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OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY

The Fall Meeting of the Greenback Historical Society was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2015 in the Greenback Community Center with 22 in attendance. Several visitors were present who expressed an interest in the program. Vice President Colleen Ragain presided over the meeting due to the recent illness of President Hall. The invocation was given by Shirley Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Linda Cabe.

The minutes of the July 25 meeting were read by Linda Cabe and were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given by Betty Carroll. The balance at the beginning of the Quarter was \$4,899.25. Accounting for deposits and expenditures left a current balance of \$5,194.65. The Preservation Account showed a current balance of \$1,327.28.

Short reports from various committees were presented. The draft text for the Depot Marker has not yet been submitted to the state. Some work has been done on the Walking/Driving tour plan. Colleen reported the results of the Ice Cream Contest. The three top winners were: first place from Greenback was Brenda Blair's *Hawaiian Delight*, second place from Knoxville was The Talley family's "*Tang*" *Orange Sherbet* and third place from Lenoir City was Gene York's *Blueberry Cheesecake*.

Colleen discussed the plans for the downtown Halloween event. She indicated that the name had been changed to *Trunk or Treat Downtown Greenback* this year. Setup begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30 and the event will be Saturday, October 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be vendors and the Loudon County Sheriff's Department will help with traffic control. She thanked Larry Skidmore for the good job on advertising the event.

Under old business, Colleen described the visit that she and President Hall made to the Foothills Point Owners Association gathering on August 15 to tell them about the historical society and our activities. Copies of pictures from the historical scrapbooks were handed out and the content discussed. She indicated that the presentation was well received.

Under new business, Colleen stated that three Directors had to be elected to replace those who had fulfilled their term and there would need to be a Nominating Committee

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 16, 12:00PM at the Greenback Community Center

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to fill these positions. She asked the members if anyone would like to serve on the committee. Linda Cabe volunteered.

The program was a digital slide presentation given by Paul Bailey on the AncestryDNA service available through Ancestry.Com. There was a lot of participation and exchange by the audience and everyone seemed to find it to be a very informative discussion.

Colleen announced that the next Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, January 16, 2016 with a potluck lunch at 12:00 Noon in the downstairs of the Community Center. As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Cabe

ANNUAL DUES

Annual Meetings are required by the Tennessee Charter for non-profit organizations as well as the Federal Exemption under the 501 3 C designation of the IRS. It is necessary to have a quorum for votes in this meeting, so your attendance is important. This year's meeting will be on January 16, 2016, at the Greenback Community Center. Dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. Dues may be paid to the Treasurer at this meeting or mailed to Greenback Historical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 165, Greenback, TN 37742.

Tax Free donations may be made to the Preservation Account in memory or in honor of someone of your choice at any time to the Treasurer. These donations may only be withdrawn with the approval by a vote of the Board and are to be used for the Preservation of Buildings, Land, or Articles of Historic Significance.

Many of us have noticed an uptick in activity at the Depot during the past several weeks. A new website is under construction by the depot crew that describes what to look for in the coming months. Browsing through the version now online, we find that a Mercantile emphasizing locally produced items and seasonal markets are in the process of being organized. More details can be found in AT THE DEPOT in this issue.

Throughout, the site heavily emphasizes the historical aspects of the landmark building and its importance to the community through the years. It is located at www.GreenbackDepot.com. Since it is an evolving activity you should check it frequently. Visitors can sign up to receive announcements about upcoming events. Vendors and crafters interested in participating will find forms there that can be filled out online.

We now have seventeen members who help us keep our Historical Society newsletter printing and mailing costs down by receiving their newsletters via electronic mail. The electronic document arrives in Portable Document Format (PDF) and is identical to the print version. Most computers and tablets come with PDF readers installed and hardcopies can be made by those which have printers attached. 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 will celebrate its 10 Year Anniversary on Saturday March 5th, 2016, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. We would just like to invite everyone to come help us celebrate 10 successful years. We have come a long way since opening day and are fortunate to have such a large inventory.

The museum is changing its visiting hours this winter. Regular hours are now 10AM to 2PM on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the months April through December. Winter hours are 10AM to 2PM on Thursdays and Fridays from January 1 through March 31. We are closed on holidays.

Sandra Tipton



Visitors and staff enjoy refreshments at the Grand Opening of the Greenback Heritage Museum in 2006.

AT THE DEPOT

The Greenback Depot is glad to be able to inform you that we are open for business, after a test long term market/show and discovering a need or niche for the Greenback Depot's concepts.

While we continue to discover and develop this historic landmark in the center of town as a resource for the city and community of Greenback, it will become a destination for information, encouragement and entertainment. The Depot Mercantile and it's markets will offer staple items like fresh breads, salads and cheeses while making available quality shelf brands from suppliers that deal with specialty brands and focusing on Tennessee made products when we can.

January 14th is a big day at the Greenback Depot, both in the Mercantile and the freight galley and the Steam Trunk Stage. Our first official Market for 2016 is Valentines Market. The Market will feature short and long term vendors and be mostly made up of East Tennessee artists, farms and businesses. Our feature this market is *Little Light Designs* and they will offer a complete line of wood monograms and signs. The complete Market Schedule will be online January 6th 2016. A complete list of Markets is available on THE MARKETS page under the Greenback Depot tab at GreenbackDepot.com. The interest form is there too. This first market will end February 14 at noon.

Our first plugged in version of our community and free night of music will be *Songwriters Showcase with John Titlow*. This local singer/songwriter will host a music event each week and invite different songwriters and singers to join him from the crowd and the community. Bring your toe tappin', knee slappin' attitude. The Mercantile will be open too, during the show.

January 14th we will feature Dawn Hawkins in our first Art Reception. Ms. Hawkins, from Knoxville, Tennessee, is very talented and her art will be available for viewing and purchase until a new artist displays. New artists are added every third Thursday at 6:00PM. Dawn's reception will be no different. Her Artist Statement and photos are on our web site. Come meet her, January 14th at 6:00PM.

We are still accepting Local Crafters to our Crafters Exchange. That can be done on the Crafters Exchange page under the Greenback Depot tab at GreenbackDepot.com.

On January 4th or 5th, the Mercantile will have a full selection of quality cheeses, soups and spices that are being made available by a prominent distributor of Amish Culture and Brands. We look forward to

offering samples and recipes for those brands as well as our Tennessee made Captain Rodney's grilling glasses and Mama Lee's Hot Chocolates. To be put on our sample and tasting email list, visit GreenbackDepot.com and sign up for our Newsletter!

Happy New Year from Greenback Depot, the Tittsworth Family and all the supporters of the Greenback Depot - - The Center of Town Since 1914.

Taz Cable

IN MEMORIAM

- Long, Clayton Hoyt, 80, October 18, 2015.*
- Jenkins, Eldred James, 61, October 18, 2015.*
- McKee, Paul Roscoe, 69, October 23, 2015.*
- King, Robert Randall "Randy", November 2, 2015.*
- Elam, James Earl, 79, November, 2015.*
- Miller, June, 90, December, 2015.*
- Jackson, Robert L., 95, December 5, 2015.*
- Gryder, Dewey Wayne, 72, December 11, 2015.*

JOYOUS CELEBRATIONS IN GREENBACK

Greenback was a bustling place on the last Saturday of November. Most of us were still eating Thanksgiving leftovers while at the same time trying to locate special Christmas decorations.

The City tree was decorated in the lot beside the Greenback Diner. The Community Center was looking festive awaiting the arrival of Santa at the third annual Breakfast with Santa held 8:30-10:00AM. Almost everyone in the Pine Grove Presbyterian Church and many from the community were involved in cooking and serving pancakes (some shaped like Mickey Mouse for the young at heart), sausage (donated by Wampler's), and juices, milk and coffee. Jolly Old Saint Nicholas was in rare form while children and some adults hurried to sit on his knee and make their requests. The event raised \$700 for the Empty Stocking Fund. A big "thank you" to all who participated!

Before the breakfast was over, people were placing their chairs in their favorite spots for the Christmas parade which began at 1:00PM this year. We had about 20 antique cars and tractors, 20 riders on horseback, 6 floats and Santa with sacks of treats as the finale. Many came from larger cities to enjoy our parade.

Some went home to rest or to families still celebrating Thanksgiving. Others had been working for several days to prepare for the Living Nativity and Tree Lighting at the depot at 6:00PM. The program included inspiring messages and prayers by Tyson McKeehan and Ron Sabo. Eye2Sky led several carols.

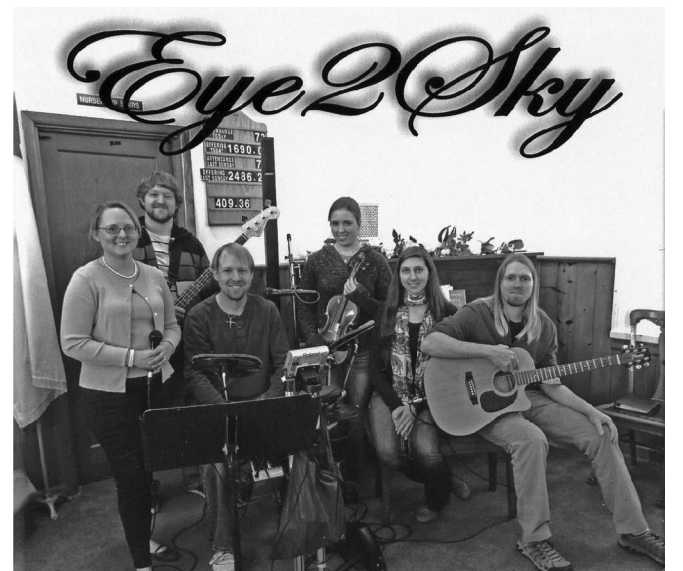
Attendees focused their attention to the lower level of the depot where the Cooper family had orchestrated setting up an elegant backdrop for the Living Nativity expertly directed by Casey Cooper. Members of the Baker's Creek and Pine Grove congregations made up the cast with scripture readings by Pastor Ron Sabo. Both the cast and the observers were blessed by seeing the scriptures made alive.

The joyous day concluded with the lighting of the City tree by Johnnie Myers followed by hot chocolate, cookies and fellowship at the depot. Many who worked on the events of the day went home very tired but elated with the happenings of the day.

Gail Skidmore



Angels appear in the Depot during the Living Nativity presented by the Baker's Creek and Pine Grove Presbyterian Churches. Picture provided by Gail Skidmore



The popular area group Eye2Sky which performed at the Living Nativity in the Depot and earlier in the year at the 175 Year Anniversary of Pine Grove Presbyterian Church. Information about the group can be found at www.eye2sky.com.

How to celebrate 175 years of New Life In Christ? This poser surfaced in a Pine Grove Session and Board of Directors Meeting in January, 2015. Pastor Ron Sabo introduced the topic and the group determined that a celebration would indeed take place the following September 26, 27, 2015. Committees were formed with congregational input invited.

Soon a nostalgic peek into the past and leading up to the present emerged as a photo calendar: "New Life in Christ at Pine Grove Presbyterian Church 1840-2015. Monthly meetings were conducted as the planning continued. "Save the date cards" were mailed to former church attendees, area churches, and to those suggested by the congregation. Throughout all planning phases, the committees were admonished to remember that the proposed celebration was to be for the Glory of God.

At the outset, Pastor Sabo insisted that the two provided meals, during the celebration be catered, thus freeing the Congregation to be participants, not the providers! An official souvenir was fashioned as an ornamental replica of the church. Other official reminders were pew fans with a replica of the church and the celebration dates; signs, banners, and enlarged framed photos from the calendar placed on the walls of the Sanctuary.

The Congregation was invited to write accounts of their initial acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior. These accounts were bound into a book that became affectionately known as the "Glory Stories". Another book contains accounts of what Pine Grove means to them individually.

Festivities began at 3:00 PM on September 26, with "Fun and Old Timey Games" consisting of Sack Races, Cup Cake Walks, and the favorite Corn Hole Challenge. Although inclement weather shortened the Fun and Game activities, the attendees enjoyed fellowship with each other until the catered dinners at 5 PM.

At 7:00PM the Assembly was treated to a Concert: Pine Grove's "Music Through the Years." Participants included Kylie Jo Young, David and Kelly White, Mark and Martha Carver, Mei Lie and Ciana White, Don Linginfelter, Alfred Hammontree and Betty Carver, Todd and Liz Hawley; Mark and Angie Rigsby, and Eye2Sky. The concert contributors were Nicholas Sabo and Blake Carver, videographers; Alfred Hammontree and Jonathan Sabo, Sound System Operators. During intervals of the music, the congregation was invited to share their "Glory Stories."

September 27, 2015, Pine Grove offered Sunday School Classes for all ages, with Worship Service and Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 11:00 AM.

The choir sang a medley of old-fashioned hymns, "Come Unto Me", "Old Time Religion", and "Precious Memories." The band, Eye2Skye presented Praise Hymns "Everlasting God" and "We Believe". The Reverend Ron Sabo preached "Servanthood, Living As a Disciple of Jesus" from Kings 4: 42-44. And Mark 6: 30-44. A Fellowship Meal was catered at 1:00PM, followed by the Dedication of the "Rapture Capsule", a time capsule to be buried in the churchyard for 25 years, to be opened by Pine Grove Church Members on that day. The capsule contains memorabilia that defines the important characteristics of Pine Grove church on September 27, 2015; such as a current hymnal, Sunday School Attendance Booklets, DVD's or pertinent activities of the church, Session and Board of Deacons Reports, a church imprinted pew fan, birth and death announcements,, a history of the church from 1840-2015, a crocheted shawl representing the "Prayer Shawl Ministry "of the Church, VBS Programs, photograph albums, books from the church library, mementos from the Wednesday Nights Kids Program,, the Teens Disciple Class, personal "Glory Stories", and other mementos from members.

Ring the Church Bell began at 3:30PM with members of the church lining up to take turns ringing the bell, a total of 175 rings! Following the bell ringing, Pastor Sabo commissioned the congregation to continue worshipping God in a manner pleasing to Him for the next 25 years and beyond.

Thelma Hammontree Cooper

THE DAM PEOPLE

The following article appears in Vol. III of the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook and is based on notes provided by Bobby Anderson and Anna Lou Marion Bright. According to Bobby, the people moving into the area around 1935 were often referred to as "The Dam People". Ed.

Many of the new families arriving in the area between 1930 and 1960 were the relocated from Tennessee Valley Authority dam projects. The TVA was created to help raise the standard of living in the Tennessee River Valley and surrounding area through the production of electricity and flood control. Even though it was very successful in meeting these goals, it did not happen without significant impacts to some of the citizens in the region. Each dam constructed displaced thousands of families with some of them having lived on the land since the early 1800s.

Norris Dam was the first of several dams built in East Tennessee. It was constructed on the Clinch River in Anderson and Campbell County beginning in 1933.

The basin involved the purchase of over 152,000 acres of land mostly in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger and Union Counties. This required the relocation of 2,841 families and 5,226 graves from the affected area. The dam's gates were closed on March 4, 1936.

Property owners were given cash settlements for the land taken under the right of eminent domain. Tenants had no property to sell and thus received nothing in the relocation. TVA helped somewhat in aiding the displaced find new homes. About sixty percent found a new place to live in the counties surrounding the lake. Others looked for a new start elsewhere in the area with several settling around Greenback.

A first-hand account of an affected family is presented in the Evans family material in Volume III of the Greenback Historical Scrapbook. Other TVA families that have been identified are listed below by heads of household. These were most often extended families with several members and children. It is very likely that others we are not aware of should be on this list.

Relocated Families In The Greenback/Morganton Area

Ellis Evans
Charlie Ford
John Jackson
George Maddox
Parlin Munsey
William Rowland

Relocated Families In The Axley's Chapel Area

Tell Beeler
Bose Hurst
Fred Liford
Buck Russell

Relocated Families In The Glendale Area

Lewis Beeler
Earl Harvey
Odell Harvey
Ulysses Housley
Franklin T. Munsey
Preston Munsey

Relocated Families South of Centerville

Marion McNeely
Esker Lynch
Clayton Proffitt

--Paul Bailey

JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM

The January 16, 2016, meeting of the Greenback Historical Society will feature Curtis Yates speaking on *Growing Up In Greenback*. We encourage all members and interested guests to bring a potluck dish to the lower level of the Community Center for the lunch which begins at noon. Help us kick off a new year of helping preserve our heritage.

CAROLYN'S CORNER

If you are like me, each day when you get your mail, you receive at least four or five requests for money. Most of these are for good causes and ones to which you might like to help; however, since one cannot afford to give to all, they generally end up in the shredder. Add a catalog or two and the shredder or the recycled bag is well filled. Just before the holidays, however, a very small catalog with a picture of a sheep on the front caught my eye. It was a new idea to me. The catalog was from Heifer International. The group offered an opportunity to gift an animal or a portion of one, along with instructions for its care, to a family in need. Thus, families from all over the world might receive a water buffalo, a couple of llamas, chickens, fish, a female cow or a sheep from among their many choices. The family's only responsibility was to care for it, to use it for food or for other necessities and to pass on one or more of its offspring to another family in need. To me, this was a novel idea and one worth pursuing. If you want more information you might try www.heifer.org/catalog or call 855-848-6437.

Speaking of money, January is time to renew your membership. \$10 individual; \$15 family. The Annual Meeting is January 16, 12:00 PM at the Community Center and is a Pot-luck Luncheon.. All Officers and three (3) Board Members will be up for election or reelection. Board Members, Cindy Andrews, Ron Hammontree, and Wendy Tittsworth will have been on the Board for a full three year term. Each of them are eligible to serve a second term if nominated and willing to serve. There is no limit in the By-laws to the number of two year terms an officer may serve. A ten percent quorum of the entire membership is required for an official vote. The Executive Board which makes financial decisions and all other business decisions requires a 50% of the Board Membership for a Quorum.

I've taken a lot of teasing in the past year for trying to remodel my house using my car as a large tool. My house is repaired, my car is also. Thanks to insurance and Mike Tarwater!

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CAROLYN'S CORNER (Cont.)

If anyone doubts that I am hard-headed, they might hear that I broke my windshield with my head!!! Fortunately, although some might question it, X-Rays showed that my brain was not affected.

I've just been told that Mike Tarwater has bought the old skating rink. It has a lot of fond memories for me as we owned it in the 1940's and early 50's. "Coot" Stephens and his wife operated it with Barney's help later. Before we sold it, we had begun having square dancing there on Saturday nights after it was sold. Bobby Tarwater had sold antiques there for several years. Both Mike and I are anxious to find some pictures of those times, so if anyone has some, we would love to be able to copy them and it would also be nice to put them in the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook. Please contact me if you can help or know someone who could!!!! 865 816 0947.

Happy New Year to All!!!! May 2016 be most peaceful and profitable.

Carolyn

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16, 12:00PM, Greenback Historical Society Annual Meeting. Greenback Community Center. Election of Officers and Board Members. Curtis Yates will speak on "Growing Up In Greenback".

March 5, 10:00AM – 2:00PM, Greenback Heritage Museum 10th Anniversary Celebration.

April 16, 2:00PM, Greenback Historical Society Quarterly Meeting, Greenback Community Center.