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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Polk County Woman
With History Award of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 13, 2016 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 3, 2016 at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Park 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 Polk County initiative was among the 31 awards presented.

- **Marian Bailey Presswood** received the *History in the Media Award* for her years of work preserving and promoting Polk County history. For the past 20 years, Marian has edited the Polk County Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly, and for many years she served as the heritage editor for the *Polk News*. She recently expanded into the high tech world of Facebook and social media. The pictures and other information shared through social media quickly attracted thousands of views.

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 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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