

## **FAIRFIELD GLADE ROTARY WELCOMES TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

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Fairfield Glade Rotary Club was pleased to hear from Don Sadler, Director of Tennessee Technology Center @ Crossville. Don has been Director of TTCC since 2008 and is a member of the Crossville Noon Rotary Club. He was accompanied by Alison Nunley, Secretary - Student Services. Don recounted the mission of Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville is to serve as the premier provider of quality workforce training and development in the local service area.



The Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville is one of 46 institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents System, the seventh largest system of higher education in the nation. The Tennessee Board of Regents is the governing board for this system which is comprised of 6 universities, 13 community colleges and 27 technology centers. The TBR system enrolls more than 80 percent of all Tennessee students attending public institutions of higher education.

The Tennessee Technology Center at Crossville was established in 1967 as the State Area Vocational Technical School, one of 26 Vo-

Techs located across Tennessee. Construction of the first Technology Center began in 1964 and the system was completed in 1975. The Crossville Technology Center was the 18th school built. In 1994 the Tennessee Legislature, realizing that training in the Vo-Tech schools was becoming more technical, passed legislation changing our school's name to the Tennessee Technology Center to better reflect the school's mission. The center enrolled its first students in September, 1967. Six courses were available at that time—Auto Mechanics, Drafting, Electronics, Machine Shop, Office Occupations and Welding; 120 students supported by a staff of 10 full-time employees.

Tennessee Technology Center strives to produce the high quality workers that industry demands; preparing students for the work world is the goal of this school and placement figures vary with an average of over 90% of graduates being placed in jobs related to their training. These successful results provide the community businesses and industries with better trained employees. As of January 1999, 16 programs are available. They are Auto Body Technology, Auto Technology, Business Systems Technology, Early Childhood Education, Computer Operations Technology, Drafting/CAD Technology, Electronics Technology, GED Preparation, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology, Industrial Electricity/Maintenance Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Masonry Technology, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, Technology Foundations, and Welding Technology with a staff of 32 full time employees.

Don gave an account of some of the many recent successes at TTCC highlighting that in April, TTCC had ten students competing in the state SkillsUSA competition held in Chattanooga, Five students received medals at the state level. Receiving state medals were: Gloria Ross, Silver; Robett Rees, Bronze; Jason LeBouef, Silver; Misty Mason, Gold and Eric Payne, Gold. In June, Jason, Misty, and Eric competed at the national level in Kansas City. They each placed in the top ten.

Don also thanked Fairfield Glade Rotary Club for their continued financial support by providing scholarships to students. For additional information contact TTCC at 931-484-7502

Fairfield Glade Rotary meets at Noon on Tuesday at Legends, for more information please contact President Kim Hartman at 200-5131 or Membership Director Richard Garrett at 456-4750.