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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors one Jefferson County Initiative
with Award of Excellence in History**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 24, 2019 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 14, 2019, at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has annually recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming, and interpretation of the region’s history. One Jefferson County initiative was among the 44 awards presented.

- **David Needs** was the recipient of a **Community History Award**. David’s interest in the Civil War Battle of Mossy Creek began when he enlisted the help of his athletic team to clear the creek banks. Mr. Needs has since engaged his history class in a research project to identify the individual soldiers of both sides who fought there, to identify those killed in battle, and to locate the final resting places of those whose bodies were buried nearby. Phase two of his project is to place interpretive signage, with phase three creating walking trails and to place benches for visitors.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. The Society 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.” Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors*; the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History*; and *Newsline*, as well as other books pertaining to the region’s history. For more information on ETHS, exhibitions, or programs, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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