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“Video Pioneers: A History of Early Television”
A Brown Bag Lecture by Julian Burke

PROGRAM: “Video Pioneers: A History of Early Television,” A Brown Bag Lecture by Julian Burke

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, January 8, 2014

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

(Knoxville, TN) Join local collector and communications equipment expert Julian Burke, as he gives a brief overview of the evolution and transformation from radio to television in 1950s East Tennessee.

The lecture is held in conjunction with the exhibition, *Live! On Air! and in Your Living Room*, on display through February 23, 2014. The exhibit is rich with vintage clips from the old *Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour*, *Bonnie Lou and Buster*, Jim Clayton’s *Startime*, early television commercials, and much, much more. A 1960s living room and a backdrop of from the *Cas Walker Show* bring the era to life.

Burke will also lead a brief gallery tour and show-and-tell of equipment currently on display in the new exhibition, *Live! On Air! and in Your Living Room*, at the Museum of East Tennessee History. Julian Burke is recognized locally as one of the foremost experts on old televisions and radios. He has been a lifelong lover of electronics and started collecting old radios by going door to door at age 7, and he hasn’t stopped since. By 13, he was fixing radios and televisions around Knoxville.

The program is sponsored by 21st Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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