

## Birthday Party Benefits Liberty Place

When Amy Childers turned 40 this summer, she decided to give up her birthday gifts for a good cause. Amy and her best friend, Terri Anderson-Burke, decided to ask their party guests to bring gifts and donations for Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women in lieu of presents.

“When you’re 40 what do you get?,” asked Terri. “Originally we thought we would have everyone bring money for Liberty Place. We toyed around with the idea a lot. When we sent out the invitation we also mailed out a list of program needs (toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, etc). We ended up getting a lot of curling irons, hairdryers, note cards, and stamps!”

Amy and Terri collected about five crates of supplies. At the party, Terri also had a floating duck raffle to collect money for Liberty Place. “I had about 24 ducks,” said Terri. “We sold chances on the ducks.

Mostly I gave away gag gifts, but we raised about \$100.”

Amy first learned about Liberty Place when her employer, Gordon and Salter, Chartered, an OB GYN practice in Richmond, adopted one of the center’s 40 bedrooms. “Dr. Smith and Dr. Gordon are very community minded,” said Amy. “Their enthusiasm for the center trickled down to all of their employees, especially me.”

“I really fell in love with the program,” said Amy. “In the office, I see a lot of women that have challenges and issues in their life. Knowing that there is someplace that they can go to for help means a lot to me. Those women are mothers. They have children and husbands. If they



*Amy and Terri collected money and gifts for Liberty Place at their first annual poolside birthday bash!*

can go somewhere to get their life back together – that’s what it’s all about.” Amy and Terri are already planning another party. “We plan on making this an annual event,” said Terri, “an annual poolside birthday bash for Liberty Place!” The next party is set for Amy’s husband, Joe, who will turn 40 next summer.



## Veterans Honored

Veterans from the Richmond and Winchester senior centers were honored on Veteran’s Day. Through music and songs Veterans felt like they were taken back in time. “It was amazing to see the eyes light up on many of these vets when we sang,” said Julie Woolsey, Clark Senior Center Director. “They came alive and soon they’re clapping or singing along.” All veterans were presented with a Shining Star Award in recognition of their service to our country. Pictured in the Back are l-r: Fonzie Graham, Frank Farmer, Willard Ritchie, Bill Begley, and Harold Townsend. Front row l-r: Roscoe Collins, Harry Johnson, Malcolm Stokley, Howard Horton, and Joseph Rupsis.

## OFFICIALS DEDICATE NEW BUS SERVICE

By Mike Wynn  
*The Winchester Sun*

Randall Milburn believes many people would be surprised by the number of local residents who cannot afford their own vehicle to drive. That's why he calls the new local bus service "a good thing."

"I think this bus service is something that we have needed to have for years here," he said.

Milburn, a rider himself, was one of about 30 residents and government officials who gathered at the Clark County Courthouse on October 9th to dedicate the Winchester-Clark County Transit - a new public bus system that runs routes to the major neighborhoods, shopping centers and business districts of Winchester.

Buses began running Monday, Oct. 6th and had transported about 60 passengers to various locations by Thursday.

"With the price of gas you can't get very far these day for one dollar, but on the bus, we are going to be able to get people a long way with that dollar," said Vicki Jozefowicz, Foothills Executive Director.

The service is being provided through a partnership between the Winchester Board of Commissioners, the Clark County Fiscal Court and Foothills, a non-profit organization in Richmond that is managing the service.

Over the summer, the city commission and Fiscal Court agreed to split the cost of subsidizing the program during a trial period of the next several months.

The bus runs six routes daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and stops at 27 locations in town. On Saturday, the bus runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Passengers are charged \$1 for an all-day pass, and tickets are available on the bus and at the Generations Center, City Hall and the Clark County Courthouse. Additionally, a discount book of 10 tickets can be purchased for \$7.



*Photo by James Mann, The Winchester Sun*

the service. It is a wonderful thing for our community."

U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky. (below), also attended the dedication to congratulate local officials on the program. Chandler helped secure funding that allowed Foothills to purchase a bus. "I think in a very difficult time, this community is truly headed in the right direction," he said. "The leadership of this community is coming up with the right kind of ideas to serve the people of this community."

Since its inception, Foothills has provided transportation service to over 1,000 riders. The most popular rider destinations are Wal-Mart, Beverly White Towers, & Kroger Plaza.

Clark-County Judge Executive Henry Branham said the service helps define the community. "This bus route, like many other things in our community, is a piece of our puzzle," he said. "It's part of our big plan, and there will be many such pieces to come."

Branham said the service not only demonstrates that Winchester and Clark County is a caring community, it also improves the environment and helps attract new businesses and growth. "The community that we build is the one that will be on display for all the world to see," he said.

Mayor Ed Burtner pointed out that Winchester has not boasted a similar system since the Kentucky Traction and Terminal Company ceased operations in 1922. "It started again this week," he said. He challenged locals to "use



*Congressman Ben Chandler addresses the citizens of Winchester.*

# The News in Brief...



Laughter filled the hallways at Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> as residents decorated the center for the holidays. Residents spent the morning making homemade ornaments and wreaths and the afternoon decorating multiple Christmas trees. Many of the trees and decorations were graciously donated. Pictured above are Kimberly and Andrea.

## Eagle Scout Ceremony

Robert Emmanuel (Bobby) Evans of Scout Troop #144 in Irvine attained the rank of Eagle Scout on October 13, 2008 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Tracy McQueen, Assistant Scoutmaster Patrick Martin, Travis Holton, and Erick Goosey. Bobby is also an active participant with Foothill's Youth Investment Project. His Court of Honor was held on November 17, 2008 at Cow Creek Baptist Church in Ravenna. Bobby is the son of Debbie Evans of Irvine and Vernon Evans of Madison County. He has been active in scouting since 2005 when he joined Scout Troop #89 under the leadership of Scoutmasters Bill Wise and Dr. James D. Hill. In July, 2007 Bobby transferred to his current troop. He has earned 22 merit badges along the path to becoming an Eagle Scout. Bobby's accomplishments in scouting include his induction into the Order of the Arrow and completion of a 24-mile hike, the American Heritage Trail in Brown County, Indiana. Bobby is a senior at Estill County High and participated with the Estill County High Soccer Team until a serious knee injury in 2006.



YIP participant Bobby Emmanuel with his mother, Debbie.

### footnotes

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Awards honoring excellence in affordable housing were presented at the 2008 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference (KHC) in Lexington recently. KHC, the conference host agency, sponsored the awards to honor builders, nonprofit organizations and others who have made outstanding contributions to the state's affordable housing industry in the last year. The 2008 Nonprofit Organization Award was presented to Foothills for providing a range of services including an emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, affordable housing, home rehab, homeownership counseling, weatherization, healthcare for the homeless, and LIHEAP for program participants. Also, in the last year Foothills opened Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women in Richmond for women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Pictured l-r: KHC Board of Directors Chairman William E. Summers, Foothills Executive Director Vicki Jozefowicz, and KHC Chief Executive Officer Richard L. McQuady.

## Richmond Seniors Celebrate Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday season is a time for reflection. On Friday, November 21st the Richmond Senior Center hosted their annual Thanksgiving party at the Betty Miller Community Center. The day was full of socialization, food, entertainment, and reflection. The City of Richmond provided the food and Richmond City Commissioner Robert Blythe and Geraldine Cantrell provided the entertainment. "We started our party by telling others what we were thankful for," said Heather Slone,



*Pictured above l-r: friends Gladys King, Helen Waldroup, and Dora Cheek celebrate the holidays!*



Center Director. "Family, friends, home, health, grandchildren, our freedoms, and being an American were just some of the things our seniors are thankful for. We all had a good time. While renewing old friendships and sharing a bountiful dinner, we were able to capture the spirit of the holidays."

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