cherokee Reservation and if we are so-minded, visit the casino there. We might stay closer to home and catch the train at the Etowah Depot and ride the loop across the place where it is claimed that it is the only place where the tracks circle over one another.

Although considered to be in Middle Tennessee, a day trip could take us to Cumberland State Park where the food at the lodge is always delicious or even drive on to Fall Creek Falls Park and check in at the lodge, enjoy the scenery and the trails, or even play a round of golf.

Take the challenge!!! Don't grumble about the traffic! Take time and a little effort to enjoy all the wonderful abundance in East Tennessee with which we have been blessed!!!

Carolyn Melton Peck



Fall in Cades Cove. Picture by Paul Bailey

September 17 was Constitution Day, celebrating the date this most innovative and creative document was signed on Sept. 17, 1787, two hundred and 37 years ago. We have been celebrating our independence on July 4 for two hundred and thirty-seven years, but it took another 10 years for 12 of the original 13 colonies to ratify this important document. The document had called for the ratification of nine states for the constitution to be accepted. William Blount was the original signer from North Carolina, which encompassed East Tennessee.

Scholarly James Madison, often called the Father of the Constitution, was a strong Federalist along with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay. Much of the documentation for their beliefs and opinions and the rationalization for the written document were published in the Federalist Papers that appeared in one or more of the New York newspapers, which were the most popular and definitive news sources of the day. Unlike today when we have many newspapers from many cities, radio, TV, and social media to express opinions, the early colonists had few and those were extremely influential.

It is believed that Hamilton probably wrote the first few essays under the name of "Publius" and in many ways was the strongest advocate of centralized government. One of the issues he strongly proposed was the establishment of a national bank as he was a strong economist. He encouraged Madison and Jay to help with these essays in support of ratification of the constitution. Jay, by contrast, strongly believed that the establishment of a single unit of governments was the design of a Providence who guided us all.

The Federalists struggled to overcome the opposition of such Anti-Federalists as Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, Edmond Randolph, George Mason, George Clinton and others who feared the loss of the influence of the sovereign states, each of which operated as a separate country. The Anti-Federalists were represented by three groups, the elites, the middlings, and the plebians although they came from different educational, social, and economic backgrounds. In essence their opinions were more in agreement than opposition to one another. Their essays were printed primarily in the papers of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, and others outside of the New York Papers. Thomas Jefferson has often been classified as Federalist or Anti-Federalist as was Andrew Jackson, but neither fit squarely in either group.

Madison traveled from colony to colony to meet with groups to strongly advocate for ratification. The western and fiercely independent colonies, such as

North Carolina strongly opposed an overreaching government. At the time the eastern portion of Tennessee was included in North Carolina. An anecdotal tale of Madison's visit to Raleigh, states that the North Carolina delegates only agreed to ratify upon the promise of Madison that their concerns would be addressed in a series of amendments once the initial body of work was ratified. It is strong testament that the trust shown in Madison to keep his word spoke highly of his reputation for honor and trustworthiness.

The main objections held by the Anti-Federalists were related to freedom of religion, freedom of the press, individual freedoms, property rights, the right to bear arms so as not to be pressured or forced by a strong government, protection from search and seizure and the preservation of States rights. To address these concerns and others 12 Amendments were later proposed and ten of those ratified fulfilling Madison's Promises to the public.

"Fear of centralized authority is deeply rooted in American history. The struggle over the U.S. Constitution in 1788 pitted the Federalists, the champions of a strong central government, against the Anti-Federalists, the champions of a more localist vision of politics" stated William Nelson, New York University" As the years pass, we can track the times when the Anti-Federalist points of view rose to prominence, such as the influence of this centuries' "Tea Parties"

"While the Federalist may have won the battle over ratification; it is the ideas of the Anti-Federalists that continue to define the soul of American politics" states Saul Cornell, Ohio State University.

I have tried to speak to a very complicated and long struggle for the minds of men in the late 1770's to 1800's, and one that continues today. Both sets of opinions have merit and it is a tribute to the uniquely American experience that the battle continues today and so does the union. I hope that I have piqued your interest into further and far more definitive readings on our Founders, a truly enlightened and dedicated number of men.

Carolyn Melton Peck

Sources:

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- Dr. Glen Reynolds, Professor of Law, University of Tennessee

REFLECTIONS OF THE GHS CLASS OF 1960

The Class of 1960 was a very close-knit class. We are fortunate to still have our Class Sponsor, Mrs. Thelma Cooper, alive in the community and attending all the reunions. We have had a reunion every five years since 1975. The last one was 2010.

Our dear friend, Joyce Long McCollum, now deceased, worked along with Barbara Mason and others to make it a great success. Ms. Cooper did the Charleston Dance, Barbara and Jack Rollins portrayed Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. Jimmy Woods was Elvis. What a great time we had!!! Larry Goodman was Master of Ceremonies and Jerry Heaton served as Photographer. We aren't getting older, we have stayed young a long time! (*Ed. Note: Delmar Davis donated a tape of this event to the Greenback Heritage Museum. If you haven't seen it, you might want to drop by someday when the museum is open and take a look. It is hilarious!*)

My memories of Greenback School are fond ones. Loretta Pittman, Sara Faye Lambert, and I were big buddies. We didn't have a whole lot of different things to do around town, football on Friday Nights, Maryville or the Oxbo after the games or the girls spent the night with each other. (*Ed. Note: It may be just a rumor, but a little bird told me that sometimes the boys came calling and tried to crash the slumber parties. Too bad, it was to no avail!*)

We had Junior and Senior Plays which were always a lot of work and practice to please Mrs. Cooper, but the days and nights of the performances were worth the effort.

No proms in our day! We had Jr. and Sr. Banquets in the School Cafeteria. When we were Juniors, we asked our Principal, Mr. Akins, if we could have a Sock Hop in the Gym. He said yes, if the faculty would attend. Our dear Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Quirk, and several others came and we did the "Bunny Hop" Line Dances and several other dances. We had a fun time. We take credit for "Birthing the idea of Proms to our Elders."

Our Class was small, 36 in all, but we loved each other! To date, we have lost ten (10) classmates.

Lavonne McCall Spires

IN MEMORIAM

Yates. Jimmy, 70, July 30, 2014.

McKeehan, Mac, 81, August 8, 2014.

GIVE ME RURAL RHYTHM

"Hey Ham, wanta go see the Carter Family?"

"Might as well, Bobby, nothing else going on."

This conversation probably played out mega times in the Greenback area--just the names have changed. Ham and Bobby were teenage friends who would be among the throngs of Greenback Citizens of all ages that packed the auditorium of GHS to "see the Carter Family."

During the mid-forties to early fifties, singing groups from the popular WNOX Radio program-the "Mid-Day Merry Go Round" made personal appearances at area schools as a source for additional income. The income would be divided with the host schools as fund raisers for school supplies. The reader probably remembers a previous column describing such a visit by Homer Harris and his Talking Horse that left his mark on the Greenback stage. Some others that appeared throughout the years were Flatt and Scruggs who would eventually achieve part of their fame by performing the theme song for "The Beverly Hillbillies" TV show; Carl Story and the Rambling Mountaineers, Claude Boone, Bill Carlisle and the comic Hot Shot Elmer, who poked fun at members of the group or at people in the audience known by everyone. Don Gibson also appeared on the GHS Stage to the delight of one of the present Historical Society Directors!

The Carter Family that Bobby Tuck and "Ham" AKA Alfred Hammontree went to see included Mother Mae Belle, who played autoharp and her three musical daughters June, Anita, and Helen on guitar, bass, and accordion. Alfred recalls being smitten by Anita and declares that he was in love with her! The auditorium was filled to capacity and even the tall, wide windows were draped with grinning teenage boys, being seen and being heard. The program was family friendly and even the comedy by June Carter was relatively ribaldry free.

Today, the majority of the entertainers of the by-gone era as well as too many in the audience are deceased and, like the performances, live only in memory.

Thelma Hammontree Cooper

AT THE DEPOT

The Depot will be hosting the Annual Craft Show on September 12 and 13. This vendor fair is held in conjunction with the Greenback Quilt Show. Scissor sharpening, food, books, and local crafts will be offered. Wendy Tittsworth will be in charge, along with her son, Brooks Talley.

A memorial service was held at the Depot in June honoring Ron Edmondson. Many came to share memories and offer condolences.

Penny Mcloughlin

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CAROLYN'S CORNER

We are looking for a fun time at the October Meeting, but we need to be sure to mark our calendars for January 17, at noon, when our Annual Meeting is scheduled. It is important that we have good attendance and that we have a quorum when we vote on approval of our yearly financial statement and election of Board Members. We do not need to elect officers as those were elected in 2014 for a two year term, but the following Board Members Terms expire in January.

Paul Bailey and Bob Anderson have served two full terms and one partial term and are not eligible to be reelected. Laura Del Rio has served one term and is eligible for reelection. The nominating committee will be contacting you for suggestions, I am sure.

I have resigned from the Board of the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance and I'm hoping that someone will be interested in serving on that Board. Members help us to keep up with what is going on in the region and what possibilities for participation may be available to us. Todd Morgan has replaced Ethiel Garlington as Director.
Carolyn

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5, *Quarterly Meeting, Greenback Historical Society, Greenback Community Center, 2:00PM. Greenback Heritage Scrapbook status report, picture and memories sharing. Bring yours to share.***
- Oct. 17, *3:00 PM Loudon County Historical Society, Methodist Church, Lenoir City; Speaker Dr. Joan Markel.*
- Oct. 25, *4:00 to 9:00 PM, Downtown Halloween Festival, Greenback, Morganton Rd.*
- Nov. 4, *Election Day.*
- Nov. 11, *Veterans Day.*
- Nov. 26, *Community Thanksgiving Service*
- Dec. 7, *2014 Christmas Parade. Downtown Greenback 1:00pm*
- Jan. 17, 2015, *Annual Meeting, noon, Greenback Community Center.***