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Wright in Flight

Elizabethton graduate becomes fifth to fly solo



With a last name like Wright, it's no surprise Harrison, a recent Elizabethton High School graduate, just took his first solo flight over his hometown. On Friday, July 15, he became the fifth student in the history of the school's Aeronautics Program to fly solo.

After hours of simulated flights in EHS's FMX Flight Simulator and dual flights in Watauga Eagles Association's Cessna 172, Wright took off and landed solo at Elizabethton Municipal Airport.

As first-time pilot-in-command, at 2,600 feet above ground, Wright said the flight couldn't have gone better.

"It went just as smooth as can be, and it was basically the perfect day," he said. "The

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Pictured are Aeronautics Instructor Dan Mills, EHS graduate Harrison Wright, Savannah Laney and John Wright at Elizabethton Municipal Airport.

Tribble rejoins race for U.S. Congressional seat

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A Knoxville man who had previously withdrawn from the race for the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Primary now says he is back in the running.

On Wednesday, Clint Tribble made a formal announcement that he is "un-suspending" his campaign to challenge incumbent U.S. Rep. Phil Roe for the Republican Nomination to represent Tennessee's First Congressional District. Tribble previously suspended his campaign on July 1 after he said he and his family had received "repeated anonymous threats and intimidation," citing his need to put the safety



Clint Tribble

of his family before his desire to serve in Congress.

"However, after much deliberation with my family and a

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Library celebration concludes Summer Reading Program

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Wednesday morning some of the Elizabethton/Carter County Library's youngest patrons gathered for the conclusion of a two-day celebration for the annual Summer Reading Program.

Tuesday's event featured chil-

dren in grades K-3 while Wednesday morning the attendees ranged from infants to pre-schoolers.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program was "Read. Play. Grow." The pre-schoolers spent the summer learning and reading about things that grow, while re-

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A young reader clutches a book while she samples some pizza made with items grown in the library's community garden.



Photo Courtesy Milligan College

Milligan College recently capped off "Be A Buff," where high school students participated in different programs with campus volunteers and instructors. Pictured, students listen to their instructor during a nursing class.

High school students learn to 'Be A Buff'

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Future Buffaloes recently were able to roam the land of Milligan College.

The college's "Be A Buff" summer program ran from July 17-22 with approximately 60 high school students taking part in multiple activities to gauge on what their futures will be upon graduation.

"Our 'Be A Buff' summer camp was such a success," said Phyllis Fox, director of church relations. "We've already had one student from Jonesborough who took part in the camp to express interest in continuing his schooling at Milligan

after he graduates high school."

Teenagers between the ages of 14 to 18 years old were offered four different camp opportunities: digital media, basketball, musical theater, and the inaugural year for nursing.

"There was a lot of excitement for our nursing program," Fox said.

Students worked with the faculty on campus and utilized tools offered from Sycamore Shoals to complete different activities, including CPR training. Students were also offered a penning ceremony of sorts at the conclusion of their camp.

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A high school student learns CPR during Milligan's inaugural nursing camp.



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Anytime Fitness, operated by the Kitzmiller family, is gearing up for their grand opening, tentatively scheduled for September. Pictured, from left to right, is Taylor, manager, Zak, Ellen and Brent Kitzmiller, owner.

Kitzmiller family plans September opening for 24-7 gym

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No strangers to staying fit, the Kitzmillers are ready to spread the message of being healthy to Carter County.

With construction underway, Anytime Fitness, a 24-7 gym that is located in the Ingles Shopping Center on Elk Avenue beside Pet-Sense, is preparing to open to the public.

“We got the schedule for construction, and it is expected to be completed by August 31,” Brent said. “Once the construction is completed, we’re going to have to move the equipment in . . . we’re going to try to aim for the second week of September.”

Brent Kitzmiller, the owner of the business, and wife, Ellen, manned the fort Wednesday evening, providing citizens a chance to sign up for early memberships before the opening date. Throughout Wednesday’s discussion with the Elizabethton Star, numerous individuals stopped by to either ask or sign up for Anytime Fitness.

“It was a long process,” he said. “We just want to do something to make our mark. I’ve been a chief financial officer for 25-plus years, but once I hit 50 years old . . . I decided on what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I did a lot of studying, praying, a lot of looking around, but then I stumbled across Anytime Fitness.”

Anytime Fitness currently has over 3,000 locations and was recently named the No. 1 franchise, surpassing Subway, according to Entrepreneur Magazine.

“Their whole motto is about caring and coaching,” Brent said. “We’re an athletic family. This all worked out well. We talked to Anytime Fitness for months. They had a week long training seminar in Minneapolis . . . Ellen and I both went up there. We bought the franchise territory and just started scouting out locations in Elizabethton. The response has been tremendous so far.”

It was the eagle of Ellen that scouted out the gym’s location, which was actually the last

“We immediately knew that this is what we wanted,” Brent said.

Athletics run deep in the Kitzmiller family. Both Brent and Ellen were collegiate athletes at King University. Currently, their son, Zak, is a member of the Tornado baseball team while their daughter, Taylor, who will serve as the store’s manager, was a



Star Photo/Curtis Carden

The floor plan for the gym equipment that will be inside the new Anytime Fitness facility.

four-year member of the East Tennessee State University cheer and dance team.

“I was thinking how special it was working together,” Brent said.

An fate seemed of played a role into the current location of Anytime Fitness.

“Our corporate name is Betsy,” Brent said with a laugh. “It kind of fell in our lap. My name start’s with a B, my wife’s is an E, our daughter’s is T and our son’s is Z.”

With 8,400 square foot space,

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Now in its 14th year, the Youth in Ministry (YiM) Student Leadership Conference at Milligan College featured a stellar line-up of speakers and leaders from around the country to prepare high school students to be servant leaders in their schools, communities and future careers.

YiM in full swing at Milligan

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As the school year approaches, Milligan College continues to stay busy with one of its longest-running programs for students across the area.

The Youth in Ministry (YiM) conference opened up this week and will conclude Saturday, with students participating in a camp activity away from the campus.

Stephen Woodward, assistant director of public relations at Milligan College, stated the weeklong event is to help prepare high school students to be servant leaders for their community.

“This week has been amazing,” Phyllis Fox, director of church relations and youth in ministry, told the Elizabethton Star on Tuesday. “We have so many students from across the area and from other states. It has been a perfect time for worship and show what Milligan College is all about.”

YiM has produced over 70 students from 13 states navigating throughout the campus,

participating in various activities offered by the faculty.

According to the college, 30 to 40 percent of YiM students continue their “journey” at Milligan once they complete high school.

Speakers participating in this week’s ministry include Dr. Curtis Booher, associate profes-

sor of Christian ministries at the college and associate pastor at Crossroads Christian Church in Gray; Laura Buffington, creative director and spiritual formation pastor at SouthBrook Christian Church in Ohio; Dori Gorman,

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For the November 8, 2016

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President and Vice-President of the United States		4 year term
U.S. House of Representatives (1 st Congressional District)		2 year term
Tennessee Senate (4 th Senatorial District)		4 year term
Tennessee House of Representatives (3 rd & 4 th TN House of Representative District)		2 year term

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The Carter County Election Commission Office will be closed for the following holiday schedule:

Labor Day: September 5, 2016

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E-mail: elections@cartercountyttn.gov
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ETSU historian authors pioneering book on the Clinton presidency

JOHNSON CITY — An East Tennessee State University historian has written one of the first scholarly examinations of the Bill Clinton presidency from the perspective of race and class. Dr. Daryl A. Carter, associate professor in the ETSU Department of History, is the author of the new book “Brother Bill: President Clinton and the Politics of Race and Class.”

This is Carter’s first book. It grew out of his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Memphis. Carter, a political historian, is a graduate of Science Hill High School and holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a master’s degree in History from ETSU.

In the book, Carter describes African Americans as Clinton’s most loyal constituency. He quotes novelist Toni Morrison, who, in a 1998 speech, referred to Clinton, for a variety of reasons, as “our first black president.” However, Carter asserts, “Clinton frustrated African Americans with his propensity to take both sides of an issue and hash out compromises that African American politicians believed had a negative impact on their community.”

A case in point, according to Carter, is the Racial Justice Act of the 1994 crime bill, which “compounded the crisis in Black America.” Carter writes that Clinton’s backing of the legislation “gave credence to conservative ideas that argued prison was the only answer to social problems. The prison-industrial complex grew exponen-

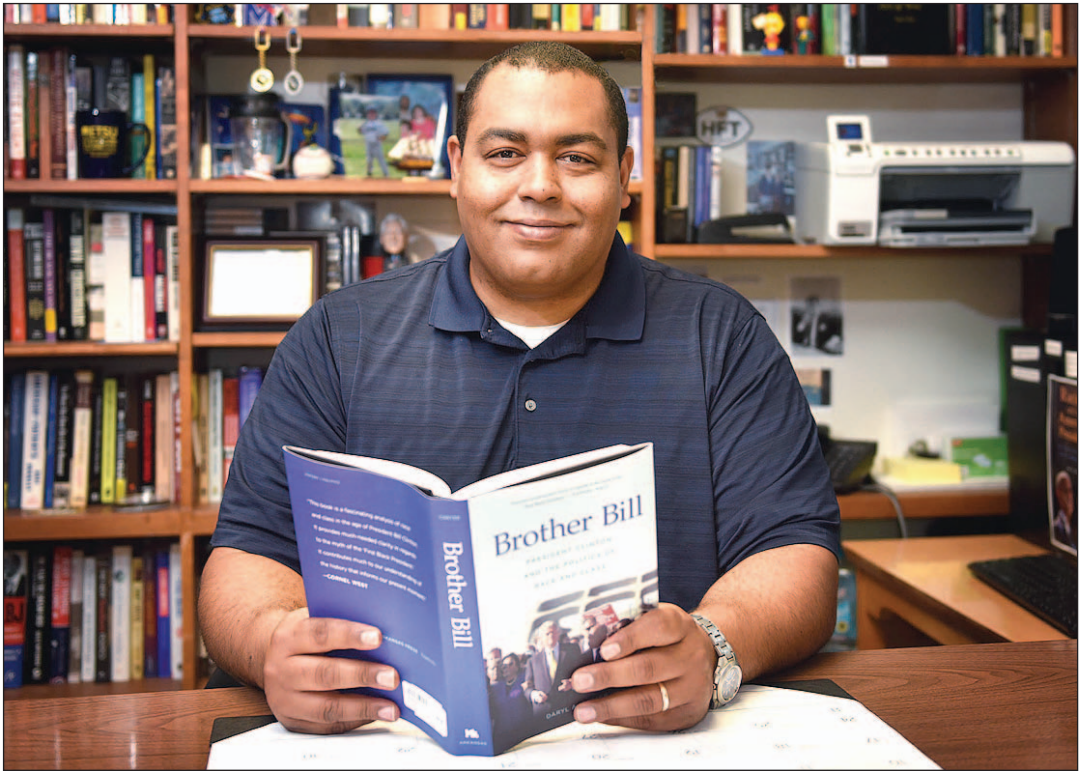


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ETSU’s Dr. Daryl Carter, a Johnson City native and an associate professor in the Department of History, has penned one of the first scholarly examinations of the Bill Clinton presidency from the perspective of race and class.

tially as a result of the crime bill of 1994.”

“Brother Bill” examines one of the most controversial issues of the Clinton presidency, welfare reform, and Clinton’s promise to “end welfare as we know it.” Of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, which Clinton supported, Carter writes, “One of the consequences of the passage of this law was that it removed welfare from the national discourse. Yet it also helped to consign some of the most vulnerable members

of American society further into the muck of the underclass.”

Carter devotes an entire chapter in his book to the 1997 President’s Initiative on Race, created through an Executive Order issued by President Clinton. Carter attributes much of the initiative’s failure to Clinton’s personal distractions at the time, and he believes that the initiative came to symbolize the contradictions of the Clinton administration.

The One America initiative, Carter writes, “captures the hope, promise, and failure of President

Clinton and his administration to fulfill the promise that was displayed in the weeks after his election in November 1992.”

Carter concludes that the Clinton legacy is mixed: “greedy yet benevolent, kind-hearted yet harsh, technocratic yet democratic. The Clintons represent not just the ’60s generation but America in the post-war world.”

“Brother Bill: President Clinton and the Politics of Race and Class” was published in June of 2016 by the University of Arkansas Press.

Policebeats

• Gabrielle Walker-Sluss, 27, 1734 Valley View Drive, Big Stone Gap, Va., was arrested Tuesday by Elizabethton Police Department Officer Dustin Johnson and charged with being a fugitive from justice out of Virginia. Officers also issued Walker-Sluss with a criminal summons charging her with shoplifting.

• Ricky Martin, 27, 207 Academy St., Elizabethton, was arrested Tuesday by EPD Officer Justin Pearce on a warrant charging him with violation of probation.

• Christopher Anderson, 29, 412 Willow Springs Road, Elizabethton, was issued a criminal summons on Tuesday by EPD Officer Justin Pearce charging him with shoplifting and criminal

trespassing.

• Michael J. Greenwell, 33, 116 Gilbert Wilson Road, Elizabethton, was arrested Wednesday by Tennessee Constable Mark Carrier on warrants charging him with aggravated burglary, theft over \$1,000, two counts of violation of financial responsibility, driving on a suspended license, second offense driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, improper lane change, and leaving the scene of an accident.

• Daniel Escobar, 40, 245 Riggs Road, Watauga, was arrested Tuesday by Tennessee Constable Mark Carrier on a warrant charging him with failure to appear.

Students

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Along with the rousing success of nursing camp, students were offered an opportunity to hone their crafts in digital media.

“We had several students turn out for our digital media camp,” Fox added. “Students were able to work on videography, graphic design and other important skills.”

Students participating in the class were divided into two separate groups when working on their final projects, with one group interviewing Linda Duncan, a local business owner, while the other group spent time interviewing different farmers’ markets in the Tri-Cities.

With digital media and nursing out of the way, the future acting stars of the region were able to strut their stuff for attendees at the conclusion of the musical theater camp, according to Fox.

“Our students that participated in the theater camp did such a wonderful job,” she said.

Students began their journey on Monday and ended the week with their own performance. Using Disney and Broadway productions as their muse, the campers were able to produce their own script and perform a 40-plus minute production for family, friends and faculty inside the McGlothlin-Street Theatre.

Even though the camps have concluded for this year, Milligan College is already excited about what’s ahead for the next batch of students looking to “Be A Buff.”

“This was an important tradition we look to continue,” Fox said about the program. “We want to work with the community and local students to help give them guidance on their future careers and help them grow as members of the community.”

31st Annual Rob-Con Comic Book Convention at Viking Hall this weekend

Heroes and villains will be coming to life this year in Bristol when the 31st annual Rob-Con returns to Viking Hall in Bristol on Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31.

Comic book artists and writers will be the guests of the show which features some of the top talent in the South. Fans of the fantastic and legendary will find plenty of enjoy with Star Wars, Dr. Who, the Ghostbusters and more represented at the show.

Vendors and craftspeople will be on hand with comics, toys, models and other collectibles and the popular costume contest will be on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Famous fantasy artists Charles

Vess, Scott Hampton and Tom Lyle will be on hand to meet the fans along with top-notch comic artists such as John Hairston, Gregbo Watson, Kevin Sharpe and Alex Ogle. Many other outstanding area artists of the fantastic will be on stage in “Artists Alley” during the convention.

A character familiar to most comic strip fans in the area is the rascally hillbilly Snuffy Smith. John Rose, artist on that long-running strip, will be on hand along with New York Times best-selling author Jennifer Estep.

Other are writers include Gayle Trent, Misty Martin and Ronda Caudill. Comic creators Jeremy Massie, Matthew Smith, Brent

Marcus Cook, Brett Harris and others will attend.

Dr. Who fans will enjoy the life-size “Tardis” and “Dalek” from the Cosplay Kasterborous fan club. The East Tennessee R2 D2 Builders will have radio controlled Star Wars “droids” at the show along with the Tennessee Ghostbusters with a replica of their famous car.

A huge number of vendors and craftspeople will be on hand with both old and classic comics, toys, jewelry, models and other collectibles. The popular costume contest has grown in popularity every year and is set for Sunday at 3 p.m.

The convention runs from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, visit the website at www.robcon.org or call 423-274-0450.



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because you face some of the same problems he did. And just as he turned to alcohol to try to bury them, so have you.

But God also can help you by giving you a new purpose in life, and a new power to deal with your problems. You see, when we come to Christ and open our hearts and lives to Him, God Himself comes to live within us by His Holy Spirit. We are no longer alone! This is why I urge you to turn to Christ and commit your life to Him. The Bible says, “The Spirit helps us in our weakness” (Romans 8:26).

In addition, God wants to help you by bringing others into your life who can help you. Ask Him to guide you to an organization or counselor who can assist you; your pastor or doctor may have suggestions. Above

all, learn to walk with Christ every day through prayer, the Bible, and friendship with other believers. His promise is true: “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

(Send your queries to “My Answer,” c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the website for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.)

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Tribble

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full evaluation of our safety and security, I have decided to un-suspend my grassroots, self-funded campaign,” Tribble said on Wednesday. “I will not back down or be intimidated.”

“I just can’t sit back and watch Phil Roe sneak back into office yet again,” Tribble added. “I owe it to the voters to keep fighting.”

Following the suspension of his campaign, Tribble said he and his family evaluated the threats they had received and took action to improve their security.

“We had to shore up some security issues,” Tribble said. “I bought a gun, another gun, and installed a security system in our house.”

Though Tribble had suspended his campaign, his name remained on the election ballot because the official deadline to withdraw from the race had already passed. That fact also played a part in Tribble’s decision to rejoin the race, saying the reaction he

received from voters, some of whom said they voted for him during early voting, inspired him to continue his campaign.

“I am still on the ballot and I am still an official candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. House District 1,” Tribble said. “In fact, we have spoken to dozens of people who have already voted for me during early voting!”

“I am a legitimate candidate. I am on the ballot, whether I suspended my campaign or not. That’s the law and I know the law,” Tribble added. “I expect to win because the voters are tired of Phil Roe. A lot of people are coming out on social media saying they were not going to vote for Phil Roe.”

One of the major points of Tribble’s campaign thus far has been the fact he is not a Washington insider or a career politician, two things which he frequently calls Roe in both his statements and his campaign materials.

“Let’s take our District away from the failed politicians and

give it back to the people,” Tribble said in his announcement regarding relaunching his campaign. “I will fight the criminals on Capitol Hill! I will stand up to the Establishment, and I will never side with, cater to or pander to the ‘Good Old Boys Network’ of party insiders in Washington D.C.”

“This election is critical, and it is ‘now or never’; we have to take back our country,” he added.

Early voting continues now through Saturday with polls open today and Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at the Carter County Election Commission Office located at 116 Holston Ave., Elizabethton. Election Day is on August 4 and polls in the various precincts will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. that day.

The winner of the Republican Primary between Tribble and Roe will then face candidate Alan Bohms, who is running unopposed in the Democrat Primary.

Wright

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only unexpected thing was the plane was lighter, and the traffic pattern was shorter.”

EHS’s four-course program educates students about everything from aviation history and instruments to operation and high-risk decision making. The advanced fourth class involves hours in an FMX flight simulator in which instructor Dan Mills tests each student’s ability to react appropriately to weather changes, plane and instrument failure and other scenarios.

“Having the simulator makes everything a lot more hands-on and it seems like you can put every situation to the test,” Wright said.

So when he began flying a real plane, the transition was seamless.

Mills said EHS was the first high school in the nation to acquire an FMX simulator, thanks to the foresight of former superintendent Ed Alexander. The machine can simulate any airport in the world with a 200-degree field of vision.

By the time EHS students complete the aviation program, they will have already had the opportunity to review all 800

Principal John Wright, said he is very proud of his son’s accomplishment and thankful he was able to participate in the program.

“As a parent, I am extremely thrilled that my son was able to have this opportunity to do a solo flight,” he said. “Not many people can say they have been able to solo in a plane, especially at eighteen years of age. Whether or not he chooses to pursue a career in aviation, this will be a huge confidence builder as he heads into his next phase of life.”

The EHS Aeronautics Program has developed exponentially under the guidance and dedication of Mills. In 2013, Mills was invited by the Tennessee Department of Education to help rewrite the aviation standards for schools across the state. Along with his expertise, community partnerships have been vital for the program’s success. The solo training flights are made possible through partnerships with the Watauga Eagles Association and Pilot Ken Brumit, and with the F.L.I.G.H.T. Program and founder Pilot Lt. Col. Bill Powley.

Gym

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the gym will be suited up with state-of-the-art free weights, equipment, and security features for attendees.

Brent also added his daughter’s love of working with children spearheaded the idea of “Fit Families” – which will be looked at being offered twice a week so that families can bring children while they work out. Fit Families would allow children to take part

in different activities and games to learn more about healthy lifestyles. Another program Anytime Fitness in Elizabethton is working on is “Silver Sneakers”, a way for retirees or individuals unable to work to receive discounted service to use the facility.

Rates vary and individuals above the age of 14 years old are eligible for gym membership. For more information, contact

the store at 543-4247 or visit the store’s Facebook and Instagram account by searching “Anytime Fitness Elizabethton”.

Brent also added he can be reached by his cell phone at 791-1237 for appointments to sign up interested customers. The Kitzmillers will be on site at the store today from 2 to 7 p.m., 2 to 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

YIM

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founder of New Story Church in Chicago; Bob Robinson of Avoca Christian Church in Bristol, and David Robinson, senior minister of Community Christian Church in Maryland.

Along with the speakers, students participated in “Leadership 201” with Tim Burchfield, owner of Chick-fil-A in Johnson City.

According to a press release issued from Woodward, worship for YiM was led by Nathan Hall, a 2014 Milligan alum and current vocational minister at Crossroads Christian Church.

Other Milligan graduates assisting with the conference include Ryan Arnold (’07), Kit Dotson (’93), Christian Thompson (’07) and Chris Wells (’09).

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