

Congratulations



Rotary installs new member
Don Tarr presents Geneva Taylor with an emblematic Rotary pin at the Clubs annual Christmas Dinner at Suba's Restaurant. Geneva, a retired chemist/educator and her husband Lloyd recently moved to Johnson County from Texas, and are now occupying their new home on Dug Hill Road.

Carl Wolfe honored posthumously for community activism



Present at the meeting were Mayor Larry Potter, Litter Control Officer Sandy Warren and Carl's widow, Iva Wolfe. Photos by Dennis Shekinah

A plaque honoring Carl Wolfe was dedicated recently at the Johnson County Recycling Center where it will be permanently displayed. Wolfe was instrumental in getting the recycling center started and was recognized by Gov. Bredesen for his community activism. Carl left us much too soon at the young age of 70.



Payne graduates from ETSU School of Nursing

Toni Dugger Payne, Mrs. Seth Payne, of Mountain City, graduated from the ETSU School of Nursing on Saturday, December 17, with a BS in Nursing. A member of ETSU's Centennial Class, Toni made the Dean's list during her last four semesters and was an active member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. She is presently employed at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center at Mountain Home. Toni is the daughter of Terry and Betty Clawson Dugger, and the granddaughter of Earl and Ruth Dugger and the late McKinley and Maude Clawson.

Dr. Ted Olson shares two Grammy nominations for "The Bristol Sessions, 1927-1928"

Dr. Ted Olson, a professor in East Tennessee State University's Department of Appalachian Studies, has been nominated for two Grammy awards.

Olson served as writer and producer for "The Bristol Sessions, 1927-1928: The Big Bang of Country Music," a five-CD box set with an accompanying 120-page hardcover book released by Bear Family Records in March of this year.

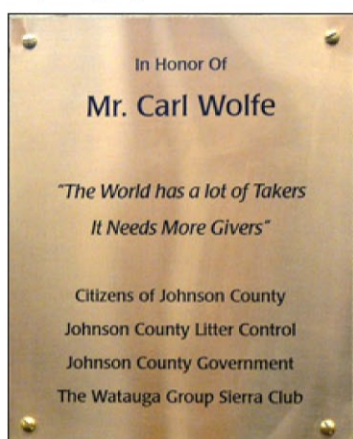
The collection has been nominated for Grammy awards in the categories of Best Historical Album, along with co-producer Christopher King

and mastering engineer Chris Zwarg, and Best Liner Notes with co-writer Tony Russell.

The "birth" of country music is attributed to recording sessions held by music industry pioneer Ralph Peer of the Victor recording company in Bristol over a period of two weeks starting July 25, 1927. The renowned 1927 Bristol sessions were among the earliest attempts to make field recordings of musicians in Appalachia. Peer recorded 76 performances by 19 music acts in Bristol during 1927, including the first-ever recordings of the Carter Family and Jimmie

Rodgers, as well as numerous recordings of fellow Country Music Hall of Fame inductee Ernest V. "Pop" Stoneman. Peer returned the next year to make additional recordings.

Bear Family Records' digitally remastered compilation represents the first time both the 1927 and 1928 sessions have been packaged together. The box set features some never-before-released recordings and many that have not been reissued since their initial release as 78 rpm records in the 1920s. This year's Grammy Award winners will be announced on the televised program in February.



MSHA welcomes first babies of 2012

Mountain States Health Alliance celebrated Sunday the birth of the health system's first babies of 2012 in Tennessee and Virginia. The year's first baby was a boy born at 5:01 a.m. at Johnson City Medical Center. Kyson Rabon Britt, the son of Aubrey Rabon and Dustin Britt of Johnson City, Tenn., weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. His mother, Aubrey, said Kyson's New Year's birth was a surprise.

"He was three weeks early,

so I didn't expect this to be happening yet," Aubrey said. "I just wanted him to hold off so he wouldn't be born on his brother's birthday."

Kyson's older brother, Devon Rabon, turned 7 on New Year's Eve.

"He's very small," Devon said of his brand-new brother. "Maybe when he's four years old, I'll let him play with this," he said, holding up a toy sword.

Aubrey's sister, Amanda Rabon, had the privilege of assisting in Kyson's delivery. She

is a pre-med student at East Tennessee State University, and was shadowing Dr. Howard Herrell the night her nephew was born.

MSHA's first Virginia baby of 2012 was a boy born at 8:36 a.m. at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Noah Chase Harvey, the son of Kayla and Jerry Harvey of St. Paul, Va., weighed 7 pounds, 1.5 ounces and was 20 inches long. His original due date was Jan. 7, so his New Year's birthday was an early surprise for the happy, first-time parents.

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Pictured above is (Left to Right): Dustin Britt, Aubrey Rabon, Kyson Rabon Britt, Devon Rabon

Pictured below is (Left to Right): Jerry Harvey, Noah Chase Harvey, Kayla Harvey

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