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East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Two Sevier County Initiatives with History Awards of Excellence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 15, 2017 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 2, 2017 at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has been annually recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region’s history. Two Sevier County initiatives were among the 27 awards presented.

- **Charles Ogle** was honored with a ***Teaching Excellence Award*** for his leadership in the profession of teaching history. Ogle taught for thirty years, participated in the ETHS Teaching American History Grant program, mentored students and other teachers, and led the way to involve his school in the National History Day competition. For eighteen years he has taught at Seymour High School where he designed and taught a class in Appalachian Studies.
- **The Pigeon Forge Public Library** (PFPL) received a ***Community History Award*** for their work to ensure the preservation and documentation of the town’s history, consistently promoting community-wide awareness through documentaries, public demonstrations and panel discussions, and an ambitious historical marker program. Library director Marcia Nelson and library historian Veta King lead the effort.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors*; the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History*; and *Newslines*, as well as other books pertaining to the region’s history. The Society also sponsors the Museum of East Tennessee History, East Tennessee National History Day, and the family heritage programs “First Families of Tennessee” and “Civil War Families of Tennessee.”

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