

Bridges receives Master Pilot Award

Local aviator Lee Bridges has earned one of the highest honors a pilot can receive as he has been conferred the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the Federal Aviation Administration issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61.

The award is named after the Wright Brothers, the first US pilots, to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism,

skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as "Master Pilots."

The Smithville resident met all the prerequisites for this award including zero accidents, incidents or deviations in his 50 years of flying with over 30,000 flying hours. His career over these 50 years includes flight instructor, corporate pilot, and airline captain flying for both United Airlines and US Airways. Mr. Bridges retired from US Airways in 2012 with over 32 years of service.

He is an aircraft owner and also

a certificated Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic and holds an Inspection Authorization.

Bridges was presented with the award at a dinner held in his honor at Smithville airport. His love of flying was passed down from his father who was a WWII pilot and airline captain as well. Mr. Bridges' wife Gennie is also a certified pilot as are his two children Bo and Heather. His wife, his two children, his four grandchildren and many other well-wishers were all present when Bridges received this award.



Local pilot Lee Bridges has been given the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, one of the biggest awards in aviation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE RANDY BOYD IN TOWN JUNE 21

Gubernatorial candidate Randy Boyd will be at the DeKalb Community Complex June 21 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

HOMECOMING AT ALLEN'S CHAPEL JUNE 24

Homecoming will be held at Allen's Chapel United Methodist Church at 11 a.m., June 24 with Pastor Phil Tollett. Church at 11 a.m. and lunch to follow. If you ever attended Allen's Chapel you are urged to come back and enjoy the fellowship.

HOMECOMING AT NEW WEST POINT JUNE 24

New West Point Freewill Baptist Church will host homecoming June 24 with worship at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. The Scott Agee Family from Pikeville will sing in the afternoon. The church is three miles east on Midway Road.

OLD FASHION FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING JUNE 24

Homecoming will be June 24 at Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Church in Blue Springs community. Preaching will begin at 10 a.m. with David Lawson. Singing starts at 11 a.m. with the Calvary Trio and Presbyterian Youth Group. Dinner will be served following service.

FIRST ASSEMBLY VBS JUNE 25-27

First Assembly of God will host Vacation Bible School with this year's theme "Full Armor of God." The event runs June 25-27, and a registration party held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the church parking lot. VBS will be held June 25-27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly. The church is located at 1650 Cookeville Highway in Smithville and the event is open for kids Pre-K through sixth grade.

SALEM BAPTIST HOSTS VBS JUNE 25-29

Salem Baptist Church at 483 West Main Street in Liberty will host Vacation Bible School June 25-29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with classes for all ages. Register online at sbcliberty.com or facebook.com/sbcliberty or phone at 615-536-5340.

COVENANT BAPTIST HOSTS VBS JUNE 25-29

Covenant Baptist Church at 930 South Mountain Street will hold Vacation Bible School June 25-29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with the theme this year being "Game On". For more info call 615-597-7965.

FREE MOVIE AT EVINS PARK DOWNTOWN JUNE 30

DeKalb County 4-H June Dairy Month Crew will present Mooovie Night June 30 at Evins Park off the downtown square at 7:30 p.m.

The event is free and there will be popcorn and ice cream.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING JULY 2

A support group for moms who have experienced the death of a child is scheduled to start on Monday, July 2 at the Haven of Hope Counseling office at 301 West Main Street from 6-7pm. There will be no fee, but if desired, a donation can be made to Haven of Hope of DeKalb County. If you would like to participate or want more information, e-mail Kay Quintero at office@havenofhopetn.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE JULY 3

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at Smithville Community Cumberland Presbyterian Church July 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor number Smithville19.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ADCOCK CEMETERY DONATIONS FOR UPKEEP

Anyone with family buried at Adcock Cemetery is asked to make donations for mowing. Make checks payable to Winnie Petty at 235 Petty Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

CLOTHING DONATION DROP OFF DATES AT DEKALB MIDDLE SCHOOL

DeKalb Middle School on St. Bernard Boulevard free clothing market is looking for clothing and shoes sizes youth large and adult extra-large. They may be dropped off at DMS July 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. For info call Suzette or Angela at 615-597-79878.

LOCAL HELP CENTER NEEDS HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY

His Love Help Center has been providing free clothes, shoes, medical items and etc. for over three years to people in our community. They serve all walks of life, such as single parents, the elderly, fire victims, and more. At the current location (1100 S. College St.) the Help Center has to pay rent, phone, water, gas and electric. In order to stay open and to continue serving our community it needs your help. If you feel you are able to provide financial help, have a building they can use or a one-time donation please stop by the help center or call 615-597-(love) 5683.

HELP WANTED - BE A CARIS HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TODAY

Do you enjoy giving support and being a good lis-

tener to those around you? If your answer is yes, then becoming a Caris Hospice Volunteer could be for you. Please contact Gail Evans, Volunteer Coordinator at 888-537-3430 or visit the website at www.caris-healthcare.com for more information or to apply.

EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA THROUGH FREE CLASSES

There are free classes held at the DeKalb County Complex, Room 119 Monday - Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is Monday 3:30 - 7 p.m. and Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon. Don't see a time that works with your schedule? Ask about special appointments. Call 855-516-0160 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Classes are funded under a grant with the State of Tennessee and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

The McMinnville Alanon group meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 1024 Faulkner Springs Road in McMinnville. Local meetings are held at Haven of Hope, 301 West Main Street in Smithville on Fridays at 11

a.m. For more information call 615-597-4673.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

A Domestic Violence Support Group is held for women in the community at Haven of Hope in Smithville. For more information, please call 615-597-4673.

DEKALB ANIMAL COALITION

The DeKalb Animal Coalition will suspended its meetings for the summer but will pick back up the first Thursday in September at 6:30 p.m. in the second story of city hall.

SMITHVILLE HEAD START CENTER

L.B.J. & C. Head Start is currently accepting applications to provide free comprehensive child development services to children three- five years of age from low-income families in a full-day program. Services are also offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. L.B.J. & C. Head Start helps all children succeed. L.B.J. & C. Head Start provides children with activities that help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically. For more information contact the Smithville Head Start Center at 615-597-5168.

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