



## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

We hope you enjoy this first edition of "HARE News." On a periodic basis we will inform you of events happening in the communities of Northeast Shelby County and South Central Tipton County including upcoming community and church festivals and celebrations, historical marker dedications, and progress on various community projects. We will also include references to North Shelby and South Tipton County history and recognize individuals who help preserve and strengthen our communities. Please send your comments and suggestions to HARE at: 6177 Mudville Road, Millington, TN 38053 or to any of the officers and directors of Historic Archives.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*

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## ROSEMARK CIVIC CLUB MEETING April 26, 2016

*by Trip Jones, President, Rosemark Civic Club*

The Rosemark Civic Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in Memorial Hall at Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 8658 Rosemark Road, Rosemark, Tennessee 38053.

Program topics will include:

- Update on the upcoming Country Fair at Rosemark, scheduled for October 1, 2016.
- Update on the activity and projected time table for the development of the park and Telephone Exchange Museum on the southeast corner of Rosemark Road and Kerrville-Rosemark Road. Included will be proposed architectural drawings of the project.
- Update on the recent uptick in activity from Memphis Stone and Gravel and Standard Construction to open up new gravel mines in the area.

Email reminders will be sent out before the meeting. Tell your friends and neighbors to come hear about these events that are taking place in our community so they can be informed.

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## 54th Annual Barbeque Macedonia United Methodist Church April 9, 2016

*by Bonnie Briggs*

Macedonia United Methodist Church is holding its spring barbeque April 9, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Carry out meals will be available starting at 3:00 p.m. Adult meals are priced at \$9.00 and children's meals are \$5.00. The meals include barbeque, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, bread, a drink and dessert. All of the side dishes and desserts are homemade.

For those who have not attended one of these barbeques, it is a treat. Macedonia has developed quite a reputation in Tipton and Shelby Counties for their delicious barbeque that is cooked by the men of the church on an open pit located on the church grounds. Typically, 90 shoulders are cooked over the open pit. Whole shoulders are \$45.00 and must be ordered ahead by calling Jack Cardwell at (901) 299-7777. Funds raised from the barbeque are used for church maintenance and repairs.

As with the church, the barbeque has a history. The first barbeque was held in 1962 and at that time the church only held one barbeque per year. During the mid-1980s, it was decided to have two barbeques per year, one on the second Saturday in April and one on the second Saturday of October. This decision dove-tailed with the completion of the church's fellowship hall and has allowed the church to expand not only the barbeque pit but also to build an outdoor sanctuary.

Macedonia United Methodist Church dates back to 1847 when Samuel Patterson, John H. Appleberry and Richard Appleberry, Jr. deeded the land for the church. The original church was a one room, wood-frame building. Services were often conducted by laity since rural churches at that time were served by circuit riders who were responsible for covering several churches spread out over a large area. It was not unusual for a circuit rider to be at a church only once every five to six weeks. One of the first circuit riding preachers to serve Macedonia and the surrounding churches was Rev. Reuben Burrow. (See p. 291 and pp. 300-301 of *An Illustrated History...*)

Soon after the church was built, a cemetery was also started. The first burial in the original Macedonia cemetery was Mrs. Mary Poole in 1850. By 1962, space in the original cemetery had been used up and a new cemetery was started to the west of the church. Mrs. Mary Kirk is currently the custodian of the cemetery.

The church is located in northeast Shelby County at 11508 Macedonia Road between Rosemark and Arlington.

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# Rosemark Telephone Exchange Museum and Grounds

by Lee Henwood

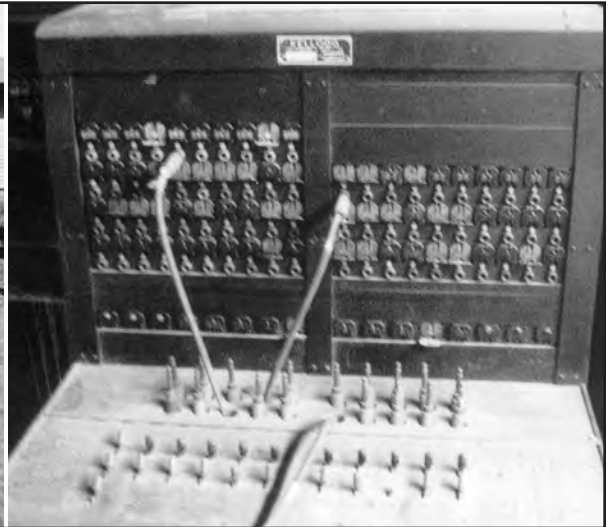
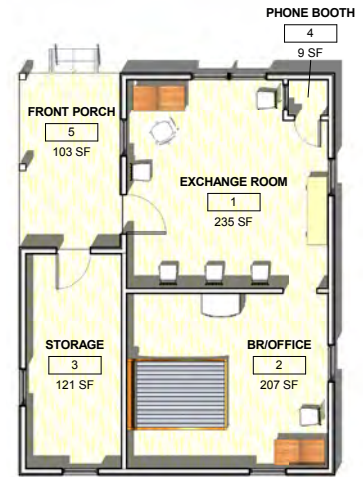


Changes are in the wind for the property at the Southeast Corner of the intersection of Rosemark Road and Kerrville-Rosemark Road! This property was donated to H.A.R.E. by the descendants of longtime Rosemark physician, Dr. Peter J. Flippin, and will soon be the home of the Rosemark Telephone Exchange Museum. This historic building, currently located at 8790 Rosemark Road, was donated by the Thompson family descendants and will

be moved to its original location on the H.A.R.E. lot in the near future. The purpose of the Telephone Exchange Museum and Grounds is to promote historic preservation in the Rosemark Historic District, to develop a museum that tells the story of Rosemark and its people, and to provide a beautiful outdoor setting in which to meet friends, to remember the sacrifices of our military veterans as well as honor the support of the local community, and to enjoy our beautiful hometown. An application for a federal grant has been submitted to USDA-Rural Development by H.A.R.E. The outcome of this grant application will determine when the house will actually be moved.

The Veterans Brick Plaza and Memorial Stone installation is scheduled for this summer. Landscaping and further enhancements will be added during the year.

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Upper Left: A preliminary front elevation drawing of the restored exchange building by Tim McCullough, AIA; Upper Right: Preliminary floor plan of the restored exchange building; Lower Left: A telephone company workcrew with Vager Winburn standing on the left; Center: A 1926 photo of Robinson Winburn, son of Vager Winburn, sitting behind the telephone exchange building; Right: Magneto Switch Board at Millington Telephone Company (Ritter Communications) similar to one used at Rosemark Telephone Company.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Macedonia Barbeque                                    | Saturday, April 9, 2016  |
| HARE Board of Directors meeting                       | Sunday, April 10, 2016<br>at 2:00 p.m. at Patriot Bank, Barretville, TN  |
| TRA 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala                 | Saturday, April 16, 2016<br>Call (901) 829-4221 for tickets              |
| Rosemark Civic Club meeting                           | Tuesday, April 26, 2016<br>beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Richland ARP Church |
| Garden Club of Rosemark meeting                       | April 26, 2016 – 10 a.m.<br>Field Trip to Rockin' Micros                 |
| Country Fair at Rosemark<br>TRA 5-K and Fall Carnival | Saturday, October 1, 2016  |

### *In Memory of Jim Eikner 1933 - 2016*

James E. Eikner, Jr., longtime marketing manager and emcee/announcer on WKNO Channel 10, was the Master of Ceremonies at the 2015 Country Fair at Rosemark.





# A Fantastic Success for Our 2015 Car Show!

by David Kaiser

We had a fantastic turn out this year with close to 25 individual entries into the show. The show was for any auto or truck that was made prior to 1980. The registered vehicles ranged from a 1930 Ford Model A to a 1954 Ford Custom line to a 1972 Dodge Dart Swinger. There were trucks from the 1940s, all kinds of 1960 and 1970 classic muscle cars like Camaros, Barracudas, Roadrunners, and even an rare El Camino!

What really made this car show unique is that the cars all represented the area surrounding Rosemark from north Shelby to south Tipton counties. This really gave it a "Community, Country, and Family Fun" themed car show!

To make it more community oriented, we offered award categories that allowed any car or truck the chance to win regardless of how much the owner had invested in the vehicle.



The trophies given to each category were custom made by using actual engine pistons attached to an old oak base. This old oak was found in a local barn in the Rosemark area and is estimated to be from the 1950s. We intentionally did this to set our show apart and in keeping with the Community, Country, and Family Fun theme of the fair. The oak base was laser engraved to commemorate the event.

The award categories were:

**Best Story.** This was most enjoyable for everyone as participants told their stories about their classic cars. It didn't matter if the owner has spent \$\$\$ or if it is a work in progress. It was all about the story which fits perfectly into the Country Fair theme. **Winner: Ed Dodrill – 1968 Chevy Camaro**

**Show Favorite.** Everyone at the fair, approximately 3000 people, got a chance to pick their favorite car. Again, a great way to connect with our community and the Fair's theme by including the fair attendees in the selection process. Wow, did we have to count a lot of ballots! **Winner: Glen Kirk – 1946 GMC Pickup**

**Judges Choice Best Car.** We had a real Federal Judge and his bride do the judging on this one. Can't argue with his decisions! **Winner: James Taylor – 1968 Chevy Camaro**

**Judges Choice Best Truck.** Again the Judge and his bride did the selection on this one. **Winner: Tommy Wortham – 1960 Ford F100**

We randomly selected five of the registered owners to receive gift cards donated to the show by AutoZone. Additionally, we selected five registered owners to receive the Country Fair at Rosemark T-shirts donated by Kevin Dillard. The overall show was sponsored by Ritter Communications. We couldn't have pulled it off without their support!

It was a great show and we are expecting an even larger show this year. So knock off that dust on your classic and enter it in our show on Oct. 1, 2016 and enjoy this Community, Country, and Family Fun day celebrating the heritage of Rosemark and surrounding areas.

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## Historic Archives 2015 Awards

2015 Distinguished Service Award  
Presented by  
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to

**Mike and Mary Ann Leggett**

in appreciation of their exceptional support for HARE, Inc. over the last five years, and for their leadership and support of the Country Fair, and particularly the Country Fair Livestock Exposition, and in recognition of their significant contribution to our agricultural heritage through Triple LLL Angus Farms

**H.A.R.E.**

2015 Historic Preservation Award  
Presented by  
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to

**Paul and Sue Matthews**

in recognition of their successful efforts to visually mark, document and preserve the memories of Paul W. Barret, Sr., Bobby "Blue" Bland, and Hurst's Raid on Barretville (April, 1863) through historic markers and in further recognition of their preservation and beautification of Squire's Rest and its adjacent buildings, Barretville Bank and Trust and the J. H. Barret & Son Warehouse.

**H.A.R.E.**



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October 1, 2016

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**The Country Fair  
at Rosemark**

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