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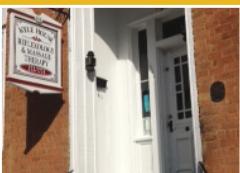
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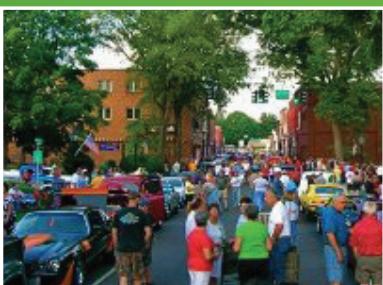


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- Hawkins County residents can renew driver licenses at the county clerk's office in Rogersville.
- For more information contact the Hawkins County Clerk at (423) 272-7002.

Tennessee residence as well as proof of citizenship and a Social Security Number.

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- The office is also responsible for providing county residents with locations and equipment to cast their vote in the elections.
- Hawkins County is located in:
 - 1st Congressional District
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- For additional information contact the Hawkins County Election Commission at 110 E. Main Street, Suite 301 (2nd floor) Rogersville, TN 37857. Hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday and phone is (423) 272-8061.

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- You may apply on line and / or obtain additional information by logging onto tn.gov/commerce/sfm/home-building/index.shtml or by calling (615) 741-7071.
- To obtain an address for a parcel of property that did not previously have an assigned

address, contact the mapping coordinator at Hawkins County Central Dispatch (423) 272-8999.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

- All municipalities in Hawkins County provide solid waste collection services for area residents. Businesses and industries are required, under the terms of a landfill contract, to obtain solid waste disposal services. County residents are required to enter into a private contractual agreement for solid waste disposal or use one of Hawkins County's Convenience Centers.
- Only solid waste generated in Hawkins County is accepted and waste from businesses, even if they are located in the county, is not accepted. Convenience Centers do not accept hazardous waste, medical waste, animal carcasses or grass and brush. Items not accepted by the convenience centers can be taken to the Allied Waste Landfill located on Carter's Valley Road (423) 357-6777.

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The exterior of the Amis House as it appears today. The block walls of the lower floor are original 1780-era construction. The top floor was added by a relative of Amis in the 1840's.

Thomas Amis

... a Man of Substance

ROGERSVILLE -- Capt. Thomas Amis was an unswerving patriot from Bladen Co., NC who became a prominent player in the nation's efforts to defeat the Redcoats and their civilian allies.

In December of 1776 he was appointed Commissary of the 3rd Regiment of Continental Troops serving under Jethro Sumner. As procurer of supplies it was Tom's responsibility to fit the soldiers with shoes, clothes, food, ammunition and whatever else they needed, even to the extent of mortgaging his own farm, which he did.

After hiding Francis Marion (the Swamp Fox) at his mill on Drowning Creek several times, Amis' bravery and willingness to help in the cause of freedom would establish him as a marked man. His family would be driven from their home by the enemy, prompting the following directive from Governor Richard Caswell. Quote: "Ordered, that a Protection for Mr. Amis's Wagons, while employed in removing his family & co. out of the way of the Enemy, be enclosed."

By the end of the war North Carolina had little or no money in its treasury. Faced with accumulating debts to soldiers and military suppliers the state



Thomas Amis
1742-1797

began to transfer its western lands to individuals to pay for war service and supplies in lieu of cash. Amis was granted a thousand acres in Sullivan Co. N.C. (later Hawkins Co., Tenn.)

In 1780 he built a fort at Big Creek on the Great Indian Warpath Trail (Old Stage Road). That same year, the Captain commissioned Thomas Harlan, an architect and stone mason from the Pennsylvania Dutch country, to build him a home 46 feet long and 16 feet wide, one and one half stories high. The 18-inch walls of fieldstone had gun ports instead of windows in the upper story. The workmanship of the house reflected that found in eastern Pennsylvania homes of the same period. Surrounded by a log palisade for protection from intruders Captain Amis' gray stone house crowned the crest of the hill; the upper part of the house was barely visible above the pointed spires of the fort.

Amis was a very enterprising man who went around building doors for opportunity to knock on. Drawing from past experience as Commissary during the Revolutionary War, he opened a trading

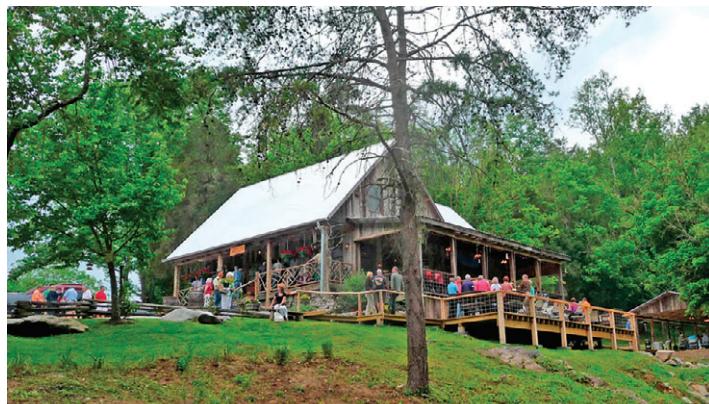
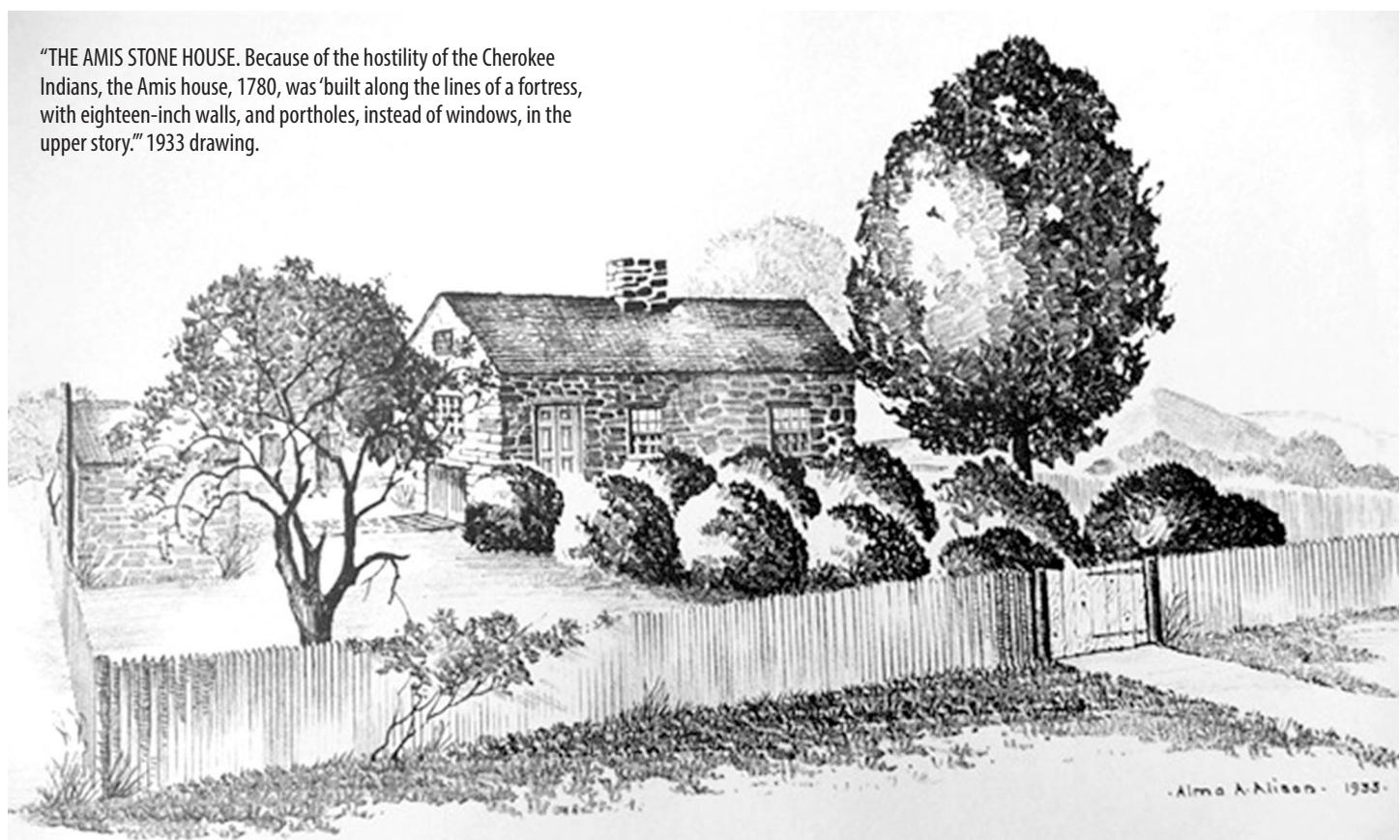
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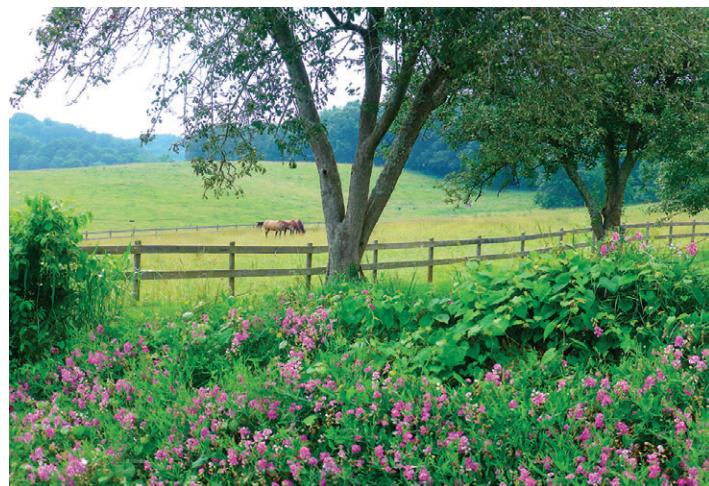
A drawing of Amis Mill
and Big Creek Falls and Dam



"THE AMIS STONE HOUSE. Because of the hostility of the Cherokee Indians, the Amis house, 1780, was 'built along the lines of a fortress, with eighteen-inch walls, and portholes, instead of windows, in the upper story.' 1933 drawing."



The deck of Amis Mill Eatery, overlooking Amis Dam and the ruins of the Old Mill on Big Creek.



The peaceful pasture behind the house where Thomas Amis' livestock once grazed.

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post, tannery, blacksmith shop and distillery, while operating a saw and grist mill. A post office, school and church would be added later. The Captain himself often greeted dusty travelers at the gate.

Once inside, visitors found themselves in a bustling community. The clang of iron-on-iron at the blacksmith shop and the twang of axe-on-grindstone greeted their ears. Here they could refresh themselves with a glass of grog and eat food prepared in the outdoor kitchen. They could rest overnight, buy bacon, cheese and all manner of clothing and shoes to fit them for the road ahead. The little community of "Amis" became the principal settlement of this part of what was then Sullivan County for the next few years.

Old account books show that Thomas offered just about every service a pioneer traveler might need. His slaves or free retainers could build or repair a wagon, shoe a horse, provision a stage for a long journey and provide the traveler bed and board while they anticipated a journey through country peopled largely by savages.

In the 1700's Amis Inn & Tavern became a public stage stop for many notables of the day. William Blount, John Rhea, Andrew Jackson, John Sevier, Joseph McMinn, Daniel Boone, Col. Hardy Murfree, Col. Anthony Bledsoe, Gen. James Robertson, French Botanist Andre Michaux, Martin Schneider, Moravian minister to the Cherokee, Dr. Thomas Walker, land surveyor and the first non-Indian to cross the Blue Ridge into Kentucky, and Daniel Smith, Governor of the Southwest Territory, to name a few.

Bishop Francis Asbury, founder of the Methodist movement in America, stayed at the Amis Inn a number of times. The Bishop noted in his journal that he spent the night at Amis', a place quite prepared for travelers. He rebuked Amis for bragging about how much money he made off of his brew. Evidently the two engaged in some heated debates, for Asbury commented that it was out of necessity and not choice that he was there. April 11, 1790

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An interior view of the Colonial-era home now occupied by Jake Jacobs and his wife, Wendy, who is herself a direct descendant of Thomas Amis.

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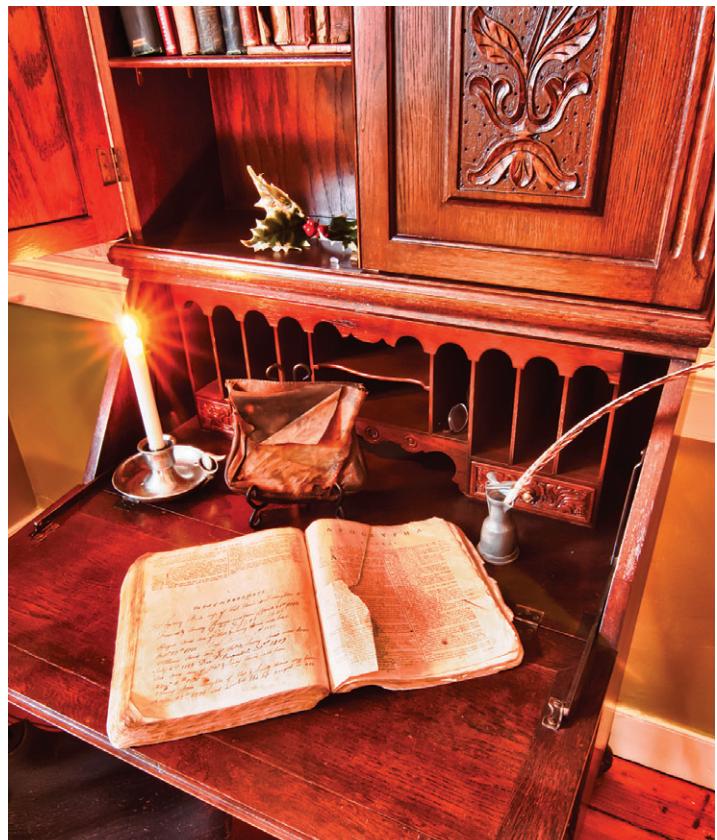
Asbury wrote in his journal, "Coming along, I complained that the people would take no pay for their food or services ... that complaint has ceased." Asbury would, however, return to the Amis Inn many times despite their differences, for his host was a man of great hospitality and warmth. After all, Amis, in French, means "friend."

Current owners Jake and Wendy Jacobs discovered the Amis property in 1988 while Wendy was researching genealogy on Thomas Amis, who is her great-grandfather five times removed. When the Amis property came up for sale in 2008, the couple sold their home in Colorado, purchased the 60-acre farm, and moved to Rogersville. Their vision is to preserve and reconstruct as much of the original 1780 Amis Settlement as possible. Amis Mill Eatery was constructed first to generate revenue to continue the reconstruction, and as Jake and Wendy said, "We have just begun."

"The more we study the history of this place, the more it becomes apparent that we really don't own anything," Jacobs said. "We're just passing through. We're caretakers. God didn't give Adam and Eve the Garden of Eden, He put them in the garden to tend it. That's how we feel here. God has placed us here in this garden to tend it, and that's our responsibility."

The Jacobs family encourages everyone to "friend" the eatery on Facebook to receive regular updates on food specials and upcoming events. Readers can also check out their websites at www.thomasamis.com, and www.amismill.com, or call 423-272-7040 for more information.

(PUB. NOTE: Thomas Amis' daughter, Mary, married Joseph Rogers, the founder of the town of Rogersville. Amis Mill and Eatery are located at 127 W. Bear Hollow Road in Rogersville, TN.)



Original Thomas Amis ledger

Rogersville IN BLOOM



Celebrating 225 years of history and beauty

BY TOMMY CAMPBELL
Editor & Publisher

ROGERSVILLE -- "Rogersville in Bloom", a debut celebration organized by the Rogersville Main Street Program, and a host of other volunteers, businesses, community organizations, and town officials will focus on 225 years of history and beauty by combining a multitude of special events and activities into a month filled with food, flowers, art, and family fun.

A driving/walking tour, framed by a colorful array of spring-flowering trees, shrubs and bulbs, will showcase the town's historic architecture and natural beauty, with many local merchants, restaurants, boutiques, art galleries, and other shops featuring special events, sales, and displays throughout the period.

The event will kick off on April 28 and end in late May, and while other events may be added, a full slate of activities has already been planned

for the enjoyment of local residents as well as an expected influx of tourists from other areas.

Listed here you will find a calendar of events. Since the dates, times, and locations of some events may change due to unexpected circumstances beyond the control of the organizers, before making a long trip, persons who live outside the area may want to contact the Hawkins Co. Chamber of Commerce at 423-272-2186 in advance to confirm that an event is still scheduled.

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Rogersville and the homeowners. As you take the tour, be sure to linger awhile and enjoy the unique boutiques, art galleries, locally owned cafés and the many other attractions designed for your pleasure. Join us as we continue to embrace our history, celebrate our beauty and nurture our hometown feeling. Tour maps can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, Rogersville Depot, The Rogersville Review, Hale Springs Inn, Givens Nelson Realty, Mt. Star Mall and Miss Bea's Perks and Pies.



Monday, April 28 - Friday, May 16 Children's Art Show Exhibit



Children's Art Show Exhibit, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Explore the vivid imagination of children, as they express their creativity through paintings, drawings and collages. Promoting creativity through art helps develop a child's intelligence and personality and gives chil-

children the opportunity to express a personal statement about their uniqueness. Art builds a feeling of independence, confidence and an eagerness to learn. Please join us as we celebrate the arts! Host banks where students' art will be displayed include: US Bank (Cherokee High School), Civis Bank (Rogersville City School / Home Schoolers), First Community Bank (Rogersville Middle School), and Capitol Bank (Hawkins Elementary).

Monday, April 28 Salad Luncheon

Salad Luncheon, sponsored by Rogersville Heritage Association, Hale Springs Inn, downtown Rogersville, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,



\$8 donation. Advance tickets available at The RHA Depot Office, Hawkins Co. Chamber of Commerce, Hale Springs Inn, Givens Nelson Realty, LuElla's Gift Market, Mountain Star Mall, Sunny Side Yarns Shop, and U-Save Discount Drug Center. Tickets will also be available at the door. Register for a free night at the historic Inn, or a gift certificate for the Spa located at the Inn. Takeout and limited delivery of multiple box lunches is available. For additional information or to donate a salad call 423-272-1961. Takeout/delivery orders must be received by Tuesday, April 22.



Monday, April 28 Of One Accord's Third Annual Feast Around Town / Progressive Dinner



Of One Accord's Third Annual Feast Around Town / Progressive Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Of One Accord's Progressive Dinner is the ministry's only ministry-wide fundraiser and was developed by past

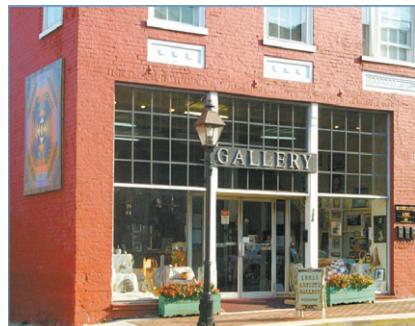
Board Member Larry Schiffer. The 2014 event will be offered somewhat differently. In the past, the event has been held at different restaurants involved and participants have moved from one restaurant to another. In 2014, the entire meal will be held at Of One Accord's "new" ministry center in the back of Market Place on Brownlow Street. Participating restaurants for 2014 will be salads by Sunshine Deli, dinner by Randall's Restaurant, and desserts by Oh Henry's Restaurant. Tickets are \$25 commemorating the ministry's 25th anniversary and those attending in the unfinished section will get to see what the ministry has planned for its new acquisition. Tickets will be limited to 100 people and can be purchased at Shepherd's Center, Church Hill Free Medical Clinic or from ministry board members. For more information call 423-921-8044.

Thursday, May 1 - Saturday, May 31 Month of May Crochet Month

Month Of May Crochet Month, sponsored by Sunny Side Yarns, 207 South Depot Street, Rogersville, phone 423-272-9276.

Friday, May 2**Rogersville Main Street Benefit Gala**

Rogersville Main Street Benefit Gala, 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Main Street Program, at Hale Springs Inn in Historic Downtown Rogersville. Please join us and become a 'Friend of Rogersville'. It's sure to be a spectacular night packed with great food and great company – not to mention fabulous music! Tickets (\$50) include: champagne toast and light hors d'oeuvres to kick-start the event, followed by fabulous dining, live entertainment, and much more. Make it a couples' night out, a romantic gesture to that special someone or mix and mingle with the single. Cash bar available throughout the evening. The Main Street mission is to revitalize the central business district by concentrating efforts on the development of Rogersville as a tourism, retail and cultural center. For tickets and additional information, call 423-272-5171

**Saturday, May 3****Starving Artist Show / Sale and Art Walk**

Starving Artist Show/Sale And Art Walk, The Local Artists Gallery, 124 East Main Street, Rogersville, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Artwork will also be on display along Church Street. The art walk showcases art of all forms as a way to acquaint the community to the gallery, which showcases an outstanding selection of fine arts, including original paintings and prints, blown glass, hand-made jewelry, stained glass, photography, pottery, and sculptures of wood, stone and metal. In addition to the finer arts, there are traditional, hand-crafted items with practical uses as well -- quilts, frames, Flax pax,

natural grain heating pads, wooden bowls and utensils, brooms, fine furniture, baskets, gourds, naturally scented candles, decorated shirts, and hand-woven wool hats, scarves and stuffed animals.

**Saturday, May 3****"Chalk One Up for Rogersville"**

"Chalk One Up for Rogersville" is a new way to express your creativity and love for art while supporting the Rogersville Arts Council. For a small entry fee (\$5) each artist will be given a section of sidewalk in downtown Rogersville and seven hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to create their own unique sidewalk chalk art. The art will be on display throughout the festival (or until Mother Nature erases it!). There will be blue ribbons for best in show for ages under 10; 11 to 17; and adult. So come out and get your art on with 'Chalk One Up for Rogersville!' For more information contact Jim Begley at 423-293-0882 or email JKBegley@aol.com 423-293-0882.

**Saturday, May 3**
May Day

May Day — a tradition of the Swift College — sponsored by Swift Reunion Committee, 11 a.m., Rogersville City Park. Free admission, food available at noon (\$7 per adult, \$3.50 per child). Featuring a DJ, Maypole event, karaoke (with prizes!), and much more! For more information contact any member of the Swift Reunion Committee or call 423-921-3888.

Tuesday, May 6
First Tuesday Art Show

Lorraine Brewer

First Tuesday Art Show, featuring local artist Lorraine Brewer, 6-8 p.m., Hale Springs Inn, downtown Rogersville. Music provided by Garrett Crosby. Light Hors d'oeuvres. Hale Springs Inn will offer Rogersville in Bloom dinner and drink specials. Reservations are not required but suggested. For more information call 423-272-5171.

Saturday, May 10
Four-Man Golf Scramble

Four-Man Golf Scramble, sponsored by Hawkins Co. Chamber of Commerce., 9 a.m., McDonald Hills Golf Course, Rogersville. Prizes: 1st Place, \$400, 2nd Place, \$300, 3rd Place, \$200. A "hole in one" on #6 wins a new

car! Prizes for Long Drive, Closet to the Pin on Par 3's, Putting Contest and Raffle Prizes. Lunch will be provided. \$200 entry fee per team. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 423-272-2186.

Saturday, May 10 Ladies Tea Social



Ladies Tea Social, 2 p.m., Hale Springs Inn, Small Dining Room. Cost: \$15 per person. Due to limited space, reservations are required. Spring is in the air so enjoy the weather and join us for afternoon tea! Enjoy gourmet teas, a light lunch, desserts, flavors, activities and fellowship. Ladies of all ages are welcome. Afterward, take a self-guided stroll through beautiful Historic Rogersville and discover the town's hidden charms and history. Call 423-272-5171 for more information.

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch, Hale Springs Inn, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Celebrate mom by treating her to a decadent brunch in an unforgettable setting -- a memory you will never forget. Our Mother's Day menu is nothing short of spectacular! Reservations are requested but not required. For more information, call 423-272-5171.

Wednesday, May 14 Membership Drive for Sunny Side Spinners

Membership Drive For Sunny Side Spinners, Sunny Side Yarns, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 207 South Depot Street, Rogersville, phone 423-272-9276.

Friday, May 16 Fourth Annual Taste of Rogersville



Fourth Annual Taste Of Rogersville, in Historic Downtown Rogersville, 5 - 8:30 p.m. offering culinary delights from local restaurants! This event for the entire family will feature a Kids' Zone with inflatables to entertain children and live music for the adults. Taste of Rogersville is a fundraising event to help the Downtown community. All proceeds go to support the program and money raised is returned to the community through grants and beautification projects. Beginning May 1, tickets can be pre-purchased at a discounted rate, or can be purchased day of the event. Participating Main Street business locations are Rogersville Vision Clinic, Givens Nelson Realty, Mountain Star Mall, *The Rogersville Review*, Chamber of Commerce and the Rogersville Depot.



The Mad Hatter (James Sells and his wife Carla) will be the highlight of the Children's Tea.

Children's Tea, "Alice in Wonderland" theme featuring a guest appearance by The Mad Hatter, who says, "You're late, you're late, for a very important date!" in a beautiful garden, amongst bright colored flower beds, and cool fountains, perhaps near a house with a chimney shaped like ears and a roof thatched with fur. On a table under a tree, set out as many whimsical teapots and cups and saucers as one could find, along with a motley assortment of chairs, and gather your wittiest, most imaginative, and maddest friends of every age, size, and stripe. Don't worry if your hair needs cutting. You are cordially invited to attend this mad tea party at Miss Bea's Perks and Pies, 109 South Church Street, Rogersville, at 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$12 per child. Due to limited seating, tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 423-272-6555. While children are visiting with The Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts, adults are encouraged to participate in the 'Rogersville in Bloom' Walking Tour. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 423-272-2186.

Friday, May 23 Cruise In

Cruise In, 6 - 10 p.m. (line-up begins at 4 p.m.), Historic Downtown Rogersville. Join classic car enthusiasts and see dozens of pre-1980 restored cars lined up along Main Street at this popular free event. Stroll the streets, listen to live music, and have dinner in one of the many restaurants. There is no entry fee to attend or exhibit cars at the Rogersville Main Street Cruise-In. For additional information, call 423-272-2186



Saturday, May 24 10th Annual Random Rods (Pre-1980s) Car Show / Cruising Down Memory Lane

This show will be held at Memory Lane (home of Otis and Kathy Eldridge) in Rogersville. The last show featured more than 900 cars, 70 vendors, and lots of spectators! Memory Lane is not only a car show, but is a 1950s-style setting consisting of an old Studebaker Diner, an old Texaco Service Station, an old style Ford and Chrysler Dealership, old style Mobile Homes, a House sold by Sears and Roebuck, Blacksmith Shop, old School House, an old General Store, the Caney Creek Church, and lots of other sights to enjoy. Live entertainment (50s and 60s music) provided throughout the day and an outdoor movie {reminiscent of the old drive-in style} is shown at dark. For more information call 423-921-4447, 423-272-3616, or 423-272-9904.

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Diana Blankenship, executive director of Holston Business Development Center discusses amenities at HBDC to potential tenants.

BUSINESS INCUBATOR

continues to cultivate success stories in Hawkins County, Kingsport

BY JOEL SPEARS
Managing Editor

ALLANDALE — Cultivators of success is an apt phrase to describe those who help create day-to-day life at the Holston Business Development Center (HBDC) located on the northeastern edge of Hawkins County. And the results of that cultivation can be seen in the 54 companies throughout the area that have had their start there.

A non-profit, mixed-use “incubator” for small business, HBDC began in 1999 as the brainchild of Dr. William Locke, then president of Northeast State Technical Community College, and Susan Reid, executive director of the First Tennessee Development District.

Reid and Locke gathered their facts and a feasibility study later concluded that there was a need for a business incubator system in Northeast Tennessee. A number of area executives were brought on board to develop the project, including those from BAE Systems, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Greater Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, Hawkins County Industrial Board, American Electric Power, the City of Kingsport, Hawkins County Government, and in 2003 the million-dollar public/private project was christened at Allandale on property that was historically part of the U.S. Army’s Holston Ordnance Works at Allandale.

Support for HBDC’s initial startup came from Hawkins County Government, the City of Kingsport, BAE Systems which provided the property, the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, and the U.S. Armament Retooling and Manufacturing

Program. Today, HBDC remains a non-profit, joint effort between Hawkins County and the City of Kingsport, both of whom fund the program. And, according to current Executive Director Diana Blankenship, for the first time since inception HBDC was recently at full capacity with a wait list. However, the incubator does currently have some availability, she said.

“If you are thinking about starting your own business please stop in and see how we can help,” Blankenship said. “It’s exciting to see so many new startup companies.”

There are currently 56 jobs provided at the incubator, located across from Allandale Mansion, and it has provided a total of 330 full-time, as well as six part-time jobs for the community.

As a business incubator, designed to help small businesses startup, HBDC provides tenants access to specific services included with their monthly office space fees. Some of them include: business consulting, a progressive rent structure, high speed Internet, utilities, mail and package service, reception services, class and boardroom facilities, a community kitchen, presentation equipment, and fax and copier services.

Overall, the facility has a total of 13,000 square feet of office space that includes 22- 400 square feet business suites for office spaces.

A number of businesses from speech therapy to real estate are located at the site, including Per Vivo Laboratories, owned by president Russell Hubbard.

At Per Vivo, Hubbard oversees production of a variety of customized medical implements, from specialized

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Russell Hubbard, president of Per Vivo, a company specializing in a variety of customized medical implements, from specialized procedure trays to side-button patient scrubs, gives Blankenship an overview of recent progress within his company. Hubbard said he has grown significantly and plans to hire up to six new employees in the near future.

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procedure trays to side-button patient scrubs designed with modesty in mind.

Hubbard said starting Per Vivo at HBDC was an easy choice after he did his research.

Following a military career, Hubbard said it was time for he and his wife to come back to the East Tennessee, and once he was back in civilian life, he decided to start his own business.

"I was working for another medical company and started formulating the idea for a business in my head. Managing a business is mitigating risk, so I said, 'Okay, well, what kind of resources am I going to need,' so I started going down the list, looking at different options, and came across the incubator. It met nearly every criteria that was on my list, then the price was great. But, interestingly, even without the price and criteria, HBDC allowed me to take much more risk back out of starting up my business, allowing me to use that capital for things other than my overhead."

Hubbard said while there are a number of things he enjoys about growing his business at HBDC, the flexibility and visibility stands out to him most.

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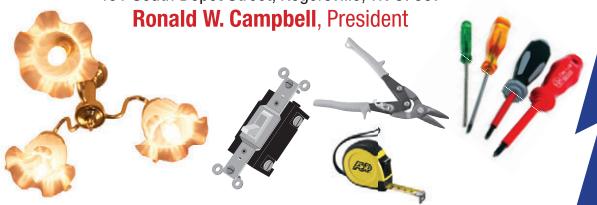
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"You can come in here in the middle of the night, 24-7, there's a lot of flexibility. I didn't have to buy office equipment like a copier, a fax machine, or even a refrigerator — something most businesses wouldn't even think about needing. It's the small, incremental things — that special touch — that someone came up with here that makes the difference. When you throw in utilities and the Internet, it makes a heck of a deal."

Executive Director Blankenship said HBDC has Kingsport and Hawkins County to thank for the opportunity.

"The incubator is a wonderful, cost effective connection into the business community, and something for the community to be proud of. We're proud of all our businesses and of those who have 'graduated' from the incubator and continue to grow," she added.

As one of HBDC's most recent "graduates," Ray Evans, the owner of Possible Zone marketing offered high praise for HBDC and its staff.

"It gives new businesses the tools to get off the ground with virtually no office expense. The entry price includes almost everything, including Internet and utilities. I know businesses that pay \$150 just for the Internet. The price is just the beginning because the staff feel like part of my family."



Ray Evans, owner of Possible Zone Marketing, discusses the success of his business with Executive Director Diana Blakenship. Possible Zone is one of HBDC's most recent 'graduates,' having relocated to Sheridan Square in Kingsport.

Their support and commitment have been exemplary and inspiring and I would recommend HBDC to any business."

"This is just a great place to help you absorb your mistakes in the beginning of business. You don't have gigantic overhead, so you can make your 50 mistakes in the beginning and not have it cost you a fortune. It's a great place to launch a business, to say the least."



HBDC Administrative Assistant Emily Neeley (seated) and Executive Director Diana Blakenship.

Evans' company started at HBDC and has since grown to include six employees. Possible Zone recently outgrew its space at the incubator and relocated into a larger office at Sheridan Square, an office park located in Kingsport.

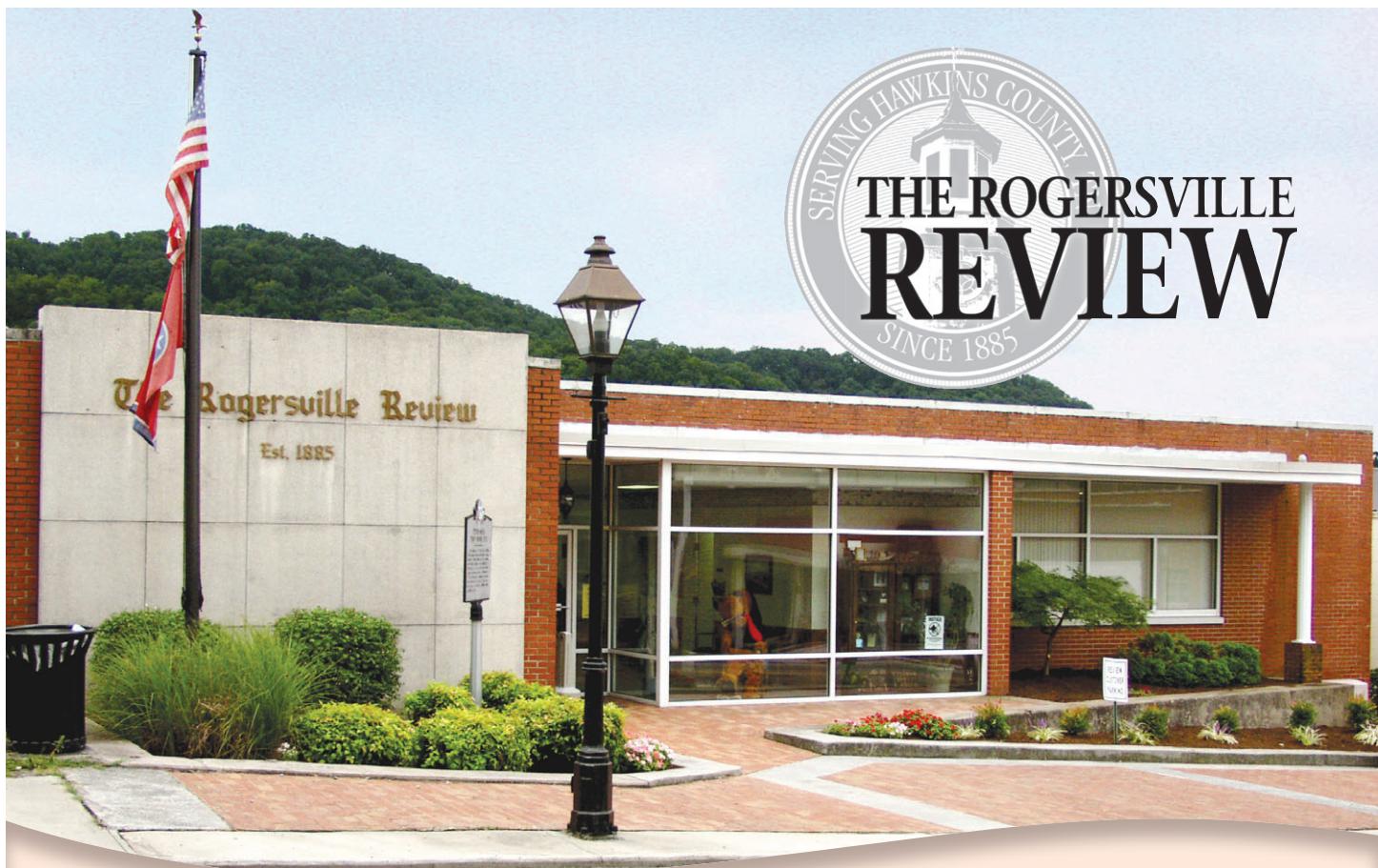
During its time at the incubator, Possible Zone also became a certified Google Partner, one of only a few in East Tennessee.

Back at HBDC, Hubbard also noted that the consulting and networking opportunities he has been afforded since coming to HBDC are much better than if he were trying to grow Per Vivo on his own.

"Being part of the incubator also provides a lot of visibility you wouldn't expect as a business owner, because leaders in Hawkins County and the City of Kingsport are aware that I'm here. They obviously want to see any company that's in their jurisdiction to do as well as it possibly can, so they're always offering advice, and willing to open doors to talk to people. Instances where it might take weeks or longer to talk to someone in the business community, they can help get you in there in a week as opposed to three. It's those intangibles that're really cool."

Hubbard said in the near future he plans to add up to six individuals to Per Vivo's payroll as the company continues to grow.

Blankenship encouraged anyone who is interested in learning more about HBDC, or in becoming part of the partnership's waiting list to contact her at the office, located at 2005 Venture Park Drive in Kingsport. She can be reached by calling (423) 578-6235, via fax at 578-6500, or via E-mail at info@hbdc.org. Services can also be explored online at www.hbdc.org.



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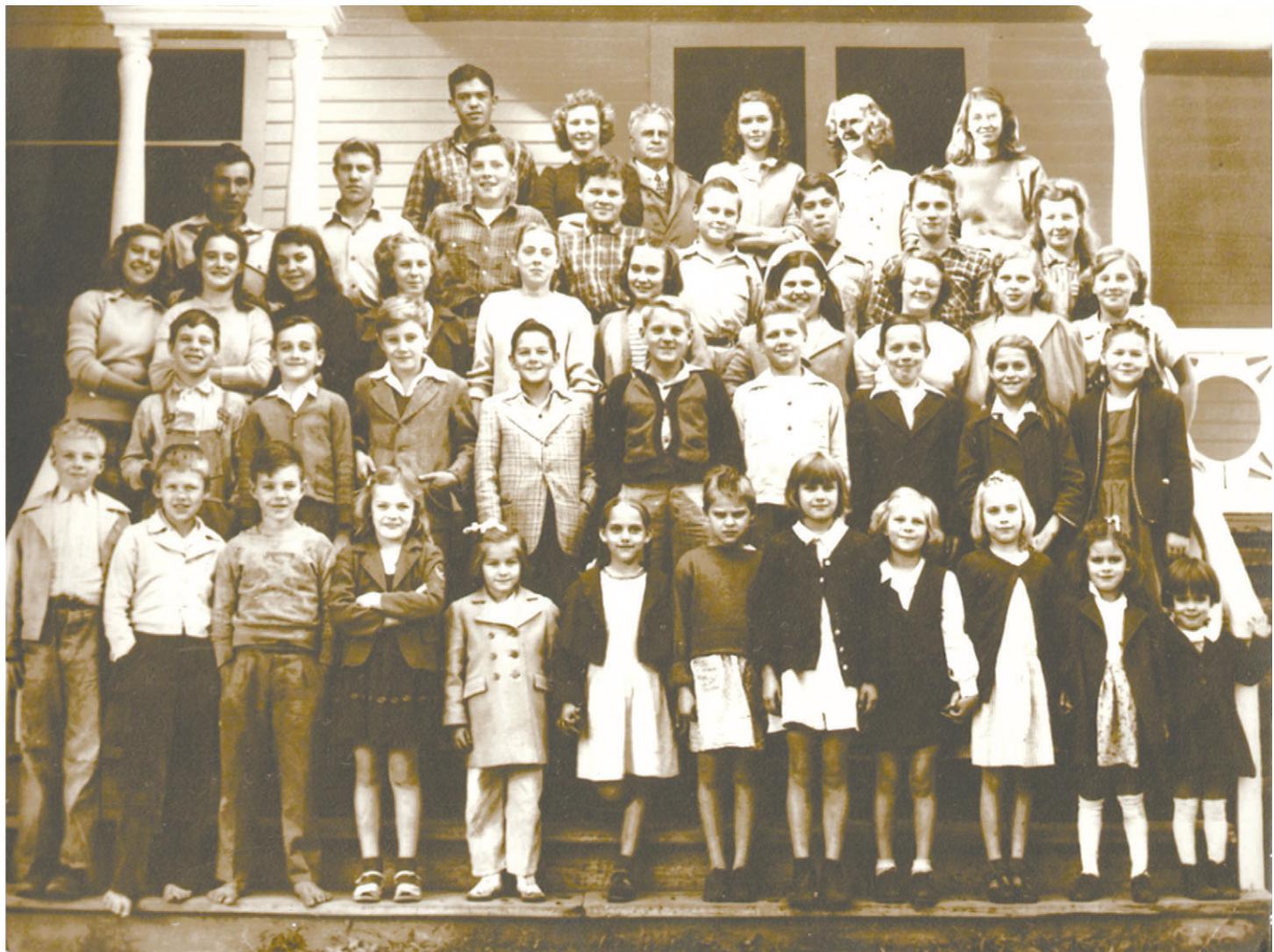
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In 1900, there were more than 1,000 orphanages scattered throughout the country, but today, Kingswood School is one of the very few privately-run Christian, non-denominational orphanages left in the nation.

A study done by Dale Keiger reports there were Catholic, Protestant and Jewish orphanages as well as non-sectarian children's homes run by private charities. Through the rise of the welfare system throughout the 1900's, most privately-run facilities phased out, leaving the orphan business to well-organized faith groups and state institutions.

Rueben Couch, one of the greatest promoters for the school is an 80-year old businessman who was a resident of Kingswood's first class. Couch proudly says, "Kingswood's funding source has never changed. It is a school that operates on faith and the generosity of individuals, churches and businesses within the region."

Couch spends time each week making visits throughout East Tennessee reminding local residents to not forget the children of Kingswood.

Couch was one of many notables who attended school at Kingswood. He graduated, joined the 101st Airborne and later founded a nationally-based industrial painting company. He has since turned his company over to his sons so he could return home to lend support to one of East Tennessee's most prized treasures.

Kingswood School was founded by Dr. Alvey Edgar Wachtel, a
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Children were lined up and hanging over the rails on all three floors of the grand old hotel which once graced the grounds.



An undated view of the hotel.

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Princeton-educated Methodist minister. The school was named for a school started by John Wesley in Kingswood, England.

In 1943, Kingswood moved from Virginia to the 1,300-acre grounds of the former Tate Springs Resort and Hotel. The 100 rooms of this formerly popular resort and hotel became the classrooms, library, chapel, study halls, and living quarters for as many as 170 children at a time.

After a fire in 1963 that completely destroyed the hotel, a new school building and five cottages were constructed to house the children and caretakers. The resort's swimming pool was filled in and the bathhouse was renovated to become the administrative offices.

Rev. Clark Card, a graduate of Moody Bible School, came to Kingswood at the very beginning with a vision to teach the children how to harmonize as a choir. For many years, Kingswood found their greatest means of support would come from traveling to churches around the region to perform in church services gaining recognition and support.

One of Kingswood's greatest benefits is its Christian heritage. While faith is lacking in public schools of today, Kingswood has used Biblical principals and faith to develop abandoned children into some of the region's greatest leaders.

After the death of Dr. Wachtel, and the failing health of Rev. Card, the choir ceased to exist and Kingswood failed to the receive both recognition and support it needed for survival.

Now, under new leadership, the board and management intends to return Kingswood to its original purpose.

Kingswood today is home to nearly 50 residents, boys and girls from



A fire in 1963 completely destroyed the hotel.

ages five through 18. It is recognized as a place where needy, displaced, troubled, and abandoned children can live together, and where their basic needs are met while attention is given to fostering both personal and spiritual growth.

Over the last six years, management from Taco Bell and Long John Silver's restaurants have led the way to direct more than \$600,000 towards remodeling of the five cottages where the children live. Plans have been drawn up for a large multi-purpose building for the children as well.

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Kingswood Chapel has always been a peaceful place for worship.



A view of the cottages that the children call home.

Among the school's current "major capital projects" needs are:

- A new cafeteria;
- Multipurpose building or indoor recreation building;
- Sewer treatment facility; and,
- Temperature-controlled storage-warehouse.

"Minor capital projects" needs include:

- Rotation of child fleet vehicles;
- Lawn maintenance equipment (to handle 15 acres);
- Tennis court preservation/renovation; and,
- Asphalt street repairs.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to serve as mentors and tutors, as are sponsors for children and cottages.

Clothing, household goods and supplies, food, and twin bedding are always appreciated.

(PUB.NOTE: Kingswood School is located at 105 Kingswood Way, just off Hwy. 11W near the Hawkins-Hancock county lines at Bean Station. Kingswood School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations are gratefully appreciated. The school may be contacted by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 5000, Bean Station, TN 37708, by phone at 865-767-2121, by fax at 865-767-3306, or by email at info@kingswood-school.com. The group's website can be accessed at www.kingswood-school.com.)



Preserving the Traditions of the Rogersville Tobacco Market

BY SARAH PROFFITT
Staff Writer

Terry Whitson, President and owner of Rogersville Tobacco Exchange in Surgoinsville has managed to preserve the tradition of the tobacco market in Hawkins County. Prior to the establishment of the first Rogersville tobacco market in 1939, farmers were forced to travel out-of-county to sell their tobacco crops.

Terry grew up raising and selling tobacco with his father on the family farm.

"When I started farming tobacco, leaves were tied in "hands" and stacked in baskets," he remembered. "Then, it went from being hand-tied to being packed in "sheets." From sheets, it went to bales. We would put eight sheets together and band them."

Terry's career began at the Safeway store in Greeneville. Fresh out of high school and newly married to his wife, Krista, Terry was promoted to Store manager of the Rogersville Safeway. He and Krista moved to Rogersville, and he flipped houses on the side until he could afford to buy a farm. Terry grew tobacco and sold it at the Rogersville market until he purchased Rogersville's seven warehouses from Randolph Currin in 1997.

"Randolph and I were good friends. He was actually offered half a million dollars more, but he sold it to me because he picked and trained me, specifically," Terry remembered.

Terry has groomed his son to take over the business one day, as he says Currin did for him.



Terry Whitson evaluates tobacco he plans to purchase.

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TERRY WHITSON



Farmers unload tobacco before it is graded.



Warehouse employees load tobacco onto a conveyor belt to be evaluated for purchase.



Grade of tobacco is scanned into the warehouse computer system.



A tobacco farmer sells his tobacco to a buyer.

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When Terry purchased the Rogersville tobacco market, the process of selling tobacco was same as it had been for decades. Each of Terry's seven selling floors required a team of staff to carry out the elegant, assembly-line process. In those days, the art of selling tobacco required focus, stealth, and precise calculation.

Farmers arrived at the warehouse and unloaded sheets of tobacco in rows. On one side of the row, the warehouseman inspected and graded each pile of tobacco, followed by the auctioneer. Each pile of tobacco received a quality grade and was auctioned according to the grade. The ticket marker followed the auctioneer and labeled each bale as it was sold. Buyers from tobacco companies lined the opposite side of the row, in order to face the auctioneer for bidding.

"I started (grading) a pile of tobacco and the auctioneer would follow behind me. Behind him was a ticket marker. We went so fast that we usually had two ticket markers," Terry said, smiling. "I would have about seven buyers (RJ Reynolds, Phillip Morris, Universal purchasing for Phillip Morris) and the highest bidder bought the pile of tobacco. A lot of people didn't understand that there were a lot of tie bids. On a tie bid, whatever percentage tobacco you bought the year before, is what you were allowed to buy the current year. I did that to encourage buyers to purchase more percentage at my market."

"Most people didn't understand that," he went on. "They thought it was a fixed sale, but it wasn't. It was very, very competitive. Tie bids were hard on the auctioneer because he had to divide that. At the end of the day, the first thing I would check would be if the auctioneer calculated the percentage correctly. If it wasn't, I would be hiring a new auctioneer."

Today, the buying and selling of tobacco looks much different than it did in the 1990s.

"To start, the farmer comes in and signs a contract stipulating how many acres he intends to grow and how many pounds he plans to sell," Terry said. "We tell him what price it will bring for next year, depending on the quality of tobacco he delivers. When the farmer delivers his tobacco to the warehouse, it hits the "line," where it is tested for moisture and graded for quality. The grade is scanned and the information is sent to the warehouse office."

"As soon as we run the farmer's tobacco, by the time he can walk to the pay office, he has a check," he continued. "You (a tobacco farmer) used to wait three weeks. Now you wait three minutes."

"See, used to, every town had auction houses. It was important that our farmers not have to travel 300 miles to sell their tobacco, so I was willing to upgrade my facilities (consolidating seven warehouses into one) and equipment so Rogersville could keep its tobacco market," he said.

Such efficiency has allowed Terry to contract with approximately 1,000 farmers from as far away as Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia, and he does his best to check-in on all of them throughout the year.

"If I haven't been to your farm, I'm coming. I may not get them all in one year; but if I didn't get you this year, I'll get you next!" he said.

"I guess the tobacco business is what has enabled me to travel and see the world and to send my kids to college," said Terry. "None of my children smoke. I don't smoke, and we discourage anyone from smoking."

Tobacco farmers, buyers, and bankers are grateful for Terry's business, but he is no stranger to criticism.

"My biggest pet peeve is that the people who fight tobacco the hardest are the same people who support marijuana the most. I just can't understand that," he said, shaking his head. "If I were going to fight tobacco, I would certainly fight marijuana too. Is smoking not also a freedom of choice?"

"When you are driving, would you rather pass who has been smoking a

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cigarette or smoking a joint? I am not arguing for or against legalizing marijuana, but I will guarantee that, if it is legalized, there will be more traffic fatalities associated with marijuana than alcohol," he said.

Terry says that, if people choose to use tobacco, despite health warnings, they should smoke tobacco grown on U.S. farms.

"If we hurt the U.S. farmer, all we're doing is helping Brazil, Mexico, Zimbabwe, China produce more tobacco. I don't believe in outsourcing," he declared.

He also knows that smoking non-U.S. grown tobacco poses additional health risks to those found on cigarette labels.

"The FDA regulates the use of chemicals farmers use in the United States, but not in foreign countries like Brazil. I have been there and seen it," he said.

Terry studies trending green initiatives, and plans to implement an outlet for environmentally conscious farmers.

"We are starting, on a limited basis, to seek farmers to grow organic tobacco, which means that no commercial fertilizer is used on the crop," he revealed.

According to Terry, organic farming is achieved by using treated manure instead of commercial fertilizer and planting clover to make soil richer. Though organic farming requires increased crop rotation, which will only appeal to farmers who grow approximately 10 acres of tobacco, he says "the rewards will be great if you can get twice the price."

Terry's practice of refusing to charge small-time farmers 10 cents per pound for bringing in tobacco bails smaller than the widely accepted 700-800 lb size., has, serendipitously, created a large pool of farmers with the potential to grow organically.

"One of my farmers is 87 years old. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with all of our farmers. We don't care how much or little you grow, we treat everybody the same," he declared.

The organic movement has created a new market for tobacco warehouses. RJ Reynolds, the second largest tobacco company in the world behind Phillip Morris, is the first and only company to begin purchasing tobacco stalks- a formerly unheard of practice. Terry has an official contract with RJ Reynolds, so his farmers are now bundling and hauling stalks to market with the leaves instead of disposing of them as trash. Though plans for the stalks are classified for a few more months, Terry revealed that there is a possibility RJ Reynolds will soon purchase tobacco blooms at his warehouse, as well.

"I came to Rogersville in a \$700 mobile home. Hawkins County has really been good to me," said Terry. "The reason I am still working is because I love it. If I knew I was going to die tomorrow, I would want to work today."



The logo for Rogersville Tobacco Warehouse's principal buyer, RJ Reynolds, is featured prominently at the warehouse entrance.



Terry Whitson listens to a tobacco farmer's concerns.

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Signing off after 53 years

Russell retires as one of the region's longest-running radio personalities

BY JOEL SPEARS
Managing Editor

CHURCH HILL — Since the last Discover: Guidebook Edition hit the streets, a Tennessee broadcasting icon has turned off her mic. With Bible in-hand and microphone at eye-level, Bettye Russell signed onto her radio show for the final time in July 2013 at WMCH 1260 AM in Church Hill.

Following a 53-year career in the industry she decided to retire as the station, founded by her father in May 1954, prepares for its 60th year.

"I could've hung on for the 60th anniversary, but you know when it's time," she said. "I got my assurance from the Lord, and I'm not a spring chicken anymore," she added with a laugh.

Bettye was 19 years old when her dad, the late Thales Wallace, started WMCH and it was a family-owned business until 1999 when it was sold.

"After a period, there was a place for me to come back so I did and I've

been here ever since," she said.

Hawkins County's oldest radio station, WMCH first entered the airwaves as an easy listening station located on the second floor of the Hill Style Shop in Downtown Church Hill. A lighted sign advertised "1000 Watts WMCH 1260."

"I started broadcasting early on, before we went full-time Christian," Bettye said. "It was a morning show where I played easy listening music. Then, when we went full-time Christian and the station moved into a new space above Church Hill Flower Shop and I started 'Rhoton and Smith Hymn Time.' I did that show until I sold the station," she said.

When Bettye returned to WMCH in 2006, she started the "Bettye Russell Show" at 9:30 and "I've been doing that ever since," she said.

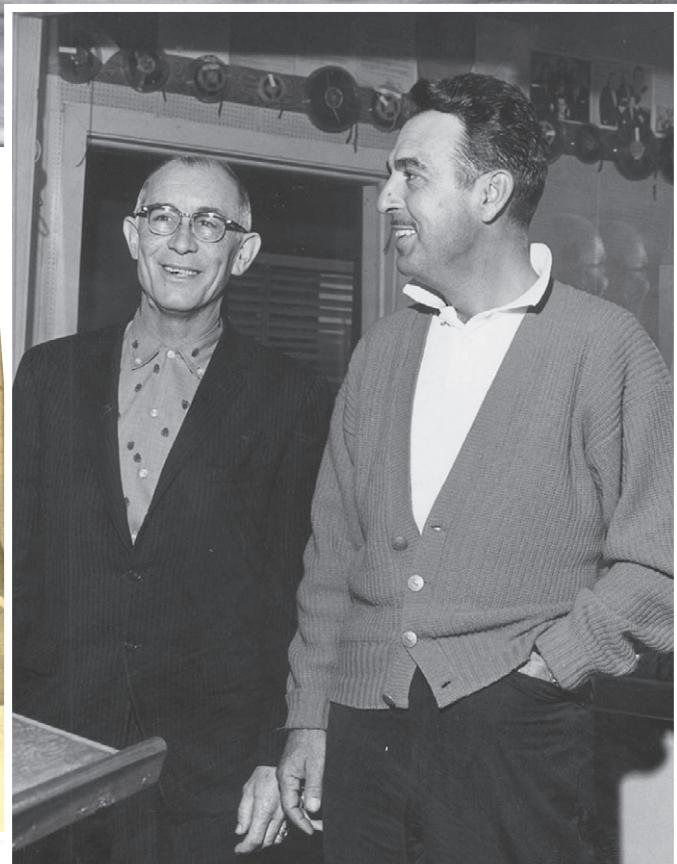
In all, Russell has been part of WMCH for 53 years, and while she said

Bettye Russell is seen here signing onto WMCH for the final time in July 2013.

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The first WMCH studios were located on Main Boulevard in Downtown Church Hill, seen here on the second floor of the Hill Style Shop Building, which was demolished in the late 1990s.



Photos Courtesy
of Bettye Russell

Bettye's mother, Lola Wallace, and father, Thales Wallace (seen with "Tennessee" Ernie Ford in the WMCH studios) were founders of the radio station.

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she's ready to leave, the departure is bittersweet.

"I have met so many wonderful people," she reflected, "preachers, listeners, just so many dedicated people. I've always said people that are 'MCH listeners are dedicated people. They like what we do and they're dedicated to that."

Russell said she believes the station's current owner, Media Link, ran by Kenny Kitchings and manager Ron Gordon, share the listeners' love of Christian radio.

"I'm glad they see things the way that I do, and the way my dad did, to keep it a Christian station," she said. "It's in local people's hands. They know what this area needs, and what people want to listen to in Christian broadcasting. They see things in the same concept that we did, which is very important for me."

One of the things Bettye said she has enjoyed most about the radio experience is simply being an outlet for listeners, as well as a part of Christian radio. However, she also said she is proud to see the continuation of her father's legacy.

"I have been a radio person even in my younger years, but one of the biggest things I wanted to do was see that the dream my dad had was passed on. He passed away when he was only 53 years old and I'm just thankful the Lord's let me live long enough to see that happen," she said. "It's just been a blessing. And how many people have been blessed? We've heard about a lot of them, but a lot of them we haven't heard about. And now we stream 24-7 online, so we're reaching people around the world. Little did my dad know that was going to happen."

When it comes to new technology like streaming WMCH's broadcast and computerized programming, Bettye said she has adapted from the days of headphones and sound boards.

"I was used to the old-fashioned way, but since I've been back my grandkids can't believe Mamaw's computer-savvy," she said smiling.

Reflecting on those earlier times in her career, Bettye said there are a lot of people who stand out in her memories. In fact, too many to name all those who have influenced her own life, but there were a couple she recalled fondly.

"One was a man named Oakley Taylor and he called me every morning when I was on the air with 'Hymn Time,'" she said. "If Oakley didn't call me, I called him. His health wasn't great and I would make sure he was okay, but he's not the only one. I've had several, but Oakley was one character who really stands out because of how he communicated with me. He was just a blessing."

She said each of the preachers who have passed through the station also stand out in her mind.

"And, then of course, there was Leroy," she said remembering late

WMCH deejay Leroy Alley.

"He started out working for my dad, but he was not a born again Christian at the time," Bettye said.

"But when he got saved he done a 360-degree turn around and became such a witness for the listeners."

Alley passed away in the 1980s following a diagnosis of terminal cancer, but Russell said his legacy continued long after his passing.

"After Leroy's diagnosis, the hospital would send other patients up here to talk with him for inspiration because he had such a positive attitude about life," she added. "I still have people all the time who talk to me about Leroy and the Christian witness he was to them."

In addition to Alley, WMCH aired long-time deejay and former Grand Ole Opry performer Jimmy Smith, also known as "The Ridgerunner." Smith spent a number of years at WMCH after leaving the Grand Ole Opry, Russell said. In its hey-day, the station also hosted notables such as "Tennessee Ernie" Ford, who has Church Hill roots, Tex Ritter, Frank Clement, Albert Gore, Sr., and the Rev. Oliver B. Greene.

Through good times and tougher times, WMCH has survived each test, Bettye said on a hopeful note.

"Of course we've had adverse things that happened to the station, but the Lord brought us through," she said. "The Lord was always been there, and you don't last 59-60 years in a small-town radio station without (the way I look at it) God's intervention.... It's not been easy, but it's been a blessing while I owned it, and even now that I don't. And I'm still here."

Bettye said she doesn't know when, or if, she will be back on air, but she's certain that her show has made its final farewell.

"I've had some people ask me, 'Oh, you're going to come back and do your show aren't you,'" she smiled, "And I said, 'No, when I'm gone I'm gone,' unless they do need me here for something."

Preparing to take a final bow last Friday, she said nodding in the direction of her desk, "I don't know what's going to happen in there this morning. I did my last "Encourager" program, [a show started by the late Nancy Lawson] yesterday, but I have some things lined up. I guess you could say I do have mixed emotions about leaving, but I have peace of mind about it now, knowing it's time.... Sometimes you just know."

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"And I wouldn't trade a minute of it," she concluded, "the good and the bad."



Russell behind the mic in the 1980s.

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Surgoinsville Cruise-In is also held on the first Friday of each month beginning in May and lasting through October. Those who love classic cars are welcomed to gather on Main Street in Surgoinsville for a fun evening of fellowship and entertainment.





JULY

Rogersville 4th of July Celebration



The Rogersville 4th of July Celebration, which hosts an estimated 50,000 people annually at Rogersville City Park in July, is free to the public.

Organized by a team of volunteers, the event features food vendors, entertainment for children, and a full day of music on the main stage.

Previous headline entertainers include The Band Perry, John Michael Montgomery, Diamond Rio, and Brad Paisley.

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Independence Day Parade

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Bays Mountain Park – Kingsport

2014 Trail Runner Trophy Series

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SFTC King & Queen Competition

SFTC 2012 & 2009 Shirt of the Year Award

SFTC 2011 & 2008 Race of the Year Award

PHIPPS BEND RIVER RUN

Saturday, September 27, 8:30am

11 mile trail race

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Church Hill Trout Derby



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Archie Campbell Day Celebration



Archie Campbell Labor Day Celebration is held annually on Labor Day weekend in Bulls Gap to celebrate the town's native son, comedian and former television star, the late Archie Campbell. During this three-day festival, vendors set up their wares in Downtown Bulls Gap while live

music plays on the main stage and the aromas of food fills the air.

The weekend also includes a 5K race, a car show, a street dance, and more. The Archie Campbell Homeplace Museum and the Bulls Gap Railroad Museum are also open free to the public during Labor Day weekend.

Surgoinsville Riverfront Festival

Surgoinsville Riverfront Festival is held each year in September to celebrate the community, as well as the Holston River Valley where the town has been nestled for more than 170 years. Riverfront begins on Friday with a parade, free food and live music. It continues on Saturday, all day, with games, a fishing tournament, a horseshoe pitching tournament, craft vendors, live music, cake walks, a race, and more. The event ends with a fireworks display. A daily treasure hunt for prizes is held the week prior to the festival.

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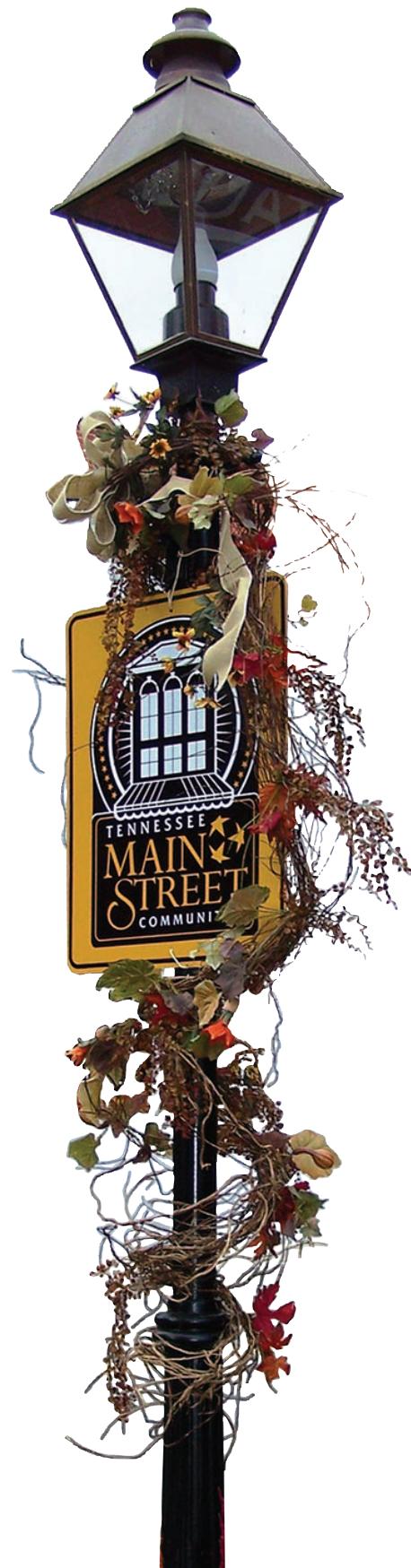
In previous years, Heritage Days has been recognized as a "Top Twenty Event in the Southeast for October."

The Tennessee Magazine voted Heritage Days the top festival in East Tennessee In 2010 and first runner up in 2011.

Craft booths line Main and Church Streets in the downtown historic district and activities include approximately 100 juried artisans and craftspeople, Appalachian music and dance, antique farm equipment and vintage cars, a Children's Parade, the Young'uns Yard play area, the children's train, heritage skills demonstrators, Civil War re-enactors and encampment at Crockett Spring Park, local merchants.

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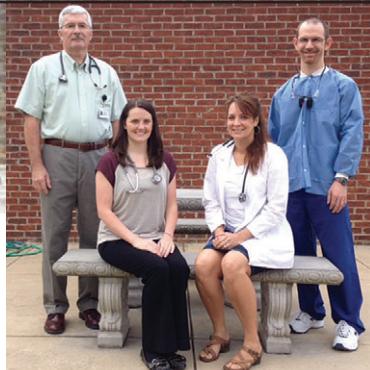
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Two headliners, One big day

Rogersville prepares for upcoming 4th of July Celebration

BY JOEL SPEARS
Managing Editor

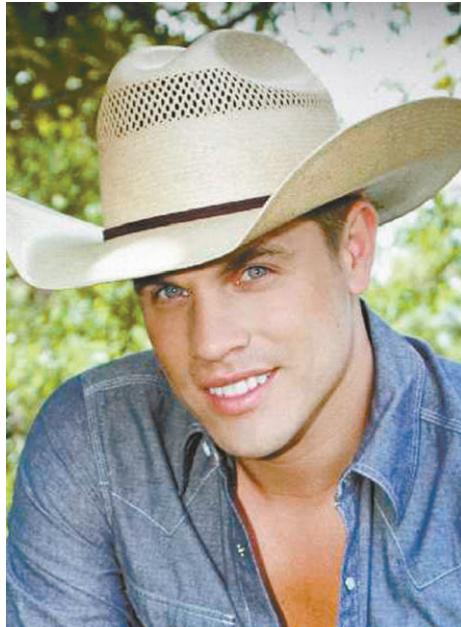
ROGERSVILLE — As a cold front continues to barrel through Hawkins County, things are already heating up for the Rogersville 4th of July Celebration, scheduled to be held this year on Saturday, July 5.

Chairman of the Rogersville 4th of July Celebration Committee, Dr. Blaine Jones, announced that two headliners, up-and-coming country artist Dustin Lynch and contemporary Christian singer Matthew West are both slated to perform on the main stage at Rogersville City Park.

Since his hit, "Cowboys and Angels," Dustin Lynch has sold more than one million copies of his debut single and has surpassed 10 million views on YouTube/VEVO. He has also achieved No. 1 on the MTV Music Meter, earned a No. 1 ringtone on CMT, a Top 5 on the Billboard Heatseekers Songs Chart, a No. 2 Country radio single, two American Country Award nominations and a CMT Music Award nomination. The song "Cowboys and Angels" was one of Billboard's Top 5 Country Songs of 2012.

The editors of Rolling Stone magazine have lauded Lynch as one of "Nashville's New Hit Makers" in their 2013 Best of Rock Issue, while ELLE magazine named him a "Best New Country Music Artist of 2013," and People Country proclaimed him one of its "2013 Hot Guys" in its annual issue.

As the only new male artist to earn a No. 1 debut album on the 2012 country charts, Lynch is currently in-studio recording his sophomore album. The lead single from the upcom-



Dustin Lynch

ing album, "Where It's At," will be released on March 31.

Matthew West, a two-time Grammy Award nominee, has released five previous studio albums, populating radio with such hits as "Strong Enough," "The Motions," "My Own Little World," "More," and "You Are Everything." A Nashville songwriter, West has also had songs he's penned recorded by Rascal Flatts, Michael W. Smith, Casting Crowns, Diamond Rio and others.

"The Heart of Christmas," the title track of West's 2011 holiday album, inspired a television movie and provided him with his first foray into acting.



Matthew West

His 2010 album, *The Story of Your Life*, entered the Christian album chart at No. 3 in its debut week in 2010 and has, to date, outsold his previous album by 20 percent, according to his Web site. It also spawned a popular book, "The Story of Your Life," which West penned with noted author Angela Thomas, and a church curriculum DVD series.

His song "Hello My Name Is" boasts a record-setting 17 weeks at the No. 1 spot on contemporary Christian charts.

On the evening of July 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at City Park, West will perform, followed

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by Lynch at 8:30 p.m. who will close out the evening prior to the annual fireworks display at 10 p.m.

"We have essentially been working since last year's Celebration to get our lineup and activities planned for 2014," Jones said. "We are planning to have a great week of festivities for our area and we expect everything will be free of charge again this year."

In addition to a full day of events on Saturday, Jones also said the celebration committee is also preparing for a week-long series of events that will lead up to Independence Weekend. While complete information for those events will be announced as information becomes available, Jones said they include the annual Rogersville Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 4 along with other downtown activities that day, a Patriotic Prayer Rally by Expecting God's Help on Wednesday, July 2, as well as participation from other local nonprofit organizations including Rogersville

Arts Council and Rogersville Heritage Association.

The Rogersville 4th of July Celebration is a free day of family-oriented entertainment. It is part of the Rogersville-based umbrella group Four Square, Inc., an all-volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization.

The celebration is paid for entirely through sponsorships and donations from the public and area businesses. To make a donation, send it to the Rogersville 4th of July Celebration, P.O. Box 35, Rogersville, TN 37857.

Those who are interested in becoming a sponsor should call Dr. Jones at (423) 272-3150.

Additional information about the event, as well as updates, may be found in upcoming editions of *The Review*, as well as online at the Web site www.rogersville4thofjuly.com.

For more information about Dustin Lynch, visit: www.dustinlynchmusic.com.

For more about Matthew West, visit www.matthewwest.com.

More than 30,000 people, seen here at a previous celebration, attend the annual Rogersville 4th of July Celebration at City Park where artists Dustin Lynch and Matthew West will be taking center stage this year.





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A message from Charlotte Britton

Director, Hawkins County Schools



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McPheeeter's Bend Elementary School and Mt. Carmel Elementary School were recognized by SCORE (State Collaborative on Reforming Education) for being two of the top three elementary schools in the State of Tennessee in student achievement and growth. Hawkins County Schools received state recognition for Tennessee's Best Employee Appreciation Program Award for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

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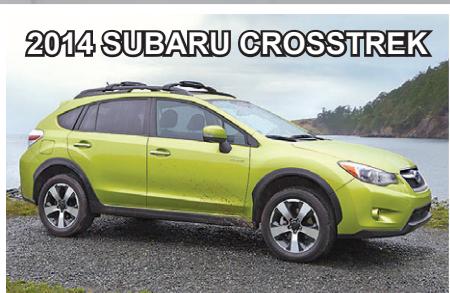
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Emergency Food Assistance

Of One Accord Ministry is a home missions organization through which church volunteers can serve our community in programs like the Emergency Food Program.

Families who find themselves without food can come to one of the two Hawkins County food pantries or one in Sneedville for Emergency Assistance.

Food is distributed three days a week from 10am-1pm, Rogersville is also open on Tuesday night from 6pm-8pm.

The ministry distributed 1,043,625 lbs. of food last year to 32,459 people. This translated to 52 tractor trailer loads of groceries.

Partnership Effort

The food program has become a total community project.

Special thanks goes to our Boy Scouts and the Postal Letter Carriers who direct food drives here and to Food City, Super-Dollar, Food Lion, Save-A-Lots and Walmart grocery stores who donate locally.

Schools, clubs, and churches do special food drives throughout the year and a host of some 200 volunteers give of their time to interview and give out food boxes.

Some youth groups love to do fund-raisers that benefit the food program. By doing things like car washes or bake sales, money is raised that goes back into the food program. Every dollar goes directly towards food.

October is Hawkins County Hunger Month. Call to see how you can help.

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Neighborly Meals Program

Five meals each week are delivered to 45 Seniors in the Rogersville area. More volunteers are always needed to deliver meals. 9,424 meals were delivered in 2011.

Winter Coat Give-a-Way

Another valuable service to our community is giving away winter coats. The Shepherd's Center gives up to 2 coats per person per year to struggling families.

The Lions and Leo Clubs partner with OOA to collect coats each year. 2,025 coats were given away in 2013 in Sneedville and Rogersville.

Free Medical Clinic

A free medical clinic operates in the Church Hill Shopping Center.

Several doctors and nurses are giving their time to make a dream come true for Hawkins County. 1,473 office visits were recorded, 6,935

free prescriptions given, and 1,931 labs done.

The free clinic operates the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month and Thursdays for diabetes screenings.

The Free Clinic focus is to provide help to those without insurance and without jobs.

You can call ahead (256-2408) from 5-8 pm on clinic nights for more information.

More health care professionals are needed to expand hours and times the clinic is open.

Christmas for Children

Another goal for Of One Accord is to help insure every child in our county gets Christmas and every family has a good Christmas Dinner. Patsy Hurd, Director and a host of volunteers work September through December to do four things:



1. Applications will be out by the latter part of September. All applicants have to be interviewed. Call 272-0772 for an appointment.

2. Patsy works with every agency and church that already does a Christmas program to prevent duplication. If you do a program, please talk with Patsy to insure your names are not duplicated on several lists.

3. Businesses or churches are encouraged to take names, provide a party and purchase gifts for the children you take. Call Patsy for names, 272-0772.

4. Christmas for the Children for each remaining family and child.

1,036 children were screened last year and 1,501 families were provided holiday meals.

Help Sponsor Children

You can participate by helping us sponsor children at \$50 per child. Each child will receive clothes as well as a toy item.

You can help plan or provide a place for a party. Donations are taken to insure all children are provided for and each family will have a Christmas food basket to prepare a wonderful holiday meal.



Market Place Needs You!

Of One Accord purchased the Market Place building to rehab the back section to house mission teams. This will be where the old Gold Star Gym was located.

Of One Accord will have to raise the funds to building sleeping quarters, bathrooms with showers, and a dining room, do the electric, plumbing and heating. Donations are being taken to help with this \$125,000 expense.

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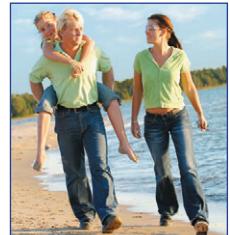
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