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Mayor Dale Kelley elected 2010-11 League president

The Tennessee Municipal League recently elected its 2010-2011 board of directors during its annual conference in Gatlinburg. Huntingdon's Mayor Dale Kelley was elected president.

As president of the League, Kelley will lead the organization as it determines and proposes legislation cities want passed into law.

"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 Kelley. "As president, I will work hard to accomplish the League's goals and legislative priorities."

Other board elections include three vice presidents: Kay Senter, Morristown councilmember, Portland Mayor Ken Wilber, and

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Gatlinburg employee receives public works Murphy Snoderly Award



Paul Ramsey, Gatlinburg Public Works Department (right), receives the Murphy Snoderly award from Calvin Clifton, TCAPWA president.

Recognized for his dedication to his department, community and its citizens, Paul Ramsey with the Gatlinburg Public Works Department has been awarded the Murphy Snoderly Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TCAPWA). He was presented the award at TML's Annual Conference recently held in Gatlinburg.

Ramsey was praised for his out-

standing performance during his 30 plus years of service in the Utilities Maintenance Department of the Public Works Department with the city of Gatlinburg.

"Paul is the unofficial leader in body and spirit of our maintenance team," said Ron Greene, Gatlinburg assistant city manager and public works director. "His willingness to tackle any set of circumstances un-

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Gordon named Mayor of the Year

Covington's Mayor, David Gordon, was named the 2010 Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League at their 71st annual conference in Gatlinburg.

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

As Covington's first full-time mayor, Gordon was recognized for the city's many significant accomplishments under his leadership in the areas of economic and community development, infrastructure improvements, efficient government operations, and the enhanced quality of life of Covington residents.

Since March 2005, Mayor Gordon has successfully worked to transition the office of the Mayor of Covington from a part time position to a full time job, improving the efficiency of the city's government while creating opportunities for its citizens. Developing a dynamic strategy for economic and community development, he has been an active participant in establishing the HTL Advantage, a three county, three city, four electric utility joint



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venture to promote the three county region of Haywood, Tipton, and Lauderdale for industrial development and job creation.

Sales tax revenue increased by 31.1 percent over 2004-2005 under

Mayor Gordon's leadership, and has remained within 3 percent since the national economic downturn. Several major airport improvement projects and corporate expansions

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Peterson garners TCMA's manager award

In honor of his outstanding performance and 19 years of public service, Johnson City's City Manager Pete Peterson was named Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA). Peterson was presented the award at the 71st Annual Conference of the Tennessee Municipal League held in Gatlinburg.

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

During Peterson's tenure, the quality of life for Johnson City's staff and citizens has been greatly enhanced, with professional development and partnership opportunities along with progressive, sustainable initiatives and services that meet the needs of a growing population. All of this has been achieved with fewer employees and drastically reduced resources.

Among his many accomplishments, Peterson conducted a succession study revealing that a huge percentage of his workforce supervisors would soon be retiring. Based on this study, he brought the MTAS Municipal Management Academy to his employees. Three groups have completed all three levels of the academy, with more than 160 employees trained.

He has been pro-active in utiliz-



Jody Baltz, TCMA president and Tullahoma city administrator, awards Pete Peterson, city manager of Johnson City, with top honors.

ing neighborhood activism and volunteerism developing new volunteer service projects such as "Earthday Workday," and has united city departments with area agencies, businesses, and corporate partners to improve healthier community activities and programs. The "Up & At 'Em" initiative won the 2007 Havlick Local Government award and the Tennessee State Governor's Shining Star Award.

Peterson implemented a gas-to-

energy program at the Iris-Glen landfill facility, converting methane gas from the landfill to power used at the Veterans Administration campus. This groundbreaking project benefits the environment while generating revenue for the city and won the "Project of the Year" designation from the Environmental Protection Agency.

He also created an Energy Efficient committee to develop ways

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Athens' spouse Lynn Perkinson honored

Lynn Perkinson, wife of Bo Perkinson, vice mayor of Athens, received the Tennessee Municipal League's "Stand by Your Spouse" Award at TML's 71st annual conference in Gatlinburg.

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

A 1976 graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College, Perkinson rarely misses an Athens City Council meeting and shows interest in the services and programs of the city. She also participates at Tennessee Municipal League meetings and volunteers to assist TML staff at annual conferences, as she has this year, as well as the National League of Cities, attending workshops to assist her husband in covering more topics.

In addition to the assistance that she provides to her husband, Perkinson has been a Special Education/Resource Teacher for 28 years, four in Meigs County and 24 in Athens.

She is a member of Women United in Community Service; a group organized to target the financial needs of children and others and is District Vice-President for Tennessee Federation of Republican



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Women, which includes serving on the Executive Committee for the state of Tennessee.

The Perkinsons have been married for 34 years and have two adult children Tyler and Lindsay.

NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



BY TML STAFF REPORTS

BRENTWOOD

The long anticipated delivery of a new fire department pumper truck is on Brentwood's 2011 budget radar to replace a 1997 model with almost 100,000 miles on the odometer. The city expected to get the new truck last year, but a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for \$200,000 that would have gone toward the \$506,240 cost of the truck fell through. The city has decided to foot the bill with money from the Equipment Replacement Fund, which provides the cash for equipment and vehicles that cost more than \$40,000. Money is accumulated annually in the equipment replacement fund to reduce the burden of purchasing expensive equipment within a single year. For 2011, that fund, which contains \$910,000, will not only secure the new fire engine, but will also be used to purchase 10 police cars and a Public Works chipper truck. Brentwood's capital improvements program calls for an investment of almost \$110 million in city, state, federal and private funds over a six-year period to upgrade and expand the city's infrastructure with major programs in transportation, utilities, general facilities and equipment, parks and recreation, storm drainage and technology.

CHATTANOOGA

Volkswagen Group of America, Chattanooga Operations held grand opening ceremonies June 4 for the Volkswagen Academy, a unique, cutting edge training center that will prepare employees for work, host an advanced vocational program and provide meeting facilities for outside groups when it is fully functioning. Volkswagen has partnered with Chattanooga State Community College and the State of Tennessee on the construction of the facility and its curriculum. The primary purpose of the Volkswagen Academy is to prepare new employees for work at the Volkswagen plant. The Academy has 163,000 square feet of space

that houses a conference center, LEAN center, automotive center, automation center and vocational skills center. It contains 19 classrooms, a cafeteria with seating for 100 people, a gift shop and a coffee shop.

CHATTANOOGA

In its fourth expansion since 2002, LJT Tennessee - Steel Warehouse has announced an \$11 million project which will create at least 84 jobs. The mechanical and structural grade steel tubing manufacturer and flat-rolled steel service center will make \$1.8 million in new investment in real property, including two building expansions totaling 70,000-square-feet at its Centre South Riverport Industrial Park location. Another \$9.15 million will be invested in new personal property. LJT Tennessee and Steel Warehouse currently employs 125 people at its 210,000-square-foot plant.

GATLINBURG

Tennessee Moonshine will be available legally for the first time when Ole Smoky Distillery opens for business in Ole Smoky Holler in downtown Gatlinburg. The distillery will have a grand opening celebration July 2 and will offer free tours, free samples of moonshine to adults over 21, and moonshine for sale. Ole Smoky will offer a number of moonshine products: original unaged corn whiskey moonshine, apple pie moonshine, sweet tea moonshine, and peach moonshine. A highlight of the facility is the authentic working moonshine still where visitors will learn the science of the distilling process as well as the history and lore of moonshining in East Tennessee. Ole Smoky is the only distillery in the state dedicated to moonshine products.

JOHNSON CITY

Johnson City is the winner of the 2010 Muehlenbeck Award for the project "Will This Float." The city faced a growing problem with the loss of the manufacturing industry and explored innovative ways to get

the skilled people who have lost jobs back in the work force. Entrepreneurship became one of the answers. "Will This Float" creates the forum for entrepreneurs to promote ideas and get in front of potential investors. It is a catalyst for beginners and a forum for idea development, business support services, marketing suggestions, and access to capital. Johnson City dealt with the crushing loss of the manufacturing industry with a creative forum to assist entrepreneurs in chasing their dream. The awards were presented at the 2010 Transforming Local Government conference in Las Vegas on June 4.

JONESBOROUGH

The city held its 1st Annual Dog Jog, a one-mile jog for canines, as a pre-vent for Jonesborough Days to be held July 3-4. Each entry received a bandana, a treat bag and was registered for door prizes. Local vendors on hand included veterinarians, therapy dogs, groomers, dog trainers, pet sitters and pet boutiques.

KINGSPORT

Kingsport officials accepted the transfer of the Idle Hour Road Animal Shelter from the Greater Kingsport Humane Society and reopened the facility on an interim basis while a new city-county partnership is being forged. Last year, the city asked the Municipal Technical Advisory Service and County Technical Advisory Service to study the most effective way of delivering animal shelter services. That report concluded a partnership with Sullivan County would likely provide a stronger foundation, improved services and greater efficiency. In the past, donations, city contributions and animal adoption fees accounted for most of the Animal Shelter budget, although Humane Society officials said that adoption fees and volunteerism have fallen dramatically to a point that they could no longer operate the shelter without a six-figure increase in taxpayer funding.

MEMPHIS

Memphis is now sharing details of city contracts and purchase orders on a website. The initiative, announced by Mayor A C Wharton, is meant to promote transparency and provide local businesses with information on city contracts. Visitors to www.memphistn.gov/business can view amounts of contracts, the category of services or products related to contracts, and the date that contracts were executed or amended. The site also includes a link to lists of all open and recently closed bids and solicitations from the city for qualified businesses.

NASHVILLE

Chicago-based LKQ Corp. is planning an expansion of its Nashville facility. The company will add or



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relocate 230 jobs to its Grassmere Park offices, which will serve as a consolidated Financial Services Center, centralizing the functions of several regional accounting offices. LKQ, in late 2007, paid about \$800 million for Keystone Automotive, which had relocated its corporate office to Grassmere just months before. Keystone purchased the space from Talcott Real Estate Investors in 2007 for \$9.2 million. The capital investment for the expansion will total \$1.2 million. Now, that office space will have to be expanded. To accommodate the growth, the company, in addition to furnishing the balance of its existing 35,000 square feet of office space, is building out the remaining 15,000 square feet of space in its Grassmere office building. LKQ provides recycled, refurbished and aftermarket collision and mechanical replacement parts to thousands of professional auto repair businesses and vehicle dealerships throughout the United States.

MEMPHIS

With no dissenting votes, the council passed a measure that calls for annual safety and emissions testing only for cars more than four years old. The Metropolitan Planning Organization will vote on the issue in August. If the MPO approves the measure, it will ask the state to formally accept it. Officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which oversees state and local air pollution-control programs, have said Memphis probably could get approval to exempt newer cars from inspection requirements provided they could demonstrate that the change would have minimal effect on air quality.

NASHVILLE

Nashville now has a public school named after Robert Churchwell, the legendary Nashville Banner reporter who broke racial barriers in the segregated South to become the first African-American journalist to work at a major southern newspaper. The school board voted unani-

mously to turn Wharton Elementary School into the Robert Churchwell Museum Magnet Elementary School. Churchwell, a lifelong Nashvillian who was revered by many, died in 2009. "He would be flattered because he loved to cover the school board, and covered it for over 20 years," said Mary Churchwell, Robert's wife of 58 years. "I think this is just a wonderful thing to happen, to be honored in this way." The building itself, constructed in 1959 and situated on 18th Avenue in north Nashville, is getting the finishing touches of an \$8 million renovation project. In August, students will move into the building, which will feature a new museum-magnet academic concept and a new school name.

PORTLAND

Representatives from the Tennessee Department of Transportation joined state and local leaders to celebrate the early completion of a \$28 million reconstruction project on Highway 109 between Gallatin and Portland. The project widened a two mile section of the highway and reconstructed the narrow, steep section along the ridge near Portland. The newly constructed southbound lanes of Highway 109 are approximately a mile and a half south of the South Tunnel Road intersection.

SHELBYVILLE

Gold River Feed Products will open a new location in Shelbyville at the site of the former DESA building, 783 Eagle Blvd. The Kentucky-based company's \$7.25 million investment in Bedford County will create 34 jobs within the next five years. Gold River Feed Products is a provider of complete feeds, commodities, mineral products, and farm hardware with distribution all across the United States and Canada. Company officials cite the cooperative partnership between city, county and state officials as a key reason for choosing Shelbyville as the home of their new location.



PEOPLE

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

The father of Tennessee Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey of Blountville has passed away. **Lynn Ramsey**, 76, of Blountville, died at the James H. Quillen V.A. Medical Center at Mountain Home. A lifelong resident of Sullivan County, he was a U.S. Army veteran, had retired from Sperry/Univac in Bristol, and enjoyed farming and raising cattle. He was a lifelong member of Blountville Presbyterian Church.

Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield announced that **Al Chapman**, Faith-Based and Community Partnerships administrator, has been named the new interim director of the city's Human Services Department. The Human Services Department has a mission to improve the quality of life for low income and or disadvantaged citizens in Chattanooga and Hamilton County by providing a safety net of services.

Ken Krushenski, city attorney of Oak Ridge, has been elected as the new president of the Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association (TMAA). Krushenski is the father of Kevin Krushenski, legislative analyst with the Tennessee Municipal League.

Barney G. Fullerton has joined Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. (BWSC) as Director of Water Services, responsible for overall direction of water, wastewater, and water resources services across the company. Fullerton has more than 15 years of experience in planning, design, and project management for a variety of water-related projects nationwide. Most recently, he served as Project Manager for Black & Veatch.

Dr. Steve Schwab, interim chancellor of University of Tennessee Health Science Center, has been selected to fill the position permanently by the University of Tennessee Board Trustees. Schwab has been with UTHSC since July 2006 when he took on administrative responsibility for the three campuses in Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga. A year later, he was named dean of the College of Medicine.



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Risk Pool working with members, adjusters, FEMA to ensure coverage for flood damage

The TML Risk Management Pool would like to thank all of its members affected by the historic flooding for their patience through the recovery period of this disaster.

The Pool is working closely with its members and adjusters, as well as FEMA representatives to ensure that our members receive all they are entitled to under the TML Pool Policy. Adjusters from five states, as well as two building consultants, have come to Tennessee to aid our members in expediting the claims process. This will allow the Pool to obtain the proper documentation necessary to pay claims as quickly as possible.

In total, the Pool has received approximately 70 property claims from its members due to the flooding event. We have almost 300

damaged buildings / structures, 80 damaged vehicles, 80 third party claims, and 50 Workers Compensation claims from the May 2010 flood. All members who have filed a claim have been visited by adjusters, many more than once. It is vital throughout this process that we work hand in hand with our members to expedite payment of claims.

You can help to make the claims process faster by:

- (1) providing required documentation as soon as possible;
- (2) providing one person as a key contact for communication purposes; and
- (3) calling our Claims Department if you have any claim related questions.

To date, more than \$2,300,000

has been paid to approximately 23 members for the various types of claims that have been filed. We anticipate in the next several weeks more than \$15,000,000 to be paid to our membership.

The TML Risk Management Pool stands ready to pay for scheduled property damage up to a member's purchased limits as soon as the damage is properly documented. The staff of the TML Pool is happy to help any way we can. Specific questions about your claim should be directed to your adjuster or to Bob Bell of the Claims Department. Bob Bell can be reached at 800-288-0829 or at bbell@tmlrmp.org.

Our sympathy and support are with everyone affected by this historic event.

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TML awards cities for excellence at 2010 annual conference



The Athens Public Works Department received the Excellence in Public Works award. Athens Vice Mayor Bo Perkinson and Mitch Moore, Athens city manager, accept the award from Tommy Pedigo, center, TML president and Sparta mayor.



Mayor Troy Beets and Kingston's city staff accept the TML Excellence in Community Service award.



Franklin received the TML Excellence in Green Leadership award. Pictured with Mayor Pedigo is Eric Stuckey, Franklin city manager.



Dayton Mayor Bob Vincent and city and fire officials accept the Excellence in Fire Service award.



Knoxville received the Excellence in Police Service award accepted by Chief Sterling Owen, IV.



Mayor Ted Doss, staff and officials with the town of Graysville accept the Small Town Progress award.



Officials with the town of Pittman Center accept the Excellence in Governance award.



Mayor Johnny Lynch, (holding plaque), and city officials accept Unicoi's Small Town Progress award.

TML kicks off 71st Annual Conference in Gatlinburg



Kay Irwin on the bagpipes helped kick off the 71st Annual Conference.



The Gatlinburg Fire Department Color Guard presented the flag during the opening session.



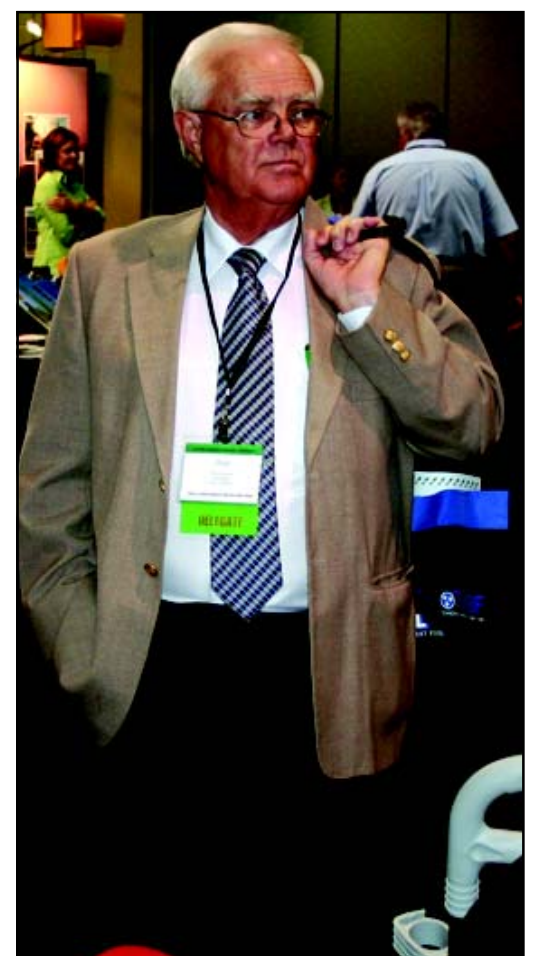
Medina Mayor Vance Coleman and Selmer Mayor David Robinson



Jody Baltz, Tullahoma city administrator, and Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald



TML staff member and game show host Mark Barrett hosts the Municipal Feud Game.



Sparta Vice Mayor Hoyt Jones



Johnson City's Oliver Peterson, age 3 1/2 , practices his golf swing with a little help from his dad Pete during TML's 71st Annual Conference.



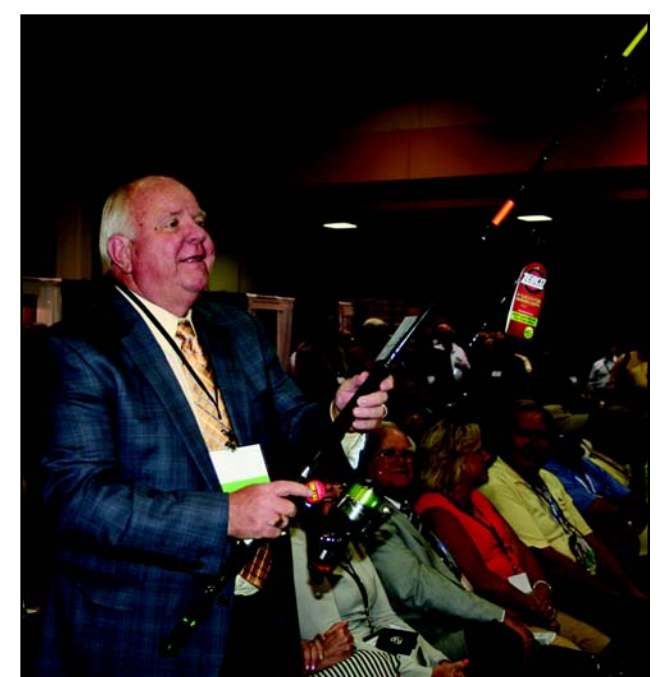
Keynote speaker Dr. Jim Johnson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Dawn Crawford, incoming president of the TML Risk Management Pool



Crossville Mayor J.H. Graham III.



Tommy Pedigo, Sparta mayor and TML president, tries out his door prize, a new rod & reel.



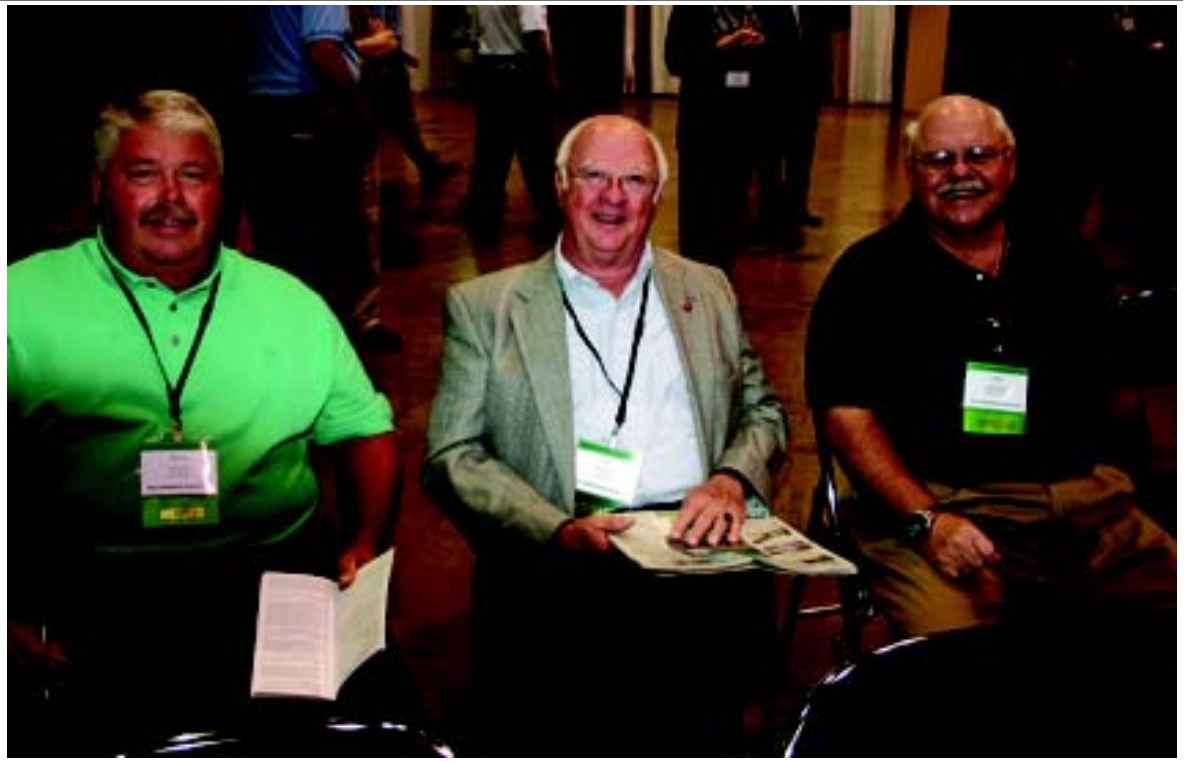
Pictured far left: Humboldt Mayor Allen Barker and Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley.



At left, Ann Davis Athens councilmember and Honna Rogers, Signal Mountain town manager



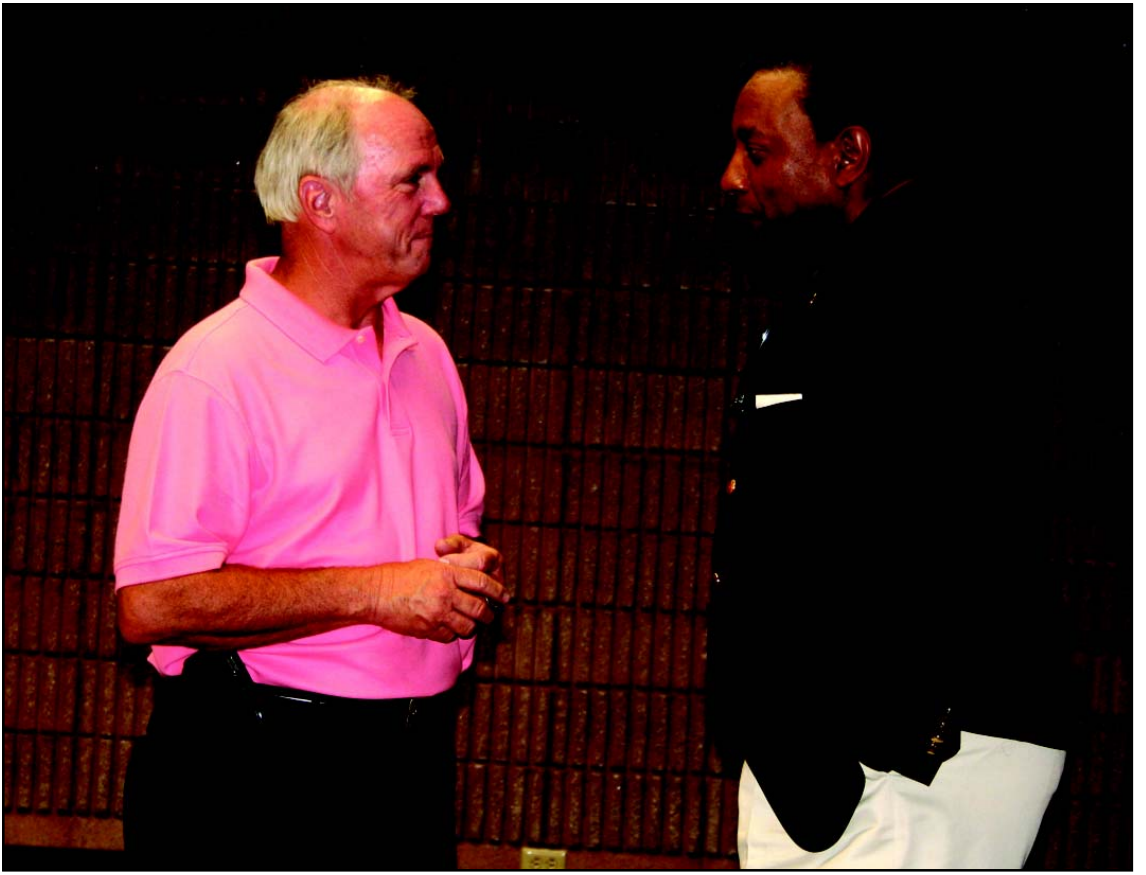
Alamo Mayor Tommy Green, Carol Green, Carol Kirk, and Dyersburg Alderman Bob Kirk



Bobby Doss, Dayton vice mayor; Bob Vincent, Dayton Mayor; and Billy Graham, Dayton Alderman



Dr. Mary Jinks, IPS vice president of Public Service; David Angerer, MTAS municipal management consultant; Chuck Shoopman, IPS assistant vice president; and Melanie Purcell, MTAS interim executive director.



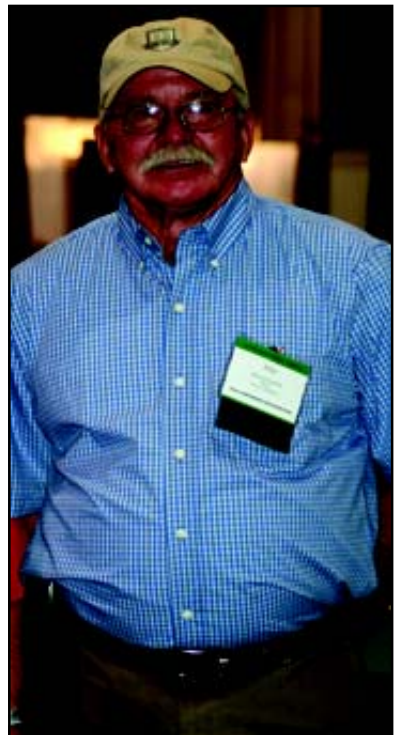
Clarksville Mayor Johnny Piper and Paris Mayor Sam Tharpe



Edna Holland, TML/RMP Government Relations and Lee Holland, Risk Management Pool president, receive plaques honoring their retirements.



Betsy Crossley, Brentwood mayor; Cindy Cameron Ogle, Gatlinburg city manager; and Judy Housley, TML Risk Management Pool.



LaFollete Mayor Mike Stanfield



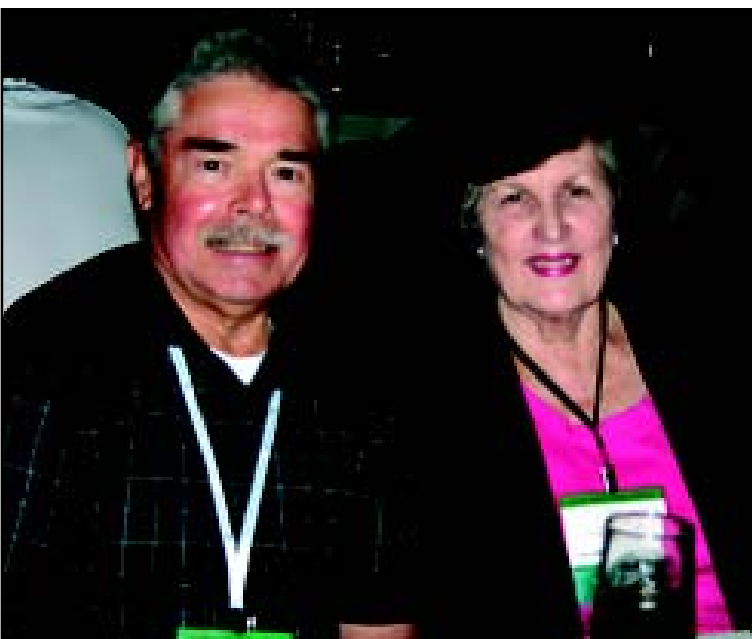
Bones Seivers, TN Municipal Bond Fund president and CEO, and Kay Senter, Morristown councilmember



Sally Oglesby, Crossville city recorder, and Curtis Hayes, Livingston mayor



David May, Cleveland councilman, and Bo Perkinson, Athens vice mayor



Above: Avery Johnson, Cleveland vice mayor, and Jim Adams, Soddy Daisey commissioner

Pictured far left are: Lester Bailey, Erwin alderman, and Troy Beets, Kingston Mayor
Left are: Lou LaMarche, and Dot LaMarche, Farragut vice mayor

Conference features gubernatorial candidates, dynamic workshops

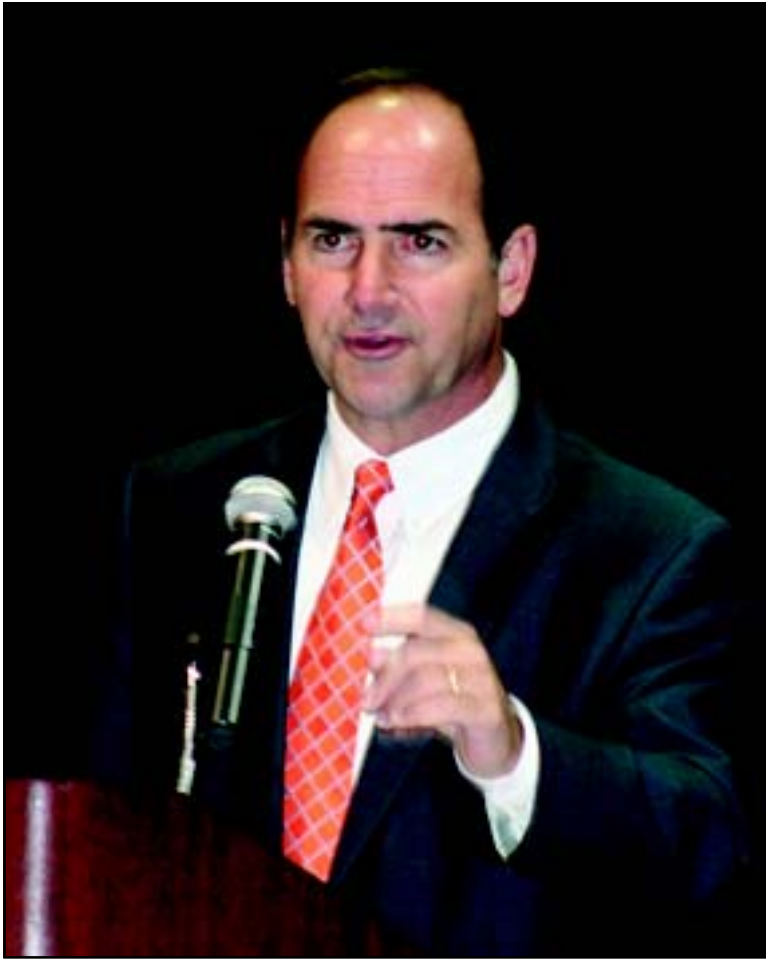
City officials had the opportunity to hear firsthand the views of each gubernatorial candidate during the TML Annual Conference June 13 – 15 in Gatlinburg.

The lone Democratic contender, Mike McWherter, and three Republicans, Bill Haslam, Ron Ramsey, and Zach Wamp were given time at each of the planned general sessions to provide their views on the "State of the State" and why they are the best candidate for the new job.

Other conference highlights included dynamic workshops and general sessions focusing on key elements that help mold and shape prosperous hometowns during tough economic times. Keynote speaker Dr. Jim Johnson, University at Chapel Hill, discussed creating healthy and sustainable communities for an aging population.

A large selection of vendors and presentations included *Waste Connections with Recycling Rewards Program* and *Plug In Vehicle Solutions from Gas to Electric, Clean Air and Foreign Oil Independence*.

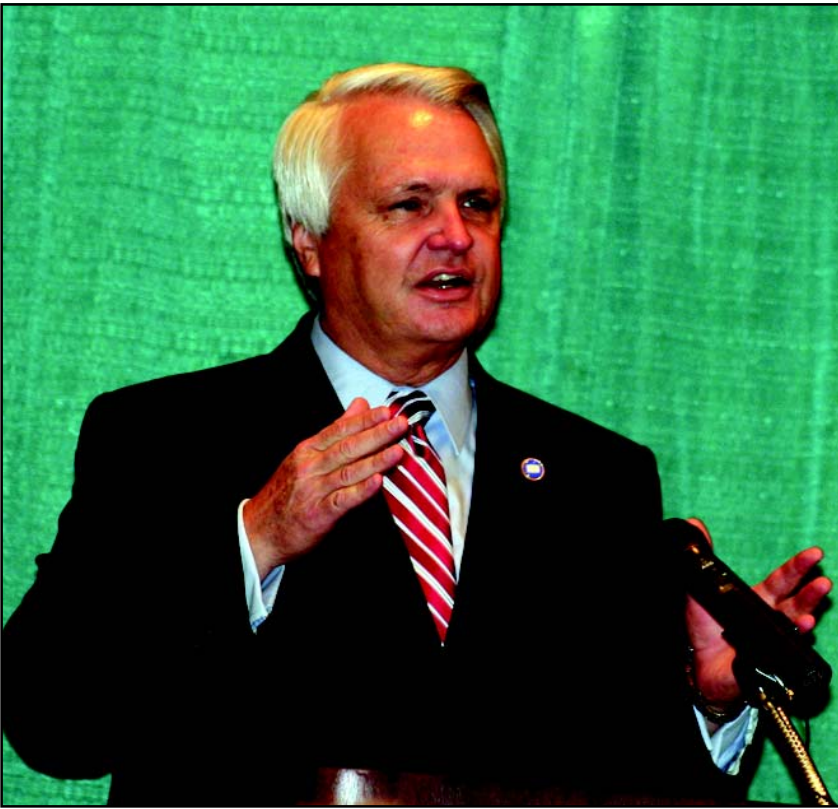
District meetings and a host city reception Sunday evening helped to round out a very successful and productive conference for 2010.



Zach Wamp, U.S. Congressman and Republican candidate



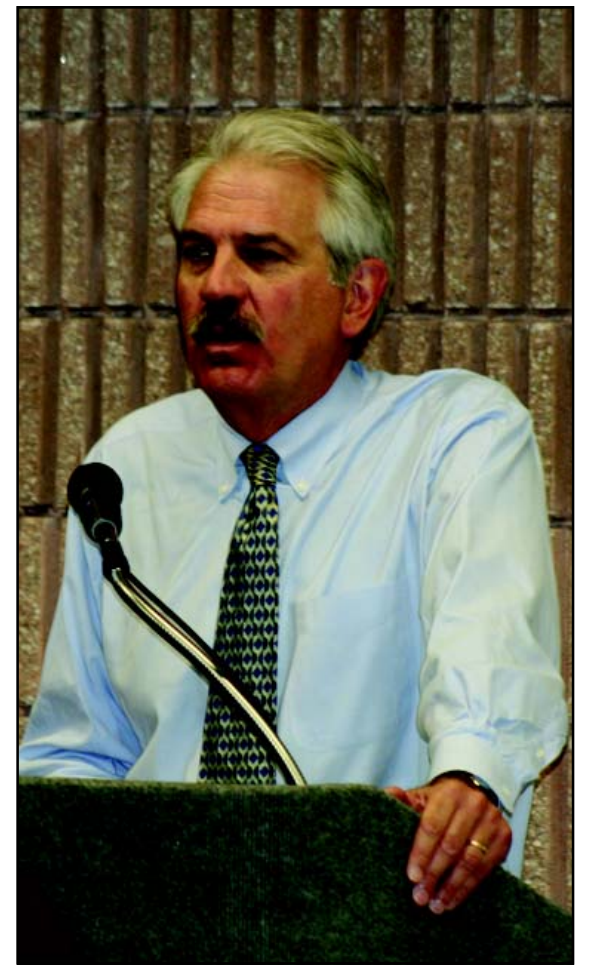
Bill Haslam, Knoxville mayor and Republican candidate.



Ron Ramsey, Lt. Governor and Republican candidate



Democratic contender Mike McWherter



Judge Tom Stovall, chief of Administrative Procedures, Office TN Secretary of State



Geoff Beckwith, Massachusetts Municipal League executive director, gives real life examples of what city governments deal with in his state with regard to collective bargaining.



Dr. Brian Polansky leads a workshop on effective communication skills for community leaders.



Attorney Angelia Morie Nystrom conducts a workshop on estate planning.



Above, Brad Ritter conducts two workshops on media relations.

At left, Dave Ivan explores small community approaches in the new economy.

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Victoria South

Gatlinburg public works employee receives award

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der virtually any conditions is respected and appreciated by his peers, from management to co-workers. He is the 'first one in the hole,' always eager to tackle a project no matter the degree of difficulty. He excels in the most adverse job conditions and is always of the mindset to fix the problem as quickly as possible."

Greene, along with Cindy Ogle, Gatlinburg city manager, and Dale Phelps, Gatlinburg utilities manager, nominated Ramsey for the award.

As a utilities services worker, Ramsey's primary responsibilities include maintenance of water and sewer systems including making taps for new customers or commercial projects and making repairs when breaks occur. Pipefitting, excavation, valve installation and line cleaning are among his duties.

He's also the "McGuyver" of the Utilities Maintenance Department, whether it means creating a tool or coming up with a creative way to fix a problem. His willingness to work with other public works departments in the city is well known and respected.

Ramsey has been the recipient of the city's Employee of the Year award for designing a tool to clean sewer lines, a form of which is still being used today. He has also been a member of the team in multiple "Unit of the Quarter" nominations which have been honored throughout the years. He has participated in a number of significant building and maintenance projects involving multiple departments, using his ingenuity to design and implement ef-



efficient and often cost-cutting measures to solve tasks.

He has also been a willing hero, once pulling an injured driver from a car submerged in a creek and another time assisting in a search for a missing driver of a four-wheeler. During a year-long period when his crew leader served a tour in Iraq, Ramsey took up the slack as far as leadership and planning to the best of his ability.

"Paul exemplifies everything that the Murphy Snoderly Award represents," said Calvin Clifton, president of the TN Chapter American Public Works Association. "He is willing to put in an honest day's work and is an exemplary employee who performs his duties with a spirit of dedication, hard work and great service to the community."

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. This year 12 individuals from seven different cities were nominated for the award.

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.

Gordon named Mayor of the Year

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have taken place around the city, including the Delfield expansion and \$100 million Unilever expansion, which together will bring a total of 395 new jobs to Covington.

NLC Caremark Prescription Drug Discount Cards have been made available to all residents, and the city received approximately \$238,000.00 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant funds for demolition and/or purchase of blighted properties along with an \$823,226.00 Transportation Enhancement Grant for Phase 3 of the Court Square Revitalization Project.

The city's new state of the art sludge dewatering facility creates a safe, reliable way to dispose of sludge and reduced costs of overall operation, while a sewer extension has brought convenience to all residents of Covington who did not formerly have service, many for as long as 15 years.

Leadership training projects and a reorganization of city hall has increased safety and efficiency for the city's staff and residents, and with the Heritage Day Festival revived along with "Music on the Square," an eight-week series of free concerts on Saturday nights, the entire community has enjoyed new fellowship and recreational opportunities.

"Mayor Gordon recognizes that building a community is much more than just running an efficient government operation," said Tommy Pedigo, TML president and Sparta mayor. "He under-



Mayor David Gordon and his wife Ruth Gordon celebrate with their family, daughters Jane and Carly and son Cory.

stands city government should improve the quality of life of the citizens by providing not only efficient government but by working to improve opportunities. Mayor Gordon is very deserving of the honor "Mayor of the Year."

Other accomplishments under Mayor Gordon's administration:

- Retail recruitment study completed;
- Provided help to more than 900 people following Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast;
- Established street paving priority program based on street condition grading system and traffic volume;

- New Highway 59 lift station installed-solved a long standing overflow and maintenance problem;
- Started a recycling program;
- New method of pavement repair using infrared heat resulting in smoother repairs that are less costly;
- Park Master Plan;
- Received \$300,000 LPRF grant to help purchase 84 acre addition to park system;
- MTAS management review of all departments;
- Leadership training of employees through TOTAL and WestStar.

New TML board elected for 2010-11

TML BOARD, from Page 1

Humboldt Mayor Allen Barker. 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 -- offering low-interest loans for capital improvements -- TML Risk Management Pool -- providing affordable, dependable liability coverage to municipalities -- and the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund also sit on the board.

The eight district directors, representing their section of the state, were nominated and elected during district caucuses. They are: District 1: Randy Trivette, Erwin city recorder; District 2: Bill Hammon, Alcoa assistant city manager; District 3: Chris Dorsey, Red Bank city



The 2010-11 board members were sworn in during TML's annual conference. Pictured above are Bill Hammon, Alcoa assistant city manager; Randy Trivette, Erwin city recorder; and J.H. Graham, III, Crossville mayor.

manager; District 4: Norman Rone, McMinnville mayor; District 5: Angie Carrier, White House city

manager; District 6: Betsey Crossley, Brentwood mayor; District 7: Vance Coleman, Medina mayor; and District 8: David Gordon, Covington mayor.

The eight at-large directors were nominated by an eight-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: Bryan Atchley Sevierville mayor; J.H.Graham, III, Crossville mayor; Curtis Hayes, Livingston mayor; Richard Hodges, Millington mayor; Dot LaMarche, Farragut vice mayor; Keith McDonald, Bartlett mayor; Bo Perkinson, Athens vice mayor; and Doug Young, Murfreesboro council.

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STATE BRIEFS

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

The state has begun a Twitter feed for air quality forecasts, just as hot summer air increases the likelihood that pollution will be a problem. The hot air of summer can work to trap pollutants, like car emissions, closer to the surface of the earth. That, in turn, can lead to the development of ground-level ozone, which is the primary ingredient in smog. The state's air quality forecasts use a color-coded alert system to tell whether the air is polluted enough to be a potential health risk. For example, children, the elderly, and people with lung and heart conditions might have problems breathing the air on orange days. Red alerts are issued when the air is bad enough to be unhealthy for everyone. Tennessee's Department of Environment and Conservation began using Twitter to announce those forecasts last week. There are separate feeds for a handful of cities, plus one for the Great Smoky Mountains.

Qualified residents and businesses hit by the flooding will be able to take advantage of new breaks on energy efficiency incentives. The programs were unveiled by the Nashville Electric Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority. An initial onsite evaluation requirement for an In-Home Energy Evaluation Program will give residents with FEMA documentation up to \$500 in cash rebates for weatherization and heating and cooling improvements. Homeowners also may get up to \$20,000 in low-interest financing through participating power distributors. The loans can be repaid through monthly power bills over a period of up to 10 years. "TVA's Energy Efficiency Disaster Assistance Initiative will allow residents and businesses in federal disaster areas easier access to energy efficiency incentives as they rebuild," said Ken Breeden, TVA executive vice president of Customer Relations. Business customers with a FEMA registration number can apply for rebates on high-efficiency lighting and heating and cooling equipment through new provisions available in TVA's Commercial Efficiency Advice and Incentives program.

U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander says the Environmental Protection Agency has extended deadlines for compliance on a new rule restricting work done on buildings that have lead paint. Alexander had asked for a delay because he was concerned that it would affect repairs to buildings damaged by heavy flooding in the state in May. The rule requires contractors to take courses on "lead-safe practices" before working on homes, day-care centers and schools built before 1978. They could face thousands of dollars in fines a day if not certified. A statement from the senator's office said the EPA will not enforce the certification requirement until Oct 1.

Tennessee ranks 32nd in the nation in the percentage of people who volunteer — but those who do volunteer are among the most dedicated in the country, accord-



Tennessee was recently honored at the federal level with the 2010 Coalition for Recreational Trails Award for Outstanding State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. Committee members celebrate the award.

ing to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The group calculates that 28.4 percent of Tennesseans volunteered in 2009 — with the rate hitting 32.7 percent in Nashville. While Tennessee only ranked 32nd in its rate of volunteerism, those who did volunteer were rated the fifth most dedicated in the nation, with 73 percent of them volunteering year-round.

Tennessee is among 33 states that have fewer private-sector jobs today than they did 10 years ago, according to new figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Tennessee lost 147,500 private-sector positions between May 2000 and May 2010. The loss of 6.32 percent of its private-sector jobs made it the sixth-worst performance by any state.

Nearly a year after a state law was enacted banning motorists from texting while driving; records show the Tennessee Highway Patrol has issued less than 100 citations for violating the law. Tennessee is one of 25 states to have outlawed texting while driving, according to AAA Auto Club South. Under state law, anyone caught texting behind the wheel must pay a \$50 fine plus a \$10 court fee. A violation does not add points against the driver's record.

A nationwide survey by the Virginia-based Violence Policy Center ranks Tennessee in seventh place nationally for gun-related deaths, at a rate of 15.03 per 100,000 people. That's above a national average of about 10 gun deaths per 100,000, according to the survey.

More than 10,000 Tennesseans' names and social security numbers were on a laptop that was stolen this spring. The computer belonged to a contractor for DentaQuest, which manages dental benefits for several government agencies, including TennCare. Officials say there's no sign the information has been used illegally, but they're offering identity theft protection to those affected. DentaQuest opened a call center which is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST Monday through Friday, and "will be able to answer further questions about the incident and provide the additional details about the identity theft safeguards being offered." The number is 1-877-309-0021.

Tennessee's two U.S. senators have proposed designating about 20,000 acres as wilderness in the Cherokee National Forest. The Tennessee Wilderness Act of 2010 by Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker would preserve six areas in Polk, Washington, Unicoi, Carter, Johnson and Monroe counties in the state. The largest tract is 9,038 acres in Monroe County. Congress began protecting wilderness areas in the national forest in 1975, with additional wilderness areas being established by the Tennessee Wilderness Acts of 1984 and 1986. The Tennessee Wilderness Act of 2010 specifically creates one new wilderness area and expands the boundaries of five separate, existing wilderness areas already within the national forest. The areas are owned entirely by the U.S. Forest Service.

Tennessee plans to undertake a comprehensive business survey to identify green jobs. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development will mail more than 6,000 surveys to employers statewide to gather data on how many jobs are linked to energy efficiency, clean fuels and related sectors. The labor department has a \$765,000 Tennessee Recovery Act Labor Market Information Improvement grant to collect such information. A "green" job is defined as one that directly produces products or services in any of the following sectors: renewable energy; increasing energy efficiency; conserving natural resources; preventing, reducing or cleaning up pollution; and producing clean fuels or related products.

Tennessee was recently honored at the federal level with the 2010 Coalition for Recreational Trails Award for Outstanding State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. The Coalition for Recreational Trails consists of 31 national trail organizations that help provide support and documentation of the many nationwide trail projects funded through the Recreational Trails Program. The coalition makes nine annual awards to exemplary projects or organizations using the Recreational Trails Program funds, allocated by the Federal Highway Administration. The program funds are generated from the federal gas tax on fuel used by off-highway vehicles. The Recreational Trails Program funds motorized, non-motorized and diverse-use trail projects for all 50 states.

Justices on the state Supreme Court say Tennesseans should know that their top priority is getting relief to people who cannot afford a lawyer. The downturn in the economy has forced many people to represent themselves in civil court cases, simply because they cannot afford an attorney. The court announced that it will hold a statewide summit to find ways to get more free legal services for people. At the same time, the court is trying to make it easier for people to represent themselves on simple legal issues, such as debt disputes, name changes and no-contest divorces. "Lack of equal access in our civil courts remains one of the most pressing issues facing our court system today," Chief Justice Janice Holder said. "People have a right to have an attorney in a criminal case but not in a civil case. One in five Tennesseans represented themselves in civil cases in 2003, almost all because they could not afford an attorney. The move to help people represent themselves is part of the court's Justice for All initiative.

Tennessee has been a "laggard" when it comes to attracting and spending federal economic stimulus dollars, a study by Seattle-based Onvia has found. Onvia's analysis reviewed the per capita stimulus funding states received and the speed with which that money has made its way into the hands of contractors and subcontractors in the private sector. Results were mixed, but most states joined Tennessee in the "laggard" category, meaning they attracted less than \$1,100 in stimulus funding per capita and have spent less than 20 percent of their awards so far. Tennessee has attracted \$928.40 per capita and spent just 7.7 percent of its stimulus allocations, according to the analysis.

The Tennessee Lottery is using pro wrestler Ric Flair and his signature scream "wooooo" to promote the Mega Millions game. Flair, who calls himself "the nature boy," appears in 30-second TV and radio spots tagged "Jack Up Your Jackpots." He's shown slapping a hapless skinny fellow and encouraging him to turn puny jackpots into huge ones by playing Mega Millions. "He's an absolute delight to work with and everybody knows him," said Rebecca Hargrove, president and CEO of the Tennessee lottery. "The spot will run for three weeks but lottery officials have the rights to run it for a year.

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BUSINESS/FINANCE OFFICER HARROGATE. The city is now accepting applications for the position of business/finance officer. Duties include accounting, payroll, budgeting, correspondence, purchasing, compiling reports, customer service, and clerical responsibilities. Position reports to the mayor. Starting pay range is between \$25,000 and \$30,000 depending on education and experience. High school diploma or GED required, but associate degree in accounting preferred. Must be able to obtain municipal finance officer certification within two years. Prefer 3-5 years of accounting experience, particularly governmental accounting. Also prefer 2 years experience with QuickBooks and Microsoft Office products. If you like to be challenged, have excellent customer service and accounting skills, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to Rose Kiser, City of Harrogate, P. O. Box 979, Harrogate, TN 37752 by July 20, 2010. For a full job description including educational and experience requirements, please refer to the city's website: www.harrogate-tn.com or contact city hall at 423-869-0211.

POLICE CHIEF HENDERSONVILLE. Adjacent to Metro Nashville, the city is seeking applicants for the position of Police Chief. Hiring range: approx. \$90-100k, DOQ; Minimum requirements: bachelor's degree in related field, at least three to five years experience at police command level; graduate of FBI national academy preferred. Responsible for leadership and development of police department consisting of 88 commissioned officers; 12 communication officers and 13 civilian positions (and other part time and volunteer positions) and \$8.6 million budget. Successful candidate will have a combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, & abilities; initiative & experience in and strong commitment to community policing, staff training, officer development and motivation of the department, consistent with the values and leadership philosophy of the City. Position requires a team player who can work well with employees, other city departments, the Mayor, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and other police agencies. Candidate must have the ability to obtain valid TN driver's license and to meet current TN police officer certification standards, (P.O.S.T.). To apply, visit <http://www.hvilletn.org/policechief.aspx>. Deadline for receipt of applications is July 16, 2010.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS



BY TML STAFF REPORTS

Colorado is one of a number of states where state and local governments are prohibited by law to directly provide broadband service, for example, free municipal wireless connections. So a recommendation in the Federal Communication Commission's National Broadband Plan has state officials scrambling. Released in March, the plan calls for Congress to ensure that state and local governments don't pose any barriers to making broadband available. If approved, the action could override the state laws. To deal with that and other possible federal actions, Colorado has formed a broadband council to review the plan, as well as state policy, and deliver guidance to state lawmakers in the coming year.

This is the scary season for the nation's census takers. Since they began making follow-up house calls in early May, census takers have encountered vitriol, menace and flashes of violence. They have been shot at with pellet guns and hit by baseball bats. They have been confronted with pickaxes, crossbows and hammers. They've had lawn mowers pushed menacingly toward them and patio tables thrown their way. They have been nibbled by ducks, bitten by pit bulls and chased by packs of snarling dogs. Some days, being cursed at seems part of

the job description. So far, the Census Bureau has tallied 379 incidents involving assaults or threats on the nation's 635,000 census workers, more than double the 181 recorded during the 2000 census. Weapons were used or threatened in a third of the cases. Now, with just three weeks to go in the door-knocking phase of the count, the number of census takers has dwindled. Steven Jost, a spokesman for the Census Bureau, said it is unlikely that the policy prohibiting census workers from carrying weapons will be rescinded. After the 2010 census is completed, officials will examine all incidents to determine whether changes are needed to reduce risks, for both workers and the public.

Some flood victims won't be able to get federal money for rebuilding until Congress reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program. Some businesses are stuck because they can't get their Small Business Administration loans until they have proof of flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency oversees flood insurance and has been unable to write new policies since June 1st. On a visit to check in on flood recovery in Nashville, FEMA administrator Craig Fugate said the delay is frustrating. "Where you're getting a federally backed mortgage or an SBA loan and you need flood insurance, you're currently not able to

apply. We know this is a challenge, but we also know that congress is the one that has to reauthorize the flood insurance program so we can administer it." Sen. Lamar Alexander co-sponsored a bill to extend the National Flood Insurance Program through the end of the year.

Wish finding health insurance were as easy as shopping for an airline ticket? A federal government website that launches July 1 takes a step in that direction. The site, for the first time, will give consumers a list of all private and government health care plans for individuals and small businesses in their areas. The nation's new health care law requires the site www.healthcare.gov. Initially, it will provide just basic facts, such as the names of companies, health plans and Web links. Beginning in October, it will list detailed cost and benefits information. Consumer groups and insurers already are clashing over exactly what information should be displayed. "What we are trying to do is create some order in the marketplace," says Karen Pollitz, a top official at the new Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at the Department of Health and Human Services. She acknowledges the site won't be the Expedite of health care any time soon: "This ain't like buying a plane ticket; it is much more complicated."

TN Clean Cities host meetings to improve air quality

Want to learn about alternative fuels, such as ethanol, biodiesel, and propane? Do you want to meet fleets and citizens that are working to improve air quality and national security right here in Tennessee? Then getting to know your local Clean Cities Representative is perfect for you.

Clean Cities is a special program of the DOE that was started in the 1990s in order to lower oil dependence and clean up air pollution by increasing alternative fuels use.

Alternative fuels projects in Tennessee range from aiding owners of bio-refineries to working with public, private, and government fleets to increase their alternative fuels use for road and off-

road vehicles.

The state's Clean Cities coalitions also have gotten to know Tennessee's Congressmen when lobbying the federal government to increase use of alternative fuels that are American-made and have decreased pollution emissions compared to oil. Educating the next generation and aiding teachers and students with science projects also play a large role in Tennessee's Clean Cities.

Currently, there are two Clean Cities Chapters in TN, Clean Cities of Middle Tennessee in Nashville headed by Atha Comiskey and East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition in Knoxville founded by Jonathan Overly.

Both hold quarterly fleet meetings that are open to the public at the Hermitage Police Precinct in Nashville and Copper Cellar in Knoxville. For more information on the chapter in your area call Emily DeVillers at 865-974-9665.



Peterson garners TCMA's manager award

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for saving fuel consumption, and facilitated conversion to a biodiesel program expected to reduce carbon monoxide emissions by 12 percent, particulate emissions by 12 percent, total hydrocarbon emissions by 20 percent, and sulfate emissions by 20 percent.

Recognized by TML as Tennessee's First Green City, the launch of Johnson City's "Green Building Initiative" will make all city buildings energy efficient.

Downtown improvements include underground utilities and upgraded sidewalks and streets. The Project Safe Neighborhoods pro-

gram now has a special prosecutor to prosecute felony narcotics and weapons cases at the federal level that originate in Johnson City. This program has been strengthened by the addition of a Weed and Seed program.

"Pete Peterson has brought a much needed stability to the city and has worked to provide staff development opportunities that have resulted in a top-notch team at city hall," said Pat Hardy, TCMA executive director and MTAS municipal management consultant.

An active member of TCMA for many years, Peterson is a consistent participant in ICMA and serves on

the Advisory Boards of MTAS and the TML Risk Management Pool.

"Pete has been willing to give of his time to the profession at large, and he has worked tirelessly over the years to improve the general quality of governance in Tennessee through participation in other organizations serving cities," said Jody Baltz, TCMA president and city administrator of Tullahoma. "For nearly 20 years he has devoted the best of himself to public service and to the notion that helping others through local government is his calling. His impact on Johnson City will be felt for many years to come."



July 3-4: Jonesborough

Jonesborough Days Festival
The Historic district. The annual celebration begins at 10am with a parade and ends July 4 at 10 pm with a fireworks display. This year's theme will be "40 Years of Tales, Tunes and Traditions." Free music and activities, and opportunities to share stories of Jonesborough Days' past. Activities include a Crafters Village, First Tennessee Children's Stage and Area, Eastman Credit Union Kid's Train and Activities, West Hills Farm Expo and Century 21 Petting Zoo, Native American Village, Four Oaks Celtic Village, contra dancing, county fair games, inflatables, and more. For more information, call 423- 753-1010 or toll-free 866-401-4223 or log on historicjonesborough.com

July 10: Sevierville

Summerfest Cars, Crafts & Music Festival
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July 11: Ten Mile

Half Moon Festival
Held at 118 Christley Lane. A showcase of the area's best musical talent. Call 865-717-0584.

July 16-17: Adams

41st Anniversary Threshing Show
Steam engines, antique tractors, wheat threshing, fresh ground flour and meal, tractor pull, mule pull, Possum Trot Blacksmith Forge, Big Saturday Parade at 10 a.m., Arts & Crafts, historic lectures, kids land and petting zoo, plenty of food, live music. Gates open at 8 a.m. with free parking. For more information, visit www.adamstennessee.com/events



July 17: RUN Jackson.

NFL Super Bowl champion and Jackson's own Jabari Greer wants to see you sweat it out at the city's biggest track meet for adults and youth, including special needs children. The meet is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Liberty Technology Magnet High School, 3470 Ridgecrest Road Ext. in Jackson. RUN Jackson, encourages participants to Reach Out, Unite and to Never Give Up and consist of relays, and individual sprints events. For more information about To register call 731-736-2132 or visit www.thegreer_campaign.org or

Disaster Relief Program

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- Infrastructure Repairs
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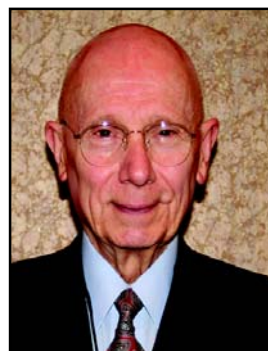
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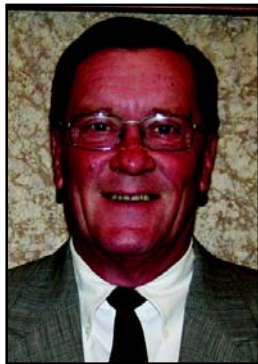


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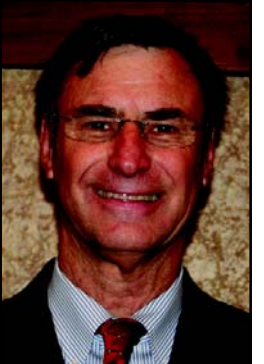
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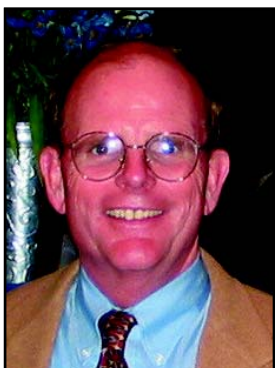


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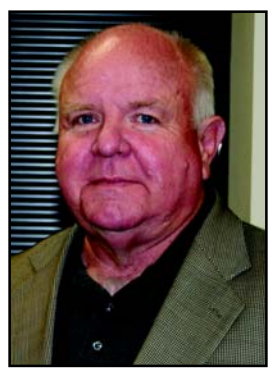
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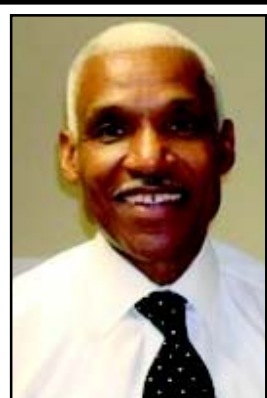
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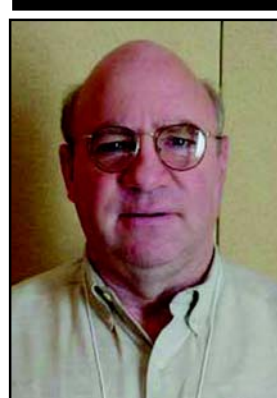


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