



107th General Assembly wrap up legislative work



Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey and House Speaker Beth Harwell listen to the final orders of business as lawmakers strive to bring the 107th General Assembly to an early closure. See more photos on Page 9.

Photos by Victoria South

Conference sessions focus on 20-somethings, 60-somethings, and everyone in between

The Baby Boom generation - born between 1948 and 1964 - is rapidly approaching retirement age. When this trend hits its peak in 2030, the number of people over age 65 in the United States will soar to 71.5 million, twice their number in the year 2000, or one in every five Americans.

Only 46 percent of American communities have begun planning to address the needs of the exploding population of aging Baby Boomers.

Sandy Markwood, CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, will offer a workshop session designed to help communities prepare during TML's Annual Conference, slated for June 9-12 in Knoxville.

Markwood says that although many communities have some programs to address the needs of older adults, very few have undertaken a comprehensive assessment of what it would take to make their community "elder friendly."

This workshop session, held Sunday, June 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., will offer a blueprint for developing community programs that meet the needs of all ages.

Most city leaders are also aware that there are four generations in the workplace. But how well they work together will be the focus of a Monday afternoon workshop.

Mindy Stooksbury's session, *Reducing Generational Turbulence in the Workplace*, will provide a thought-provoking and entertaining exploration of how aging workers and emerging contributors will change workplaces in the coming decade.

How will you resolve the clash in values and expectations? How will you foster productivity between those who remember the IBM Selectric and those who have never known anything other than the Apple iPad?

She will explore both the positive and negative qualities of each



Sandy Markwood



Mindy Stooksbury

generation, and provide tips for bridging the gaps through communication, culture, and balance.

Other workshop topics include:

- Civic Engagement in a Digital World;
- Smartphones and Mobile Government;
- Raising Revenues without Raising Taxes;
- Addressing Abandoned Properties;

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Pilot program establishes dual license review process for ABC, local beer boards

BY CAROLE GRAVES
TML Communications Director

Legislation requiring more coordination between local beer boards and the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission was recently approved by the Tennessee Legislature.

Initiated by the city of Chattanooga and sponsored by Sen. Bo Watson and Rep. Richard Floyd, the new law provides a specific framework for a dual license review when a license is suspended or revoked by either a local beer board or the ABC.

The two-year pilot project stipulates that when a license is suspended or revoked by either entity, it must notify the other in writing within 30 days of the suspension. The other entity must then schedule a hearing within 14 days of receiving the notice to decide whether to also suspend or revoke the bar's license to serve beer or alcohol.

"The city's main goal with proposing this legislation was to create a better working relationship between the ABC and our local beer board," said Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield. "Our goal was to create a better process where both of these regulatory boards could work together to achieve the same result - increased safety for our citizens and a greater awareness about the nega-

tive effects from underage drinking and illegal activity in establishments that sell alcohol."

The new legislation will require the ABC and local beer boards to hold show-cause hearings when one or the other suspends or revokes a license with the idea that both boards will concur with the other's ruling. If the permit holder fails to appear at the hearing or decides to surrender the license, then the license is automatically suspended or revoked to sell both beer and liquor.

"Far too many times one board has suspended or revoked a license only to find out that the other did not hold a hearing or did not uphold the same decision. When this happens, it allows an establishment to continue serving either beer or liquor. It is our hope that these 'show-cause' hearings will help bring about the same positive result," said Littlefield.

"Our local beer board has a good track record of obtaining public safety cooperation from single licensed beer retailers," explained Chattanooga Councilmember Deborah Scott, who initiated the bill as part of Chattanooga's legislative package. "However, cooperation from some dual licensed retailers has been a big challenge. In some cases, citizens and police officers have



Sen. Bo Watson



Rep. Richard Floyd

U.S. House passes another 90-day transportation extension to Sept. 30

BY LESLIE WOLLACK
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Earlier this month, the House approved another 90-day extension for federal surface transportation programs that included construction of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, setting up a conflict with the Senate. The extension through Sept. 30, adopted in a 293-127 vote, will allow the House to begin negotiations with the Senate on S.1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), a two-year, \$109-billion transportation program bill passed last month.

NLC released a statement calling on Congress to pass a long-term transportation bill.

"We urge Congress to remember the words of past presidents and take action to reach a bipartisan agreement on a long-term transportation solution," said NLC President Ted Ellis, mayor of Bluffton, Ind. "We need Congress to make investments in our future now. A national infrastructure bill will help cities start needed projects that would put people back to work immediately, while laying the foundation for future economic growth and competitiveness."

The current extension signed by President Obama would fund programs until June 30, the ninth short-term extension since the pro-

gram expired in September 2009. Senate Environment and Public Works Chair Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) said in a statement that she was encouraged by the House action and called on the House to quickly appoint conferees in order to get a bill to the President soon.

"I have spoken to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and he has committed to appoint Senate conferees as soon as Senate rules allow," Sen. Boxer said. "The final bill must be truly bipartisan so it can pass both Houses of Congress. The economic recovery really depends on our bipartisan action, because the transportation and construction sectors have such a huge impact on the nation's economy."

The House action is the latest in a series of attempts by the leadership to find sufficient votes to pass a fully funded transportation bill with gas tax revenue not meeting current spending levels. House Republicans initially tried to cut transportation programs by 34 percent to ensure that revenues were adequate to meet spending levels. In February, the House was poised to take up H.R. 7, a five-year, \$260-billion transportation bill to be funded through ex-



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panded oil and gas exploration revenues. The bill also would have severed transit from its current dedicated revenue source, the federal gasoline tax, relegating it to the regular appropriations process.

An outcry from transportation advocates, including NLC and Republicans from suburban districts heavily dependent on transit use, forced the House leadership to back down from that approach, which has been a federal practice initiated by President Ronald Reagan.

The newest bill adopted by the House last week is not a "clean" extension since it adds on the Keystone pipeline, previously rejected by the Senate during the vote on S. 1813.

House transportation leaders called their bill an effort to move the

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Pat Summitt named head coach emeritus, to receive Presidential Medal of Freedom

Following 38 seasons and 1,098 victories at the helm of the Lady Vols at the University of Tennessee, Pat Summitt has stepped down as head women's basketball coach to be named head coach emeritus. Summitt will continue to serve the women's basketball program and its coaching staff and act as a liaison to the Director of Athletics, involved in on-campus recruiting and serving as a personal mentor to players, including life skills coaching.

Associate head coach Holly Warlick, an assistant on the Tennessee staff for 27 seasons and a three-time All-American as a player for the Lady Vols, will become Summitt's successor, assuming head coaching duties for the Tennessee women's basketball program.

"I've loved being the head coach at Tennessee for 38 years, but I recognize that the time has come to move into the future and to step into

a new role," Summitt said. She will report to Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics Dave Hart.

Summitt also plans to remain an active spokesperson in the fight against Alzheimer's through the Pat Summitt Foundation Fund. In August, Summitt made public her medical diagnosis of early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

"It is extremely difficult to adequately express what Pat Summitt has meant to the University of Tennessee, the sport of basketball, and the growth of women's athletics nationally," said Hart. "She is an icon who does not view herself in that light, and her legacy is well-



Pat Summitt, will receive the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

defined and everlasting."
U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander
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NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



BY TML STAFF REPORTS

ANTIOCH

Best Buy will be closing 50 stores this year, however the company's four stores in the Memphis area will remain open. One of the struggling electronics chain's Antioch stores will close by May 12. The company announced last month that it would close some of its big box stores, cut 400 corporate jobs and trim \$800 million in costs. Best Buy lost \$1.7 billion in the most recent quarter, partly because of restructuring costs.

BLOUNTVILLE

On September 22, 1863, Union forces laid siege to Blountville, shelling the city and setting fire to the courthouse. Confederate troops eventually withdrew from the town, and the Union claimed a victory. Called the Battle of Blountville, the conflict is reenacted every year. Steering committee organizers are planning to help facilitate a future Civil War Park within the city, hosting a recent event where Tennessee Tourism Commissioner Susan Whitaker served as keynote speaker and Dr. Carroll Van West, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, served as a presenter. An artistic rendering of the battlefield park was presented along with a park logo and website and plans for Phase I were unveiled. The group plans to place a sign at the intersection of state Highway 394 and state Highway 126. Shelia Steele Hunt, Sullivan County Department of Archives and Tourism executive director said the challenge for building a park is the location. The majority of the land where the battle took place is on private property. The group is going to have to raise money or get land donated for the park. "We plan to utilize county land as much as possible," Hunt said.

BRENTWOOD

Those who want to put their names — or their business names — in the city's newest park now have the perfect opportunity. In three separate resolutions, Brentwood city leaders have outlined a sponsorship policy, a list of physical features available and an agreement with a nonprofit volunteer entity to solicit money for the city parks. Although sponsorship agreements could be set for items in any of the city's 11 parks, most of the action will probably happen in the newly acquired Marcella Vivrette Smith Park off Wilson Pike, as the city begins to develop the amenities and make improvements. Under the policy, a sponsorship of \$25,000 or more can be paid over five years. Those shelling out less than \$25,000 must pay it off within three years. There are exceptions. The city wouldn't accept sponsorships from any business that primarily sells alcohol, tobacco, firearms or pornography. Religious or political organizations also can't sponsor items in the park. The same goes for companies or firms that are bidding on the public improvements. Also, sponsorships can be removed from businesses whose reputations become a "black eye" in the community in the future.

CHATTANOOGA

Metropolitan Chattanooga grew faster than most of Tennessee last year, according to government population estimates. The U.S. Bureau of the Census estimates the six-county Chattanooga area added 4,150 people during 2011, growing at a pace nearly 50 percent faster than the nation as a whole. Among Tennessee's biggest metro areas, only Nashville grew at a faster pace last year. But in eight counties surrounding Chattanooga in Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia, the population declined last year.

CHATTANOOGA

HomeServe USA, a leading provider of home repair service programs, will expand its Chattanooga call center operations and create 120 jobs. The Chattanooga facility, located at 1232 Premier Drive, services the Continental U.S. and Canada. HomeServe USA offers affordable emergency repair service plans to cover plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems not typically covered by homeowners insurance or a local utility company.

CLEVELAND

Only 20 months after unveiling an

ambitious strategy to build a new \$200 million state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Bradley County, Whirlpool Corporation officially cut the ribbon on its energy- and environment-friendly Cleveland factory. Chairman and CEO of Whirlpool Corporation, Jeff Fettig, credited the local workforce, the community commitment to Whirlpool, the tremendous sales and strong partnerships with municipal, county and state governments.

CLEVELAND

The city was recently awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 14th consecutive year. To receive the award, the city satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well a budget serves as a policy document, financial plans, operations guide and communications device.

CROSSVILLE

A project to upgrade the downtown Crossville area could get a funding boost from a possible \$1 million grant. The estimated \$9 million project already has \$4.5 million in grant funding secured. The project would replace aging infrastructure in the area, including water lines nearing 100 years old, and allow for the installation of storm drains. According to figures provided by Councilman Boyd Wyatt, grants secured include funding from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Appalachian Regional Commission and Economic Development Administration. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund has provided a grant of \$567,000 and a \$1.3 million loan at 2.16 percent interest. Downtown Crossville, Inc. has committed to raise \$500,000 toward the project, which is included as grant funds. Members of DCI, Mayor J. H. Graham III and Bruce Wyatt met with representatives from TDOT recently regarding possible additional grant funding, but there has been no determination on that award at this time. The city will have to provide matching funds for some of the grants and has spent \$303,905 in preliminary engineering costs.

ELIZABETHTON

After years of study and public hearings, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has reached a decision on what steps can be taken to improve traffic flow on Elk Avenue and Broad Street. The "Northern Widening" alternative for the Tenn. Highway 91 Improvement Project was approved. The proposed project will consist of adding a center turn lane along the four-lane undivided portion of West Elk Avenue from Holly Lane to North Roan Street. There also will be sidewalk improvements and repaving of the route from the intersection of U.S. Highway 321 and West G Street in the westernmost section to the intersection of Broad Street and U.S. Highway 19E on the easternmost section. The addition of the turn lane will help with congestion where traffic is often snarled by vehicles making left turns, especially heavy trucks trying to turn into Summers-Taylor Construction Co. from the east. The project had its start as the "Northern Connector". The plan was to build an expressway on the north side of the Watauga River in order to provide another route for vehicles using heavily congested West Elk Avenue, which is one of the most heavily traveled streets in the Tri-Cities. Prior studies and consideration were given to three alternatives, but were eliminated because of numerous environmental impacts. Based on comments received from a Dec. 2, 2010, public meeting, support from citizens and local officials for the Northern Widening project was considerable in comparison to other widening and new road proposals. TDOT estimates the earliest that construction will start would be the summer of 2015.

JASPER

A project to connect state Highways 150 and 28 in Jasper is moving forward now that city officials have approved the plan. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved a resolution allowing the Tennessee Department of Transportation to proceed. Officials said the new road will pass Marion County High School and Jasper Elementary

School, but the school system will be responsible for building a driveway from the schools to the new road. Officials said the next phase of the project will include the state securing rights of way and easements from landowners.

KINGSPORT

After years of talk, Kingsport and Johnson City now have a public transportation line linking the two cities. State and federal funding matched by individual cities kept public transportation isolated to city limits. By utilizing its new partner NET Trans, riders can take fairly economical and eco-friendly bus ride to new lengths. The bus line runs from downtown Kingsport to downtown Johnson City with just a few stops in between. For five dollars each way, the bus drops passengers off at the transit station, where they get a transfer pass that allows them to ride any of the city buses for free. There's already a discussion for linking all three of the Tri-Cities, according to Chris McCart, assistant to the city manager, and a connection to Bristol could happen soon.

KNOXVILLE

Contractors set a monthly paving record in March, laying 18.2 equivalent miles of asphalt on streets across the city. Warm weather combined with extensive curb cuts done in the winter months helped the city's paving season get off to a smooth start. The paving by Rogers Group Inc., is part of a \$6.3 million contract for 48 miles of work during the 2011-12 fiscal year. Among the many roads that saw improvements in March were Parkside Drive in West Knoxville, Fairmont Boulevard and North 6th Street in North Knoxville, Fountain Park Boulevard in North Hills, and several streets in the Lonsdale and Mechanicsville neighborhoods. City Engineering Director Jim Hagerman said there should be a steady pace of roadwork through the summer and fall.

KNOXVILLE

In a recent report by Fitch Ratings, a global rating agency, the city has been given the top bond rating of "AAA." The key rating drivers for Fitch's positive report are a sound and established economic underpinning, high and consistent reserves, and affordable debt burden. The Fitch report also cited a broad and stable employment base as a contributing factor for the city's favorable financial position. Knoxville has experienced a recent increase in employment, lowering the unemployment rate to 7.1 percent, well below that of the state and nation. The agency reasoned that recent investments in alternative energy sources coupled with technology transfer trends may also spur additional employment in the energy sector. Another recent report, released by rating agency Moody's Investors Services, reaffirmed the city's high bond rating of "Aa1" with a stable outlook. The report listed Knoxville's primary financial strengths as a "large, regionally important tax base and economy" and "solid financial reserves and prudent fiscal management." In addition, a report by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services reaffirmed the city's AA+ rating. Those ratings reflect the diverse and stable regional economic base and the city's "strong financial performance, coupled with very strong reserve levels."

LENOIR CITY

One of the oldest industrial employers in Lenoir City will close its doors within the next year at a cost of over 200 local jobs. Yale Locks and Hardware Co., a fixture in Lenoir City since 1953, will cease local operations, according to an announcement from parent company ASSA ABLOY in New Haven, Conn. Yale will begin consolidating its operations into a factory in Berlin, Conn., during the coming year as part of a global factory footprint reduction. About 235 employees will be affected by the closure. Product development and technical product support will remain in Lenoir City.

MEMPHIS

In a survey released by Gallup Memphis was ranked in the top three for most hiring in 2011 amongst the Top 50 Largest MSAs in the United States. Memphis employers increased hiring by 38 percent, according to the poll. In 2011, the Greater Memphis Chamber Economic Development Team, including Memphis Light, Gas & Water, the City of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee Valley Authority and the Tennessee Department of



The opening of the new Cumberland Park kicked off with a ribbon cutting on the east bank of the downtown riverfront in Nashville. The \$16 million project is designed for families and features walkways, a climbing wall, a playground and even a spray park. The park will be free and open to the public except during special events.



In Knoxville, a new marker at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, the Blue Star Memorial Marker, donated by the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs Inc., honors servicemen and women. The marker is part of the Blue Star Highway system, which covers thousands of miles across the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

Economic & Community Development, secured more than \$1.1 Billion Dollars in new capital investment commitments and the commitment of 3700 new jobs in Memphis and Shelby County. The Brookings Institute also ranked Memphis MSA 3rd in the United States during the 4th quarter of 2011 for job growth. To see the complete Gallup Job Creation Index, visit: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/153494/Oklahoma-City-Leads-Large-Cities-Job-Creation.aspx>.

MEMPHIS

The 1,720-acre West Tennessee Megasite has been renamed the Memphis Regional Megasite to create familiarity with the Memphis market. The site, located along I-40, has access to U.S. Highways 70 and 79, and is located 25 minutes northeast of Memphis. The site is certified by the Tennessee Valley Authority's Megasite Certification Program. It offers large scale manufacturing, as well as 2,100 additional acres through adjoining properties. "Memphis is a globally recognized brand, and by focusing around the Memphis brand, we will be able to much more efficiently market the assets of the megasite," said Franklin Smith, Haywood County mayor.

MEMPHIS

The new and improved Mud Island River Park is celebrating its 30th anniversary in style. The West Tennessee attraction has updated everything from its logo to its concert series and made improvements to areas that were damaged last year when the Mississippi River flooded.

Among the improvements are upgrades to the Riverwalk model kiosk, concession areas and amphitheater. Permanent exhibits at the 52-acre park's Mississippi River Museum won't be changed, but traveling exhibits will be added. Some of the events planned include a youth fishing tournament, a commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial and four concerts. The park attracted 140,000 visitors last year — with about 65 percent coming from out of town and 35 percent living locally.

NASHVILLE

Before the second anniversary of the historic May 2010 flood, Mayor Karl Dean unveiled a new online tool that will provide valuable information to the public during disasters. The Nashville Emergency Response Viewing Engine, or NERVE, will allow residents to type in an address and see where roads and schools are closed, how to evacuate an area and where emergency shelters and food, water and clothing distribution centers are located. The program, which also will include a Twitter feed and news releases, is available at maps.nashville.gov/NERVE.

SHELBYVILLE

The Sydney "Bud" McGrew Memorial Bridge, which spans the Duck River over Highway 130 at the Shelbyville city limits, is slated for nearly \$4 million dollars of replacement work later this year, according to the latest project list from TDOT. Estimated completion date is October 2013, but city manager Jay Johnson said he did not know when work will begin.

Major I-24 bridge project will re-route Nashville drivers for 13 weekends

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced an \$8.7 million project to repair the Interstate 24 bridges that cross over Woodland and Main Streets in Nashville. The bridges have not had major repairs since they were constructed in 1961.

TDOT will be using a new and innovative approach to replace the bridges' riding surface in order to save time and reduce the impacts on the motoring public. The Accelerated Bridge Construction technique will require the total closure of a section of I-24 for 13 weekends this spring and summer.

Crews will first remove the deteriorated concrete from the bridge deck. Then, rather than pouring new concrete, crews will drop 277 prefabricated concrete deck panels into place. This process was used successfully on the bridge rehabilitation of State Route 24 over Snow

Creek in Smith County in 2010.

During the 13 weekends, Interstate 24 will be closed in both directions from the I-24/I-65 split north of downtown to the I-24/I-40 split east of downtown. TDOT will avoid interstate closures during holidays and major downtown events. The interstate will not be closed the weekends of May 25-28 (Memorial Day Weekend), June 7-10 (CMA Music Festival), and June 22-24 (Concert at LP Field). Construction is expected to be complete by Aug. 31.

Several detours will provide drivers access to various destinations in and around the downtown area during the interstate closures. These detours are available at <http://www.tn.gov.tdot/i24bridges/>. This website will also contain information about the project, scheduled closures, project updates, and frequently asked questions.

TML Annual Conference Schedule at a Glance

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

7 - 10 pm
Welcome Reception

Sunday, June 10

8 am Golf Benefit
9 am - 5 pm Registration
11 Exhibit Hall Opens
12 noon Lunch
1:30 - 2:15 pm Workshop
2:15 - 2:45 pm District Meetings
3 - 4:15 pm Opening Session
4:30 - 5:30 pm Workshops
6:30 - 8:30 pm Host City Reception

Monday, June 11

9 - 10 am Workshops
10:15 - 11:15 am Workshops
11:30 - 12:15 am Annual Business Meeting
12:30 - 2 pm Lunch
2:15 - 3:15 pm Workshops
3:30 - 4:30 pm Workshops
6:30 - 11 pm Pool Party

Tuesday, June 12

8 - 10 am Annual Awards Breakfast

TML Conference agenda, June 9-12

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- Civility in Government; and a
- Traffic Engineering Study for small and rural communities.

In addition, the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) will offer several conference sessions this year as part of the Certified Municipal Finance Officer program. Workshop sessions have been approved by the State Comptroller as continued education units (CEU).

Sessions are open to all conference registrants. Some of the workshops being offered are:

- Outsourcing of Public Services
- Assessment of Internal Controls
- Tax Increment Financing
- Budgeting and Economic Forecast.

Other conference highlights include a welcome reception Saturday night, a Sunday morning golf tournament to benefit the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service Scholarships, a full exhibitors' program, and a Host City reception.

The conference will kick off Sunday, June 10, with district meetings and the opening general session, followed by two dynamic workshops and the host city reception. An awards breakfast on Tuesday will conclude the conference.

To register, go to the League's website: www.TML1.org.

LaVergne investigators employ digital reconstruction, nationwide data bases to help bring Jane Doe home

BY VICTORIA SOUTH
TML Communications Coordinator

If every picture tells a story, the woman in the photo is someone's long lost daughter, aunt, sister or mother. But for now, LaVergne police are just hoping a miracle of forensic art will help bring Jane Doe home.

It was by all accounts, an out-of-the-way place; a remote field in a quiet LaVergne neighborhood, more prone to blown-out tires and teen frat parties than deceased bodies, but that's where Police Field Training Officer Bob Hayes, in November 2007, discovered the skeletal remains of an unidentified female. It's where he had stopped to investigate the disappearance of another woman, 34-year-old Nikki Sisounong, who hadn't been seen since Halloween. Hayes, along with an officer in training, were searching for Sisounong's missing vehicle when they decided to check out the remote field off Hollendale Road.

"I noticed what appeared to be animal bones at the entrance to the field," Hayes recalls, noting how the bones turned out to be human remains. Authorities determined the remains were most likely those of a black woman, around 30-40 years old, the victim of homicide. While Sisounong's body was later discovered in Montgomery County. Four years later, LaVergne's only Jane Doe case still remains open, inherited by Hayes after he was promoted to detective in late 2010.

"One of my concerns, is just because she was located in LaVergne doesn't mean she is from this area or even from this state," Hayes continues. "She could be from California, Mexico, Arizona—any region or country."

Discovered with the remains, are an Avon bracelet with at least eight cat photo charms, a ceramic bracelet and a gold-plated ring with blue and amber stones.

"The medical examiner and forensic anthropologist from MTSU both think the time of death was probably in late spring or early summer of 2007," adds Hayes. "And that the remains had been there roughly around six months."

In light of advancements in the field of forensic technology, Hayes decided to reach out to several other agencies to help further the case. "I was made aware of a federal FBI program called The Violent Criminal Apprehension Program ViCAP, which maintains the largest investigative repository of major violent crime cases in the U.S.," he said. "It is designed to collect and analyze information about homicides, sexual assaults, missing persons, and other violent crimes involving unidentified human remains."

While submitting the case to be included in the ViCAP network, Hayes spoke with an FBI representative, who recommended a second facial reconstruction, similar to a digital photograph, be performed at the Louisiana State University Faces Lab. It joins a 2007 clay reconstruction created by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, deemed to be superb by police investigators.

"I don't want to make it seem that UT Knoxville didn't do a good job with their composite," Hayes explains. "LSU just had the capability of doing a computerized version, which I was interested in to change the features."

LSU forensic artist Eileen Barrow, began the process by creating another three-dimensional clay facial reconstruction, then taking photos of the clay rendering and processing them through a Photoshop package. The end result is strikingly realistic, with added skin tones, jewelry and an updated hairstyle.

"Three-dimensional clay facial reconstruction has been used in forensic anthropology and forensic science for 25-30 years, but it's being raised to a new level because we have the new computer software to assist with it," said Mary Manheim, LSU Faces director. "It takes someone with a lot of experience and expertise to do the Photoshop technique, which is just an added tool that we have."

According to Manheim, the forensic artist places tissue depth markers along the skull that are very specific lengths for males, females and people of different ancestry and ages. "We add clay to that face, then take photographs of the clay image and the software enhances those images even more, making them look more life-like rather than just a three-dimensional clay image—which sometimes people have a hard time relating to," she adds.

While UT and LSU's clay sculptures look similar, Barrow, who



Pictured on the right: a clay model created by the University of Tennessee Knoxville in 2007, based on the skeletal remains of an unidentified woman, received dramatic computer enhancements at the LSU Faces Lab, adding skin tones, jewelry and a new hairstyle. Jewelry found with the remains include an Avon bracelet with at least eight cat photo charms, a ceramic bracelet and a gold-plated ring with blue and amber stones.

worked an average of 40 hours on the reconstruction, never looks at any other renderings in the process. "She never looks at any images or autopsy photos beforehand, Manheim said. "Not only do we not allow it, she doesn't want to, because she doesn't want to be biased."

While the person's weight can often only be speculated, other clues provide excellent resources to a forensic artist. "When we do an image on a case, we want to start at the very bottom and do the entire profile, even though a forensic anthropologist may have already looked at the remains, we like to look at the hip bones, which gives a really good age range and determines the sex, and the femur, just to get an idea of height and size, which is incorporated into that," said Manheim. "Ancestry, sex and age are the three biggies. The tissue depth markers we put on there are what we call normal height, unless clothing has been found, which we want to know about to help with size."

While the Faces Lab, funded by the state of Louisiana, deals primarily with local municipal police forces, it strives to keep costs at a minimum for out-of-state requests such as LaVergne's, charging anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 for cities seeking help. "Sometimes people charge thousands of dol-

lars," said Manheim. "We charge the minimum amount because our goal is to get people identified as quickly as possible. Our whole goal is to send these people home to their loved ones."

The FACES lab technology will become part of a bigger project, a database for all unidentified people in the state of Louisiana. "Every one of those that have a skull, we are using it to reproduce what that person might look like," Manheim explains. "Every one of the reproductions will be up on the website, which will be called IdentifyLA.LSU.edu."

Detective Hayes plans to share both images of Jane Doe and photos of the jewelry with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the FBI Violent Crimes Against Persons (ViCAP), the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUS), and the Doe Network, along with the media in and outside of Tennessee.

"It just makes our day when we hear that someone has been identified through our help," said Manheim. "Bob Hayes and his group are desperate to get this woman identified and I admire them for having the ingenuity to continue to seek other avenues to do so."

For more information about the LSU Faces Lab, visit <http://www.lsu.edu/faceslab/>.

State releases 3-year plan for transportation program; supports long-term needs

Gov. Haslam and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner John Schroer released the 3-year transportation program, featuring approximately \$1.5 billion in infrastructure investments for 96 individual project phases in 55 counties, as well as 10 statewide programs.

TDOT is one of only five state DOT's that does not borrow money to fund projects, and the program continues TDOT's "pay as you go" philosophy, carrying no debt for any transportation initiatives.

"This program balances transportation needs across Tennessee, focusing on improvements to strategic corridors, maximizing economic development opportunities, and providing key safety improvements," said Gov. Haslam. "A quality transportation system is vital to our goal of making Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high-quality jobs and the continued growth of the state's economy."

The 3-year multimodal program funds improvements to the interstate system, including the addition of truck climbing lanes, ramp enhancements, and interchange reconstruction projects.

The program also dedicates funding to projects along strategic corridors such as US 27 in Roane, Morgan and Scott Counties; US 79 in Carroll and Gibson Counties; and the completion of US 64 in middle and west Tennessee.

"We have worked diligently to develop a multimodal program that maximizes the dollars available to Tennessee and provides positive improvements in our urban and rural areas," Commissioner Schroer

said. "We are also continuing efforts to improve safety, reduce congestion, and provide access to communities."

The program includes a project to increase safety on US 11E (SR 34) with the construction of a new interchange at SR 37. Another project will modify an interchange on I-26 to address congestion issues at SR 75 (Exit 13).

Under the plan, TDOT will fund several projects aimed at stimulating economic development in communities across the state, including US 78 (Lamar Avenue) in Memphis and a new interchange on I-65 at SR 109 in Sumner and Robertson Counties. TDOT will use an innovative approach to accelerate the reconstruction of the interchange at I-40 and SR 222 to facilitate access to the West Tennessee Megasite in Haywood and Fayette Counties.

The program includes dedicated funding for 10 transportation programs including Rockfall Mitigation, Spot Safety Improvement, and the statewide HELP Program. It also provides funding for transit agencies, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations, and private nonprofit organizations in all 95 counties in Tennessee. TDOT will also administer funding for rehabilitation projects for shortline railways and bridges in several Tennessee counties as well as programs that provide for improvements at the state's airports.

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STATE BRIEFS



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Haslam signs Civil Service Bill

Gov. Haslam signed his plan to rework the state's civil service rules into law in an outdoor ceremony near the state Capitol. Haslam signed HB2384/SB2246 into law, a bill that stresses employee performance over seniority, creates a worker evaluation system and paves the way for merit pay among top-performing state employees. "We want to make certain that when we hire new employees, when we decide who gets promoted, we really are promoting and hiring those folks who can best serve our citizens," Haslam said. The administration notes that 40 percent of state employees will be eligible to retire in the next five years, and those workers will need to be replaced. The new law, called the T.E.A.M. Act, or the Tennessee Excellence Accountability and Management Act, will be implemented in stages with use of the new evaluations taking the longest — until July 2013 — to kick in.

West TN Solar Farm operating

Tennessee has cut the ribbon on the state's largest solar power array. A crowd of almost 200 celebrated the opening of the West Tennessee Solar Farm, which is now officially generating power. The Haywood County facility is capable of generating five megawatts of electricity, enough to power 500 homes and offset 250 tons of coal each month. That makes it the largest solar-energy array connected to the Tennessee Valley Authority's grid. The farm features 21,000 photovoltaic solar panels spread across more than 25 acres. The generated electricity is being distributed through purchase agreements with Chickasaw Electric Cooperative and Tennessee Valley Authority. Signal Energy designed and built the Solar Farm. In addition to producing power, the farm is designed to educate the public about solar power and will be home to a future public information center, accessible to some 10 million motorists who drive by the Interstate-40 site every year. Scheduled for completion in late 2013, entrance and exit ramps from the interstate will be included, as well as an interactive renewable-energy exhibit that will be housed in the center.

Amazon prepares tax notices

Amazon has begun emailing notices to all its Tennessee customers that they may owe taxes on their purchases. The action by the online retailing giant easily involves thousands of Tennesseans, and it could spur some people to pay the tax that's often overlooked or ignored by consumers. "It would be extra money for the state," said Billy Trout, a spokesman for the Tennessee Department of Revenue. Amazon's move stems from a provision included in a law signed by Gov. Haslam about a month ago, an agreement with the Seattle-based retailer over collecting sales taxes on goods sold in Tennessee. The law compels Amazon to begin collecting sales tax on items sold to Tennessee buyers in 2014. It's estimated the tax could generate \$22.8 million for the state

and \$9.6 million for local governments. However, the notification provision required of Amazon wasn't widely known. Haslam spokesman David Smith said consumers have been required to pay "consumer use" tax to the Tennessee Department of Revenue when making an online purchase from any retailer that does not collect sales tax. "The notification they may owe the use tax is an in-between step until Jan. 1, 2014, when responsibility for collecting and remitting the Tennessee tax will shift to the company," Smith said.

March unemployment rate drops

The March unemployment rate in Tennessee has dropped .01 percent to 7.9 percent, the eighth straight month of decline. Karla Davis, commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development, said it's the lowest rate since November 2008. The national figure for March was 8.2 percent, down 0.1 percent from February. Davis said the state lost jobs in March, but the number of unemployed declined at a faster rate.

Crackdown on traffic fatalities

An alarming rise in traffic fatalities in Tennessee for the first three months of this year and a federal demonstration project are helping to fuel a renewed crackdown on traffic and safety violations. Kendell Poole, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Office, said that traffic fatalities in the state, for the first three months of this year, jumped to 238, up about 28 percent from 186 for the first quarter of 2011. The increase in traffic deaths, following several years of record reductions, coincides with Tennessee's participation in a demonstration project with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The "combined messaging" project, for the first time, allows law enforcement agencies to use federal grant dollars to simultaneously target multiple problems — such as drunken driving, speeding or seatbelt use — rather than just one at a time.

THDA foreclosure counseling

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency has received another infusion of federal dollars to be used for foreclosure counseling. The \$659,511 allocation from the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling (NFMC) Program is the sixth such infusion for the agency, which intends to use the money to continue providing foreclosure prevention counseling services. The THDA is the same agency that administered the Tennessee Hardest Hit program in 2011. That program provided up to \$20,000 in mortgage payment assistance to households which had experienced job loss or reduction of income. So far, the NFMC program has produced tangible results for homeowners in trouble with mortgages. According to a study published by the Urban Institute, NFMC program participants were twice as likely to get a mortgage modification than those who did not seek counseling and were 67 percent less likely to fall behind on future mortgage payments.

TN program helps disabled develop job skills

Tennessee honored almost 100 graduates of a program designed to help people with severe disabilities develop job skills. The program is designed to help those with traumatic brain injuries, mental retardation and other severe disabilities develop job skills so they can become more independent. Skills range from cleaning and auto maintenance to students who live on campus while going through the program. For information, visit <http://tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/trc.html> or call 615-459-6811.

Homeless vet stats improving

Nearly 1,000 Tennessee veterans were homeless on any given night in 2011, according to federal statistics. That's down from more than 1,600 in 2010. Soon after taking office, President Barack Obama pledged to move every homeless veteran into permanent housing by 2015. Advocates attribute the decrease largely to increased funding for federal programs benefiting homeless veterans. The Veterans Affairs Department and the Housing and Urban Development Department announced that Tennessee will receive \$1.12 million to provide housing rental vouchers to more than 225 chronically homeless veterans. Nearly half of those vouchers will go to Middle Tennessee veterans. Another 10 will go to veterans in Jackson.

TVA to boost rates in May

The Tennessee Valley Authority is boosting its wholesale power rate by 2.1 percent in May, in anticipation of increased summer demand. The rate hike is expected to increase residential utility bills by between \$1 and \$3 a month. TVA announced that it will raise its total monthly fuel cost from 2.163 cents per kilowatt-hour to 2.311 cents per kilowatt-hour for the billing period starting May 1. Local utilities served by TVA typically pass the expense on to their customers.

CRT receives roundtable grant

Cumberland Region Tomorrow was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant by the Surdna Foundation to create a statewide roundtable composed of organizations representing the Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville regions. The TN Regions' Sustainable Communities Roundtable is being formed to link public, private and philanthropic leaders and organizations across Tennessee to advance joint regional and statewide sustainable communities principles and practices through knowledge and resource sharing, education, communication and collaborative efforts. The roundtable seeks to position Tennessee to adopt sustainable communities principles and practices as the new approach for growth and development decision making, actions, and implementation across the unique and diverse regions of the state. The TN Regions' Roundtable seeks to support and expand state-wide job creation, quality growth, and the wise use of private and public resources. The Roundtable will kickoff May 23 as a pre-event to the Middle Tennessee POWER OF TEN Regional Summit in Nashville.



Tennessee has cut the ribbon on the state's largest solar power array. DOE Deputy Secretary Poneman, Deputy Governor Ramsey and University of Tennessee President Dr. DiPietro joined a crowd of almost 200 to celebrate the opening of the West Tennessee Solar Farm. The West TN farm is the largest solar array connected to TVA's grid and is currently generating power.

March revenue collections exceed budgeted amounts

Tennessee revenue collections continued to exceed budgeted expectations in March. Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes said that overall March revenues were \$916.1 million, which is \$78.6 million more than the state budgeted.

"March sales tax collections, representing February spending, recorded the 24th consecutive month of positive growth," Emkes said. "We believe this to be a clear indication of continued consumer optimism, and represents an upswing in the state's economy."

"Year-to-date corporate tax collections are very encouraging. However, this item needs to be carefully followed because about one-fourth of all collections typically occur in the month of April and these numbers have been extremely volatile in the recent past."

"In addition, we need to monitor a number of national and global issues, including resolution of the federal budget and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, escalating gas prices and potential for rising inflation as well as the European financial crises and turbulence in the Middle East. We'll need to be extremely diligent for the remainder of this year in order to keep the budget in balance and financially posture ourselves for the future."

The general fund was over collected by \$79.2 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$600,000.

Sales tax collections were \$34.6 million more than the estimate for March. The March growth rate was positive 7.58 percent. For eight months revenues are over collected by \$140.5 million. The year-to-date

growth rate for eight months was positive 7.06 percent.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$50.2 million above the budgeted estimate of \$141.8 million. For eight months, revenues are overcollected by \$198.6 million. The year-to-date growth rate for eight months was positive 26.65 percent.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections for March increased by 5.3 percent but were \$157,000 below the budgeted estimate. For eight months revenues are undercollected by \$3.7 million.

Tobacco taxes collections were \$1.0 million under the budgeted estimate of \$25.1 million. For eight months, revenues are undercollected in the amount of \$12.0 million.

Inheritance and estate taxes were undercollected by \$4.2 million for the month. Year-to-date collections for eight months are \$284,000 less than the budgeted estimate.

Privilege tax collections were \$1.4 million more than the March estimate, but on a year-to-date basis, August through March, collections are \$470,000 below the estimate.

All other taxes were under collected by a net of \$2.2 million.

Year-to-date collections for eight months were \$330.1 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$316.9 million and the four other funds were overcollected by \$13.2 million. The FY 2012 budget assumed an overcollection of \$209.6 million in General Fund taxes.

Therefore, the amount overcollected above and beyond what is already in the budget is \$107.3 million (\$316.9 million minus \$209.6 million).

Application period open for Fire Prevention Grants

On April 2, FEMA began to accept applications for Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, which support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The grants' primary goal is to target high-risk populations, reduce injury, and prevent death. The funds can be utilized for education and awareness, code enforcement, fire and arson investigation, research, or other study.

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Eagleville closed a \$350,000 loan with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund to purchase and renovate a building to be used as a new City Hall. Pictured above are Eagleville Mayor Sam Tune and City Recorder Amy VonAlmen with TMBF Representative Steve Walker.

Pat Summitt named head coach emeritus, selected Tennessean of the Year

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spoke on the floor of the Senate about Summitt's retirement. "There will be much said about her winning record and it's an astonishing accomplishment, 1,098 wins in basketball, more than any other coach, man or woman, in the sport; eight national championships in the Southeastern Conference, 32 Southeastern Conference titles, and 31 straight trips to the NCAA tournament. But the statistic that I always valued most, especially when I was President of the University, was every single one of Pat Summitt's athletes who have completed their eligibility with her, have graduated from the University of Tennessee. That's over 38 years."

U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, joined Sen. Alexander in applauding Coach Summitt's career saying "she has set the standard and I join you in your praise of her."

The office of President Barack Obama announced that Summitt is selected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom; the nation's highest civilian honor. The President lauded Summitt as "an inspiration" as the coach who has won more games than anyone else in NCAA college basketball history and for her "willingness to speak so openly and courageously about her battle with Alzheimers." The award will be presented later this year.

Summitt also was recently chosen to receive the Tennessean of the Year Award, and will be honored at the 2012 Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ban-

quet on May 19 in Nashville.

Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (TSHF) President Dr. Bill Emendorfer said, "Pat Summitt is a shining example of why we are proud to be Tennesseans. "It took great courage for her to step forward and share her diagnosis with the world. No one has made a greater contribution to Tennessee than Pat through her leadership and personal sacrifice for the betterment of society as a whole."

This marks the second time that Summitt, a 2003 TSHF Inductee, has been selected as the Tennessean of the Year and the first time it has been awarded to the same person twice. Summitt first received the honor in 1988.

In the 2011-12 season, Summitt helped to lead her team to a 27-9 overall record, an SEC Tournament Championship and a trip to her record 31st NCAA Tournament where the Lady Vols advanced to the Elite 8.

Her life, playing and coaching career and commitment to excellence will also be celebrated at the "Tennessean of the Year" luncheon. The tribute is part of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Induction weekend which starts Friday, May 18, with a private tailgate at the Vanderbilt-Ole Miss baseball game and concludes with the banquet at the Renaissance Hotel Saturday night, May 19.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$40 and may be purchased by contacting the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame at 615.202.3996, Tue-Sat, 10-5 p.m. CDT.

House passes another transportation extension

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process forward and suggested that this approach would allow House and Senate conferees to come together to pass a longer term transportation bill funding federal bridge, highway and transit projects.

MAP-21 passed the Senate on March 14 by a vote of 74-22. The bill would consolidate or eliminate dozens of transportation programs and give greater discretion to state departments of transportation on how to set spending priorities. The bill also allows the Secretary of Transportation to decertify Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) between 50,000 and 250,000 in population.

The bipartisan Senate bill contains several provisions supported by NLC, including an amendment restoring funding for off-system bridges, a program contained in federal transportation programs since 1978. The successful amendment by Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Robert Casey (D-Pa.), would restore the required set-aside of 15 percent of bridge funding to be spent on these programs aiding locally owned bridges.

An amendment offered by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and other senators to make it easier for MPOs between 50,000 and 200,000 to remain MPOs was added to a

manager's amendment adopted on the Senate floor. An additional amendment by Sens. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) to provide local government funding for alternative transportation projects was also accepted as part of the manager's amendment to the bill.

Majority Leader Reid promised to quickly appoint conferees on the 90-day extension. The differences in approaches between the House extension of the current program and the many policy changes included in the Senate bill set the stage for a contentious and highly political debate on the future of federal transportation programs.

Local governments provide a third of the funding for transportation infrastructure, with another third provided by the states and the final third by the federal government. Federal transportation revenues continue to decline as Americans are driving less and adopting more fuel-efficient vehicles. In the long term, Congress will need to address the increasing shortfall between federal investments in a national transportation network and revenues available from the federal gasoline tax of 18.4 cents, which has been static since 1998. In the meantime, cities across the country have been seeking additional ways to fund critical infrastructure projects.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



U.S. Rep. **Phil Roe**, representing the 1st District in Tennessee, was among those honored April 14 by the Tennessee Medical Association during its annual meeting in Nashville. Roe, a two-term congressman, received the TMA's Outstanding Physician Award. Prior to entering Congress in 2009, Roe, a former Johnson City mayor, also spent more than three decades there as a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist. According to group officials, Roe received the award because of his distinguished career as a physician – as well as his work in Congress on health reform and other medical issues.



Roe

Brentwood City Commissioner **Elizabeth Crossley** has been appointed to the Tennessee Local Development Authority (TLDA).



Crossley

Crossley is the first woman to serve on the board. Crossley, a former mayor of Brentwood, has a long history of involvement in civic affairs. She also serves on the state's Waste Water Financing Board and the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors. TLDA provides loan funds to local governments to pay for water and sewer projects, pollution control facilities and certain other types of capital improvements.

Lewisburg's city manager **David Orr** submitted his resignation effective April 15.

Alexia Poe, director of communications for Gov. Haslam, will receive the 2012 Donald G. Hileman Distinguished Alumni Award at the spring commencement ceremony for the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information. The Donald G. Hileman Award is named for the first permanent dean of the College of Communications, the forerunner to the College of Communication and Information. The award was established in 1994 in celebration of the college's 25th anniversary. It is awarded to college alumni who have made notable contributions to the field of communication.



Poe

Former state Rep. **Ralph Cole**, of Elizabethton, who represented Carter County in the Tennessee General Assembly for more than a decade, has passed away. He was 85 years old. Cole served in the 97th through the 102nd General Assemblies and was defeated in the 2002 Republican primary election.

C.B. "Boots" Duke, a longtime Kingsport community leader, volunteer and city advocate, lost his battle with cancer. He was 76. Duke had been chairman and CEO of Holston Glass, and was a founding member of Bank of Tennessee. He served as alderman, vice mayor and was on the Industrial Development Board.

Bill Richardson, 80, former chairman of the legislature's Oversight Committee on Corrections, has died in Tullahoma, his home for the past year. He was a Democratic state senator from 1983 to 1991, after serving four terms in the House.

After 30 years of service, Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department Director **Joe Kirchner** has decided he will retire in August. City leaders praised Kirchner's service. During the past three decades, Kirchner has served in many capacities. He was a member on the American Water Works Association Legislative Committee in 1990, its program committee in 1987, and assistant association secretary and treasurer from 1992 to 1998. He also won the George Warren Fuller Award in 1998, Professional Engineer of the Year in 2011, and was a member of the National Association Board of Directors from 2001 to 2004. He's also been Middle Tennessee Chairman of the Tennessee Water Quality Managers Association and a member of the Water Environment Federation.



Kirchner

David Bolt, a Knoxville entrepreneur who expanded his solar design and installation company through the city's Business Expansion Loan Program, was honored recently at the White House. Bolt, the founder of Sustainable Future LLC, was named by the White House as a "Champion of Change," for demonstrating that corporate environmental leadership makes sense for both business and communities.

Bill Judkins, who built Maryville Housing Authority and helped revitalize downtown Maryville, died of a heart attack at his home in Seymour. He was 74. A Blount County native, Judkins joined Maryville Housing Authority in 1969 and was executive director from 1983 until he retired in 1999.

TDEC launches new pilot program for construction stormwater permits

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation announced a new pilot program designed to build efficiencies in how construction stormwater permits are issued, while satisfying the permit requirements at both the state and local levels and improving overall water quality. Called the Tennessee Qualified Local Program (QLP), the new pilot program's main intent is to eliminate the duplicative efforts of the current permitting process.

Funding for the QLP pilot program is made possible through a Stormwater Innovation Grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The grant objectives included developing criteria and incentives for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) to become a qualified local program.

Some of the most significant benefits of a QLP include:

- A more streamlined and efficient process for managing construction stormwater by eliminating permit and review duplication at the local and state levels;
- Eliminating additional effort at the state level for construction site operators by providing only one set of requirements to follow; and
- A more effective construction stormwater program resulting in greater water quality protection.

While Tennessee's QLP pilot will be implemented by TDEC, the program is based on EPA's existing guidelines for similar programs. TDEC will review and approve up to four MS4s to pilot the QLP program for one year.

A bill (SB 3187) under consideration in the Tennessee General Assembly sponsored by Rep. Ryan Williams and Sen. Mike Bell, which would allow any MS4 to apply with TDEC to become a qualified local program. If that bill passes, it will be effective July 1, 2013, following the pilot period for the program.

In order to achieve QLP status, the MS4 must demonstrate that its construction stormwater program meets or exceeds the provisions of the state's Construction General Permit. After being selected to participate in the QLP program, an MS4 would be able to administer its own stormwater construction permitting program at the local level without duplicating the review and approval process at the state level. In turn, the site owners or operators of new construction activities within the jurisdiction of the qualifying MS4 will be required to submit paperwork and any fees only at the local level, potentially saving up to \$7,500 in state fees and taking less time by eliminating the additional effort at the state level.

Permit coverage through the

QLP program will authorize the operator of the construction activity to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity under both the state's Construction General Permit and the QLP's construction stormwater program. Other required permits, such as Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits, will still be handled by TDEC.

Critical to the success of this pilot program was the establishment of a diverse stakeholder committee representing a variety of groups, including MS4s, professional associations, universities and members of government, development and environmental communities. The advisory committee worked to develop the criteria and program incentives designed to encourage MS4s to achieve QLP status.

For more information about TDEC's pilot Qualified Local Program or to submit an application for participation, please visit <http://www.tn.gov/environment/wpc/stormh2o/qlp.shtml>. Municipalities interested in the QLP program may also contact Robert Karesh at (615) 253-5402 or Robert.Karesh@tn.gov; and Jennifer Watson at (615) 532-0359 or Jennifer.Watson@tn.gov. Additional information about Stormwater Construction General Permit requirements is available at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/permits/conststrm.shtml>.

The POWER OF TEN Regional Summit

The fourth annual POWER OF TEN Regional Summit will bring together more than 500 regional leaders in Middle Tennessee, representing business, government, and non-profit sectors committed to working collaboratively to address the challenges and opportunities created by regional growth and how we can continue to be an economically competitive region for today and tomorrow. This year's theme, Capitalizing on Regional Collaboration for Economic Competitiveness, will focus on the importance of livability and regional economies in attracting the best companies and best workers in Middle Tennessee.

The event includes panel discussions from some of the region's top corporate executives and state economic development officials on what attracts businesses to Middle Tennessee and what we

need to focus on as a regional economy.

The summit will also discuss the importance of local and regional transportation planning and provide updates on current projects and policies that will affect how the region will grow and develop in the next two decades.

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On April 6, 2012, Florida became the second state, after New Jersey, to enact a Caylee's law. Concerns stemming from the death of Caylee Anthony and the trial and acquittal of her mother Casey by a Florida court have prompted state lawmakers around the country to consider legislation, often dubbed "Caylee's law," criminalizing the failure to report a missing or dead child. As of April 9, 2012, at least 35 states had filed bills including Tennessee. Key points in the bills include the qualifying age of a missing or dead child, how long the legal guardian has to report the incident to law enforcement and how the crime is classified. New Jersey was the first state to enact a Caylee's law. The new law creates a fourth degree felony for a person with legal custody of a child who fails to report the disappearance of the child to police more than 24 hours after becoming aware of the disappearance. A "child" means a person 13 years of age or younger in the New Jersey law. Florida's law, CS/HB 37 (2012), creates a criminal penalty (first degree misdemeanor) for knowingly and willfully giving false information to mislead a police officer's investigation of a missing child. If the child who is the subject

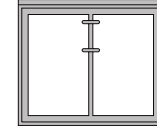
of the investigation suffers great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or death, then the crime becomes a third degree felony.

Cash-strapped state governments that are searching every crevice for money have found a new target: computer programs that enable businesses to keep two sets of books simply by plugging a flash drive into their cash registers. The so-called tax-zapper software lets businesses, especially those that deal mostly in cash, underreport taxable sales and pocket money that should go to the government. With a zapper program, a \$6 burger-and-fries combo at a restaurant, for example, could be altered by the software to reflect a \$4 burger sale. Five states have enacted laws cracking down on the programs, and about a dozen others are considering similar proposals. One expert says states are losing billions of dollars to the software. "Maine, like all of the other states, has revenues that should be coming in but are not," said state Rep. Seth Berry, who sponsored one of the measures. "It's our job to make sure that everyone's pulling their weight." It's always been illegal to cheat on

taxes, but the new laws are the first to specifically target tax zappers, making it illegal to possess or install any devices designed to falsify a cash register's electronic records. The software, which sells for around \$500, can be installed directly in registers or through small memory devices that plug into them. The system works like this: During business hours, cashiers record the true sales and give customers accurate receipts. A log of real sales can also be stored electronically. But after hours, a memory stick that contains the zapper is inserted to remove a given amount in sales from the day's receipts, say, \$500. For each altered transaction, the zapper will also re-total and recalculate the receipt. That changes the tax due and produces a second set of books. Boston University tax law professor Richard Ainsworth, an authority on the issue, estimates that 30 percent of the predominantly cash businesses in the states are using tax zappers. By Ainsworth's count, at least five other states, including Tennessee, have drafted bills addressing tax zappers. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Alabama are among others discussing the measures.

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COMING UP



May 5: Mayor's Field Day. Nashville Mayor Karl Dean hosts a free, citywide Field Day with the Tennessee Titans at LP Field. Activities will include an obstacle course, scavenger hunt, on-field games, and an educational fitness fair. Free and open to the public, 9 am to 2 pm. The Titans, current and former players, cheerleaders and mascot T-RAC will participate. Healthy snacks and water stations provided. The LP Field parking lot will be open for tailgating, and food trucks will be on site offering healthy meal options for purchase. Free parking at LP Field in lots A, B, C and D. Online registration is open. For more information, visit www.mayorsfieldday.com.

May 25: The City of Franklin 13th annual Employee Health and Wellness Fair from 9 am to 1 pm at City Hall located at 109 3rd Avenue South. Giving employees the opportunity to learn more about health risks, participate in numerous health screenings, and sample healthy food options. Healthcare organizations or wellness providers interested in participating visit www.franklintn.gov for more information. Tables and chairs and electrical outlet provided. Space is limited and booths will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Registration deadline May 7.

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EOA Level II TML Pre-Conference Sessions Knoxville June 8-9

The University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) will host pre-conference sessions this year at the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference at the Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley Street.

The sessions offered are part of Level II of the Elected Officials Academy program. Each session is designed specifically for the elected official and allows time for networking and sharing ideas with other cities.

These sessions will be informative for both seasoned and newly elected officials. If all five sessions are completed, a Level II Elected Officials Academy certificate will be earned.

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Cost
 \$200/person—This one-time fee includes registration. Meals and snacks are provided both days. You must register for each session individually.

Schedule of Sessions
 Participants must complete five sessions to receive the Elected Officials Academy Level II certificate.
 June 8, 4 pm—Municipal Human Resources
 June 8, 7 pm—Economic Development

June 9, 8 am —Municipal Police Review
 June 9, 10:30 am —Public Works
 June 9, 2 pm —Water and Wastewater Operations

MTAS has changed to a new training registration and tracking system and will accept registration and payment by credit card through your Solution Point account. You must register for each session individually.

Online registration for any MTAS course is available at: <http://www.solutionpoint.tennessee.edu/TPOnline/TPOnline.d11/MTASHome>.

If you need assistance with registration or payment, call 865-974-0411.

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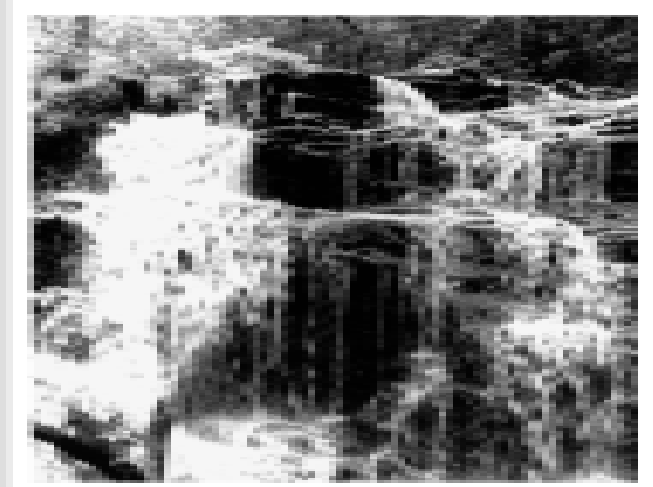
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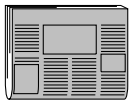
The city of Dyersburg closed a \$4.5 million loan to use on various municipal projects.



The town of Cumberland Gap closed a \$5,000 Highway Safety Grant Anticipation Note.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

DOVER. The city is seeking qualified applicants for the position of City Administrator. The position is responsible to a five member board of mayor and aldermen for the administration of all city services and departments, including, but not limited to, finance and administration, public works, budgeting, code enforcement, sanitation, streets, industrial development, recreation, planning and zoning, personnel, water and wastewater systems. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree in public administration, business, or related field, and will have some experience as city administrator/assistant city administrator or equivalent experience. Experience in budgeting, control of expenditures, management of multiple departments, legislative issues, economic development, water/wastewater operations and planning are high priorities. The city has an annual budget of \$3,000,000 and 22 full-time employees. The salary range is \$48,500-\$64,400 (dependent upon qualifications) plus excellent benefits. Resumes, along with cover letters and three (3) professional references, may be mailed to: UT-MTAS, 226 Capitol Blvd., Suite 606, Nashville, TN 37219, attn.: Dover City Administrator; or resumes may be emailed to gary.jaekel@tennessee.edu Resumes are public record. Resumes will be accepted until June 1, 2012.

CITY MANAGER

CLIFTON. The city is seeking qualified applicants for the position of City Manager. Responsibilities include the administration of all city services and departments, including finance and administration, personnel, budgeting, code enforcement, police, fire, natural gas, water, sanitation, streets, sewer, economic development, recreation, planning, grant administration, and zoning. The position is responsible to a five member Board of Commissioners. The person hired must have at least a bachelor's degree in public administration, business, or related field, and a minimum of two years of experience in local government. The position requires strong supervisory, budgeting and communication skills. Salary: DOQ. Letters of application, resumes, and 3 professional references will be received at: City of Clifton, Attention City Manager Search, P. O. Box 192, Clifton, TN 38425. Position will remain open until filled, priority to those resumes received by May 18, 2012. EOE.

CITY MANAGER

LEWISBURG. The city is seeking qualified applicants for the position of City Manager. The position is responsible to the mayor and a five (5) member council for the administration of all city services and departments, including but not limited to administration, personnel, finance and budgeting, code enforcement, public works, sanitation, streets, public safety, industrial development, recreation, planning and zoning. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree and five (5) years experience in management. Experience in budgeting, control of revenues and expenditures, management of multiple departments, legislative issues, economic development, storm water operations and planning are high priorities. Applicant shall be computer proficient and capable of learning any computer applications deemed necessary or applicable to the position. The successful candidate must reside within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the city of Lewisburg in Marshall County within 90 days from date of hire. The position has an excellent benefit package. Salary DOQ. The city is an EEO employer. An application, resume and salary demand should be submitted to: City of Lewisburg, P.O. Box 1968, 131 East Church Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091 Attn: City Manager Application/Resume or must be received in Lewisburg City Hall by 4:30 p.m., May 15, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

PIGEON FORGE. The city's Police Department is accepting applications for Communications Officer. Qualifications: Must be at least eighteen years of age and a U.S. citizen; possess a high school diploma or equivalent, possess a valid Tennessee Drivers License, cannot have a felony conviction or a conviction involving gambling, sale of alcohol or driving while intoxicated. Additional requirements: Testing information, hiring process information and salary ranges are included in the application packet. No phone calls please. Application packets may be obtained M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the: Pigeon Forge Police Department, 225 Pine Mountain Road, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Applicants outside of Sevier County, TN may request a packet be mailed; by submitting name and mailing address via e-mail to: lbozeman@cityofpigeonforge.com Mail completed application and all other required documents to: City of Pigeon Forge, Human Resource Department, P.O. Box 1350, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868-1350. Application must be postmarked by Friday, May 11, 2012. The City of Pigeon Forge is an EOE, complies w/ADA and Title VI. Applicant will be subject to Drug Test in accordance with City Policy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL

BRISTOL. The city is seeking an Economic Development Professional. The successful candidate should hold a B.S. degree in planning, business administration, marketing public administration, or closely related field and a minimum of two years related experience, preferably in municipal government. Competitive salary and benefit package. To apply please submit an application along with a resume, and introductory cover letter to: City of Bristol, H.R. Department, P.O.

Box 1189, Bristol, TN 37621-1189, or electronic submissions may be faxed to 423-968-7197. Position open until filled. To download an application and review summary of benefits, go to www.bristoltn.org. EOE

ENGINEER

BRENTWOOD. The city is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Engineer. The position will perform site inspections of commercial and residential construction and also monitor storm water drainage systems and erosion control for compliance with municipal regulations. This position has the responsibility to coordinate new developmental construction with existing developments; coordinate construction activities with departmental maintenance activities and with other governmental agencies. This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or related field with at least two (2) years of experience as an engineer knowledgeable in residential/commercial construction, storm water management, and general construction inspection. The starting salary for this position is \$46,400 DOQ plus excellent benefits. More information and applications are available at www.brentwood-tn.org. Submit applications to City of Brentwood, Attn: Human Resources, 5211 Maryland Way, Brentwood, TN 37027.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND. The city is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Director of Finance. Qualified applicants will possess a BS Degree in Accounting, and will be a Certified Public Accountant with more than ten years related experience preferably in the field of governmental accounting, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Job duties for the position include: assist the city manager and other department heads with the development and implementation of financial policies, procedures and controls; supervise the preparation of financial statements and related reports; supervise disbursement of city funds; coordinate development of the annual budget with the city manager, assistant city manager, department heads, city council and outside agencies; update statistical tables and schedules and complete an application and grading sheet for a government sponsored budget recognition program; manage preparation of city council agendas and review minutes of Council meetings; coordinate city code updates; maintain official city files, records, minutes, leases, deeds, contracts and other financial records; assist the public with requests for information and attest official records; supervise staff and participate in various personnel functions including hiring, training employees, planning, assigning and directing work, appraising performance, rewarding and disciplining employees, addressing complaints and resolving problems; other duties as assigned by the city manager. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and resume by mail to the City of Cleveland, P.O. Box 1519, Cleveland, TN 37364-1519, ATTN: Human Resources Department, or by email to jdavis@cityofclevelandtn.com. Salary range entry level is \$72,619. EOE.

FIREFIGHTER

FRANKLIN. The city is seeking qualified applicants for the position of firefighter. Under general supervision, performs all duties of a firefighter which includes fighting fires, salvage and rescue work, and administering minor first aid. Completes regular training sessions and performs some maintenance work on the fire station and vehicles as required. Reports to the Captain and/or Lieutenant. HS Diploma (or GED), 21 years of age, the ability to work under stressful and dangerous conditions, active EMT Basic (minimum) license required, active Paramedic license preferred, a valid TN driver's license, and a record free from habitual use of drugs or intoxicants, felony convictions & misdemeanors involving dishonesty or false statements. Applicants will be pre-screened for training, education, and experience. Highest-rated candidates will be invited to written test and a pass-fail physical agility test (date yet to be determined). Must score 63 or higher on written test. As a condition of employment with the City of Franklin Fire Department, all firefighters must attend and successfully complete Franklin Fire Academy training school as specified by the Franklin Fire Department. Must work a 24 hours-on/48 hours-off shift (average 56 hours week), and live within 45-minute drive of Fire Department Headquarters within 12 months of employment. May be subject to call-back 24 hours a day. Please submit applications online at www.franklintn.gov/jobs. EOE/Drug-free Workplace.

POLICE CHIEF

JOHNSON CITY. The city is seeking a proven and committed Police Chief that will provide professional leadership that will positively promote and affect the community, organization and the department. Candidate should be a self-starter, energetic, progressive and visionary. The Chief will lead a dedicated staff of 150 sworn officers and 23 civilians, manage the non-union police department's \$13 million budget and oversee the entire operations. The department is nationally accredited and is organized into two divisions: Administration and Operations which includes, but not limited to, canine, drug task force, EOD, minimum security jail, special operations, and SWAT. The candidate must possess strong interpersonal and communication skills (both verbal and written); experience presenting to elected officials and public speaking; ability to motivate and inspire staff to build on past successes; demonstrated ability to develop and achieve long-range planning and budget goals; comprehensive and broad knowledge of the principles and practices of modern police administration; at a minimum have a

bachelor's degree and ten years experience in similar-sized department, supplemented with formal training in police administration and scientific methods of crime detection; and demonstrated progressively responsible supervisory experience in several police specialties including command experience at a police captain rank or above. Send a confidential resume and application to City of Johnson City, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605. Min. salary is \$66,574 or higher depending on experience. Visit our website at www.johnsoncitytn.org to access an application. EOE

POLICE CHIEF

WHITE HOUSE. The city is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Police Chief. With 19 full-time sworn and three full-time civilian employees, The Police Department has six Reserve Officers. Officers are dispatched by the Robertson County E911 Consolidated Communications Center. The department is actively involved, through joint operations, with the Sumner County Emergency Response Team and the 18th Judicial Drug Task Force. Qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or a related field is required. Extensive work experience in law enforcement or a related field; five years of supervisory level experience is required. Tennessee Law familiarity is a plus. Post-Certification must be obtained within six months of employment. The salary range is expected to be between \$52,324 and \$73,253 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications plus benefits. Application deadline is April 16, 2012. Apply at: City of White House, 105 College Street, White House, TN 37188, Attn: Human Resources Dept. or CLewis-Smith@cityofwhitehouse.com. Visit the city website to view a detailed position description at www.cityofwhitehouse.com. EOE.

POLICE OFFICER

PIGEON FORGE. The city's Police Department is accepting applications for Police Officer. Qualifications: Must be at least twenty one years of age and a U.S. citizen; possess a high school diploma or equivalent, possess a valid Tennessee Drivers License, cannot have a felony conviction or a conviction involving gambling, sale of alcohol or driving while intoxicated. Special Requirements: P.O.S.T. Certified in State of Tennessee is Preferred. Required minimum 2 year College Degree in Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice and or Related Field. Must reside in Sevier County, TN within one year of date of hire. No phone calls please. Application packets may be obtained M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the: Pigeon Forge Police Department, 225 Pine Mountain Road, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Applicants outside of Sevier County may request a packet by mail by submitting their name and mailing address to: lbozeman@cityofpigeonforge.com Mail completed application and all other required documents to: City of Pigeon Forge Human Resource Department, P.O. Box, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868-1350, Application must be postmarked by Friday, May 11, 2012. The City of Pigeon Forge is an EOE, complies w/ADA and Title VI. Applicant will be subject to Drug Test in accordance with city policy.

Pilot program establishes dual license review process for ABC, local beer boards

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struggled with continued mayhem on Friday and Saturday nights, even after local beer licenses were revoked. There are few other options, short of filing a nuisance abatement action, once a beer license is revoked."

Scott said she first became aware of the problem when residents and business owners began experiencing chronic behavioral problems originating from poorly managed dual state and locally licensed nightclubs.

"Serious disruptions including drunken brawls, flying bullets, a stabbing and excessive general midnight to 2 a.m. foolishness caused law abiding citizens to wonder who owned their neighborhoods," Scott said. "Study of the situations constantly led to the same offending issues: service to minors, over serving of patrons, insufficient on-site security, and managerial disregard for state laws and local ordinances. And even though residents and other business owners sought relief from the beer board, the beer board has no legal authority to revoke a liquor license. Only the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission can do that."

The bill originally applied only to Hamilton County and Chattanooga. It was amended to apply to nine counties: Sullivan, Sumner, Montgomery, Williamson, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson and Shelby.

"During the movement of this bill, we learned we are not alone in our troubles," said Scott. "Late in the legislative process, eight other counties asked to be included in the permissive enabling legislation. Without the diligent support of sponsors Rep. Richard Floyd and Sen. Bo Watson, as well as other dedicated legislators – Reps. Gerald McCormick, Vince Dean, and Ryan Haynes, this would not have been possible."

Chattanooga Lobbyist Matt Lea said the bill also had the support of the liquor lobby, ABC officials, and the Tennessee Hospitality Association.

As a pilot program, the new legislation requires that the executive



Deborah Scott
Chattanooga Council

director of the ABC report back to the Tennessee General Assembly no later than March 15, 2014, on the success or failure of the project, together with the executive director's recommendations as to whether the pilot projects should be extended, continued or terminated and recommendations for legislative action, if any are required, based on the executive director's findings.

The report, at a minimum, must contain:

- (1) The number of permits or licenses suspended or revoked;
- (2) Whether such suspensions or revocations were appealed;
- (3) The extent to which a court upheld or overturned such suspensions or revocations;
- (4) Whether licensees or permittees surrendered their license or permit in lieu of having a license suspended or revoked;
- (5) Whether a new license or permit was issued to the same person or business entity for a new or the same location, if such person or business entity had previously surrendered a license or permit in accordance with (4); and
- (6) The effect the implementation of the pilot project had on the activities of the establishments holding licenses and permits issued by the alcoholic beverage commission or the local or municipal beer board responsible for controlling the sale of beer within the locality impacted by the pilot project.





May 3 -May 6: Celina

Moonshine Daze

Held at 424 Brown Street. Arts & crafts, food, music, Hillbilly events, outhouse races. For more information, call 931-243-3338.

May 4-6: Nashville

41st Annual TACA Fair

Join the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) in Centennial Park for a true taste of Tennessee products, culture, and tradition from 170 artisans, all residents of Tennessee. The finest handmade goods of wood, metal, glass, clay and other materials. At the Publix Kid's Tent, children will find hands-on projects from Abakadoodle, The Frist Center's Education Department, The Nashville Public Library's Puppet Truck, The Renaissance Center, Watkins College Office of Community Education, and VSA Tennessee: The State Organization on Arts and Disability. Watch live demonstrations from The Clay Lady's Studio, The Handweavers Guild of Nashville, The Tennessee Association of Woodturners and many more. Artists will be present and crafts available for purchase from 10 am to 6 pm Fri. and Sat. and from 10 am until 5 pm on Sun. Parking and admission are free. For more information, visit www.tennesseearts.org.

May 12: Ardmore

Spring Fling Arts Crafts on the Farm

Fun filled day of arts and crafts, sight, sounds, flavor and lots of things to do. For more information, call 931-638-3501.

May 18 -May 20: Maryville

Smoky Mountain Highland Games

Held at 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway. The Highland Games are centered around a field of athletic competition, along with music and dance competitions. For more information, call 865-448-6134.

May 19-20: Greenville

18th Annual Iris Festival

Downtown Greenville. Hours will be Sat. from 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. from noon to 5 pm. Features two entertainment stages, a food court, Kids' Korner, a beauty pageant, the Evergreen Woodcarvers, iris cultivating and propagating seminars, and artists, craftsmen, food vendors and merchants from numerous states. Arts and crafts booths will be positioned along College, Depot and Academy streets with all kinds of items for purchase, ranging from jewelry, bird houses, barn wood and teak furniture, Iris rhizomes and historical prints to pottery, carnivorous plants, handmade quilts, metal-work items, wind chimes, wreaths, handmade clothing, pet items, spices, herbs, teas, salsas, jellies, soups and dips. For more information, visit www.greenecountypartnership.com/iris_festival.aspx.

May 19: Pikeville

Log Cabin Days

Free entertainment and parking. Sat. from 9am - 5pm and Sun. 11am - 5pm. Great food, family fun, 100 percent handmade items, quilts, antique car and tractor display, Civil War re-enactors with canon, Heritage living skill demonstrations, Kids Korner with games, take home arts & crafts, including dreamcatchers, weaving, painting magnet molds, story telling, Porch Pickers, treasure hunts, Master gardeners, dog agility and obedience area, door prizes and more. For more information, visit www.logcabinanddays.com.

May 26: Fairview

May Fest

Held at Bowie Nature Park, 7211 Bowie Lake Road. Fun for the whole family with live music, food, arts and crafts, children's activities. Headliner Pam Tillis. Gates open at noon, entertainment begins at 1 pm. For more information, call 615-799-5544 ext. 2.

May 31 -June 5: Manchester

Famjam 2012

Six days of live music beginning at 3 until 10:30 pm each day. Most types of music will be performed. For more information, call 931-954-0727.

Ten sites Added to the National Register of Historic Places

The Tennessee Historical Commission has announced 10 Tennessee sites have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. It is part of a nationwide program that coordinates and supports efforts to identify, evaluate and protect historic resources. The Tennessee Historical Commission administers the program in Tennessee.

"The National Register honors places that help Tennesseans understand our heritage and make our communities unique and enjoyable," said Patrick McIntyre, executive director of the Tennessee Historical Commission. "We are confident this recognition will help retain these unique sites for future generations to know and appreciate."

Sites recently added to the National Register include:

- **Court Theatre** – The Court Theater began showing movies and stage shows in October 1929, after Ms. Linnie Carter bought a building in **Huntingdon** and remodeled it into a state-of-the-art theater. Carter ran the theater as an independent movie house until 1940, when Rockwood Amusement Company bought the building. The company updated the building with features such as a façade marquee. Located on the Carroll County Courthouse square, the theater was and continues to be a popular venue for movies. According to the National Register nomination, "bigger and more expensive multi-plex cinemas have slowly replaced the once single screen local cinemas. While gaining a bigger variety of movies to choose from at one time, the ability to enjoy a movie with friends and neighbors in a small community theater, such as the Court, is now both an exceptional experience and a welcome change."

- **Fewkes Group Archaeological Site** – Located in **Brentwood's Primm Park** in Williamson County, the site was listed in the National Register in 1980 for its local significance. Current research showed that the site has national importance because of the work of William Edward Myer. Myer was a leader in the efforts to bring archaeology from a hobby into a scientific profession. The site is also nationally significant as one of the earliest well documented examples of the involvement of African Americans in federal archaeology.

- **Gibson County Training School** in **Milan** was built as a Rosenwald Fund project. Additions to the school building were made numerous times as the county and city grew. Education programs changed as the community changed. Milan also was an important military base during World War II and the Cold War years. In 1963, the county transferred ownership of the school, now called Polk-Clark, to Milan and the school continued to operate until the 1990s. The building is important as an example of the impact of Progressive Era philanthropic groups, the federal influence due to the presence of the Milan Army Ammunition Plant and the Civil Rights movement.

- **Highland Park Methodist Episcopal Church**, South – Begun in 1907 and completed in 1916, the Highland Park Methodist Episcopal Church, South is a good example of Neo-Classical architecture in **Chattanooga**, Hamilton County. The building is highlighted by the grand Scamozzi columns, octagonal dome, interior woodwork and stained glass windows. Keeping the Neo-Classical design, Benjamin Hunt of Chattanooga's R.H. Hunt firm designed a Sunday school annex in 1924. Many historic churches in Chattanooga are designed in the Late Gothic Revival style, making the Highland Park church building an uncommon style of early 20th century church architecture in the city.

- **Hopecote** – Completed in 1924, Hopecote is a good example of English Cottage Revival design in **Knoxville**. Designed for Albert and Emma Hope by John F. Staub, Emma's nephew, the building exhibits characteristic features of the style such as the thick walls, a steeply pitched roof, small multi-pane windows and substantial woodwork inside. The English Cottage Revival design is part of a larger architectural movement known as Country House. Typically, a Country House residence combined elements of historic styles in modern homes for wealthy suburbanites. When it was built, Hopecote was in a suburban area of Knox County – now part of the University of Tennessee campus. Emma Hope sold the building to the university in 1976.



The site, now managed by the city of Brentwood as Primm Park, is a city historical park designed to showcase the Boiling Spring Academy and Fewkes Group. The site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 for local significance in the areas of agriculture, science, prehistoric archaeology, and architecture. This revised and expanded nomination includes recognition of national significance for contributions to the development of scientific American archaeology.

Pictured above are selected architectural group artifacts from beneath the Academy, 2003 Excavations: a) plaster blackboard fragment; b) lathe; c) church window glass decorated with decals; d) cut nails; e) plaster fragment with wallpaper.

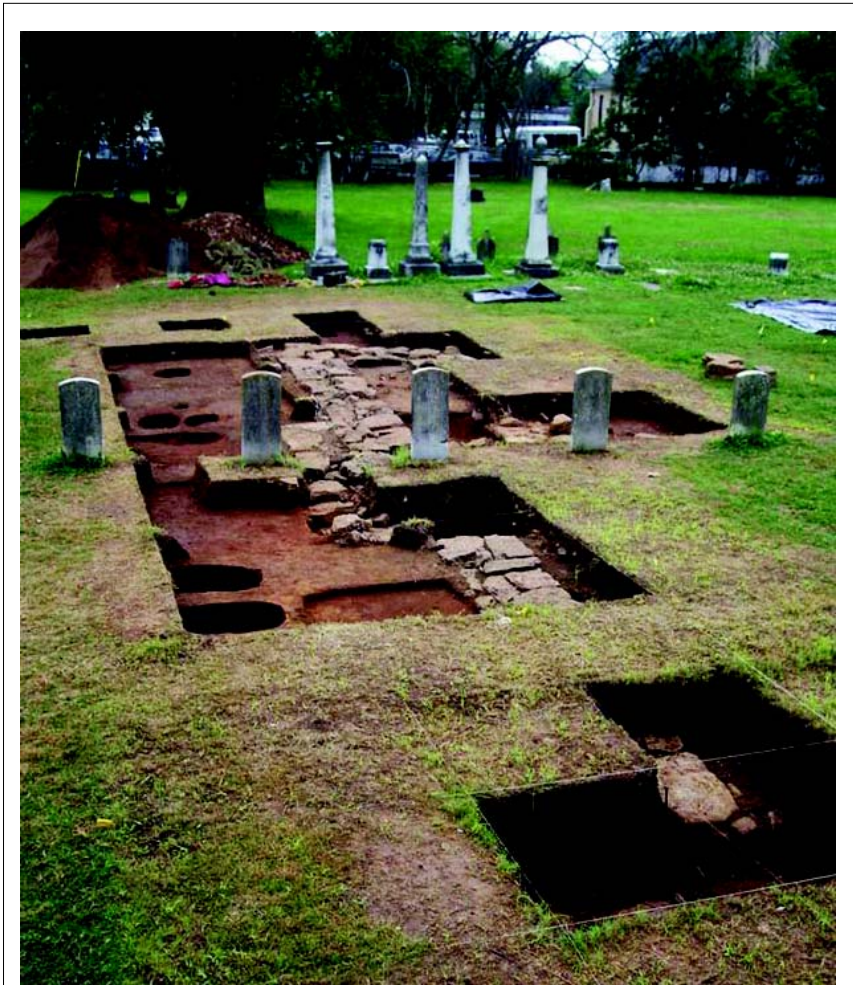
- **Maymead Stock Farm, Inc.** –

Two miles west of the Johnson County seat of **Mountain City** is Maymead Stock Farm, Inc., one of the oldest farms in the county and the first farm in the state of Tennessee to be incorporated. It is an important example of the agricultural history of the region. Still primarily owned by descendants of the original families, historically, the farm was associated with stock farming. Eventually, crops such as corn and hay were added to the farm. The nomination includes two houses, agricultural outbuildings, commercial buildings and a cemetery. Architecturally, the two houses are examples of the Colonial Revival style and the outbuildings on the property are good examples of farm outbuildings. Approximately 1,000 acres and 26 buildings and structures were listed in the National Register.

- **Murfreesboro Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District** – As part of its federal responsibilities, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs nominated more than 30 VA medical centers throughout the country, including Murfreesboro's Alvin C. York campus. Begun in 1939, the historic campus contains 321 acres and 35 historic resources. It is important in the area of health and medicine at the state level and as an example of the federal government's efforts to care for veterans. It is also a good example of the classical design influences the VA used when constructing this type of facility. The façade portico imitates Andrew Jackson's Hermitage and shows how the agency tried to incorporate local styles and history into their campus buildings.

- **National Teacher's Normal & Business College Administration Building** – Architect Hubert McGee designed the building familiarly called "Old Main" for the National Teacher's Normal and Business College in **Henderson**, Chester County. Completed in 1908 the building is a fine example of Italian Renaissance Revival architecture. Brick arches, corbelled brick detailing, a domed cupola and paneled interior woodwork are distinguishing features of the building. Today, the former college is known as Freed-Hardeman University – named after two individuals who were instrumental in establishing the school. Old Main represents the educational and religious activities of the school. Historically the school promoted itself as being very modern and it was the first college in West Tennessee to have co-educational facilities. It is not owned by any religious organization but it is affiliated with the Churches of Christ through religious fellowship activities.

- **Nolensville School** – In 1937, the community of **Nolensville** in Williamson County built a modern school building, adapting the schoolhouse design of Floor Plan No. 30 from the Rosenwald Fund. Available through the state's Department of Education, these plans were originally used for African-American schools throughout the South. When completion of the Nolensville School was delayed, classes were held in a tent on the school grounds. The school building became the center of educational and social life in Nolensville. In 1948, additional space was needed and a gymnasium was added to the building. An example of the importance of the school to the Nolensville community



Above: The Old City Cemetery in Murfreesboro is associated with important Civil War battles, including Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro and the Battle of Stones River. Below: Buttons from soldier's uniforms were recovered from the site.



Huntingdon's Court Theater, located on the Carroll County Courthouse square, began showing movies and stage shows in October 1929. The theater continues to be a popular venue for movies.

is shown by the actions of the local Community Club, which purchased a surplus military building in Nashville, hauled the material to Nolensville and used the material to frame the gymnasium.

- **Old First Presbyterian Church and Old City Cemetery** – The Old First Presbyterian Church and the Old City Cemetery were originally established as separate entities, but since 1965 have been merged into a single 3.53-acre site. From 1820 to 1931 leaders of **Murfreesboro** were interred at the cemeteries. Both cemeteries are associated with important Civil War battles, including Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro and the Battle of Stones River. As an archaeological property, the site is noteworthy for the information that can be learned about the early church build-

ing and its setting. The site also has statewide significance for its use as a short-term hospital and encampment during the Civil War. Most buildings that were used as temporary hospitals continued to be utilized after the war and this long-term use obscures the history of the buildings during the Civil War. The demolition of the church in Murfreesboro soon after it was used as a hospital preserved archaeological deposits. This site is one of the most intact sites in the state and has the potential to yield important information about the use of Civil War encampments and hospitals.

For more information about the National Register of Historic Places or the Tennessee Historical Commission, please visit the website at www.tnhistoricalcommission.org.

Senate, House committees pick up pace with eye on adjournment



Sen. Randy McNally



Sen. Mark Norris



Sen. Mae Beavers



Rep. Bob Ramsey



Rep. Larry Miller, Rep. Curry Todd, and Rep. Mike Turner



Sen. Bill Ketron



Sen. Bo Watson



Sen. Lowe Finney



Sen. Doug Overbey



Rep. Debra Maggart



Rep. Vince Dean



Sen. Joe Haynes



Rep. G.A. Hardaway and Rep. Henry Brooks



Rep. Ryan Haynes

HBO premier lauds Nashville's healthy initiatives

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While losing isn't the American way, it's the only way the nation will win its fight against chronic obesity and obesity-related diseases, according to a new HBO documentary "The Weight of the Nation," written by executive producer and author John Hoffman. "To win we have to lose," is the theme of the multi-part series making its Nashville premier recently at TPAC's Polk Theater. It was attended by Hoffman, HBO executives, Dr. Jenna Seymore from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, and other community leaders and guests. A pre-show reception catered by Nashville's Farmer's Market, provided healthy cooking demonstrations, along with lush farm fresh fruit and veggie canopes.

"As I learned more about this issue, the more concerned I became and decided it was something we needed to take the lead on," said Dean. "There are many people who haven't

residents to come together and learn fun ways to be active outdoors.

"Nashville shines through like a beacon of hope in a country where the health challenges are great," said HBO executives, who spent last summer covering the mayor's walks and other events while filming the documentary.

Three years in the making, "The Weight of the Nation" is peppered with frank talk from leading experts and research institutions; individuals in the medical, psychological and agricultural industries, along with sobering stories from everyday citizens, farmers and communities struggling against a tangled web of seemingly insurmountable odds.

The film(s) also highlight the groundwork necessary for societal changes that must take place in order to slow, arrest and eventually reverse the prevalence of obesity.

Today, more than two-thirds of America's adults age 20 and over are overweight or obese and some experts predict that by 2030, that number will increase to between 32 and 52 percent.



Mayor Karl Dean took the lead to introduce more exercise and activity into the lives of Nashville's citizens through a series of scheduled walks and events in which he also participated. The mayor's 100-mile walk was a huge success and national model, also introducing participants to a number of parks and greenways throughout the city.

realized there are all these beautiful places throughout the city to get more exercise in a fun way."

Nashville was highlighted in one of the bonus shorts of the series "Nashville Takes Action: A City Battles Obesity," largely due to Dean's efforts to address the obesity epidemic, including his highly successful Walk 100 Miles with the Mayor program, in which more than 4,000 people participated, and the Mayor's Challenge 5K Walk/Run, which drew more than 5,000 participants last fall. In 2010, Nashville was the only city in Tennessee awarded the U.S. Health and Human Services' Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant, where Dean vowed to use the funds to introduce more healthy eating and active living into the community. On Saturday, May 5, there will be a free, citywide Mayor's Field Day with the Tennessee Titans at LP Field, as a way for

lack of access to affordable healthcare, healthy foods and safe places to be outdoors is causing some people to become sicker than others. A recent study by the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, looking at nearly every county in every U.S. state, discovered huge disparities in the life spans of citizens. The biggest causes for the disparities are "preventable causes of death," including high cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity. In Tennessee, for example, the report shows men living in Franklin, in Williamson County, have an average life expectancy of 78, comparable to the average life expectancy of Swedes. Women live 82 years on average, similar to women in the Netherlands and New Zealand. But drive two hours to Altamont in Grundy County, and the picture changes dramatically. Grundy County residents live, on average, to age 68 for men and 77 for women, dying

"This is preventable," said Jack Shonkoff, director, Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University. "This is not one of those unfortunate acts of nature that we just have to accept as reality."

As obesity rates climb, the epidemic contributes to five of the 10 leading causes of death in America. It's ravages include heart disease; type 2 diabetes; cancers; stroke; joint problems; sleep apnea; non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; and kidney disease. "Unless we are able to control this epidemic, we're going to have an abundance of chronic disease," said Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH, director Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "All of us have to be part of the solution to reduce obesity."

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Photo courtesy of Mayor Karl Dean's Office

HBO producer John Hoffman, author of "The Weight of the Nation," and Mayor Karl Dean attend the Nashville premier of the multi-part documentary on obesity in America.

younger now than they did 10 years ago — and at the same age of the average Russian, Ethiopian, Guyanese or Bolivian.

Researches revealed the same findings in "The Weight of the Nation," describing how residents in lower income areas of a city lived shorter lifespans on average, than individuals in more influential sections of town just eight miles away where there was easy access to nutritious food and exercise facilities. A group of inner city school children are shown playing in a business parking lot due to the lack of any neighborhood parks or greenways. The residents also live in "food deserts," districts where there is a profound lack of grocery stores selling fresh produce.

In the series, 50 percent of kids in one New York community stop off at a local convenience mart before and after school, where junk food is plentiful and cheap. The store owner explains that he can sell chips in the low income neighborhood for just 25 cents because the cost rolls over to wealthier communities who pay \$1.00. Americans, in general, seeking better value for their money, are lulled into becoming a "dollar menu" society, where eating Big Macs costs considerably less than broccoli, the series notes. Everyday, the store owner waits on children who've never seen broccoli, much less tasted it.

"Eighteen percent of our children are obese," said Susan Comb, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. According to the CDC, currently, 94 percent of American schools fail to meet federal standards for fat and saturated fat in school lunches while four percent of elementary schools, eight percent of middle schools and two percent of high schools provide daily physical education. Children see an

average of 15 TV commercials per day for food products, or about 5,500 per year—where 98 percent are for foods high in fat, sugar and/or salt. This advertising, researchers say, combined with little advertising for fruits and vegetables, fuels cravings for sugary food and beverages. "We didn't grow up craving broccoli," a young obese woman laments in the documentary. "We grew up craving Big Macs."

Even more startling, is less than three percent of American crop land is used to grow fruits and vegetables, according to statistics. Every five years, the Farm Bill distributes roughly \$45 billion to growers of corn, while fruit and vegetable farmers receive no direct federal subsidies. "If we could figure out how to grow and sell broccoli at the same cost as a Twinkie, I guarantee people would choose the broccoli, comments one frustrated farmer.

"If we don't take this as an urgent national priority, we're all going to pay a very serious price," said Francis Collins, MD, PhD, director National Institutes of Health.

HBO will kick off "The Weight of the Nation," multi-part series Mon., May 14 from 8:00-9:10 pm ET/PT with the first installment, "Consequences" immediately followed by "Choices." Then, the second installment "Children in Crises debuts the next night, Tues., May 15, followed by "Challenges". In addition, the first part of the three-part series "The Weight of the Nation for Kids," beginning with "The Great Cafeteria Takeover," debuts Wed., May 16 from 7-7:30 pm.

To view more information about the increasing incidence of adult obesity, visit www.cdc.gov/mmwr or www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns or www.cdc.gov/obesity

Mobile Market becomes an oasis in Nashville's food deserts

Launches national organization to aid other city's projects

Residents in South, East and North Nashville are eating healthier than they have in years thanks to the efforts of a first year Vanderbilt medical student who, in 2010, decided to make a difference. Then 22-year-old Ravi Patel was working at a free clinic and meeting low-income patients suffering diseases directly related to poor nutrition. Many of them live in Nashville's "food deserts," areas of town without access to grocery stores selling fresh, healthy produce.

In a 2009 study, by Community Food Advocates, 50 percent of South Nashville residents were found to have traveled by bus two hours round trip to the closest available supermarket. This impediment severely limited the quality, amount, and types of foods purchased and the frequency of grocery store visits.

Collaborating with Vanderbilt's Owen School of Business, by 2011, Patel had the business chops to launch a thriving mobile market to serve these areas, staffed by volunteers. Today, residents of these neighborhoods line up at a 28-foot trailer chock full of produce: greens, tomatoes, fresh fruit, lean protein, milk, brown rice, and other staples for a healthy diet.

Patel's next plan is to hire an Executive Director for Nashville's Mobile Market. "We are in the process of transitioning to a sustainable model, hiring someone from the community to drive the mobile market with the intent of creating jobs for the community, while in the long run, creating profit that will go back into the community through grants and also support the Shade Tree free clinic in East Nashville," Patel said.

Patel was thrilled, but a little nervous when HBO came calling to film footage for

"The Weight of the Nation"

"They contacted us when we were just getting off the ground, two weeks after we started, and we still weren't sure if we were going to crash and burn," he chuckles. "We were thrilled to be a part of the documentary and that the market has been so successful."

That success, and the desire to help streamline the process for other communities, has inspired Patel to move forward nationally. "We are starting up the National Mobile Market to create, collect and research information regarding mobile markets, so that other cities will not have to go through the same channels and frustrations that we did," said Patel, who is creating a step-by-step manual, a "how-to" for creating mobile markets. "Every community is different, and you must learn to work with those changes to create an operationally sustainable program," he adds.

According to Patel, the organization is currently working with six cities across the nation interested in creating mobile markets, while others have contacted the group to collect information. "Cities must research to see if there is an actual need, and if there is, whether the market will be well-received by the community," adds Patel.

Among the Nashville Mobile Market's partners and affiliates, Memphis, a partner, will be starting a mobile market in a few months, Patel notes. As a partner, Memphis will take the name "Memphis Mobile Market," Patel explains. Chattanooga, a market affiliate, is also working with the organization, gathering information about program development. "Chattanooga recently visited us in Nashville to gather ideas and see how the program works," Patel said.

Cities interested in obtaining information about starting a mobile market, may visit <http://nationalmobilemarket.org/>

NFD shoots for the gold to create healthy changes

Receives American Heart Association Award

A \$1.2 million FEMA/Homeland Security grant has paved the way for Nashville's Fire Department (NFD) to provide a groundbreaking comprehensive wellness program to help their employees achieve their fitness goals. The department was featured among the outstanding people and organizations that are making a difference in the fight against obesity in the HBO documentary "The Weight of the Nation."

"We wanted the healthiest workforce, so we began looking at grants to have a non-punitive wellness program for our 1200 employees and personnel," said Kim Lawson, NFD deputy chief.

"The first thing we did was have everyone undergo a physical to see what our employees really need. We found out that a lot of our team members do exercise on and off duty and eat healthy." The department decided to build on these healthy behaviors providing immunizations against deadly diseases firefighters might encounter in the line of duty, lessons in nutrition, exercise and even counseling for individuals dealing with past trauma that could be their stumbling block to fitness.

"Everything that we do is designed and geared toward helping our personnel have a successful pass rate on their annual medical exam," said Captain Ken Hollis. Firefighters and EMS personnel also undergo a rigorous job task physical ability test each year. "We have an annual physical fitness test," Hollis continues. "The results are non-punitive, but those numbers will tell us if members are exercising enough and provides information on developing customized programs geared toward employees' strengths and weaknesses."

A shining example of a community in itself, Lawson notes how at times, firefighters spend long hours with their team members and co-workers. A scene from "The Weight of the Nation," shows one station preparing lean pork loin and fresh vegetables from Nashville's Farmer's Market. "We don't just look at the person, we look at their whole family," adds Assistant Chief Manual Fonseca. "How healthy is their cooking at home?" With the grant funds, the department was able to hire a registered dietician. "The



Mayor Dean and Deputy Chief Kim Lawson

dietician taught us how to read labels, to substitute regular bacon or beef with turkey, how to use certain flours and spaghetti; basically lessons on how to eat properly," Fonseca said.

The NFD also used grant money to purchase fitness equipment for each firehall and even some administrative offices. "We turned every fire hall into a gym," said Hollis. "Our research has found that as soon as employees leave their job for home, they usually do not work out due to other commitments such as children, family or cooking. The best thing to do is provide employees exercise on the job."

Working with the International Association of Firefighters Peer Fitness Training Program, which works with the American Council on Exercise, more than 60 fire personnel were trained as certified personal trainers. "If you're looking for outside sources to take care of a problem, there's a high cost involved, so why not train your own?" said Fonseca. "Now our people can teach someone how to teach an exercise program and understand the particular physical limitations our employees have such as knee, elbow or back problems."

As a result of their efforts, the NFD has a new title, a Gold Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company, bestowed by the American Heart Association. The Start! initiative is intended to be a catalyst for positive change in the workplace across America; recognizing companies that demonstrate progressive leadership by making the health and wellness of their employees a priority.