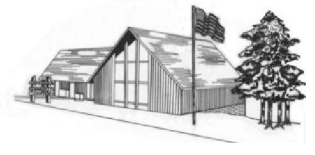


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PRESERVING OUR PAST



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GREENBACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY: THE FUTURE AND THE PAST

I understand that at the annual meeting in January, 2019, the membership is being asked whether to continue or disband the organization. It will require a quorum in order to take a vote. Before you decide to vote, please consider the following.

The organization was founded in 2006 for the purposes of PRESERVING THE PAST for future generations; to provide support for the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook, the Greenback Museum, and to provide a charter and a 501 3C designation in order to provide a structure and a means for accepting tax free contributions.

IF the membership votes to continue, are you prepared to give not only your financial support but to continue to support with your time? In the past, we have provided two Civil War Trail Markers, one in Morganton Cemetery and one in the National Campground, two Appalachian Quilt Trail Markers, one on the Drug Store Wall and one on 411 Hwy. We had hoped to prepare two others: Morganton Road one on a barn toward Maryville, and another on a barn toward Tellico Lake. We worked with Ron Edmonson to help in placing the Depot on the National Register and had hoped to place a marker in the park adjoining. We have had Open Houses in two older homes and hoped to do more tours of others. We have developed a Walking Tour of Old Greenback and had hoped to expand this. We had hoped to help the Museum expand into the older building which has been donated to the city by the Ragain Family for that purpose. We have established a separate Preservation Account to be used for Preservation of buildings, artifacts, etc. and expenditures from this account must be approved by the Executive Board. We need to have an election of officers and Board Members. According to our By-Laws, Board Members are designated as the Executive Committee. Officers may or may not also be Board Members. Officers are elected every two years. Board Members serve three year terms. When voting, consider, would you be interested in working on any of these projects, or on others which you might envision.

If the membership votes to disband, we need to designate a specific date for closure. We need to have an audit of all funds completed. We need to follow our By-Laws in order

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 12, potluck at noon at the Greenback Community Center.

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to pay any outstanding bills and disburse any funds in our General Fund and in the Preservation Account. If we have not completed the Marker on the Depot Property, we need to return any funds which donors have specified for that specific purpose. If we have not done so, we need to deliver Volumes I through 4 to libraries in Counties, Loudon, Blount, and Monroe and East Tennessee Historical Society. The Scrapbook Committee is responsible for these publications, Ed. Paul Bailey. These Scrapbooks are NOT FOR SALE as they contain information which is owned by other organizations and for which the Scrapbook Committee obtained permission to use providing the books were not for sale. We need to prepare and disburse a final copy of the Newsletter giving a report to the membership that the Tennessee and United States requirements for closure have been completed and approved by the Executive Board signed and dated by the Board Members.

-Carolyn Melton Peck

MUSEUM MUSINGS

As of now, the museum will remain open during the winter. However, if the weather turns bad we will not open during that time. We will continue with the current schedule (Open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10-2). Tuesdays have worked really well for us with drop-ins from the Farmers Market and Craft Fair crowds at the Depot.

Very soon we hope to start the planning process for the renovation. It will take a lot of time and funding. Details will be made available as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have been fortunate to receive some used shelving that was donated to the museum by the library. It is being stored at this time and will be available for use when the renovation is completed. The shelves will really be an asset and we are so thankful for them.

Volunteers are a very important part of our museum operations. An appreciation gathering was held at the museum for those who volunteered during this past year. Former Mayor Tom Peeler expressed his thanks to everyone for their dedication and hours served.

-Sandra Kerr Tipton

AN URGENT MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Recently members in the Greenback area received a postcard asking that they attend the Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, January 12, at the Greenback Community Center. For our out of state members and friends and associates, we are printing the contents of the postcard below.

The Greenback Historical Society is in danger of folding!

Should we exist? We have not had a quorum at the last 3 meetings. We maintain a 501(c)(3) in order to facilitate tax deductible donations for the purposes of:

- 1) Helping to remodel the new Greenback Heritage Museum addition, along with other costs,
- 2) Supporting the costs of the Greenback Historical Scrapbook.

As a member, we need your input on the future of the Greenback Historical Society.

We have low attendance and, evidently, low interest.

Would you hold an office, or serve on the Board?

Please attend the January 12, 2019 Annual Potluck Meeting at Noon, upstairs at the Community Center.

Please don't forget dues are due in January
\$10 individual, \$15 Family.

Contact: greenback.history@gmail.com

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ken Cornett, Named Blount County Historian.

Replacing Lorene Bean Smith, who served from 2008 until her death in May, 2018.

Emily Miller, Daily Times Student Reporter.

Greenback High School, Junior. Daughter of Jerry and Phyllis Masingo.

Greenback Football Team, Division I.

Unbeaten!!!!!! Winner, Division I

All State

Defensive Teams: Derrell Bailey, Jr.

Offensive Teams: Bryce Hanley, Reece Plemons, Holden Willis



The 1925 Greenback High School Girls Basketball Team. In the back row, from left to right: Mrs. Margaret Montgomery Sauter (Coach), Ruby Kizer, Alice Woods, Mamie Sue Fipps, and Louise Peterson. In the front row: Martha Goddard, Louie Marshall (Mascot), and Edith Woods. Picture from the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook, Vol II.

IN MEMORIAM

Huskey, Viral, Sep. 21, 2017

Phelps, Thomas Arden, 21, Sep. 27, 2018

Thompson, Frank, 78, Sep. 30, 2018

Dailey, Gloria Kathleen, 88, Oct. 20, 2018

Garrett, Christopher Keaton, 26, Oct. 21, 2018

Miller, James. Jr., SMSGT, USAF, 76, Oct. 26, 2018

Teffeteller, Marion "Matt" Avery, 65, Oct. 28, 2018

Woods, Wilma Grace Sims, 96, Oct. 29, 2018

Woods, Thomas Dearwood, 93, Nov. 6, 2018

Goins, Thomas Ray, 69, Nov. 18, 2018

Cansler, Anna F., Nov. 21, 2018

Evans, Roy E., 92, Nov. 26, 2018

Sands, Virginia Marie, 69, Nov. 26, 2018

PRESIDENT BUSH, GEORGE H.W., 94, Nov. 30, 2018

Sands, Anna Margaret Loveday, 93, Dec. 2, 2018

Henry, Ted E., 91, Dec. 10, 2018

Sharp, Martha J., 81, Dec. 14, 2018

Sneed, James R., 87, Dec. 20, 2018

Bailey, Elizabeth Kay, 47, Dec. 23, 2018

Spires, Gladys Faye, 81, Dec. 26, 2018

Hipps, Earl Calvin, 86, Dec. 26, 2018

Potter, Betty Jo Davis, 86, Dec. 27, 2018

GREENBACK SCHOOL

After a great but short summer vacation, Greenback School began our 2018-2019 schedules on August 6. Greenback's Mission Statement is to develop a positive learning environment for our children so that they will be responsible, contributing members of society. What an exciting first semester we are going to have!

October 25th, our school was busy with our Fall Festival. This annual event featured lots of food, fun booths, games, a petting zoo, hayrides, and live entertainment.

Friday Night in the fall can mean only one thing! Greenback Football! The new scoreboard was unveiled on Cooper Field the first game of the season. The championship team of 1987 and coaches were recognized. We want to give thanks to the anonymous donor who gave the money for this much needed board; also to the Beeler Family who donated a new flag Pole and to Todd Jackson and his father, Curtis, for their many years of service marking the football field each week.

Homecoming was held October 5th Harley Cole was named Freshman Princess; Laila Smith was Sophomore Princess; Chastity Crisp was Junior Princess; and Peyton Theisen was crowned Homecoming Queen. Bryce Hanley was named "Mr. Football".

Principal Mike Casteel was chosen to serve on Governor Haslam's first ever panel for the Tennessee Rural Principals' Network. A thank you was given to our school board representative, Phil Moffett for his service to our school. Mr. Jerry Masingo was honored at assembly with a certificate for a day of recognition from Governor Haslam for his 50 years of teaching at Greenback.

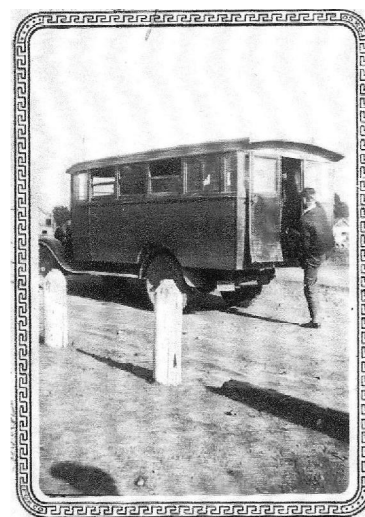
Our Veterans Day Program was highlighted with guest speaker, Captain Bill Robinson, the longest held enlisted prisoner of war in American History. On this day we recognize veterans in our area in a slideshow featuring their names and pictures. We also honor all veterans.

Gage Titlow gave a presentation on addiction "Giving Your All" to grades 7 – 12. Audrey Presley wrote and presented a powerful speech to the Loudon County Education Foundation. The speech praised our school and staff. Senior Taylor Cope was congratulated for now being an Official Member of the United States Air Force. Senior Nathan Brown was our delegate to the Tennessee Youth Tour in Washington D.C. which was sponsored by Fort Loudon Electric.

During December our Greenback Band, directed by of Stephen Wight gave their Christmas Concert. Our much loved Greenback Parade was held December 15th. Several groups from our school marched in the parade as did our football team.

As our first semester comes to an end, I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all our students and staff. Have a great winter break!

Emily Miller, Junior, Greenback High School



The first school bus at Greenback School shown here in 1929. It was operated by a "Mr. Long". Marshall Jones is the student entering (or leaving) by the back door. From the Greenback Heritage Scrapbook Vol II.

**GREENBACK HIGH SCHOOL,
CLASS OF 1962 REUNION**

On October 6, 2018, members of the 1962 Graduating Class gathered at the Greenback Community Center for a reunion. Of the 40 who graduated only 12 were able to attend along with their spouses and friends. While we all had added a few pounds and a lot of miles, everyone still looked the same...more or less. At check-in, an "update" to the 1962 Yearbook was presented to each graduate with family pictures, past reunion pictures and current contact information to help everyone keep in touch.

After a period of greetings and visiting, a delicious buffet lunch was served. Afterwards, a video slideshow including all the class members and their families through the years was viewed along with video snippets of the highlights from the 2012 reunion.

A remembrance ceremony was held for the 12 classmates who have passed on. They include: Hilda Clark Newberry (1969), Ronnie Harvey (1994), Lamar Spangler (1997), Sarah Cantwell Ryan, Lester Daniels (2001), Sam Shook (2010), Hugh Fisher (2010), Richard McCarter (2011), Elva Dean Bradburn Johnson (2015), Carolyn Bryant Heaton (2016), James Carl Craig (2017) and Roy Raines (2017).

The program concluded with a tribute to an "Honored Guest", Thelma Cooper, who was dubbed *The Energizer Thelma* because she keeps going and going and going. A display table held a collection of photos featuring her from toddler to very active retiree. Classmates then offered their thanks for her efforts to "learn them gooder English."

Farewells were then said and everyone was back on the road home with the sun still high in the sky. After all, we are now senior citizens not graduating seniors.

-Paul Bailey



The "Notorious Energizer Thelma"



Members of GHS Class of 1962 attending the reunion on Oct. 6. From left to right: John Hurst, Sandra Kerr Tipton, Linda Cruze Spires, Paul Bailey, Billie Sue Williams Mikles, Cooper Williams, Patricia Maxwell Abbott, George Hammontree, Thelma Hammontree Cooper (teacher), Janice Dailey Bryant, Sue Kiser Maxwell, Priscilla Haskins Hill, Linda Ritchey Franklin.

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and Betty Carroll. If anyone has information regarding these two volumes, please contact me or mail to GHS, Inc. P.O. Box 165, Greenback, Tennessee, 37742.

Sincerely,

Dear Editor:

Could you or your readers help us to find a lost Scrapbook, Greenback Heritage Scrapbook, Vols. I and II? In 2007, Mrs. Sandra Tipton and I presented Volume I which covered the years of 1800 to 1900. At the time your newspaper printed an article and a picture. The Librarians seemed delighted to have the donation.

These Scrapbooks are NOT FOR SALE. The Scrapbook was in a museum quality black binder 11"by 17". The binders were purchased from a Tennessee State Grant. The seal on the front of the binders was donated by CPeck, Inc, Atlanta, Georgia. Greenback Historical Society, Inc. donated one copy of Volume I to three counties, Monroe, Loudon, Blount, and East Tennessee Historical Society. The Madisonville Library was located at the time at Hwy 411 S. Subjects covered the town of Morganton and property and homes on the south side of the Little Tennessee River originally a part of Monroe County.

When Volume II, which covered 1900 to 1930, was printed, I delivered it to the Madisonville Library and with the help of the Librarian we placed that Volume in the same binder as Vol. I. The library, at the time, was located in a strip mall on Hwy. 411N. Again, the Librarians seemed glad to have it.

Then, in 2018, Volume III, covering 1930 to 1960 was completed. The library again had moved to a new space. When one of our members took Volume III to the library, she was told that they were not interested in having the Scrapbook because Greenback is not in Monroe County and space is limited. They did not know what had happened to Vols. I and II. Since some of the material pertained to Monroe Countians, we would like to be able to place the scrapbook, which was purchased specifically for Monroe by the Greenback Historical Society, Inc. in a location which would be accessible to Monroe Countians. The Scrapbook was also placed in the Greenback Library and the Greenback Heritage Museum.

Dixon Printing Company, Madisonville, was responsible for the printing. CPeck, Inc. is owned by a native of Monroe County. When completed, the Scrapbook will cover 1960 to the present. These books have been completed by donations and many volunteer hours of work under the direction of Paul Lee Bailey

Carolyn M. Peck
*Member, Greenback Scrapbook Committee
CC; Monroe County Historical Society*

CAROLYN'S CORNER

While trying to get this accomplished in December in time to go out before the January Meeting on the 12th, I have been having difficulty, as is most everyone, during the holiday season. Although I do not live in the city limits of Greenback, I was sorry to hear of the conflict in town over the November election. Most of the time, one has a few weeks to arrange a transition from one administration to another, but it seems that the new Mayor was pushing an immediate transition and the outgoing Mayor was wishing to take time. At any rate, I just read that the present admin will leave the office on December 27. I am not taking sides, but I would hope for less publicity for the cities' reputation and a peaceful resolution.

I had a birthday since the last edition and I feel it. How many comments I have heard over aging such as: "Aging is not for Wimps", "Aging is not Fun", "Keep smiling, the alternative might be worse", "I'm ready to go but I don't want to catch the next train", etc. I've just heard about the report that shows that the use of electronic devices changes the structure of the brain. Since most of the brain is actually made up of water, that doesn't sound completely outrageous. I only hope that I do not leave too many problems for those I leave behind and that my Mother, Father, daughter and Jesus are there to meet me when I arrive.

On the front page, I stated my thoughts about the possible dissolution of the Historical Society. Much work has gone into its inception and continuation. I hope that there will be other younger and more energetic persons to continue. Even though we may no longer have a newsletter if we have no organization, I may have to look for another way to "say my say." Windows-10 is not much fun, either. Greenback Legends was a popular column for a while. I seem to have run out of sources when some of those who "told tales" or played tricks on one another, rather than watching TV, are no longer with us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Carolyn's Corner Continued

"Shag" Hudson used to say that the men had to get out of the old Drug Store by 10:00 AM or they would have to pay rent.

It is time for New Years Resolutions!!!! Mine, drive the "Missing Link" on the Parkway. I was about three years old when President Roosevelt opened the park. It has certainly meant a lot in my lifetime. Always remind everyone who will listen that the reason we do not have to pay admission is because those owners who dedicated the land gave it with the proviso that no admission would be charged. Another resolution, one made many times, is to clean out all the papers which have been accumulated over time. This year I have gotten through a large portion of the research on Child Abuse, but there is much still to go. Everyone I ask, says they can get it on the internet. I doubt it. At any rate, much has gone in the burn pile between Christmas and New Years.

I hope that you have a peaceful and prosperous New Year!

Carolyn

Jan. 12, 2019, Greenback Historical Society Annual Members Meeting and Potluck. Noon, Greenback Community Center. Public is invited.