

Tom Beehan takes the helm as TML's new president



President elect Tom Beehan addresses TML members at the 2008 Annual Conference.

The Tennessee Municipal League recently elected its 2008-2009 board of directors during its annual conference in Memphis. Oak Ridge's Mayor Tom Beehan was elected president.

As president of the League, Beehan will lead the organization as it determines and proposes legislation cities want passed into law. He also plays a major role in the National League of Cities, which represents municipalities with Congress and the federal administration.

"TML has been very instrumental in supporting legislation for cities of all sizes. Large and small communities across the state are looking for similar solutions to local problems," said Beehan. "I am humbled and honored to serve as President; I will work hard to accomplish the League's goals and legislative priorities."

Mayor Beehan said that one of the biggest issues in the coming year

could be the change in the U.S. presidency because a new administration could have an impact on city funding, regulations and relationships.

Other board elections include three vice presidents: McMinnville Mayor Royce Davenport, Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley, and Morristown Vice Mayor Kay Senter. TML vice presidents are traditionally in line to serve as president.

The TML board also includes past TML presidents, mayors of Tennessee's largest cities, eight district directors, and six at-large directors. The chairmen of the Tennessee Municipal

Bond Fund and the TML Risk Management Pool also sit on the board.

The eight district directors, representing their section of the state, were nominated and elected during district caucuses. They are: Jane Myron, Johnson City Vice Mayor (District 1); Cindy Ogle, Gatlinburg City Manager (District 2); Linda Bennett, Chattanooga Councilchair (District 3); Tommy Pedigo, Sparta Mayor (District 4); Ken Wilber, Portland Mayor (District 5); Betsy Crossley, Brentwood Commissioner (District 6); Charles Rahm, Jackson Councilman (District 7); and Keith McDonald, Bartlett Mayor (District 8).

The eight at-large directors were nominated by a six-member nominating committee composed of municipal officials statewide. They were then elected for a one-year term by a majority vote of the entire membership. Those directors are: Allen See **TML BOARD** on Page 2



Patti Davenport, wife of McMinnville Mayor Royce Davenport, was recognized for the role she plays as a supportive spouse.

McMinnville's Patti Davenport named Spouse of the Year

Patti Davenport, wife of McMinnville Mayor Royce Davenport, received the Tennessee Municipal League's "Stand by your Spouse" Award at TML's 69th annual conference in Memphis.

The award is given each year to the spouse of an elected official in recognition of the many contributions they make in the name of public service.

"The spouse of a city official is a sounding board and a constant supporter," said Tommy Green, TML president and Alamo mayor. "The spouse is called on to have a built-in sense of humor and source of patience, and to generously share the city official with the community, which often means taking time away from the family."

"Patti is everyone's friend and is universally characterized as sweet, soft-hearted, and accepting of others," said Mayor Davenport. "Her glowing smile and ready acceptance of most people are indicative of her desire for all to go as well as possible."

Although Patti prefers not to be in the spotlight, she has served in many positions in her church as well as her community. At First Baptist Church she is currently on the missions committee and has spent time in Brazil to work as a short term missionary. In addition, she serves as a substitute teacher in the church's children's department.

Other civic activities include:

- A board member of the local family crisis center
- An active member of the Lions Club,
- A volunteer at the local library;
- As well as volunteering for numerous community events that range from the professionally sanctioned Highland Rim Cycling Classic to a guest host during the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Tour of Homes.

A recent personal project she undertook was initiating and organizing a family reunion for relatives scattered from South Carolina to California. This year, her family will celebrate their third reunion.

A native of Oak Ridge and a certified public accountant, Patti spent more than 10 years working in Knoxville as a CPA and currently works in McMinnville for Totherow, Haile, and Welch.

She and Mayor Davenport have been married for seven years. Mayor Davenport has two grown children from a previous marriage, as well as grandchildren that Patti enjoys being a part of. She is widely known for her passion for animals and her love of exercise.

"Patti Davenport is a strong supporter of her husband in all his public duties, a strong promoter of McMinnville, and is most deserving of this recognition," said Green.

Huntingdon's Dale Kelley named Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League

Huntingdon's Mayor Dale Kelley was named the *Tommie Goodwin Mayor of the Year* by the Tennessee Municipal League at their annual conference recently held in Memphis.

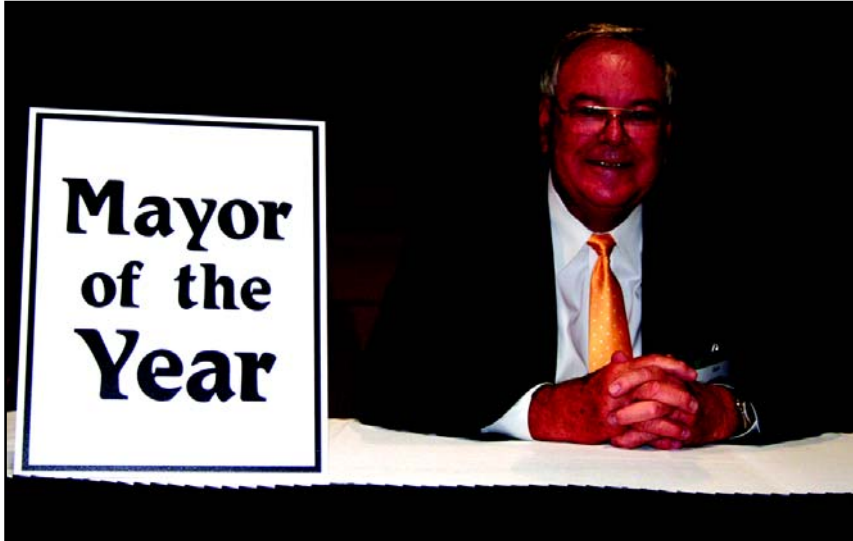
Each year the League honors a city mayor that typifies the attributes of intelligence, effectiveness, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. TML has honored a mayor annually since 1954.

"Mayor Kelley is a true leader," said Tommy Green, TML immediate past president and Alamo mayor, "not only for the town of Huntingdon, but in Carroll County, West Tennessee, and the entire state of Tennessee."

Kelley has served his community in many ways during a lifetime of public service including four years as Carroll County property assessor, three terms as a state representative, and under Governor Lamar Alexander, he served as Commissioner of Employment Security and Commissioner of Transportation.

Kelley was first elected mayor in 1992 after serving two terms on the town council. Since then, he has been re-elected three times. The mayor has many significant accomplishments to show for his years of leadership, including:

- The Kelley Sports Complex - an impressive, state-of-the-art



Photos by Victoria South

Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley is presented the *Tommie Goodwin Mayor of the Year Award* by the Tennessee Municipal League at the 2008 Annual Conference in Memphis. TML has honored outstanding mayors since 1954.

sports complex completed in 1998 and named for the Mayor because of his vision and leadership in establishing the complex.

- Huntingdon Downtown Revitalization efforts anchored by the Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center, home of the Hall Holbrook Theatre. The Mayor led the effort to establish "The Dixie" and to restore the downtown area of Huntingdon to provide not only the citizens of Huntingdon with arts and cultural activities, but

the entire northwest region of West Tennessee with cultural activities usually not available to people in cities the size of Huntingdon. The "Dixie" has been an astounding success story for the Town of Huntingdon.

- The construction of a 1,000 acre, man-made lake in Carroll County. Mayor Kelley currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Carroll County Watershed Authority, an agency created by Mayor Kelley when he served in the Legislature.

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Morristown's Jim Crumley named TCMA City Manager of the Year

In honor of his outstanding performance and 32 years of public service, Morristown's City Administrator Jim Crumley was named Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA). Crumley was presented the award at the annual conference of the Tennessee Municipal League held at Memphis.

The award is presented by TCMA each year to acknowledge Tennessee managers, administrators, or assistants who have made exceptional contributions to their profession.

When Crumley first arrived in Morristown, he was handed a difficult financial situation – a fund balance in steady decline, a general economic downturn initiated by September 11, and the cuts in state-shared taxes from the state of Tennessee. Crumley made some tough calls and implemented new approaches to decision-making that turned around this negative trend. Today, these challenges have been fully answered, as Morristown is in excellent financial condition and is moving forward at a faster rate than at any time in their past.

As an integral member of the Joint Morristown-Hamblen County Economic & Community Develop-



Morristown's Jim Crumley is presented the City Manager of the Year Award by Kevin Helms, TCMA First Vice President.

ment Board, Crumley has been a strong advocate of economic development at all levels bringing extensive knowledge of economic processes to the table.

He has worked closely with business and community leaders to foster the growth of the international business community for the area, and for the past two years, has at-

tended and participated in the Japan – America Society of Tennessee annual meetings to strengthen relationships between Tennessee and the Japanese community.

In 2004, Crumley worked diligently to bring the Koch Foods poultry processing plant to the area, a \$17 million enterprise employing close

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Roger Hensley receives Murphy Snoderly Award

Recognized for his dedication to his city, hard work, and leadership, Roger Hensley with the Kingsport Public Works Department has been awarded the Murphy Snoderly Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TCAPWA).

Hensley was presented the award at the Tennessee Municipal League's annual conference in Memphis.

Hensley has worked in the public works profession for more than 21 years. He started with the city of Kingsport as a utility worker; later transferring to the city's Public Works Transportation Division, then in 1991 became an employee in Kingsport's new Recycling Division. During his work with the Recycling Division, he began as an equipment operator and worked his way to a leadership position as a foreman of the department.

"Through his leadership, dedication and hard work, the city's recycling program became a huge success," said Jim Durrett, TCAPWA president and public works director with the city of Clarksville. "He has always worked to foster a sense of teamwork and a 'get things done' atti-



Roger Hensley with the Kingsport Public Works Department was awarded the Murphy Snoderly Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association. TCAPWA President Jim Durrett (right) presented the award at TML's Annual Conference.

Hensley played a major role in seeking and recruiting vendors to compete in the bidding process for the city's recycling materials disposal contract, which ultimately reduced the city's cost by more than \$100,000.

He also became a member of the city's Employee Compensation

Committee, using his ability to communicate with both management and line employees to help provide valuable information in the compensation review process.

In addition, each year he teaches a class at the city's Conservation Camp aimed at promoting Recycling and Efficient Landfill usage initiatives.

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ALCOA

The East Tennessee Development District (ETDD) Board of Directors held its Annual Awards Banquet at the Museum of Appalachia in Norris where the city of Alcoa was presented an award for the new Consolidated Services Center. “Alcoa is very proud that the new ETDD offices are now located at 216 Corporate Place in Springbrook Corporate Center,” said Mayor Don Mull. “I am happy to work with other local officials in the region to improve the quality of life for our citizens.” ETDD Awards are made to area communities, organizations, and individuals for outstanding contributions to regional and/or community development.

CHATTANOOGA

Economic recruiters hope the Tennessee Valley can capitalize on the predicted revival of nuclear power to regain some of the engineering, construction and manufacturing jobs the region shed after utilities quit ordering new plants more than three decades ago. With up to \$50 billion of nuclear plant construction and maintenance proposed over the next 30 years, Chattanooga again is trying to stake its nuclear claim.

JACKSON

A new program managed by the State Board of Parole Office and the City of Jackson’s Neighborhood Services Department will assist people returning from prison providing them opportunities for gainful employment, education, counseling, housing and support from local social services agencies. To become eligible, the offender must return from a state prison to Madison County for non-violent, property offenses with no pending charges. Currently, there are 10 individuals returning from prison and five individuals on parole residing in the community.

JOHNSON CITY

A 10-year, multimillion dollar deal between East Tennessee State University and Coca-Cola would give exclusive pouring and vending rights to the international soda corporation, as well as provide student scholarships and programs. The agreement begins July 1 and will continue until June 2018. It is a result of the Tennessee Board of Regents, ETSU’s governing body, allowing long-term, exclusive contracts for such products and services. A combination of money, donations, scoreboards, scholarships, and marketing sponsorships, the deal also includes student functions and recycling programs on campus.

KNOXVILLE

Rapidly escalating fuel costs have Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) officials and city leaders scrambling for ways to meet rising demands for public transportation without slashing services. Members of the Knoxville Transportation Authority, City Council and Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam banded about ways to balance skyrocketing fuel costs with public transportation needs. The surge in fuel prices comes at a time when KAT ridership - which has increased each of the last 13 years - is up 10 percent over a year ago. Roughly 3.8 million passengers rode on KAT’s fleet of 120 vehicles last year, representing 13,500 trips a day

LEBANON

With gas prices past the four-dollar mark and rising, Cumberland University is cutting out Wednesday classes. Commuter students account for about two-thirds of total enrollment at the private college in Lebanon. Instead, it’s a day for one-on-one interaction with professors, in person, by phone, or internet. And many classes will have online sessions or assignments that replace the midweek lecture.

MEMPHIS

The chief executive of Delta Airlines says the Memphis airport hub should prosper under the merger of Delta and Northwest Airlines, although high fuel prices are here to stay and will cut the volume of business. Aerropolis is the name for a massive long-range development around Memphis International Airport including FedEx, passenger airlines, and other businesses. The Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce is betting heavily that Memphis has a bright future as America’s low-cost, hassle-free airport in an era of airline mergers and expensive fuel bills.

MORRISTOWN

Furniture maker England Inc. is closing its England Quality Home Furnishings plant in Morristown that will result in the loss of 38 jobs. The closure is effective June 20, according to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. England is based in New Tazewell, where it also operates furniture manufacturing operations. The company is a leading maker of home furnishings sold across the country.

MURFREESBORO

The Nashville-Murfreesboro-Franklin metropolitan area has one of the strongest economies in the nation, according to POLICOM Corporation’s annual economic strength rankings. The area ranked No. 4 in the latest report. POLICOM annually ranks the 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas and 577 Micropolitan Statistical Areas in the U.S. so the company can study the characteristics of strong and weak economies in the county. POLICOM measures 23 different economic factors over a 20-year period to determine its ranking.

NASHVILLE

Nashville could be facing a future with not one, but two Bible theme parks in its backyard. The nation’s only Bible Park, “The Holy Land Experience,” is planning an expansion into Middle Tennessee. Meanwhile, a group of developers is shopping around for a site to build a rival theme park: Bible Park USA. Christian broadcasting giant Trinity Broadcasting Network owns “The Holy Land Experience” and may soon shift some of its exhibits from the Orlando, Fla., theme park to a new home in Hendersonville’s Trinity Music City, which TBN also owns. Bible Park USA ran into community protests when it attempted to buy land outside Murfreesboro.

NASHVILLE

Several Metro Nashville students hope to drop 30 pounds this fall — from their backpacks. A handful of middle and high school kids at M.L. King Magnet School want to download the latest technology that downloads

textbooks onto a device the size of a thin paperback volume. Their ultimate goal: replace heavy book bags in all Metro schools with swanky, much lighter electronics. School district administrators, who already met with the students, are open to suggestions. The students, mentored by a guidance counselor, spent last school year researching equipment that could make textbooks obsolete. They narrowed it down to Kindle, a device produced by Amazon that looks like a large calculator, with a big screen and a bunch of buttons.

PORTLAND

GSI Commerce has announced it will close a distribution center in Portland and lay off all 148 employees. A GSI spokesman said the layoffs are necessary because their client, Restoration Hardware, has moved its distribution in-house. The majority of the 105 Portland jobs are general warehouse positions that involve fulfilling e-commerce orders and shipping merchandise. Portland Mayor Ken Wilber said the layoffs will be felt by the entire community.

RIPLEY

More than 500 West Tennesseans will be out of work by the end of December after a Michigan-based manufacturer of automotive parts announced the permanent closing of one of its two Ripley manufacturing plants. Guardian Automotive Inc. announced it will begin laying off employees at its Siegel-Robert Ripley Automotive South plant in July, leaving an estimated 525 employees without jobs by year’s end. The plant has been in Ripley since the 1960s. The company is not closing its Ripley north plant, which has 350 to 400 employees.

SHELBYVILLE

Shelbyville’s fire department will soon put a new pumper truck into service, expanding its fleet and possibly lowering insurance rates. Replacing a 1969 model pumper, which will be moved out of front-line service and put in reserve, the new state-of-the-art pumper contains some of the latest firefighting innovations including extra foam capacity used to extinguish newer mixtures of fuel containing alcohol and security features mandated by the Department of Homeland Security. With a 1,500-gallon capacity, the truck produces environmentally friendly emissions. Purchased with a \$475,000 U.S. Department of Homeland Security vehicle acquisition grant, the city paid only five percent of the cost.

SPARTA

The Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation has acquired 689 acres of Scott’s Gulf to protect it against development. It was the group’s fourth purchase in the corridor since 1998. The acquisitions total about 55,000 acres. Buzzard’s Roost at Fall Creek Falls was the first purchase, followed by two stretches at the bottom end of Scott’s Gulf.

SWEETWATER

Just when law enforcement officers thought they had a handle on meth in East Tennessee, Sweetwater Police caught four people buying ingredients for a new meth recipe. A new way to make the drug, the “one-pot” or “shake and bake” method, doesn’t require a heat source, so it can be done anywhere and in much less time making detection of the process almost impossible for drug agents. However, pseudoephedrine is still required in the process.



Morristown closed an \$8 million loan with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund for streets, roads, and sewer improvements. Pictured are Mayor Sami Barile, Charles Bones Seviars, City Manager Jim Crumley, Finance Director Dynise Robertson, and TMBF Representative Joe Muscatello.

PEOPLE

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After a four-month national search, Miami schools executive **Dr. Kriner Cash** was picked unanimously by the Memphis Board of Education as the new City Schools Superintendent. Cash, 53, served as superintendent of Martha’s Vineyard Public Schools from 1995 to 2004 before joining Miami-Dade County Public Schools as its chief of accountability and system wide performance.



Gov. Bredesen administered the oath of office to **Ginger Wilson Buchanan** in an investiture ceremony at the Bradley County Court House. Bredesen appointed Buchanan to the Tennessee Circuit Court, 10th Judicial District, Part II, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge John Hagler in December. Prior to her appointment, she had been a solo practitioner in private practice in Cleveland since 1996. Buchanan has also served as Bradley County Commissioner from 2003 to 2006, and as the attorney for Bradley County government in the areas of planning, engineering and building inspections.

State Rep. Les Winningham, who represents part of Anderson County, has been named by the governor to an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for what Tennessee should do to cut electricity use in state buildings and gas consumption in the state’s fleet of vehicles. Gov. Bredesen named the four-member



committee, which will be chaired by **John Noel**, president of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. The group also includes state **Sen. Rosalind Kurita**, and Vanderbilt University law professor **Michael Vandenbergh**.

Chancellor **Steve Stafford** has been appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Western Section. Chancellor Stafford currently serves Dyer and Lake Counties in the 29th Judicial District and has held that position since 1993. Stafford will fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Frank W. Crawford in April. Assistant U.S. Attorney **Camille R. McMullen** of Millington has also been appointed to the vacant Western Section seat on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. The federal prosecutor, who works from the Memphis office of the U.S. Attorney, fills the vacancy created when Judge David G. Hayes retires effective at the end of June.

The East Tennessee Development District (ETDD) Board of Directors installed **Don Mull**, mayor of Alcoa, to serve as chair of the ETDD Board of Directors for Fiscal year 2008-09 at the 41st Annual Awards Banquet held at the Museum of Appalachia in Norris. Mayor Mull has been a member of the ETDD Board since he took office as mayor of Alcoa in 1983. He also served as vice-chair in 2007-09, Secretary in 2006-07 and treasurer in 2005-06.



Former congressman **Dan Kuykendall** passed away at age 83. He served for eight years before losing in 1974 to Harold Ford Sr.

Beehan becomes TML president, new board members elected

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Barker, Humboldt Mayor; Johnny Dodd, Jackson Councilmember; Eddy Ford, Farragut Mayor; David Gordon, Covington Mayor; David

May, Cleveland Councilmember; John Piper, Clarksville Mayor; Shirley Fox Rogers, LaFollette Councilmember; and Ron Washington, Murfreesboro Councilman.

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Huntingdon’s Dale Kelley named TML’s Mayor of the Year

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ture, for the purpose of constructing the lake. After 20 plus years, construction has begun on the lake which will create a significant economic impact on Huntingdon and Carroll County. His personal accomplishments in the field of sports are as outstanding as his many accomplishments for the Town of Huntingdon. He has been inducted into the Bethel College Sports Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. He currently serves on the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Commission by appointment of Tennessee House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh.

Mayor Kelley currently serves

as Coordinator of Officials of the Big 12, Conference USA, Sun Belt, Southland and Ohio Valley Conferences. He worked as an on-court official for 14 years in the Southeastern Conference and worked in nine consecutive NCAA Tournaments including three Final Four appearances. He has served as Chairman of the Coordinators of Officials which includes the officials from 31 NCAA conferences. In addition to his athletic career and service in public office, Mayor Kelly is owner of Kelley Enterprises, a rental and real estate firm, and partner and co-owner of the Carroll County Ford-Mercury dealership in Huntingdon. Dale and his wife Carlene have three grown children and seven grandchildren.



Family and Huntingdon staff members surprised Mayor Kelley at the awards breakfast to help celebrate his new award of Mayor of the Year. He has served his community in many ways during a lifetime of public service.

City Manager of the Year

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to 500 people. He was also instrumental in prompting Kawasaki Tennessee, Inc, a local Japanese automotive parts manufacturer that opened in 2003, to construct an additional \$13 million facility in order to produce a new line of products for sale to the automobile manufacturing industry. Last year, Crumley worked as a part of a city-wide team to help land the Colgate-Palmolive toothpaste manufacturing facility. Crumley is also responsible for a new transportation initiative to improve the community’s road systems. Funding for this year-long effort came through savings realized through reduced health insurance premiums for city employees, a savings of more than \$1 million. These savings helped launch the “Moving Morristown” program — now a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort to improve the community’s road and transportation system involving the construction of new transportation routes as well as upgrades to existing streets. Under Crumley’s guidance, there has been a comprehensive upgrade to the city’s fire service delivery program. Two new fire stations

have been completed and a 40 percent staffing increase occurred within the department, all provided without a tax increase. “Jim Crumley has demonstrated what continued, high-quality professional management is all about,” says Kevin Helms, TCMA president. “Day in and day out he shows his commitment to our profession. He has a penchant for high standards, for finding and leading high-quality employees, and for an ability to develop solid working relationships with all of the elected officials he serves. But first and foremost in Jim’s career have been the citizens, those he is here to serve. For more than 25 years he has devoted the best of himself to public service and to the notion that helping others through local government is a high calling indeed.” Other accomplishments under Crumley’s leadership include: the planning for construction of a new public works facility and Community Center ; a multi-million dollar wastewater treatment facility upgrade; a new Greenway and stability of the city’s key management group resulting in higher performance and accountability of the organization.

Roger Hensley recipient of the Murphy Snoderly Award at TML Annual Conference in Memphis

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Although classified as a foreman, he has shown his willingness to perform any task necessary to accomplish a mission, whether it be participating with or promoting the city’s recycling efforts, driving a snow plow during inclement weather, or assisting with litter pick-up during the city’s annual “Fun Fest” summer festival. “This year’s recipient exemplifies everything the Murphy Snoderly Award represents and would have made Mr. Snoderly proud,” said Durrett. The award is named for the late Murphy Snoderly, a longtime engineering and public works consultant for the University of Tennessee’s Municipal Technical Advisory Service. TCAPWA established the award in 1972 as a means of sharing his appreciation for the dedicated efforts given by the many long time public works employees. The recipient is selected from a slate of statewide candidates and is considered the state’s most outstanding non-administrative public works employee. Currently there are more than 200 public works and related departments across the state that employ an estimated 5000+ workers. TCAPWA has more than 400

members from cities and counties across the state. A major goal of TCAPWA is to promote the public works profession and aide in helping every public works department across the state by providing a network through which its members can contact other members to discuss and strategize how to manage various public works issues, concerns and projects. Since its establishment in 1954, the state chapter has provided various educational opportunities as a means of allowing public works leaders and employees to stay aware of methods and technologies that can be used to ensure effectiveness and efficiency in public works operations.

Jackson officials recount Union disaster at TML Annual Conference

BY VICTORIA SOUTH
TML Communications Coordinator

A matter of seconds might be all that separates your city from a major disaster, as Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist discovered when an EF-4 tornado ripped throughout the county and Union University’s campus trapping and injuring students and causing \$40 million in damages. Gist, along with Union President David Dockery and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) Regional Director Jane Waldrop conducted a moving workshop at the Tennessee Municipal League Annual Conference in Memphis recounting the devastating event across West Tennessee Feb. 5, 2008, and the important steps municipal leaders should follow in the event of a disaster. “My initial thoughts were “thank God, I think we have escaped,” said Dockery about the most challenging day of his 12-year presidency. Then “my eyes saw what I could not believe. The devastation was massive, the destruction beyond comprehension.” Seventy percent of the residential housing was destroyed; hundreds of vehicles totaled; and worst of all, 13 students trapped beneath the rubble in the Hurt and Walters complexes. Remarkably, fifty-one students were taken to the hospital that evening, nine with serious injuries, yet there was no loss of life. “Union University had a plan,” TEMA’s Waldrop said. TEMA is the state agency that coordinates state response and provides assistance to local governments with resources needed to protect life and the property of the citizens of Tennessee during major emergencies or disaster situations, man-made, natural or technological. According to Waldrop, Union officials and staff had exercised the plan prior to the event which included: accountability of stu-



Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist describes the moments following the news that Union University had been hit by a devastating tornado.

dents; using the media to notify parents about where to sign out students within two hours of a disastrous event; and working within the incident command structure. “The first thing local leaders need to do is prepare a disaster proclamation,” said Gist, reciting a checklist of steps imperative to disaster management on the local level. “The proclamation negates state statutes on bids and purchasing where you can do what you need to do,” he added. At this point, Gist said, fire and rescue units should already be dispatched, out and about, and a command area set up to facilitate search and rescue. Next, getting the roads open is key to recovery efforts prior to assessment. “It is critical to bring in people to assess the areas that are familiar with the information age,” said Gist, emphasizing how utilizing stored data and aerial maps cuts through delays. “But, as soon as possible, get out of emergency operations and wrap your arms around the people,” Gist stressed. “They need to see government officials at this time, the council, the mayor, representatives. Cry

with them and tell them you’re going to help them. They are looking for comfort.” Gist also stressed the importance of keeping FEMA contracts for debris removal in place which he said “will save 2 weeks time when disaster strikes.” His local government disaster preparation list includes:

- Monitor the weather stations for updates;
- Recharge cell phones when disaster threatens;
- Use the local media to communicate following the disaster;
- Identify team leaders and get out of their way;
- Pay attention to details, what seems small is important to others;
- Be overly communicative initially, yet know when to stop communicating;
- Never compromise who you are;
- Speak positively always;
- Say thank you to everyone; and
- Be prepared for when the novelty of the disaster is over.

TCMA awards the Town of Collierville for Excellence in City Government

The Town of Collierville’s Utility Capital Infrastructure Improvement Program has allowed the town to meet citizen demands for additional water and sewer and is being recognized by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) with an award for Excellence in Municipal Government. The city was presented the award at the annual conference of the Tennessee Municipal League in Memphis. The award is presented by TCMA each year to a city that operates with professional management and has increased the effectiveness of local government through the development of unique and creative programs. One of the largest projects in Collierville’s Infrastructure Improvement Plan is the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion. The \$20 million plant expansion will give the town the ability to collect and treat the projected wastewater flows for 15 and 30-year planning periods by increasing the capacity from three million gallons of wastewater per day to six million gallons. The project is scheduled to be completed on time and under budget. The Shelton Road Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade is another high profile project scheduled for completion in 2008 as part of Collierville’s Infrastructure Improvement Plan. The upgrade will improve plant efficiency; increase the plants wet weather capacity from 8 million gallons per day to 12 million gallons per day and will meet



The Town of Collierville’s Utility Capitol Infrastructure Improvement Program garnered the TCMA award for Excellence in Municipal Government. The award was presented during TML’s Annual Conference. new state discharge requirements. One of the larger challenges facing municipalities today is aging sewer lines with billions of gallons of sewage leaking into community waters each year by deteriorating sewer pipes. Collierville is addressing this challenge by rehabilitating the town’s oldest sewer lines without incurring additional expenses for pipe replacement through its ongoing Cured in Place Pipe Project (CIPP). As the nation experienced some of its most severe drought conditions, Collierville provided uninterrupted and adequate water supply for its 44,000 customers with a recently installed computerized supervisory controls system (SCADA), managing local reservoirs, pumps and wells. Staying well ahead of the game,

Collierville is utilizing computer models for its Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection systems, setting the capitol improvement budget and guiding the town’s Utility Capitol Infrastructure Improvement Program for the next 15-20 years. “Over the past 15 years, Collierville has grown from a small town with agricultural roots to a diverse town with an economic structure that includes manufacturing, service, trade, construction, finance, government and high technology,” said Mitch Moore, TCMA president. “Successfully meeting the increased wastewater and water supply challenges brought about through rapid growth with its Utility Capitol Infrastructure Improvement Program, Collierville is to be commended as a model city.”

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TML’S 2008 Annual Conference in Memphis



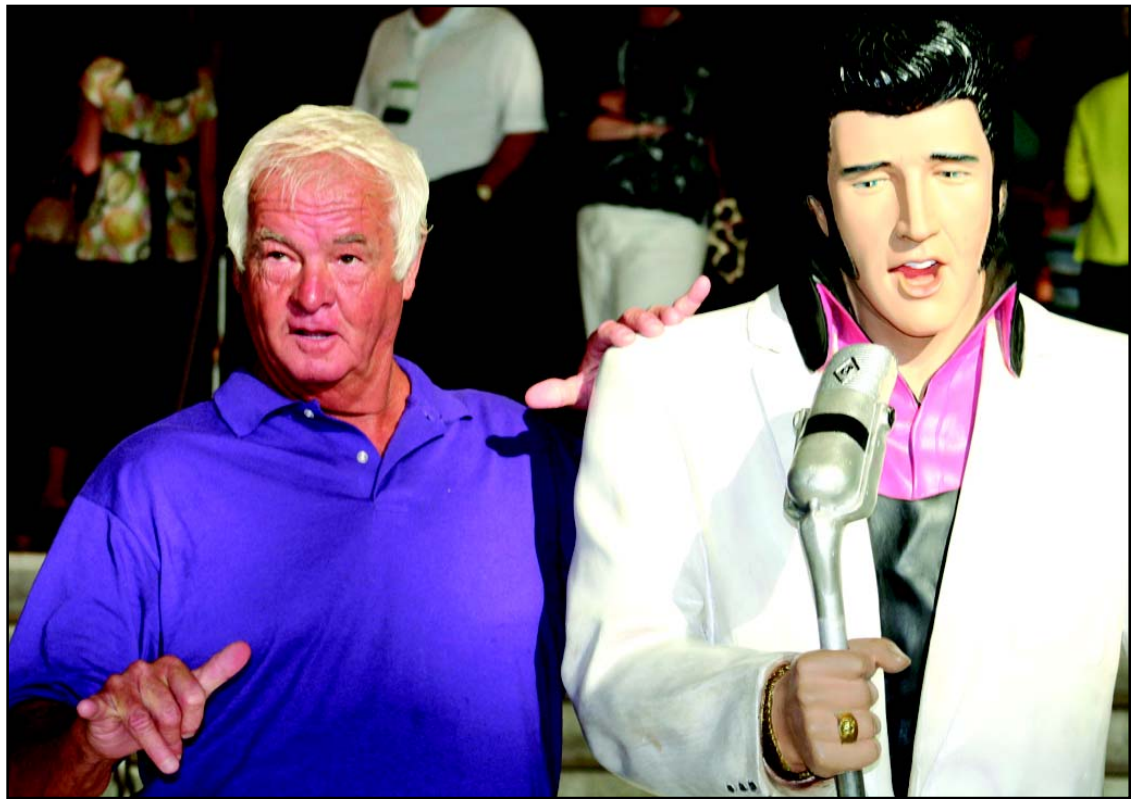
Crossville Mayor J.H. Graham III, City Recorder Sally Oglesby, and Crossville City Manager Ted Meadows.



Royce Davenport, McMinnville mayor and TML vice president, and David Rutherford, McMinnville city administrator, visit with the vendors in the exhibit hall.



Oak Ridge City Attorney Ken Krushenski and his wife Barbara



East Ridge Councilmember Tom Card practices his favorite Elvis pose.



Memphis Fire Department Color Guard kick off the 69th Annual Conference.



Keynote Speaker Carol Coletta



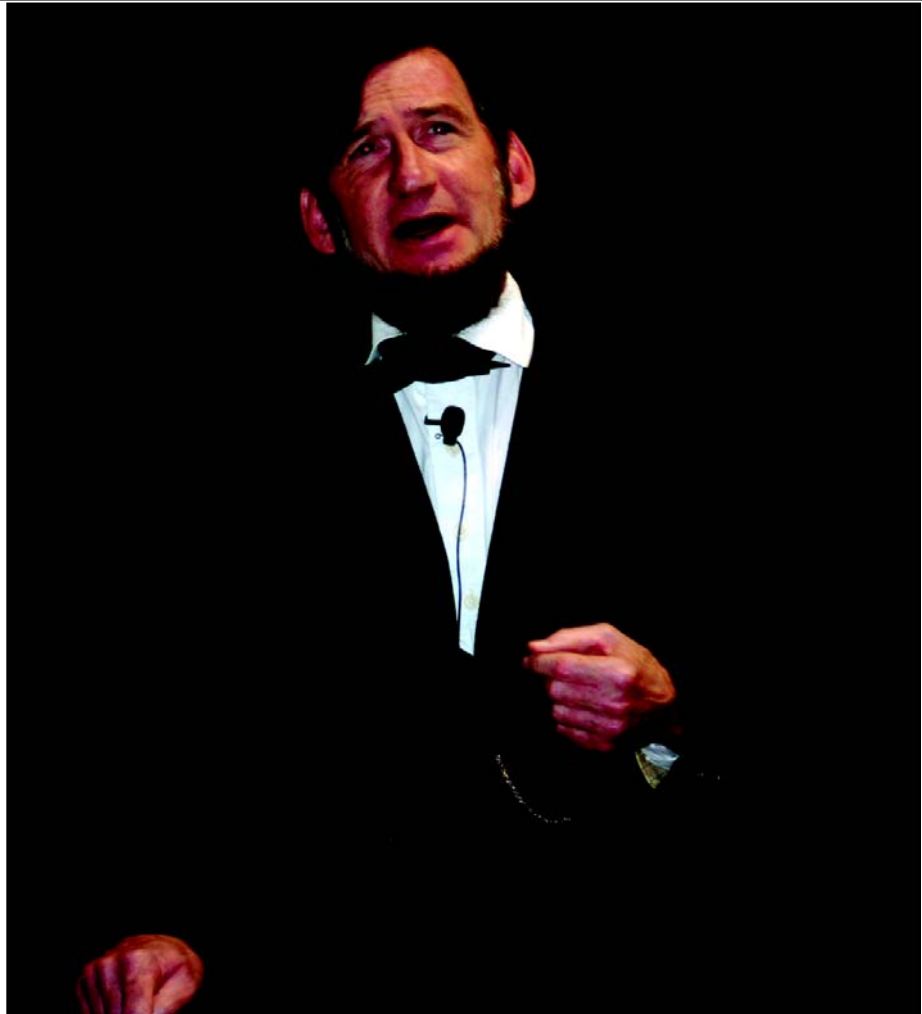
Athens Councilmember Hal Buttram, City Manager Mitch Moore, and Athens Mayor John Proffitt visit during the host city reception at Memphis' FedEx Forum.



Above: Linda Bennett, Chattanooga council chair and TML District 3 director shows off a fabulous door prize.

At left: Panelists field questions during a workshop on growth management. They are: Rick Emmett, Knoxville urban growth manager; Dan Hawk, Tennessee Department of Economic Development; Patrick Slevin, Slevin Public Relations; and Bridget Jones, executive director Cumberland Tomorrow.

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Ken Jones, a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, speaks at the 2008 annual conference in Memphis.



Tom Beehan, Oak Ridge mayor and newly elected TML president, and Dale Kelley, Huntingdon mayor and TML vice president



Kay Senter, Morristown vice mayor and TML vice president, and Tommy Green, Alamo mayor and TML immediate past president



Joe Modrall, Columbia City Recorder Betty Modrall, Sherrie Kennedy, and Columbia Vice Mayor Wayne Kennedy.



Workshop presenter, John Hessel, recounts the terrifying tragedy of a city council shooting in Kenwood, MO.



Martin Alderman David Belote, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, and Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald.



Mayor Willie Herenton welcomes city officials to Memphis.



Tony Creasy, Waynesboro commissioner; Bridget Jones, Cumberland Region Tomorrow executive director; and Jo Ann Graves, Gallatin Mayor.

TML Board meets, passes resolution against unfunded mandates



Jackson Councilman Johnny Dodd and Cookeville Vice Mayor Jean Davis.



Alamo Mayor and TML immediate Past President, Tommy Green.



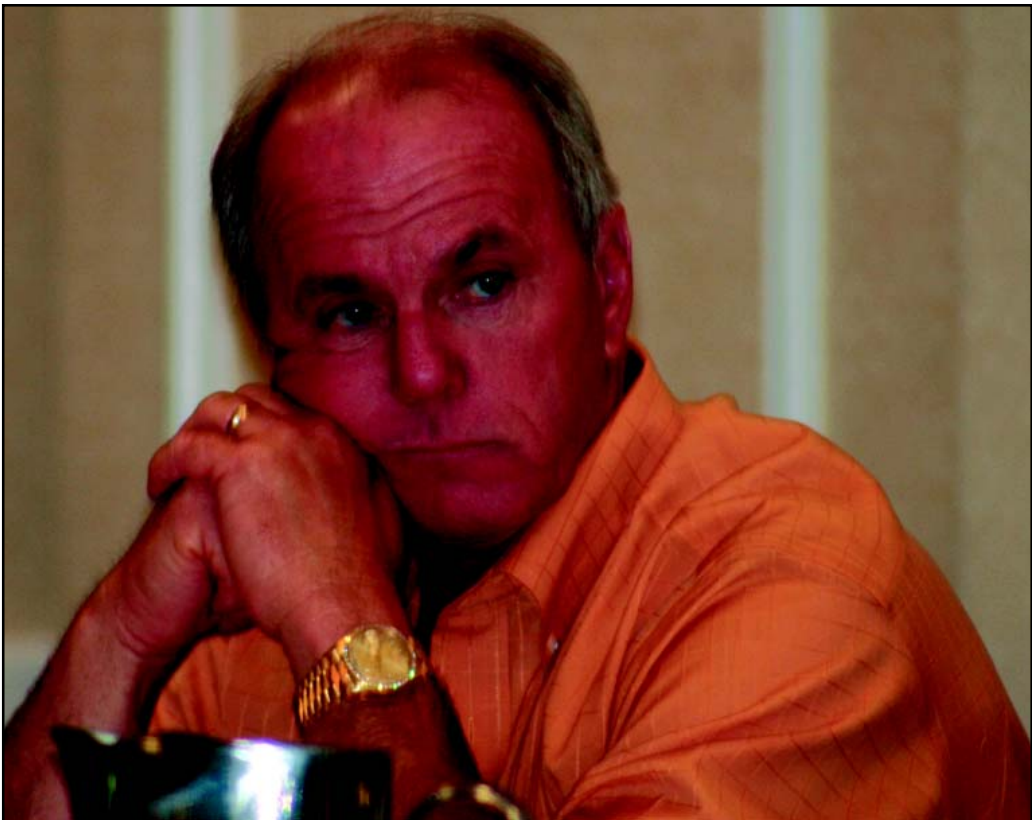
Dyersburg Alderman Bob Kirk



Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland and Paris Vice Mayor Sam Tharpe



TML Risk Management Pool President Lee Holland

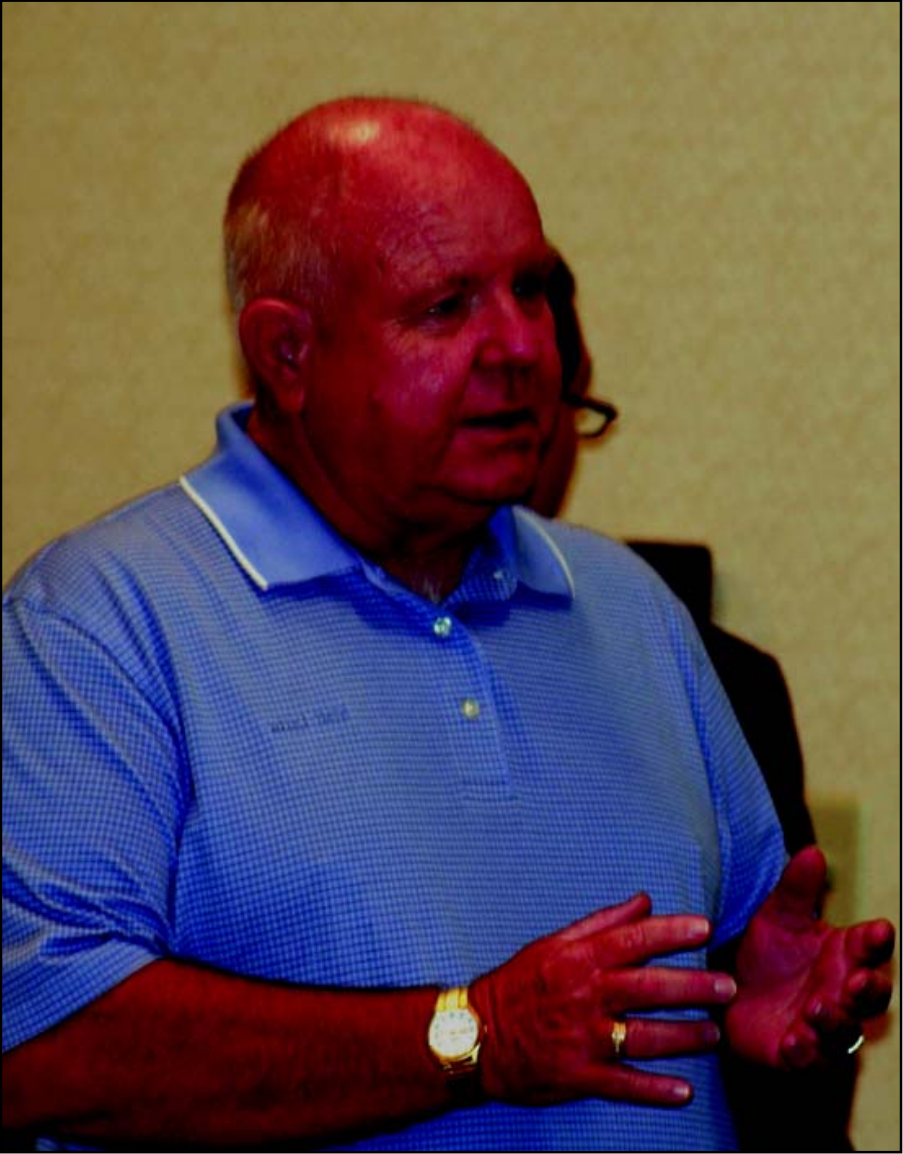


Clarksville Mayor, Johnny Piper.



Above: Farragut Mayor Eddy Ford, Covington Mayor David Gordon, and Athens Mayor John Proffitt

Left: Sparta MayorTommy Pedigo



STATE BRIEFS

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

Evidence from state gas tax revenues show gas prices aren't driving Tennesseans away from the road. State gas tax collections from fuel used in cars is up 1.2 percent from last August to this May. When asked why people are driving just as much, despite record prices, Jim Lott with AAA said, "We don't have any options in Nashville. We don't have a lot of public transportation." While Metro bus ridership is up, bus routes are being cut to save city budget money. Additionally, there is only one commuter rail line in Nashville and it only serves points to the east. Drivers agree saying they don't have any other choices but to drive where they need to go. While in the long run it seems Tennesseans aren't cutting back, in May, the gas tax revenue for the month did decline 2.5 percent.

According to a new study, **Tennessee is ranked better than the national average in the percentage of youth who become arrested.** Every year, *KIDS COUNT* puts out a data book ranking each state in terms of "child well-being." Its focus this year is juvenile justice reform. Nationally, 125 kids in every 100,000 are arrested. In Tennessee, its only 91 out of 100,000. According to Steve Hornsby, head of the Department of Children's Services Juvenile Justice Division, there's a need for better, more scientific ways of identifying potential delinquents and that the over-representation of minorities in the system needs to be recognized.

In honor of AARP's 50th anniversary, AARP volunteers from across the state voted on their "fifty favorite" places to visit in Tennessee. Many of the places you'd expect to see such as Graceland, Rock City and the Jack Daniel Distillery, but there are others that you might be surprised to find, like the Gray Fossil Site in northeast Tennessee or the Teapot Museum in Trenton. For the complete list, visit <http://www.aarp.org/states/tn/articles/celebrateaarp50thanniversaryatfiftyfavoriteplacesintennessee.html>.

The state agency that operates the Music City Star spent a \$2.25 million pool of federal money a year earlier than it had planned, creating a hole of at least \$750,000 that officials are now scrambling to plug. The Regional Transportation Authority "programmed" the money to be spent over three years but has gone through it in two, according to Diane Thorne, the authority's executive director. As a result, leaders of the nearly two-year-old commuter rail service will have to come up with new money quickly for the fiscal year starting July 1. RTA representatives say they do not expect any interruptions or reductions in rail service.

The State Department of Education is stepping in to reorganize Metro Nashville School's administration. It's the most aggressive move on the part of the state since the district entered what's called "corrective action." That means the state

government has the right to take over because Metro failed to make progress under No Child Left Behind. Decisions about what happens in Metro's classrooms have been made by a department organized by geographic area. In its place will be one divided into elementary, middle and high school sections.

Tennessee still ranks among the bottom 10 states for children's health and well being, but its high-school dropout rate has improved dramatically, a national report shows. The annual *KIDS COUNT* report measures each state's progress in 10 areas, including infant mortality, poverty rates, single-parent families, teen death rates and low birth weight babies. This year Tennessee improved to 42nd overall from 43rd. Despite some improvement, Tennessee ranks in the bottom 10 states for infant mortality, low birth weight babies, children living in poverty and teen births, the report shows. But high school dropouts decreased 45 percent between 2000 and 2006 and both the child and teen death rates improved. Only 6 percent of teens in Tennessee left school without getting a diploma compared to 7 percent for the nation. Tennessee's dropout rate ranks 15th in the U.S.

Tennessee State Museum curators are trying to solve the Civil War mystery of why it's so easy to find Confederate flags in the state but not Union. They're asking Tennesseans to look into their family collections for the flags and pictures of ancestors holding them. Greg Biggs, a renowned Civil War historian and lead author of the museum's upcoming book *Volunteer Banners: The Civil War Flags of Tennessee* said only eight of 60 or 70 Union regimental flags for Tennessee have been found. "As there is no known record of Union flags being destroyed by post-war Confederate sympathizers, there is possibility that the flags were hidden," said Biggs. While Tennessee seceded from the Union in June 1861, there were Union soldiers from the state. As well, 400 battles and skirmishes were fought here.

Looking to compensate for declining attendance, **state officials are marketing state parks to locals looking for cheaper vacation destinations.** Instead of a long-distance trip to the beach, park officials want Tennesseans to consider a cool mountain stream. Travelers can check out a new feature, "Less Than One Tank Trips," on the state parks Web site. Tennessee has 53 state parks, including six resort parks with inns, cabins, restaurants and golf. Records show that attendance at the resort parks — Fall Creek Falls, Henry Horton, Montgomery Bell, Natchez Trace, Pickwick Landing and Paris Landing — was low but steady as gas prices rose over the past two years.

The Tennessee Department of Health reminds Tennesseans that preventing exposure of people and their pets to the rabies virus is a priority, especially during this time of year. Humans can be exposed to rabies when attempting to assist, feed or handle wild animals. If

a wild or domestic animal is seen as ill or acting strangely, it should be reported to your local animal control agency. Bats in particular should not be handled. If a bat is found inside, in a swimming pool, or brought home by your pets, use precautions and consult your local health department. Additional information on bats is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/RABIES/bats.html>.

The Tennessee Valley Authority, which provides electricity through more than 150 distributors, wants to see ratepayers taking part in a "do-it-yourself" audit and spreading the word to reduce energy use. Customers get a free electricity-saving kit — which comes with compact fluorescent light bulbs and other gear, after completing the audit. If all the 23,000 customers in the Tennessee Valley who have done audits so far this year used all the items in their kits, about 13.8 million pounds of global-warming-related carbon dioxide could be saved annually, according to Nashville Electric Service, one of TVA's distributors.

A state audit shows Tennesseans continue to wait in long lines at driver's license stations partly because the state safety department can't adequately track customer wait times. An audit released by the state Comptroller's Office found the problem was identified by audits in 1997 and 2004 but still persists. The Tennessean reports that a 2006 study ordered by Gov. Phil Bredesen intended to cut license station wait times has gone largely ignored. Seventy-five percent of the 40 recommendations identified in the study were not implemented by the time of the latest audit.

An undercover study by the state government revealed that people were about to gain entry into several governmental buildings using fake identifications, and some of the people's credentials weren't

checked at all. According to the review, between April and September 2007, state auditors noticed a number of lapses of what they're calling security control. Along with the state capitol, there are questions of safety concerning Legislative Plaza, its parking garage and the War Memorial building. The testers often used fake identification badges, sometimes with pictures of animals to review the safeguards. There is an informal agreement to allow some people, such as Legislative employees and lawmakers, to pass through the metal detectors if they have proper identification. However, the audit reveals in 49 separate instances that troopers allowed "unchallenged access" into key government buildings. The report notes, "At most, it was observed, the troopers only glanced at the people who were passing three to four feet away from them. Sometimes, the trooper never looked at all. No attempts were made to view identification badges closely enough to verify ownership and legitimacy." The findings are part of a regular, all around review of the Tennessee Department of Safety.

U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander said within five years, thousands of Tennesseans could be driving electric cars and trucks they plug into standard electric wall outlets. The cutting-edge cars, which take the concept of hybrids one step further and would rely mostly on battery power, were on display outside Legislative Plaza before Alexander and other members of the TVA Congressional Caucus met to discuss the future of transportation in Tennessee. Hybrids use a combination of battery-operated electric motors and gasoline engines. In contrast, plug-in hybrids have onboard battery packs that provide a longer life and can be recharged overnight by plugging them into standard wall outlets. The Tennessee Valley Authority provides electricity to 8.7 million consumers in Tennessee and six surrounding states.

A statewide poll says most Tennesseans favor a ban on smoking in public indoor spaces. The state health department commissioned the poll, along with anti-smoking group CHART — Campaign for a Healthy and Responsible Tennessee. Since October, state law has prohibited lighting up in workplaces, while making exceptions for businesses with three or fewer employees, and 21-and-up bars. CHART say the data shows the success of the law, as well as the potential for expanding it to include bars and small workplaces.

Award funding bill signed into law could allow about 160 Department of Children's Services employees to keep their jobs. While providing funding for troops abroad among other items, the \$162 billion bill President Bush signed into law also imposed a temporary moratorium on six Medicaid rule changes. One of those changes — implemented by the Bush administration in March — had caused Tennessee to lose \$73 million for DCS' targeted case managers, or social workers. Currently, about 30,000 children undergo targeted case management. To keep services going, Gov. Bredesen used TennCare reserve dollars to plug the funding gap until the end of the fiscal year. But unless Congress acted, Bredesen had said he would be forced to layoff about 160 DCS administrative employees at the the beginning of the state's financial year.

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency has launched a Web site dedicated to rental properties. TNHousingSearch.org is a free, statewide rental housing portal that allows property owners and families to post and find rental housing information in all 95 counties in Tennessee. Single family homes, duplexes and apartments can be searched by city, county or ZIP code.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

In an effort to provide relief to consumers struggling to cope with high gas prices, **U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon is urging Congress to require oil companies to use their drilling permits or lose them.** Gordon cites a report from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources that says the federal government has issued thousands of leases that oil and gas companies are not using to drill on public land. According to the report, it is estimated from today's production rates that the 68 million acres of federal land that is leased but not drilled could nearly double total U.S. oil production and could increase gas production by more than 50 percent.

Retail sales increased twice as much as national analysts expected in May as tax rebate checks spurred Americans to buy more electronics and shop at department stores despite record gasoline prices. Purchases climbed 1 percent compared with April, the most since November, according to the U.S. Commerce Department, Nashville-area storeowners said they had experienced more sales, boosted by consumers using cash from Uncle Sam. The sales figures bear out Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke's assessment that risks of a "substantial downturn" have receded, economists said. Purchases of electronics gear in creased 0.7 percent and sales at department stores jumped 1.2 percent, the most since March 2007. Building-materials retailers also sold 2.4 percent more than in the prior month.

The economic downturn is speeding up the unraveling of America's healthcare system. In what experts call a "startling" development, **the number of people who have health insurance but not enough to pay their medical costs has spiked from 16 million in 2003 to 25 million in 2007,** according to a new analysis. They're called the underinsured — working Americans whose employers don't provide health insurance so they have to buy it on their own, or who have jobs that offer only catastrophic plans with high co-payments and deductibles in the thousands of dollars. An increasing number are solidly middle-class. The study by nonprofit, nonpartisan

Commonwealth Fund also found that underinsured Americans are now acting more like the nation's 47 million uninsured, they're more likely to forgo recommended medical care for fear they won't be able to pay for it.

Criminal prosecutions of immigrants by federal authorities surged to a record high in March, as immigration cases accounted for the majority, 57 percent, of all new federal criminal cases brought nationwide that month, according to a report published by a nonpartisan research group. Immigration cases also made up more than half of new federal prosecutions in February, reflecting a major emphasis on immigration by the Bush administration and a policy shift to expand the use of criminal, rather than civil, charges in its efforts to curb illegal immigration. The report, by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, a data analysis organization affiliated with Syracuse University, was based on figures from the Justice Department's Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

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Mayors, Senators call on Congress for infrastructure plan, financing

BY LESLIE WOLLACK
Nation's Cities Weekly

A panel of mayors called on Congress last month to develop a national strategic focus for improving the condition of the nation's infrastructure and help find creative solutions for funding it.

In testimony before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee, local officials detailed the impact of infrastructure on their local, regional and national economies and the need for a strong federal role to help local taxpayers fund it. According to the Congressional Budget Office, in 2004 the federal government financed roughly 15 percent of the total capital spending on transportation, utilities and other public facilities while state and local governments funded 42 percent with the private sector funding the balance.

"These mayors, like their colleagues across the country, bear the lion's share of responsibility for maintaining the roads, bridges, mass transit systems, drinking water systems, wastewater removal systems and other vital components of our national structure," said Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, co-chair of Building America's Future, a coalition of state and local officials he founded with Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, called for a new national focus on infrastructure investment, warning that that the U.S. is "facing an infrastructure crisis in this country that threatens our status as an economic superpower — and threatens the health and safety of the people we serve."

In 1980, the federal government was spending 6 percent of its entire domestic budget on infrastructure. Today, that figure is less than 4 percent. As a result, state and local governments are now responsible for \$3 out of every \$4 spent on public infrastructure.

"In order to provide meaningful support to the national economy, then we must sustain and improve the quality of life within our metro communities, and provide a sound foundation upon which to continue to produce and innovate," Kansas City, Mo., Mayor Mark Funkhouser told the committee. "Yet, as municipalities, we simply are unable to meet the infrastructure needs of our region on our own. The expense is too large and the challenges too far reaching to be adequately addressed by local governments alone. Only the federal government has the resources to match the scale of problems."

Jacksonville, Fla., Mayor John Peyton noted the importance of metropolitan areas as economic centers critical to the national economy, and the benefits of major rail and air cargo facilities and expanding deep water ports to moving millions of raw materials and manufactured goods to destinations across the U.S.

"However, the financial burden is increasingly being assigned to local and state governments," said Peyton. "While I recognize that infrastructure needs exceed available funding at all levels — federal, state and local — there must be a more realistic balance and prioritization for federal investments."

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin noted, "We mayors are on the front lines, coping daily with frequent shortfalls in our aging infrastructure while we struggle to address the staggering costs of repairs and, more often than not, are unable to even consider the expense of replacement of these critical systems. ... Local governments cannot do it alone."

Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) noted that the mayors testifying at the hearing are working on major infrastructure improvements in their cities while facing fiscal constraints. "These leaders are making these investments — under tight budget pressures — because they understand that investing in our infrastructure is an investment in our future economic well-being," he said.

New IRS campaign to bring unclaimed stimulus payments into communities

BY HEIDI GOLDBERG
Nation's Cities Weekly

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced a new summer campaign to reach retirees and disabled veterans who qualify for the federal government's 2008 economic stimulus payment (ESP), but have not filed tax returns in order to claim the payment. This campaign can help city leaders bring needed federal dollars into their communities by reaching out to residents who have not yet claimed their payments.

So far, the IRS has issued 76.5 million payments worth \$63.8 billion based on the 2007 tax returns processed, and expects to issue 124 million payments to Americans by the year's end. However, new statistics released by the IRS indicate that at least 5.2 million individuals have not yet claimed the ESP. These eligible individuals are missing out on payments of up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples filing joint returns), plus \$300 for eligible children younger than 17.

A special stimulus category includes recipients of certain benefits from Social Security and Veterans Affairs who are not normally required to file a tax return. However, these individuals must file a tax return before October 15 of this year to receive their economic stimulus payments.

What Cities Can Do

The IRS can help city leaders identify residents who have not claimed payments and develop targeted outreach strategies to assist these residents in filing tax returns. The new IRS data can help local officials identify the number of individuals in a state, county, city or even a Zip code who have not yet claimed their payments.

City officials can contact their regional IRS offices where IRS SPEC (Stakeholder, Partnerships, Education and Communication) representatives can analyze the data for their cities to find out the number of residents receiving Social Security or Veterans Affairs benefits who have not claimed payments and where they are located.

Municipal leaders can also partner with community organizations that serve these individuals, such as senior housing, Veterans Affairs hospitals and assisted living facilities. While not included in the IRS data, cities may also want to reach out to other low-income residents who may not typically file tax returns, such as recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Claiming the stimulus payment should have no impact on other federal benefits currently being received, nor is the stimulus payment taxable.

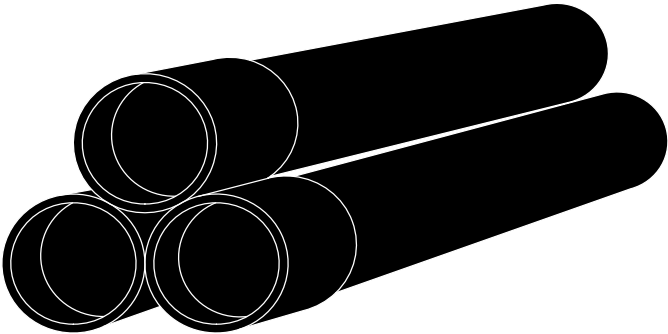
Later this summer, the IRS will send a special letter to all recipients of Social Security or Veterans Affairs benefits who have not yet claimed their stimulus payments that explains payment eligibility and how to claim it.

The IRS will continue to work with national organizations such as NLC, AARP and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to reach out to potential ESP recipients throughout the summer. For more information, contact Heidi Goldberg at goldberg@nlc.org or (202) 626-3069 or Sarah Bainton Kahn at bainton@nlc.org or (202) 626-3044.

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July 12: Watertown Jazz Festival
Main Street. Relax outdoors and enjoy an exciting line up of live jazz music. The robbery excursion train will also be running. For more information, call the festival office at 615-237-9338.

July 12: 19th Annual Mountain Homecoming
Spencer Courthouse Square. Folk festival with arts and crafts, music and food. For more information, contact Lesa Guy at 931-946-7461.

July 18-19: Blue Suede Shoes n' BBQ Cook Off
Downtown Tiptonville. Family fun, entertainment, games, prizes. For more information, call Kay Forrest, Main Street director, at 731-253-0031.

July 18: Overton County Bluegrass Festival
Livingston. Old time bluegrass, food and more. For more information, call Mac McLeod at 931-498-4667.

July 26: Folklife Festival
Kingsport Warrior's Path State Park. Enjoy a day of old time music, games and tales. Delight in traditional life skills demonstrations and contests. For more information, call Warrior's Path State Park at 423-239-6786.



Sept.15-16: 55th Annual Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Keynote speaker, Andy Serwer, managing editor of *Fortune*. Online registration is available now at www.tnecd.gov.

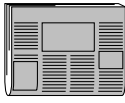
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CHIEF PLANNER

COLLIERVILLE. The town is seeking applications for the position of chief planner. This position performs responsible, complex professional work in a variety of current and long range planning studies. It requires a Bachelors degree in planning, landscape architecture or a closely related field supplemented by 6 years previous experience in a planning office at a professional level; or a Master's Degree in planning and 5 years experience; AICP certification may be substituted for one year of professional experience, or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Must possess and maintain a valid operators license. Salary range is \$46,437.000 - \$72,115.00 (DOQ) plus full benefits package. Applications may be obtained at the Human Resources Department, 500 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, Tennessee, 38017, Mon- Fri. Applicants must fill out the official Town of Collierville application to be considered for this position. Applications and resumes are subject to disclosure. This position will remain open until filled. EOE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

COLLIERVILLE. The town seeks applications for the position of Community Development Director. The director plans, organizes, directs, services of department in engineering, planning, and building codes services. Requires strong, results-oriented management qualifications, leadership and team building skills and engineering, planning, communication and interpersonal relationship competencies. Needs track record demonstrating consensus-building, knowledge of community development, City functions, project design and management, transportation systems and their funding sources, customer service, employee relations, and intergovernmental relations. Requires Bachelor's degree, 10 years experience in planning and community development work. Master's degree in planning, business administration or related field preferred. Salary \$67,348 - \$106,660 DOQ, plus benefits. Send resumes by September 15, 2008 to John Maxwell, Senior Vice President. Springsted Incorporated: 109-A Wimbledon Square, Suite A, Chesapeake Virginia 23320, fax 757-422-6617 or email jmaxwell@springsted.com. EOE.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

JACKSON. The city is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Will serve as principal assistant to the chief in organizing, directing, supervising, disciplining and coordinating activities associated with the department, ensuring effective and efficient daily operational practices, firefighting techniques and procedures. Specific job duties include: supervising, directing, and evaluating fire prevention officers, training officers, and emergency medical services officer; handle employee concerns and problems; direct work; counsel; discipline and complete employee performance evaluations; direct personnel, apparatus, equipment and property of the department at emergency scenes, ensuring strict compliance with rules and regulations of the department, as designated by the fire chief; assist the chief in the develop-

ment, implementations, and monitoring of operational and administrative procedures and policies; assist fire chief with the preparation and presentation of annual budgetary evaluations and related analysis to appropriate individuals; review the financial operations of the department and make recommendations on annual operating budget and capital improvements. Associate's degree in Fire Science preferred, with a minimum of three years' experience as a Captain. Must have State of Tennessee or National certification as a Firefighter II, Fire Instructor, Fire Officer I and II. Must possess a minimum of medical First Responder's certification from a Department of Public Health. Generous benefit package; salary is \$61,000.00. EOE/M/F/V/D. Minorities are encouraged to apply. Job description on city web site: www.cityofjackson.net. Contact the City of Jackson, Personnel Department, 127 E. Main Street, Suite 303, Jackson, TN 38301: phone 731-425-8252; Fax: 731-425-8673.

MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF

ERWIN. The town is accepting qualified applications for the position of Municipal Police Chief. This employee is responsible for the planning, organizing and directing of all activities of the Police Department, overseeing 10 full-time police officers and 1 full-time investigator. The employee is under the general supervision of the City Recorder and Mayor. Qualifications include: Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent, preferably graduation from a college or university with major course experience in police administration or related field. Must possess a valid Tennessee driver's license. Must have five (5) years experience in law enforcement administration. Must be POST certified. Salary DOQ plus excellent benefits. Application is a public record. Send resumes, obtain application or receive more information from: Town of Erwin, P.O. Box 59 211 North Main Ave., Erwin, Tennessee 37650. Phone: 423-743-623. EOE

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

MT. PLEASANT. The city is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as Public Works Director. Currently, the Water Dept. and the Sewer Dept. are separate operating entities. We are seeking an individual who can combine these two functions into one department and effectively address the issues in front of us. Interested candidates should send a summary of qualifications to: Richard Goode, City Manager, 100 Public Square, Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474. The position will remain open until filled. **EOETOWN MANAGER** **BLACK MOUNTAIN.** The town seeks applications for the position of Town Manager. Excellent benefits pkg. Growing community located in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains and 20 miles east of Asheville. Council-Mgr. form of gov't. w/manager reporting to Mayor & 5-member board. The Town Manager will lead and direct all departments including administration, fire, police, parks & recreation, planning & code enforcement, streets, and water. Require BA/BS in public or business administration, political science, public policy or related field. Prefer minimum 5 years experience as manager or assistant manager in local government and/or MPA. Salary: DOQ/E. Position open until filled. The required Town application is available at www.townofblackmountain.org. The application, with resume, cover letter, and salary history should be submitted to: Town Clerk, Town of Black Mountain, 102 Montreat Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Local communities to receive ARC grants

Gov. Phil Bredesen announced the recommendation of 17 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants to assist state and local agencies, governmental entities, local governing boards or nonprofit organizations with infrastructure improvements.

"These grants are crucial components of economic growth in Tennessee's 50 Appalachian counties, and we appreciate the ARC's investment in our communities," Bredesen said.

The following includes local government recommendations and the project it will finance.

Byrdstown Water Storage and Water Main Line Project: \$500,000

The grant will assist in the construction of additional water storage and lines in the Byrdstown service area. The project will benefit approximately 5,587 individuals who live in Pickett County and receive water service from the Town of Byrdstown water distribution system. Funding for the \$2.7 million project will include \$2.2 million in local funds.

Celina Sewer System I/I Rehabilitation Project: \$500,000

The grant will assist in the rehabilitation of sewer lines within the City of Celina's sewer system. The project will benefit approximately 1,379 residents served by the Celina's sewer system. Funding for the \$625,000 project will include \$125,000 in local funds.

Dandridge Chestnut Hill Waterline Extension: \$500,000

The grant will assist in the extension of a waterline to serve the Chestnut Hill area in southeastern Jefferson County. The project will benefit the 250 residents and the 350 Bush Brothers employees. Funding for the \$3,211,739 project will include \$2,711,739 in local funds.

Ducktown Revitalization Project: \$125,857

The grant will assist with the construction of new sidewalks and decorative lighting in the downtown area of Ducktown. The project will benefit the 425 residents of Ducktown. Funding for the \$251,714 project will include \$125,857 in local funds.

Grundy County Water Source Project: \$500,000

The grant will assist in delivering services for the Grundy County community in the connection of water lines from the areas of Monteagle and Tracy City to South Pittsburgh's water treatment plant. The project will benefit approximately 6,800 residents who currently receive water from the Monteagle and Tracy City water systems. Funding for the \$3.7 million project will include \$3.2 million in local funds.

Hawkins County Water Storage Tank: \$500,000

The grant will assist with the cost of a new water storage tank. The project will benefit customers in Church Hill, Mt. Carmel, Surgoinsville Utility District, New Canton

Utility District, northeast Hawkins County and several Kingsport residents. Funding for the \$1 million project will include \$500,000 in local funds.

Huntsville Sewer System Improvements: \$251,080

The grant will assist in the construction of approximately 4,500 linear feet of eight inch gravity sewer and the demolition of pump station 3. The project will benefit approximately 420 customers. Funding for the \$313,850 project will include \$62,770 in local funds.

Surgoinsville Sewer Line Extension Phase I: \$500,000

The grant will assist in the extension of sewer lines to serve Surgoinsville Middle and Surgoinsville Elementary Schools. The project will benefit the students of two local schools. Funding for the \$2,200,000 project will include \$1,700,000 in local funds.

Allocation of ARC funds is based on priorities set at local levels where community needs are best known. The recommended project will now be forwarded to Washington for review and approval. The Department of Economic and Community Development administers the ARC program in Tennessee. The program provides resources to help leverage community development and economic growth opportunities in Tennessee's Appalachian communities.

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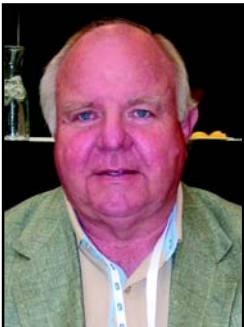
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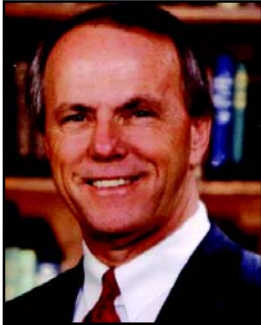
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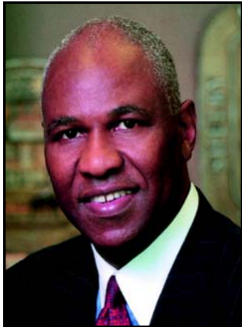
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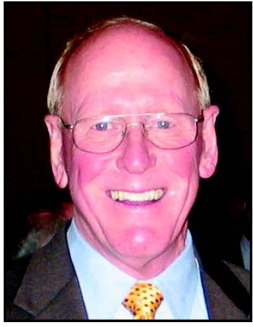
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