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Caroline Haynes Honored

For the past 35 years Caroline Haynes has taught tennis classes for Parks & Rec, working every Monday from March through November. Always supportive of her dedication to teaching others the game, her husband, Jim, volunteered his time to assist her for the past 15 years.

The Parks & Recreation Commission recently recognized them and presented Caroline a tennis figurine in honor of her 35 years of work. Recreation Program Coordinator, Kelly Forster, knew it would be a challenge to find a replacement tennis instructor as skilled and dedicated as Caroline.

Fortunately, she was able to secure Ashley Baxter as Caroline's replacement. Ashley began training with Caroline at age 7 and went on play at the University of Charleston. As we say goodbye to Caroline, we welcome Ashley to the Parks & Recreation tennis family.



Caroline & Jim Haynes

Pool Passes Now On Sale

Springbrook and John Sevier Swimming Pools are scheduled to open Friday, May 18. Season pool passes are now on sale at the Parks & Recreation Administrative Office. Regular pool users can save money by purchasing the season passes. Pool passes also make a great gift for a birthday or other special occasion. All the information regarding prices, pool hours, how to book a private pool party, swim lessons, swim team and aqua aerobics classes etc, is in the Aquatics section at www.parksrec.com.

Special Olympics News

Congratulations goes to two basketball teams who recently represented Area 15 at the Tennessee Special Olympic State Games held at Lipscomb University in Nashville; the Blount County Blazers and the Eagleton Royals. The Royals won Fourth Place in their division and the Blazers brought home the gold medals for their division First Place win.

Plans are underway now for Area 15 largest event, the Spring Track & Field Games. The Spring Games will be held April 18 at Heritage High School. In case of bad weather, the games will be held the following day. Over 300 athletes and 300 volunteers have already signed on to make this the best Track & Field Games ever !

Spring Special Events

April is a big month for some fun special events you don't want to miss. Go to www.parksrec.com for all the details on these events and lots of other activities that are scheduled for the Spring months

Softball Tip-Off Tournament - April 12,13, 16, & 17

Spring Sprint 5K Race - April 14

Fine Arts Blount 4th Annual Kite Festival- April 15 Rain Date: April 22

Senior Center Health Fair - April 17

Spring Arts & Crafts Show at Foothills Mall - April 20 & 21

THE PARKS & REC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 6 FOR GOOD FRIDAY.



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Meet the Special Olympics Management Team

The role of the Area 15 Special Olympics Management Team is to assist in the promotion of the program with marketing ideas, help oversee the management of the finances and help with fund raising and seeking sponsorships. The team is comprised of Area 15 Director, Cookie Crowson; Program Assistant, Jennifer Russell; Business Manager, Dianne McCammon. All three are employees of Parks & Recreation. There is one representative from each school district: Vera Yoder, Blount County; Vikki Dillard, Alcoa and Brandi Glasgow, Maryville. Three people are community volunteer representatives; Jane Groff, Carol Hartline and Patti Clevenger. Each year the Special Olympics athlete who is inducted into the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame serves on the team. Pictured at right is outgoing team member and Special Olympics athlete, Christi Oliver, with her parents, David & Carol ; and incoming team member and Special Olympics athlete, Jonathan McGee and his mother, Kathy.



Pictured left to right: Jennifer Russell, David Oliver, Carol Oliver, Cookie Crowson, Vikki Dillard, Christi Oliver, Jonathan McGee, Jane Groff, Kathy McGee, Vera Yoder, Patti Clevenger, Carol Hartline & Dianne McCammon Team member not pictured: Brandi Glasgow