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The Tennessee State Capitol was illuminated in purple from June 11-17 to raise awareness for Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Tennessee, June 15, as proclaimed by Governor Phil Bredeson. Awareness activities included classic car shows, educational events and "Wear Purple" days across the state. The activities were sponsored and coordinated by the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability and Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition. (photo by Theresa Davey)

Faces of our Elders



Ora Sue Young stayed young by traveling and trying new things. Here she is in an airplane tour over St. George Island. Young taught 29 years at the Tennessee School for the Blind and where she was honored with the "Ralph Brewer" award for outstanding service.

During her career, she participated on various committees to recommend educational materials and textbooks to the American Printing House for the Blind. She also critiqued materials for the National Science Foundation.

Young taught the Nemeth Code (Braille math) at the Tennessee State Penitentiary prisoners. This allowed them to produce educational materials to be used by blind students. She also taught the Nemeth Code to aspiring Special Education students at George Peabody College.

She raised four children, including two with visual impairment, with Wayne, her husband of 44 years.

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Senior Center Briefs

Byrum Porter Senior Center WEAAD

WEAAD participants at Byrum Porter Senior Center in Orlinda TN received a corsage with a purple ribbon. The event included potluck and safety information presented by the fire chief.

Cannon Co. Senior Center WEAAD

Members were treated to a "Seniors are Classics" cruise-in and wore purple for WEAAD.

Coffee Co. Senior Center WEAAD

Recognizing that elder abuse needs to be recognized as a growing problem, members and staff of the Bedford County Senior Citizens Center wore purple on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th. The ones that wore purple put their name in for a drawing of a prize. Frieda Anderson won the prize which was a 77 piece travel kit including first aid kit. Elder abuse information was also distributed.

Fayetteville/Lincoln Co. Senior Center WEAAD

Several members wore purple to show their support for WEAAD. Members were also served purple frosted cake with ice cream for dessert that day.

Fentress Co. Senior Center WEAAD

Fentress County Senior Citizen Center attendees wore purple on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and had an educational event. There were a lot of comments about elder abuse and different ways abuse occurs. Everyone received a handout on elder abuse and numbers to call if they needed to report abuse.

Gallatin Senior Center WEAAD

Everyone who came to lunch was given a purple ribbon to wear, as they listened to a member of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department talk about elder abuse and safety. A cake with purple decorations was served for dessert.

Gallatin also hosted a "Seniors are Classics" car display. An estimated 50 people viewed the 18 cars which included a Grand Torino, Chevrolet Bel Aire and Studebaker truck. Brochures and magnets promoting the APS hotline were handed out to participants.

Hamblen Co. Senior Center WEAAD

Hamblen County Office on Aging's WEAAD lunchtime event drew approximately 60 people who listened as

Morristown City Mayor Sami Barile read a Proclamation and Sgt. Detective Vickie Arnold of Morristown Police Dept discussed elder abuse and local cases. Seniors were encouraged to report any suspected scam or abuse and were given packets with contacts, tips, telephone numbers and websites.

Humboldt Senior Center WEAAD

Everybody wore purple for WEAAD at the Humboldt Senior Center in Gibson County!

City of Milan Senior Center WEAAD

The City of Milan Senior Citizens Center hung its world Elder Abuse Awareness Day banner in center of stage for maximum exposure. At each activity, Director Gail Branscum took a few minutes to draw attention to the banner and reminded participants that Elder Abuse happens in the home as well as the nursing homes Gail and several dance class members also wore purple on June 15.

Ridgely Senior Center WEAAD

Ridgely Senior Center members were treated to purple food, including pudding and purple icing on cookies and our doughnut holes. We had purple soda, purple applesauce, purple jello with blue berries. Decorations included purple table cloths, purple napkins, cups, plates. And the seniors dressed in purple. Also, the sheriff and the investigator came and spoke on elder abuse.

Tiptonville Senior Center WEAAD

Seniors at Tiptonville Senior Center wore purple. Some wore purple eye shadow and purple flowers. We presented those who participated a grape soda.

Warren Co. "Senior's are Classics" People's Choice winner



2010 Aging Legislation

[*HB 2284](#) by [*Ferguson](#) ([SB 2297](#) by [*Kyle](#)) - As enacted, requires certain health care professionals to conduct registry check before employing or contracting with any person who would be providing direct patient care; revises provisions governing background checks for certain employees who provide care or contact to recipients of mental health services. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 34; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. Pub. Ch. 1084

[*HB 2778](#) by [*Hackworth](#) ([SB 2832](#) by [*Berke](#))
As enacted, authorizes concerned family members to obtain court order to intercede when an adult is subject to abuse, neglect, or exploitation. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1. Pub. Ch. 898

[SB 2297](#) by [*Kyle](#) ([*HB 2284](#) by [*Ferguson](#))
As enacted, requires certain health care professionals to conduct registry check before employing or contracting with any person who would be providing direct patient care; revises provisions governing background checks for certain employees who provide care or contact to recipients of mental health services. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 34; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. Pub. Ch. 1084

[*HB 2941](#) by [*Hackworth](#) ([SB 2903](#) by [*McNally](#)) As enacted, extends missing senior citizen alert program to persons with dementia; revises various provisions of program. - Amends TCA Section 38-6-121. Pub. Ch. 733

[HB 3265](#) by [*Johnson P](#) ([*SB 2570](#) by [*Faulk](#)) As enacted, authorizes accident prevention courses that qualify for premium rate reductions for older drivers to be offered online, subject to the approval of the commissioner of commerce and insurance. - Amends TCA Section 56-7-1107. Pub. Ch. 617

[*HB 3526](#) by [*Maddox](#) ([SB 3341](#) by [*McNally](#))
Health Care - As enacted, creates a stand-alone "department of intellectual and developmental disabilities." - Amends TCA Title 2; Title 3; Title 4; Title 8; Title 12; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 45; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71. Pub. Ch. 1100

[*SB 3853](#) by [*Kyle](#) ([HB 3813](#) by [*DeBerry L](#))
Health Care - As enacted, revises the list of licenses a Level 2 adult care home provider serving residents with traumatic brain injury or a resident manager employed by the provider must hold to include a "licensed rehabilitation professional or licensed mental health professional" instead of a "respiratory therapist." - Amends TCA Section 68-11-209. Pub. Ch. 642

[HB 3368](#) by [*Maggart](#) ([*SB 3144](#) by [*Black](#))
Nurses, Nursing - As enacted, clarifies nurses who can work with medication aides. - Amends TCA Title 63.

Pub. Ch. 926

Abuse of Elder drawing concern

Lawmen take steps to address problem

By Chris Conley, Commercial Appeal

(Editor's note: This is the news report on the Memphis Abuse Coalition's WEAAD event.)

As the numbers of elderly increase, so do cases of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, says Shelby County Dist. Atty. Gen. Bill Gibbons, who has formed a team to handle the problem.

"We are going to see vast increases in that kind of activity," Gibbons said Tuesday at Lindenwood Christian Church during an observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

"Fifteen years ago, we were at the same stage with domestic violence," Gibbons said. "We need to see the same kind of progress" with investigating abuse of the elderly, he said.

There are 90,000 people over 65 in Shelby County, and in the next decade, the number could rise by half.

Sheriff Mark Luttrell and Memphis Police Director Larry Godwin, both of whom attended the event, also have taken steps to address elder abuse. ***(To read the rest of this article, please follow the link to the Commercial Appeal)***

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2010/jun/16/abuse-of-elderly-drawing-concern/>

The Memphis event also made Action News 5. To see that report, please follow the link:

<http://www.wmctv.com/global/story.asp?s=12654806>

For more reports and photos from World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities, held in Tennessee, check out the TVAC Facebook page found at
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Tennessee-Vulnerable-Adult-Coalition-TVAC/111707435520158>

Northwest AAAD staff hosts WEAAD



Northwest AAAD hosted a World Elder Abuse Awareness training at the Cox Senior Center in Union City on June 24. Attorney Pam Ford Wright and victim advocate Roger Wright spoke to the crowd of 130, who also received materials on elder abuse.

Warren County “Seniors are Classics” Car and Bike Show

More than 400 people checked out classic cars and bikes at Warren County Senior Center’s “Seniors are Classics” Car and Bike show held June 12 at the Foodland Plus parking lot.

The show had 32 car entries and six motorcycles and won prizes in categories including People’s Choice, Best Paint and the AmeriChoice “Choice” awards.

Three bands entertained the crowd, who had the chance to compete in a cake walk, or get arrested and taken to “Jail.” Since the “Jail” was the coolest place to sit, few people wanted to be bailed out.

Representatives from the Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition were also on hand, handing out brochures and magnets with the toll-free abuse hotline number to attendees.

The purpose of “Seniors are Classics” is to teach people that seniors are in danger of being abused and exploited and that we need to treasure and protect them, said Janet Lamb, elder rights supervisor for the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability “The best part of the show was when a lady came to the booth and asked what she could do about an elder who was being financially exploited. Upper Cumberland Ombudsman Marie Ferran handed her a magnet with the hotline number and told her to report it there. It gave the lady a definite action to take with the suspected financial exploitation.”

Montgomery Bell Fall Prevention Workshop



TCAD staffers LaVerdia McCullough, Belinda Bruns and Jackie Bruce hand out material at the June 6 Montgomery Bell Fall Prevention Workshop.

Gallatin “Seniors are Classics” cruise-in



Donelson “Seniors are Classics” cruise-in

