

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Sunday, April 24, I had the privilege of preaching at Usher Day at the Greenwood A.M.E. Church on Donnell Road. I want to express my sincere appreciation to Ruthie Wilburn, who planned an excellent program, and to Reverend Branch, who opened up his church home to us. The glorious choir led in song, Reverend Branch moderated the service, and Trip Jones, HARE First Vice President sang the special music. In addition to the congregation, several guests from the area attended this collaborative occasion.

It was a wonderful time of spiritual celebration and community worship. As I looked across the congregation that morning, I had a small glimpse of what Heaven looks like. The crowd represented many people from many different backgrounds praying, worshipping, and serving together.

The theme of the day was "Helping Young People Excel." My hope and prayer is that as we move forward, we will come together as a family and community to invest in the youth of tomorrow.

Rev. Cary Vaughn, *President, H.A.R.E., Inc.*
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Report from the Civic Club

by Trip Jones, President

On May 24, Tipton-Rosemark Academy (TRA) was the site for a meeting called by Memphis Stone and Gravel. It was hosted by a Public Relations firm, Caissa. It was well attended by approximately 70 Rosemark and Atoka residents. On display were various maps and materials discussing potential mining operations in the area, should MSG once again apply for a permit. Each attendee was asked to fill out a survey indicating which one of three haul routes they would prefer if the special use permit were to be approved. Most attendees I spoke to indicated they had chosen option 4, none of the above. To be clear, at this point, I would presume MSG is still evaluating the survey data and they HAVE NOT applied to the Office of Planning and Development for a special use permit. More on this situation as it develops.

You may contact Trip Jones at: wjones17157@aol.com.

54th Macedonia UMC Barbeque = A Success

by Bonnie Briggs

The spring barbeque held by Macedonia United Methodist Church (UMC) on April 9, 2016 was a great success. The pit masters cooked 81 shoulders and 31 racks of rib on the church's open pit next to the fellowship building. In addition to the side dishes of potato salad, baked beans, slaw, buns, barbeque sauce

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Historic Church Expands New Fellowship Hall To Complement Existing Architecture

The Rosemark First Presbyterian Church has begun construction of a Fellowship Hall and connecting walkway with a scheduled completion date of before Christmas of this year. The architecture is to complement the historic First Presbyterian Church building which was completed in July, 1918. The existing First Presbyterian Church is one of the contributing structures for the Rosemark National Historic District. Carole Bradley Donnal, Clerk of the Session, writes

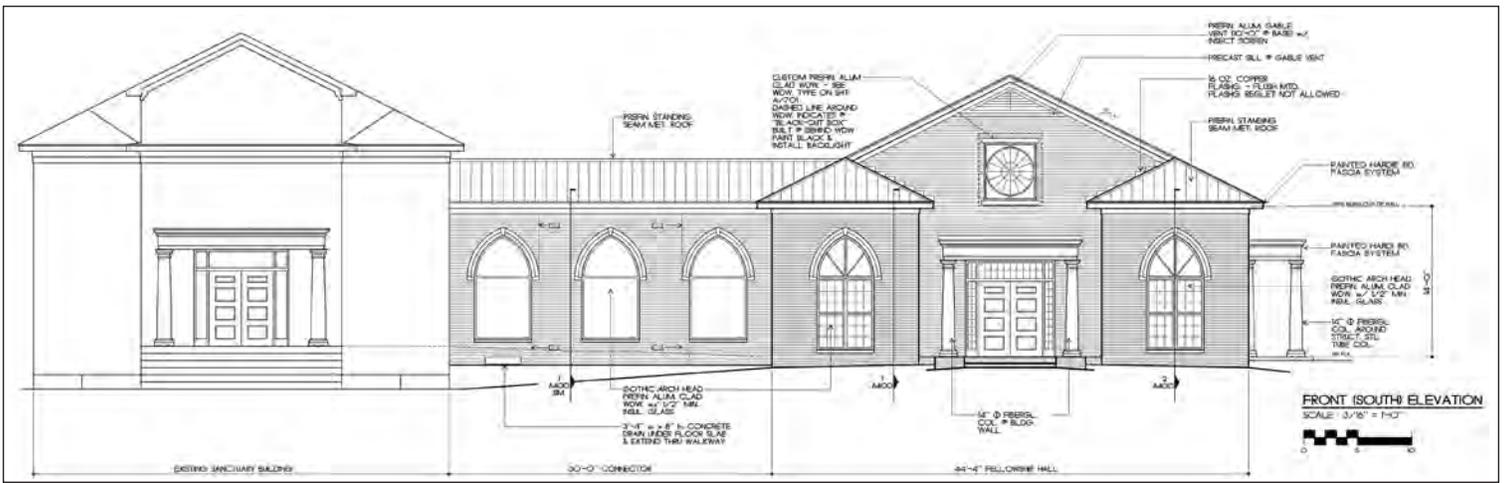
The members of Rosemark Presbyterian Church are ecstatic that work is proceeding on the addition which will enrich opportunities for fellowship, mission, and service. The fellowship hall will include a multi-purpose room, kitchen, nursery, bathrooms, and classrooms. Also included is a connecting corridor to the main sanctuary. There will be a meditation garden in the area between the two buildings in honor of our members who have graciously provided our church with beautiful flowers over the years. "There is a sweet, sweet spirit in this place" is often used to describe the worship and fellowship of the Rosemark Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterian Church, of Rosemark, Tennessee, originally named Big Creek Presbyterian Church, was organized on February 23, 1878. It was located near the intersection of Miller and Mudville Roads. As the church membership grew, so did their work and missions. In October 1917, the congregation decided to erect a new edifice, change the site to Rosemark, and the name to the First Presbyterian Church of Rosemark. Work was begun in February, 1918 and was completed at a total cost of \$8,000.00. The church held its first service in the new building on July 21, 1918. A formal dedication of the church was held on May 25, 1919 with services conducted by the Reverend C. W. Sommerville. With the reunion of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches in 1983, the original relationship that existed before the Civil War was restored. Rosemark Presbyterian Church, P.C.U.S.A., is now one with many other Presbyterian churches throughout the nation.

Construction is under the direction of the Building Committee which includes Chairman Harry Lee Davidson, Jerry Moore, Bob Blackwell, and Jenny Wren McCalla. The Pastor at First Presbyterian Church is Dr. Horace Houston. The general contractor is Don Tabb, Tabb Construction Company, 10048 Moose Road, Millington, TN 38053. The church is located at 8592 Kerrville-Rosemark Road.

For more information on the history of First Presbyterian Church, see *An Illustrated History*, pages 368-372, published by Historic Archives of Rosemark & Environs, Inc.

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54th Macedonia UMC Barbeque

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and the homemade desserts, all of this barbeque translated to the following:

- 65 dine-in meals served
- 79 take-out meals (including children's meals)
- 6 meals delivered to shut-ins
- Total profit - \$2,759.64

Congratulations to the members at Macedonia for all of their hard work in making this barbeque a success. If you missed this barbeque or were one of the ones who attended and want to repeat the experience, mark your calendars now – the next barbeque will be October 8, 2016.

You may contact Bonnie Briggs at: bbriggs@memphis.edu.

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More Congratulations To:

- The **first six HYPE** (“Helping Young People Excel”) [a 501(c)(3)] **Award Winners**: Brenna Brewer, Kyra Turner, Joshua Booth, Kimesha Lax, Imani Thomas, Jaylen Fisher
- The **TRA Cast** for Eight (that is, 8!) Orpheum 2016 HSMTA (High School Musical Theatre Awards) Nominations including Outstanding Overall Production for “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” (one of only seven Mid-South High Schools invited to perform at the Orpheum Awards ceremony)
- **Lalania Vaughn** for Receiving the Orpheum Awards Outstanding Music Director Award
- The Republic Services Academic All-Stars Program 2016 Music Recipient – TRA’s **Leona Miller**
- Lee Henwood, Paul McCullough and the Rosemark Telephone Company Exchange Building Museum and Park Committee for **completion of the Phase I Environmental Study** [Progress continues to be made on the **Telephone Exchange** Company Museum Project with a goal of final approvals and the moving of the building within the next 4 to 6 months. Thank you to the committee.]
- **Richland ARP Church** for its successful application for a Shelby County Historical Marker (to be dedicated on October 23, 2016).
- **Chris Frame**, HARE webmaster, on his recent Ordination to the Order of Deacon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in the Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Daffodils Planted at Blue Star Marker

by Penny Glover

Members of the Garden Club of Rosemark recently planted 200 daffodil bulbs around the Blue Star Highway Marker located on Austin Peay Highway (State Highway 14) at Millington-Arlington Road.

The daffodils were a donation from the Gardening Office of Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis as part of its community outreach program. The bulbs, a mixture of varieties including Tripartite and Salome, will bloom in the spring to enhance the appearance of the marker grounds.

A member of National Garden Clubs (NGC), Garden Club of Rosemark erected the local marker in March 1998 under the leadership of committee members Mrs. B.K. (Yvonne) Johnson, Mrs. William (Robbieanna) Smith and Mrs. Jack Tickle. Club members who participated in landscaping the site included Helen Haynes, Monuia Woody, Mary Catheryne McCalla, Margie Bush, and Alice Lee Leitch. The marker was dedicated on April 4, 1998. Placement of the marker was a cooperative project of the Rosemark club, NGC and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

The Blue Star Memorial Program of NGC honors all men and women who serve in the United States Armed Services. Memorial Markers, By-Way Markers and Highway Markers are erected at locations such as national cemeteries, parks, veteran’s facilities and gardens in addition to along state highways and at Eisenhower Interstate System rest areas.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, and in churches and businesses. The Blue Star Marker program has been active all through the years to the present, a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces.

A Special “Thank You”

On April 28, 2016 the Officers and Directors of HARE, Inc. assembled at Patriot Bank in Barretville, Tennessee for a Special Grant Awards Ceremony.

At that ceremony, Bobbye Goode, State Director of USDA Rural Development announced the awarding of a grant to HARE, Inc. The grant supports promotion and marketing of the 2016 Country Fair at Rosemark and made this publication possible.

Our thanks to Director Goode and USDA Rural Development for this distinct recognition and to the entire HARE team that worked on this application.

Saturday, October 1 – The Country Fair at Rosemark “A Celebration of Rural Living”

Why I Support the Country Fair

An Interview with Dr. Steven Boatwright

In 2017, Boatwright Pharmacy will celebrate 60 years in serving the community. Founded by Leroy and Peggy Boatwright in 1957, the tradition of “giving back” to the community they loved still exists today.

“We count it a privilege to be a local, down home pharmacy. We are humbled by the opportunity to serve the families of North Shelby and South Tipton Counties. We realize our business is all about relationships,” said Steven Boatwright.

“Many years ago, I decided to live on Rosemark Road, just a short distance from Tipton-Rosemark Academy, where I graduated in 1983. This is the same campus and venue where the County Fair is held.”

The Boatwright Family enjoys supporting the Country Fair at Rosemark, and they have since its inception. This event represents the rural quality of life we all desire. It showcases local businesses, and it highlights the very best of North Shelby and South Tipton agriculture.

“To be fully engaged is crucial if we are going to move things forward. We will always be part of the solution. The most effective way to make an impact is to be involved,” replied Steven.

TRA and Country Fair Coordinate

by Andrew Womack, TRA Upper School Assistant Principal

TRA Fall Carnival: Every Fall the PTO at Tipton-Rosemark Academy has hosted a Fall Carnival for the school’s families and the community. There is no better way to bring the whole community together than to coordinate with the Country Fair. Tipton-Rosemark Academy is excited to work with Historic Archives of Rosemark & Environs, Inc. (HARE). The TRA Carnival will have a variety of events for the whole family. There will be games for the kids. Each grade puts together a basket that is raffled off during the day. October 1st promises to be a fun-filled day you will not want to miss!

TRA Rebel Run/Episode IV: *May the course be with you on October 1, 2016....* Grab your shoes and prepare for light speed as we hit the roads for the 4th Annual Rebel Run 5K. The 5K will blast off at 9:00 a.m., followed by the younglings’ fun run at 10:00 a.m. We are proud to join alliances with VTS Timing and Historic Archives of Rosemark & Environs, Inc. (HARE) this year. By combining forces we will be able to offer the best after run celebrations in the galaxy. VTS Timing will provide you with quick, accurate results through the use of new age technology and T.V. screens.

Register before midnight August 15 for discounted rate

Early packet pick-up – TBA

Day of Registration and Packet Pick Up: 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

5K Discount Codes for 2016 available online for students, staff, military (all branches) and Memphis Runners (MRTC).

All run events will be held at the TRA Sportsplex located immediately north of the TRA campus at 8858 Rosemark Road (at the corner of Rosemark and Gragg Roads). Due to playground construction watch for parking updates.

2016 Country Fair Music Tent

by Trip Jones

Once again this year, Boatwright Pharmacy is sponsoring the music tent at the Country Fair. This year promises a mix of country/bluegrass, gospel, oldies and rock and roll. There will also be an exciting new segment for local talent, like church chorale groups, school choruses and bands. **Do you have what it takes to perform at the Country Fair?** We are still looking for a few good acts. If you are interested contact me at 461-4260 or 829-3260 or e-mail: wjones17157@aol.com.

Country Fair Contacts

The October 1, 2016 Country Fair at Rosemark will officially open at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. with vendors and exhibitors scheduled for arrival and set-up either on the afternoon of September 30, 2016 or early morning (depending on category but generally before 9:00 a.m.) on fair day, Saturday, October 1. The fair will once again include exhibits of **farm equipment, military equipment, livestock, educational and demonstration exhibitors, musical entertainment, an expanded auto show** (including trucks), **a Home and Garden Show**, this year featuring horticulture and arts and crafts (including quilts), **community organizations, churches and vendors – all in the heart of the Rosemark National Historic District (8658 Rosemark Road)**. These activities will all coincide with an early morning start at the TRA 5K and the TRA Fall Carnival. **For additional information and the contact data, go to the HARE Website: <http://rosemarkhistoricdistrict.com>.**

Country Fair Car and Truck Show

by Butch Carruthers

This show is for vehicles that were built prior to 1980 and can include both cars and trucks. This past year automobiles ranged from a 1930 Model A Ford to a 1972 Dodge Dart; trucks included those built in 1940 through 1980; and muscle cars from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s.

All antique automobile enthusiasts are encouraged to bring your restored, or even partially restored car or truck, to show it off. There is no entry fee and all are encouraged to show off your “Labor of Love”.

Award categories give every entry a chance to win. Trophies will be awarded for Show Favorite to be chosen by fair visitors, Judges Choice Best Car, Judges Choice Best Truck, and Best Story about the history of the vehicle and its restoration. Before and after pictures or scrapbooks about the restoration or history are encouraged. A drawing from the registered entrants will be held for gift certificates and surprise gifts.

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Show Hours

Mark Stites to Join Car Show Team

This year Mark Stites, a 20 year veteran of car shows and a 26 year Navy veteran (Senior Chief Petty Officer) will be joining Car Show Co-Chair Butch Carruthers. Mark will be taking the place of 2016 Car Show Co-Chair Dave Kaiser, who did a great job and will be greatly missed. Dave, Janine, Seth and Ethan are relocating to South Carolina. We hope they will visit during the Fair.

[Note: Mark is currently organizing a car show to raise awareness of the tragic suicide rate among veterans. That special event – the 22 to Zero Car Show will take place Saturday, July 16 at the VFW Hall at 4681 Cuba-Millington Road. The public is invited.]



"I want to see you at The Country Fair!"

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Fair Sponsors provide not only the wherewithal to put on The Country Fair but also to carry-out the other programs of HARE, Inc. Using sponsorships, donations, memorials and the proceeds from the successful Memorial Brick Campaign, HARE is able to promote community awareness and historic preservation. These funds also allow educational programs involving the history and culture of the rural communities and farms of Northeast Shelby County and South Central Tipton County.

This year consider joining the list of sponsors for The 2016 Country Fair at Rosemark! Call Cary Vaughn at (901) 289-1254 or e-mail: cvaughn@lwf.org.

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