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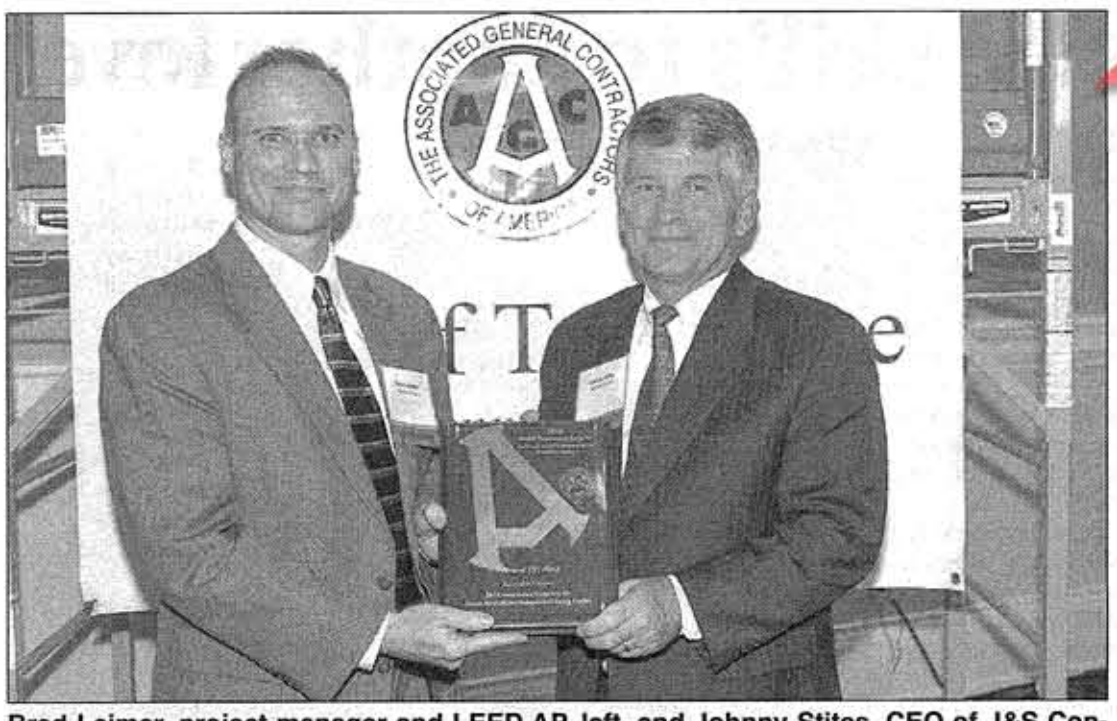

Brad Leimer, project manager and LEED AP, left, and Johnny Stites, CEO of J&S Construction, are pictured with the Award of Merit from the Associated General Contractors of Tennessee.

Stites, J&S Construction awarded

NASHVILLE — The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee branch recently hosted the annual Build Tennessee Awards Program, held at the Millennium Maxwell House on Feb. 21.

J&S Construction Company was honored with the Award of Merit in Sustainable Design for the LEED® Gold Certified Stones River Manor Independent Living Facility, located in Murfreesboro. Johnny Stites, J&S Construction's CEO, also received AGC's most coveted award, the SIR Award, the construction lifetime achievement award.

J&S Construction designed and built the Stones River Manor facility to meet LEED for Homes requirements and received LEED Gold Certification June 2012. This project was the first LEED certification for an independent care facility in Tennessee. The 7,500 square-foot, nine-unit addition includes energy efficiencies such as spray foam insulation, Energy Star® windows, Energy Star® appliances, compact fluorescent lighting, reduced envelope leakage rates and insulated duct in unconditioned spaces. In addition to being LEED Gold Certified, all nine units are also Energy Star® Certified.

"J&S Construction is proud to be recognized for our energy-efficient design and construction," said Brad Leimer, project manager and LEED AP for J&S Construction. "We feel sustainability is the future of construction, and we are excited to be on the forefront of this movement."

The awards ceremony was closed when Johnny Stites was presented with the 2012 SIR (Skill, Integrity, Responsibility) Award. The SIR Award is reserved for someone who has made a substantial contribution, while honorably serving the construction industry and exemplifying Skill, Integrity and Responsibility in his or her endeavors.

Judging criteria also included the individual's contribution to the local construction industry, the individual's commitment to serving the community, as well as what sets this individual apart from others in the industry.

"I have been active in the construction industry for over 40 years and involved with AGC the entire time," said Ed Baldwin, procurement manager — South East Region with Turner Construction Company. "During those years, I have met hundreds of people from many walks of life across the country. I can easily identify a short-list of individuals that are clearly set apart from the others with respect to character, ethics, honesty, fairness, concern for others and for truly making a difference in our industry. Johnny Stites is near the top of this list, if not at the top. Within minutes of meeting Johnny for the first time, I realized that he is a class-act and a genuine professional who is committed to doing the right thing...all the time."

The SIR Award is in its fourth year of recognition and previous winners include Til Borland of the Parent Company, Ed Baldwin of Turner Construction Company and Hall Hardaway Jr. of HARDAWAY Construction Corp.

Other corporate winners include:

• We are Nashville Award, recognizes a firm who has gone above and beyond to answer the call of those in need during difficult times, Rogers Group

• Educator of the Year, Demo Plus

• Architect of the Year, Thomas Miller & Partners

• Subcontractors of the Year, Lithko Contracting, Inc.

• Subcontractors Project Awards:

$0-$1 million category

• Winner: Summit Constructors, Inc. for Nashville Fire Department 31

• Award of Merit: Boulton Enterprises, Inc for Vanderbilt University Medical Center

$1.1-$2 million category

• Winner: Lithko Contracting, Inc. for Metro Nashville Fire Department Stations #3,31,21,30,33

• Award of Merit: HMA Contractors, LLC for Amazon Fulfillment Center in Lebanon, TN

• Supplier of the Year, Aerial Innovation; Award of Merit: Equipment Depot

$0-$2.5 million project

• Winner: PBG Builders, Inc. for Rolfe Alumni Hall, Meharry Medical College

• Award of Merit: Turner Construction Company for Raytheon 2nd Floor RMS Lab Build-Out

$2.51-$5 million project

• Winner: Turner Construction Company for Saint Thomas Hospital- OR Renovations

• Award of Merit: PBG Builders, Inc. for Clarksville-Montgomery County Regional Airport

$5.1- $10 million project

• Winner: PBG Builders, Inc. for LP Field Fan Enhancements

• Award of Merit: Messer Construction Co. for West Police Precinct

$10.1-$20 million project

• Winner: Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC for The Ensworth School Natatorium

• Award of Merit: PBG Builders, Inc. for 17 South Briar Hollow

$50 million + project

• Winner: Robins & Morton for Porter Regional Hospital

• Award of Merit: Messer Construction Co. for Middle Tennessee State University Student Union

Renovation project

• Winner: HARDAWAY Construction Corp. for Tennessee State Capitol — Mechanical, Plumbing & Electrical Upgrades

• Award of Merit: The Parent Company, Inc. for McGugin Center Women's Locker Locker Rooms & Olympic Sports Mtg Rooms

Sustainability project

• Winner: The Parent Company, Inc. for MBA- Lowery Building

• Award of Merit: J&S Construction Company, Inc. for Stones River Manor Independent Living Facility

• 2012 General Contractor of the Year: PBG Builders, Inc.

• 2012 SIR (Skill, Integrity, Responsibility) Award Winner, John D. Stites II of J&S Construction Company, Inc. (lifetime achievement award)

SEEDS: Growth takes patience

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Consider a few recent examples:

• Chattanooga purchased and developed the former U.S. army ammunition depot property. Fourteen long years later, its first new industry, Volkswagen, located a $1.2 billion auto assembly plant.

• Clarksville optioned, then purchased, a 1,000-acre site, holding it for more than 10 years before Hemlock Semi-Conductor, Solar Panel Company came calling with a $1 billion plus investment.

Planting seeds takes patience. Ask any farmer.

In summary, seeds are being planted daily that will one day yield a more diversified modern economy to serve future generations. We plant seeds!

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Business Brief

Averitt Express recently honored associate **Rich Pippin** of Sparta for 20 years of service. Pippin drives over the road for Averitt's account with Federal Mogul, which has a facility in Sparta.

He is now among more than 600 Averitt associates who are members of the company's "Over 20 Team," an exclusive group of associates who have served 20 or more years with Averitt.

CPC and Jersey Mike's team up for month of giving

COOKEVILLE — The Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic is joining forces with the Jersey Mike's Subs in Cookeville for the third annual March "Month of Giving" fundraising campaign. The campaign will culminate in the nationwide event, Jersey Mike's "Day of Giving" on Wednesday, March 27.

During the month of March, customers can make a donation to the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic at the Jersey Mike's restaurant located at 447 South Jefferson Ave. Then on March 27, a special nationwide celebration, "Day of Giving," will take place at all Jersey Mike's locations to benefit 86 different charities including hospitals, youth organizations, food banks and more.

On that day, Cookeville residents are invited to come in to the South Jefferson Avenue Jersey Mike's restaurant and enjoy a meal. The Cookeville Jersey Mike's will donate 100 percent of the day's sales to the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic.

"Thank you, Mindy Richards and Jersey Mike's of Cookeville for choosing us to be your charity in the Month of Giving campaign," said Nancy Knowlton, executive director Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic. "Your gifts will help us be here to support women in unplanned pregnancies. From pregnancy tests, and ultrasound, to diapers and wipes in our parent education program… your donations at Jersey Mike's will help us help those in need."

Last year's Month of Giving campaign raised nearly $858,000 for 74 different charities nationwide. Since 2010, Jersey Mike's locations throughout the country have raised more than $5 million for worthy local charities and distributed more than 500,000 free sub sandwiches to help numerous causes.

"I would like to extend a personal invitation to come in and enjoy a Jersey Mike's sub during our Month of Giving in support of one of your local charities," said Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike's founder and CEO, who started the company when he was only 17 years old. "The opportunities to give are all around us so we hope this March you will join us to make a difference in someone's life."

Helping a fellow dentist

On Feb. 8, Dr. Kevin Hayes, Dr. Katherine Whitaker and six members from the staff of Hayes Family Dentistry volunteered their time to assist Dr. Eli Jackson, his office staff and many others as they provided free dental care to more than 200 patients at Chandler Park Dental in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Pictured, in the first row, from left, are Tonia Erickson, Carol Rossi, Kim Biauce, Sherry Mooneyham; second row, Dr.Eli Jackson, Dr. Katherine Whitaker, Jordan Sloan; and third row, Jenny Miller and Dr. Kevin Hayes. Hayes Family Dentistry will sponsor their "Smiles from the Heart" event here in Cookeville on Saturday, April 27, when will provide free dental care to the residents in our area as we give back to community in which we work and live.

TSBDC at TTU hosts Microsoft 2010 seminar series

COOKEVILLE — Newcomers to Microsoft Office 2010 may encounter some unfamiliar features. Staff from the Tennessee Small Business Development Center at Tennessee Tech University are offering a free seminar series in March about Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher 2010.

The series, Microsoft Office 2010 for Business Use, will be from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 4 to 7 p.m. March 11-15 in Johnson Hall 307.

Attendees will receive a reference workbook to keep.

The same sessions will be held each day.

Microsoft Word will be the subject for Monday, March 11. Excel for Beginners will be on Tuesday and a more advanced session will be Thursday. Microsoft Publisher will be discussed Wednesday, and PowerPoint will be covered Friday.

Johnson Hall is at 1105 N. Peachtree Ave. in Cookeville.

Though the sessions are free, registration is required. Sign up online at www.helpmysmallbusiness.org/training or call (931) 372-3648.

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All TSBDC programs are non-discriminatory. Arrangements for persons with disabilities can be provided, where possible with advance notice.

Corrections

In last week's article regarding Dot's California Concept moving in with Missy's Hot Kuts, it was mistakenly stated that clientele was hard to find. To clarify, the clientele is not difficult to find, it's finding additional stylists to fill the roles.

Also, T's Wig Galleria and Accessories hours are appointment only on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The *Herald-Citizen* is happy to set the record straight.

Submission guidelines

The Herald-Citizen welcomes submissions from area businesses to be published in the Sunday Business section. Below are the guidelines to use for submissions.

• Benefit and fundraising events may have the information placed in our daily community calendar free of charge. We can run a photo of the check presentation after the event, provided it is for $200 or more. Advertising may be purchased for additional coverage of the event.

• Charitable events and fundraisers sponsored by non-profit organizations will receive a one-time group photo of all participating sponsors to promote the event.

• Business briefs will be a maximum of 10 inches (250 words max), with the H-C reserving the right to edit as necessary.

• New businesses will be listed in our "New Business License" segment of the paper the first Sunday of the month when the licenses are released. At various times, certain new businesses will be selected to have a photo of their business also featured on the business page. The list of licenses include the owner, name and location of the business.

• Announcing a new location for a business will be handled as advertising unless the business has a new owner and has received a new business license.

• Ribbon cutting photos for new businesses will be scheduled through the Chamber of Commerce and are reserved for Chamber members.

• Employee of the Month announcements and awards will be handled as paid advertisements — with the exception of recognition presented by governmental entities, schools, etc.

• New employee announcements will be handled as paid advertisements. This includes car salespeople, real estate agents, insurance agents, stylists, beauticians and other employees of this nature.

• Honoring employees for number of years of employment will be done in increments of five years and will be done with group photos and not individual photos.

• Submissions to the H-C offering special prices or percent off discounts for purchases with a percent of the proceeds going to benefit a certain group will be handled as advertising.

• Certain submissions for awards received and changes in staff and programming will be handled as advertising.

The Herald-Citizen has the right to reject or edit any submission.