

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month, I had the distinct honor to meet Rodd Bland for the first time at my office. We were coming together as a group to discuss a new event entitled Bobby Blue Bland Day. When we shook hands he said, “are you the Cary Vaughn from Lambuth University, who was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity?” With a smile I said, “yes” and the relationship was formed. Rodd also attended Lambuth in the mid 1990’s, was a member of the same national fraternity, and he and I served with many of the same people. What a small world, but wonderful connection.

His dad, the famous blues legend, Bobby Blue Bland originated from Barretville, which is the same community that I have lived in for 25 years. Rodd is a wonderful young musician who had the opportunity to not only play on stage with his father, but now has the privilege of sustaining that legacy going forward. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3rd at Long Road Cider Company in Barretville. Start time is 1:00 pm, and we will keep the beat alive all afternoon!

Rev. Cary Vaughn, *President, H.A.R.E., Inc.*  
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## Rosemark Civic Club

By: Trip Jones, *President*

Since the last newsletter, the Civic Club has been engaged and supportive of all the activities that HARE is undertaking. What a blessing to have such an active group that is doing so much to improve our community. A couple of quick updates:

The Civic Club donated 800 new LED lights for the lighting of the Rosemark Christmas Tree which took place on December 4. Thanks again to Ritter Phone Company for their use of manpower and equipment to install and take down the lights. For the Rosemark Telephone Museum update, see page 2.

The status of the Memphis Stone and Gravel (MSG) application to establish a gravel pit to mine sand and gravel in the Atoka/Rosemark area is ongoing. On Thursday night, September 22, 2016 over 250 citizens of the area poured into Atoka City Hall to tell why they opposed such an operation in a community that has grown and changed dramatically in the last decade. At the end of the night, the BZA ruled unanimously in favor of the community to deny the permit. MSG has filed a lawsuit against the Atoka BZA and the case is scheduled to be heard in Chancery court in Covington in the very near future. Thanks to all who contributed to the success that Atoka and area residents enjoyed that night. We will keep you updated when something changes via the rosemarkatokaunited@gmail.com distribution list, or you can follow at the Facebook pages of: 1) Fans of Atoka and 2) RosemarkAtokaUnited.

You may contact me at: wjones17157@aol.com

## Barretville and Long Road Cider Host Bobby Blue Bland Day

Between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017, the community of Barretville and Long Road Cider will host the first annual “Bobby Blue Bland Day in Barretville.” This musical tribute to the Barretville-raised blues musician, Robert Calvin “Bobby Blue” Bland will feature music, food and fun in an afternoon celebration of a true musical legend. The location is the historic J. H. Barret & Son General Store building. The address is 9053 Barret Road, Barretville, Tennessee and is just west of State Highway 14. Just turn left (west) on Gragg Road, and right on Barret Road. This is one event you won’t want to miss.

This is also an opportunity to see the carefully restored J. H. Barret & Son General Store building which is now the home of Long Road Cider, one of the premier cider makers in the Mid-South. Vendors will include not only Long Road but also locally owned Double D’s BBQ, and Pig Tails.

For more information on Mr. Bland, see *An Illustrated History*, pages 329 to 332, published by HARE, Inc.

## Saturday, June 3, 2017 – More History

Begin Saturday, June 3, 2017 with more history including the dedication of a West Tennessee historical marker in memory of Dr. Peter J. Flippin. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. at 8727 Kerrville-Rosemark Road. (Look for three white tents.) See page 3 for more.

## Update on Andrew Brunson

By: Deborah Glenn

Many people in the Rosemark community have been praying for Andrew Brunson. An American pastor, Andrew Brunson, has been falsely charged with “membership in an armed terrorist organization.” Turkey has imprisoned him without any evidence. What many of you may not know is Andrew is a grandson of Rosemark. His grandfather was Ralph Brunson who grew up in Rosemark and went to the Richland ARP Church. The Brunson family has ties in the community reaching back to the 1850s. They are relatives of the Spencers, Sanders, Glens, and McCallas

Andrew has lived a life of service following in the footsteps of his parents, Ron and Pam Brunson, who have been missionaries in Mexico, Pakistan, and Russia. Andrew, his wife Norine, and their three children have lived in Ismir, Turkey for 23 years where local officials have known that he was the pastor of a Christian church.

The State Department has been working behind the scenes on trying to obtain his release. President Trump is aware of the situation and the family has met with Secretary Tillerson. Please continue to support the Brunson family.



(L to R): Lynn and Paul McCullough, members of the HARE Telephone Exchange Building Committee, at the muddy job site, at 8727 Kerrville-Rosmark Rd. immediately after the move on March 9, 2017. Lynn and Paul are sons of Bonnie McCullough, a Rosemark Telephone Company Switch Board Operator in the late 1940's and early 1950's. See *An Illustrated History*, pages 455-457.

## The Rosemark Telephone Exchange Museum

The much anticipated move of the Rosemark Telephone Exchange building to the land donated by the Flippin heirs was recently accomplished. I am sure by now you have seen it standing proudly just to the west of the Ritter Telephone building. Much information was given in the last newsletter about the floor plan of the structure and how it will be used as the focal point of the Rosemark Veterans Plaza and Memorial. (For complete article: [www.rosemarkhistoricaldistrict.com](http://www.rosemarkhistoricaldistrict.com))

Last fall, I agreed to work with Lee Henwood (HARE Director and one of the Flippin heirs) and his committee on the Plaza project. Moving the house donated by the Blackwell and Davidson families was an important first step. I know that nearly 200 memorial bricks have been sold at \$100 each. This has not only provided a means to remember our veterans and other local citizens worthy of recognition, but has raised much needed revenue that will help on the entire Veterans Plaza and Telephone Museum Project. I know that laying those bricks is one of the next steps, once the weather will allow.

As for the Telephone Exchange Museum, next steps include electricity connection/upgrade, water connection, demolition of the kitchen and bathroom to recreate the front porch, replacement of siding as needed, painting, and a roof replacement. Again, a big thanks to Tim McCullough who is serving as our architect for the project and whose grandmother was one of the telephone operators. While much of the work on the museum will have to be done by professionals, there will be plenty of opportunities to donate time and resources in the months ahead.

Our special thanks to all who have contributed to this project.

*Contributed by Trip Jones*

## Congratulations!

### To Alvana McDaniel on her 100th birthday

On May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will honor Alvana McDaniel on her 100th birthday. Born Alvana Kathryn Wassenmiller on May 18, 1917 in Shadduck, Oklahoma, Miss Wassenmiller met Loraine "Lo" McDaniel in the summer of 1934 while he was visiting relatives. Two years later he came to Shadduck with a diamond ring and proposed. Lo and Alvana had two children, Kathryn Anne and Dale Edward McDaniel. She has five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, many of whom will be in Rosemark for this special occasion at Richland ARP Church.

## Garden Club of Rosemark Hosts District I Spring Membership Meeting

*By: Brenda Hise*

The Garden Club of Rosemark was pleased to host the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs District I Spring Membership meeting on March 22. District I is comprised of 32 garden clubs and two judges' councils located throughout West Tennessee. Over 125 members attended the luncheon meeting which was held in Memorial Hall of Richland ARP Church. (For complete article: [www.rosemarkhistoricaldistrict.com](http://www.rosemarkhistoricaldistrict.com))

The Garden Club of Rosemark meets September through May at Richland ARP Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings begin at 10:00 am. The club invites community gardeners, both men and women, to become a part of the organization to share their love of gardening. For more information, contact Brenda Hise at 901-489-3096.

## Long-time Bolton Principal and Coach Honored on 90th Birthday

*By: Bonnie Osborn Briggs*

For several decades, Mr. Duane Pope and his wife, Catherine, have been mainstays in the Bolton community. In 1948, Mr. Pope arrived at Bolton High School to coach the boys' basketball team. He has been a part of the community ever since. On a personal note, he and my mother taught together at Bolton and he and my father rabbit hunted together. Their relationships helped teach me that friendships based on character and integrity last for a lifetime. I consider it one of the most important lessons that I have learned. (For complete article: [www.rosemarkhistoricaldistrict.com](http://www.rosemarkhistoricaldistrict.com))

On Sunday, May 7, 2017, many of Mr. Pope's former students, players and colleagues gathered at the Bolton UMC Christian Ministries Center on Brunswick Road to wish Mr. Pope happy 90th birthday. *Congratulations and Thank You Mr. Pope!*

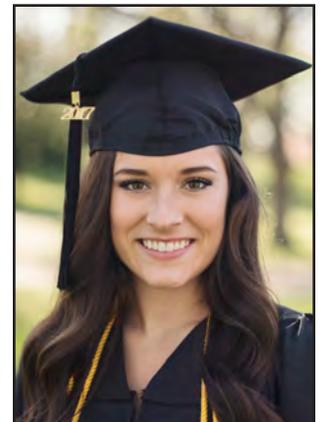
## Otis Griffin Inducted Into Union University Sports Hall of Fame

Once a year Union University nominates and inducts one person into its Sports Hall of Fame. This year, on May 12, 2017, Union honored Otis Griffin with that Hall of Fame distinction.

Griffin was an outstanding basketball player for Bolton High School in the 1950's, attending Rosemark Elementary School and then Bolton High School. He went on to break basketball records for Union University. He then went on to play with the Akron Goodyear Wingfoots in the National Industrial Basketball League. It was considered a semi-pro basketball league at the time. His roommate was former NBA player and coach Larry Brown.

## Congratulations!

Elaina Henson, daughter of Gary and Tina Henson of Rosemark graduated with honors on May 6 from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She received her degree in Animal Science with a concentration in Veterinary Science. She has been accepted to The University of Tennessee Knoxville, College of Veterinary Medicine where she will begin in August 2017. This is a lifelong dream of hers. Way to go Elaina!



## Dr. Peter J. Flippin Historical Marker Dedication

Dr. Flippin was a member of one of the earliest families to settle in Fayette County, Tennessee. His father was a farmer and Civil War veteran in Fayette County. His uncle T.J. Flippin was a prominent judge in Fayette County, and another uncle, J.R. Flippin, was the mayor (1876-1879) of Memphis during the Yellow Fever epidemics of 1876 and 1878.

Dr. Flippin graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1897 and practiced in Rosemark for over 50 years. He delivered over 1,300 babies during his practice. In addition to serving the community as a physician, he was a farmer, church elder, bank vice-president, and member of numerous organizations. Dr. Flippin died in 1950.

The public dedication of the historic marker in Dr. Flippin's honor will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 8727 Kerrville-Rosemark Rd. and will be followed by a reception in Memorial Hall at Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The public is invited to attend.  
*Contributed by: Lee Henwood*

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## What's Happening at TRA?

**Softball Champs:** Did you know the Lady Rebel softball team is one of the best in the state? The Lady Rebels under the direction of head coach Johnie Sanfratello are 26-5 on the season. Leading the charge for the Rebels at the plate are juniors Rachel Whitley (.537 BA, 15 2B, 9 HR, 36 RBI) and Shelby Clifton (.527 BA, 8 2B, 3 3B, 3 HR, 36 RBI). In the circle the Lady Rebels have been dominant behind a pair of aces in junior Rachel Whitley (13-4 63 K, 2.37 ERA) and 8th grader Charli Rice (10-1, 89 K, 1.53 ERA). The Lady Rebels began region tournament play May 5, and hope to host a sub state series before a return trip to the state tournament at the end of May.

**School Musical Awards:** TRA's production of "Oklahoma" received 4 nominations for the Orpheum High School Musical Awards. The show received nominations for Best Musical Direction, Best Hair and Make-up, Best Featured Dancer (Carrie Clowes) and Best Supporting Actress (Katelyn Stewart). The winners will be announced at The Orpheum on Thursday, May 25.

**Fall Carnival: Save the Date:** The TRA 5K and Fall Carnival will once again take place alongside the Country Fair at Rosemark on Saturday, September 30th. Make plans not to miss this day! More details to come soon.  
*Contributed by: Andrew Womack*

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## Country Fair Car and Truck Show

Plans are underway for the fourth annual PRE-1980 CAR AND TRUCK SHOW which will be held in conjunction with the Country Fair at Rosemark, September 30, 2017.

Preparations are being made for our largest and most successful show yet. Last year's show was a real success with seventy-two cars on display and fifty that were entered in the judging. Plans for this year's show include expanded space for more vehicles, hourly drawings for prizes for entrants, additional categories and awards for vehicle judging, and a better sound system for announcements to participants. You have all summer to shine up those beauties that you have spent so much time, money, and elbow grease on and have them in tip-top condition to compete for one of those great trophies or just show off your hard work.

A big thank you to those of you who have so graciously participated each year in our show. Tell your friends, car club members, and anyone with an old vehicle about the show, the fair, and all the fun, food, and entertainment.

More information will be available in late summer 2017. For information or questions, contact Butch Carruthers at SCarrut410@aol.com or (901)378-9280.

## A Brief Account of Peafowl at Barretville

*By: Paul Matthews*

Since at least the 1940's, there have been peafowl at Barretville. "Peafowl" is a term that encompasses both peacocks (the males) and peahens (the females). As with most types of birds, the females are drabber in appearance than the males. With Indian (or "blue") peafowl, the species at Barretville, generally the divergence in color between genders is dramatic. For the most part, Indian peacocks have bodies of iridescent "peacock" blue and long tail feathers of blue, green, gold, and brown, and peahens of that species are brown and cream in color and have short, plain tail feathers.

Peacocks lose their brightly colored tail feathers in summer and grow them back during fall and winter. They tend to strut and spread their tail feathers during mating season, which is in spring. The cries of peacocks are not simply unmelodious but really quite shrill and even alarming. Peacocks generally cry out when startled by loud noises. Sometimes if chased they will honk like a goose. At night peafowl generally roost in trees or on the roofs of buildings. Many people are surprised by the fact that peafowl fly. In fact, flying is their main defense against predators such as raccoons and dogs. Peafowl often live 15 years or longer.

Peafowl have been kept by three generations of the Barret family, starting with Sarah Dickey Barret (1895-1978) and Paul Barret (1899-1976). That tradition has been continued by their grandsons, Barret and Paul Matthews and their wives, Sue and Delyn.

Peacocks, including the three that presently roam free in Barretville, are territorial. The peafowl at Barretville are beautiful creatures with their own personalities. They like to show off for visitors, but please approach them slowly and drive carefully on Barret Road, as they may be in or near the road. (For complete article: [www.rosemarkhistoricdistrict.com](http://www.rosemarkhistoricdistrict.com))

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## Nothing Runs Like A Deere.....

*By: Bonnie Osborn Briggs*

Although the slogan "Nothing Runs Like a Deere" was adopted as part of an advertisement campaign in 1971, for many there is a lot of truth in the statement. Since John Deere developed his polished-steel plow in 1837, the Deere Company has been an integral part of agriculture in America. In our family, as well as others, John Deere tractors are handed down from generation to generation. A couple of years ago, I found the sales receipt for our John Deere 3020. My father bought the tractor from then Dandridge Equipment in 1965. It was given to me and my plans are to pass it on to the next generation. It still runs and does all of the basic things that a tractor needs to do. Although it is much smaller than the tractors used by today's farmers, it was a big deal in 1965. Plus the 3020 is a part of our history; it helped get us where we are today. (For complete article: [www.rosemarkhistoricdistrict.com](http://www.rosemarkhistoricdistrict.com))

The current plan is to have tractors from 3020 to 6030 at the 2017 Rosemark Country Fair. If you want to check out a true piece of agricultural history, come by and check out this exhibit. Most of these tractors will be exhibited by families who have kept them for decades and plan to keep them in the family. After all, it is a part of our agricultural heritage and something truly worth passing on.

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## 4-H and U.T. Extension at 2017 Fair

*By: Tina Henson*

We are excited to have the Shelby County 4-H students participate this year. There will be a baking contest that is new this year. Also, many small animals will be on display, including rabbits, chickens and goats. We are looking forward to the Shelby County Forestry Judging team again. It is always fun to participate in their interactive exhibit. The U.T. Extension service will have a representative on hand, as well as the Master Gardener Club.

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## Plan To Attend: Bobby Blue Bland Day In Barretville – June 3, 2017

(1:00 to 4:00 p.m.) at 9053 Barret Road

Sponsors include: HARE, Inc., Long Road Cider, Patriot Bank  
and Dr. and Mrs. Barret Matthews



A Barretville Peacock. Peafowl were present in Barretville in the 1940's when Robert Calvin Bland began singing there. See page 3 "Brief Account of Peafowl at Barretville."

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**This year consider joining the list of sponsors for the 2017 Country Fair at Rosemark! Call Cary Vaughn at 901-289-1254 or e-mail [cvaughn@lwf.org](mailto:cvaughn@lwf.org).**