

Preservation goal of Heritage Alliance awards

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Heritage Alliance recently held its annual General Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony at the historic Magness House, also known as Oakham, on Sparta Highway. In addition to electing new officers and appointing new board members, the group recognized local residents who have contributed to the preservation of McMinnville and Warren County historic buildings, photographs, memorabilia and written history.

Jimmy Haley acted as master of ceremonies and began by announcing the new officers and board members.

This year's officers include Haley returning as president; Tim King, vice president; Carol Neal, secretary; and Rachel Killebrew, treasurer.

Board members include Haley, Killebrew, Tim King, Carla King, Scarlett Griffith, Carol Neal, Charlie Johnson, M.A. Higgs, Mary Robbins, Bruce Atnip and Carolyn Taylor. New board members inducted included Ashley Gillentine, Krystal Tanner, Janis Darnaby, Treva Sparkman and Ben and Kendra Faust.

Haley also presented a plaque with a list of buildings and landmarks to be listed in the Local Register of Historic



Charlie Johnson photo

A number of local residents were honored during the Heritage Alliance annual General Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Pictured are, front row, from left, Pat Bigbee, Ashley G.

Places, which included:

- Riverside Cemetery
- Town Spring
- Scott and Kathy Wilson Home

- Park Fountain
- Park Theatre

Haley also presented a list of buildings and landmarks Heritage Alliance considers to be endangered, which included:

- Gaffin House
- Blue Building
- Medical Clinic
- Birthing Tree
- Depot Bottom

Haley urged everyone present to do all they could to help protect these important historic sites.

"So many important historic sites and buildings have fallen by the wayside in recent years,"

Wright, David G. Snowden, Rachel Killebrew, Krystal D. Tanner and Shannon Shinabery. Back row, Cody Prince, Mary Robbins, Michael Rivera, Salem Wanamaker, Emily King, Seth Wright and Mark Stiles.

Haley said. "We need to do everything we can to preserve the ones that are left."

Haley then moved into the awards portion of the meeting. The awards are as follows:

- The Future History Award went to the Enrichment Classes under the direction of Carol Neal, and YouthAct under the direction of Kevin Dunlap. These students included

Newby Parton, Devin Rogers, Jacob Thurne, Kyler Walker, Lauren Wilson, Colyn Young, Jolene Goggin, Jacob Dodd, Lucy Haston, Emily King, Max Gallagher, Salem Wanamaker, Olivia Gallagher, Martin Grissom, Lindsey Cox, Ty Ramirez, Chance Wood, Cynthia Zarate, Kaylan Jordan, Michael Rivera, Jessica Burchfield and Nick Lacerte

• The Future History Committee of Heritage Alliance included: Cody Prince, Keith Paine, Matthew Stiles, Shannon Shinabery and Savannah Winnett

• The New Candle Award was presented by Bruce Atnip and went to Krystal Tanner

"As 'old candles' grow short from years of shining a light on history, they look for 'new candles' to carry the light of history to the next generations," said Atnip. "One that jumps in and give dedicated service over the course of a year, always there

week after week, making contact, asking what do I need to be doing to help, that is a new candle. And this year, that is Krystal Tanner."

• Bicentennial Merit Awards went to Seth Wright; the Bicentennial Committee; *Southern Standard*, Bicentennial Clock Gold (\$1,000) donors Dr. Norman Rone, McMinnville Electric, Main Street McMinnville, Heritage Alliance, Dr Pepper, Bill Hamby and family, James A. Dillon, Jane and Larry Flatt; Bicentennial Clock Silver (\$500) donors Homeland Community Bank, Catherine Young and Marian Smith, First National Bank, Darrell Julian, Jimmy and Katrina Haley, DAR, Magness Library, Franklin Brooks, Citizens Tri-County Bank, Hoover & Sons/Kirby Realty, Chitra Mukherji, Steve Smith, Ben Lomand Telephone, City High Class of 1960, Breakfast Rotary, Dr. Glenn Davis and family, River Park Hospital, Middle Tennessee Natural Gas, Regions Bank, WCHS FFA and Security Federal Savings Bank

• Community Spirit Awards went to David Snowden, Larry and Jane Flatt and Rachel Killebrew

• Volunteer Spirit Award went to Mick Olfield

• Lifetime Achievement Award went to James A. Dillon

• Cultural Achievement Awards went to Breakfast Rotary, Magness Library, WCPI, Barbershops, Clark United Methodist Choir, Black History Club, and Senior Center

• Preservation Awards went to the Barnes family and the Herdman family for their efforts to preserve Oakham

• Philanthropic Awards went to Doug Milner and Kathleen Hasson

Haley announced Heritage Alliance will unveil and dedicate the Bicentennial Clock during the downtown Fourth of July celebration.

Crouch Center opens on Motlow College campus

A building on Motlow College's main campus in Moore County has been named in honor of the late Ernest Crouch.

A ceremony dedicating the building was held Sunday for the former state senator and local resident.

Born in Franklin County, Crouch made his home in McMinnville where he established himself as a prominent business and community leader. He was a pharmacist, health care consultant, and real estate broker. Additionally, he was a veteran of World War II.

University of Tennessee Space Institute and served as chairman of the UTSI Support Council.

Crouch married Colleta Wellborn Crouch in 1941. Daughters are Trish Crouch Dorsey, Shelia Elizabeth Walling, Marilyn Gayle Panovec, and Beverly Jayne Paris.

"Sen. Crouch made great contributions across his



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and his twin sister, Ernestine Crouch Stewart. Other ceremony participants were Jerry Cooper, former state senator and Motlow College trustee; Jerry Tunstill, interim vice president for student affairs; and Dr. Apple.

The newly renovated Crouch Center is a state-of-the-art facility that houses a one-stop student support service center and is located in the college's original library which was named the Crouch Learning Center. Offices located in the Crouch Center include Admissions and Records. Advising