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

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 12, 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. One Bradley County initiative and its leaders were among the 27 awards presented.

- **Ron and Debbie Moore** were honored with a *History in the Media Award* for their radio show *Old Town Cleveland*. Every week listeners from across the country tune in to hear Ron and Debbie Moore’s interviews with a variety of fascinating authors, researchers, farmers, quilters, snake handlers, beekeepers, historians, musicians, and more. The show debuted in 2009 and attracts a steadily growing audience. Ron and Debbie also received an *Award of Distinction* for the video documentary, *It’s Home: Memories of the Ducktown Basin*, a glimpse of the town’s history and everyday life, as told through the stories of its people. Interviews, dozens of pictures, two original songs, and even home movies illustrate the resiliency of its people through moments of peace, political unrest, poverty, prosperity, strikes, and mine tragedies.

**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 *Newsline*, 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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