

Humboldt's Allen Barker elected TML President



New TML President Allen Barker, mayor of Humboldt (left) poses with immediate past president, Portland Mayor Ken Wilber.

The Tennessee Municipal League recently elected its 2013-2014 board of directors during its annual conference in Memphis. Humboldt Mayor Allen Barker was elected president.

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

"In the upcoming year, TML will continue to advocate for local governments – but we can't do it alone. We need your involvement. In addition to developing close relationships with your legislators, I'd like to encourage you to stay actively involved with the League and learn the legislative issues that are important each year," said Barker.

Other board elections include three vice presidents: Cleveland Councilmember David May, Livingston Mayor Curtis Hayes, and Covington Mayor David Gordon. TML vice presidents are traditionally in line to serve as president.

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

Jeanne Bragg recognized as TML Spouse of the Year



Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg is pictured with his wife, Jeanne, who received TML's Stand By Your Spouse Award.

Jeanne Bragg, wife of Tommy Bragg, mayor of Murfreesboro, received the Tennessee Municipal League's "Stand by your Spouse" Award at TML's 74th Annual Conference in Memphis. The award is given each year to the spouse of an elected official in recognition of the many sacrifices they give in the name of public service.

While she doesn't pop out of a bottle like the Genie in the TV series, Jeanne Bragg is every bit as magical to her family, friends and just about anybody fortunate enough to be near her. She not only compliments her

husband as a strong civic-minded presence in the community, she simply makes life better everyday for someone.

The eight district directors, representing their section of the state, were nominated and elected during district caucuses. They are: District 1: Chris McCart, assistant to the city manager of Kingsport; District 2: Dot LaMarche, Farragut vice mayor; District 3: Bo Perkinson, Athens councilmember; District 4: Hoyte Jones, Sparta alderman; District 5: Kevin Helms, Oak Hill city manager; District 6: John Hickman, Waynesboro city manager; District 7: Vance Coleman, Medina mayor; and District 8: Alonzo Beard, Ripley Alderman.

The eight at-large directors are nominated by an eight-member nominating committee composed of municipal officials statewide. They are elected for a two-year term by a majority vote of the entire membership. Serving the remainder of a two-year term concurrently are: Bryan Atchley, Sevierville mayor; Wallace Cartwright, Shelbyville mayor; Ann Davis, Athens vice mayor; and Jerry Gist, Jackson mayor. Serving new two-year terms are: Betsy Crossley, Brentwood mayor; Jill Holland, McKenzie mayor; James Talley, Ducktown mayor; and Ron Washington, Murfreesboro vice mayor.

Described as charming, independent, fair and hardworking, Bragg is extremely outgoing with a multitude of friends she can call along her husband's campaign trail, yet she has also carved an important niche of her own within the community as a tireless advocate for volunteerism and service.

Raised in Knoxville, Bragg received a BA in French in 1968 at the

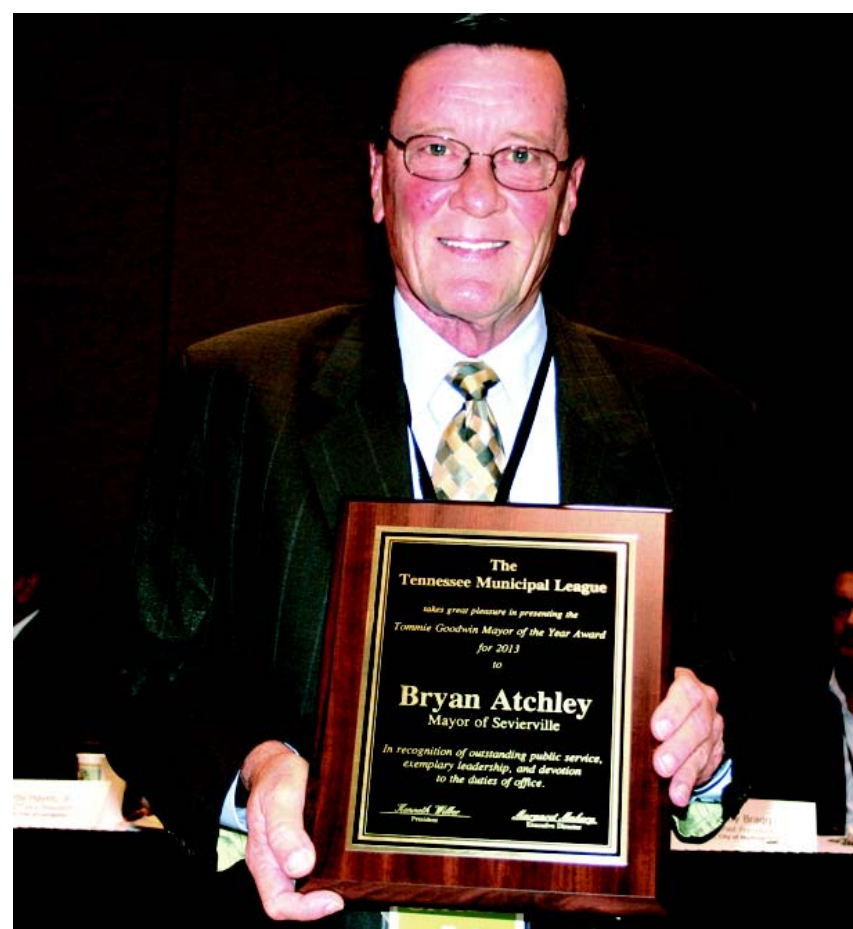
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Sevierville's Bryan Atchley named Municipal League Mayor of the Year

Sevierville's Mayor Bryan Atchley was named the 2013 Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League at their 74th Annual Conference in Memphis. Each year since 1954, the League honors a city mayor who typifies the attributes of intelligence, effectiveness, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.

Some things stand the test of time...and some people do too. Atchley easily falls into that category. Sevierville's longest serving mayor, Atchley has served the city since 1979, 10 years as alderman and 18 more as mayor, and has seen Sevierville through a period of great change and enormous growth. In 1995, when he took office, the city had barely more than 7,600 people. By 2010, the population had grown to 18,000. But it's not tenure alone that makes Atchley's commitment significant; it's his continued focus and dedication through the years.

The practices Mayor Atchley has put into place include: an annual board and staff strategic planning retreat; and hiring of top-notch personnel within the city including the position of city administrator. He is also a tireless advocate of intergovernmental relations and is constantly working to develop and improve the network of community groups and other agencies who together help move Sevierville forward.



Photos by Victoria South

Mayor Bryan Atchley accepts the TML Mayor of the Year Award.

While a portion of Atchley's dedication reflects his long-running family history in Sevierville/Sevier County, his grandfather started a fu-

neral home there in the 1920s, and his father and grandfather both served terms in the state legislature, See **ATCHLEY** on Page 4

Spring Hill's Victor Lay receives TCMA Manager of the Year Award

In less than four years of service, Spring Hill City Administrator Victor Lay has provided solid leadership and demonstrated the significant value of professional management in local government. In honor of his outstanding performance in public service, Lay was named Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA).

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

The "every cloud has a silver lining" adage certainly rings true in Spring Hill, where a financial cloud muddied the waters temporarily in 2008, prior to the arrival of Victor Lay, the new city administrator.

Audit findings left no doubt that Spring Hill's general fund and adequate facilities fund would be required to repay the water/sewer department more than \$3.9 million, after it was discovered that funds had been transferred improperly in previous years. Also, after a three-year hiatus, the city needed to enact a property tax—\$.60 per \$100 of valuation. To make matters more complicated, the prior city manager left the position after less than a year of service. During this dark time for the city, meeting Spring Hill's payroll had become a grave concern.

Upon Lay's appointment, he immediately began to work with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to address the many challenges facing Spring Hill's government, including key community concerns such as transportation and water/sewer infrastructure. First, he engaged in the MPO process, focusing on strategic investment opportunities for the city, such as the completion of a TDOT transportation plan advocating for a new I-65 interchange at Buckner Road. He also focused on expediting through TDOT and the MPO process, much needed upgrades to a key thoroughfare, Duplex Road. Through his leadership, Spring Hill has put a Transportation Advisory Committee in place to continue to chart the city's course for important roadway investment to serve the growing community.

Just recently, Lay spearheaded efforts to expand capacity at the city's wastewater treatment plant, securing highly favorable financing through the State Revolving Loan Fund. The project will increase treat-



Spring Hill City Manager Victor Lay named Manager of the Year.

ment capacity from 2 million gallons per day to 5 million gallons per day. Along with favorable interest rates, the city was able to obtain \$2 million

of principle forgiveness on this \$16 million project.

All these investments are critical. See **LAY** on Page 3

Chattanooga's Gaunt honored with Murphy Snoderly Award

Recognized for his winning attitude and numerous acts of kindness for customers in need, Leroy Gaunt with Chattanooga's Department of Solid Waste is the recipient of this year's Murphy Snoderly Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TCAPWA). The award was announced at TML's 74th Annual Conference in Memphis.

Garbage truck drivers are a commodity many may take for granted in today's technology-driven society. Customers put their carts out each week, go to work, and when they return, the garbage is gone like magic. But at Chattanooga's Solid Waste Department, the magic keeps on giving in the person of Leroy Gaunt, an employee caught red-handed performing numerous acts of kindness for those in need.

Already a standout with his friendly smile and even bigger heart, Gaunt worked through the ranks the usual way, after being hired by the city in 1987 as a Sanitation Worker I. He was promoted to Sanitation



Leroy Gaunt

Worker II in 1989, Driver III in 1990, and Senior Equipment Operator in 2001. But that's where the similarity ends between Gaunt and just any employee. Most say it started when customers on his route began noticing unusual things; simple acts of kindness that they later realized were being performed by Gaunt.

There was the garbage cart that mysteriously kept making its way back up the hill at Lawrence and Jane Akers' residence. An elderly couple, the Akers were having difficulty. See **SNODERLY** on Page 4



BRISTOL

Less than a year after locating to Sullivan County, U.S. Solutions Group, Inc. will expand its call center operations on West State Street, invest \$117,000 and create 128 new jobs. In October 2012, U.S. Solutions Group, Inc. opened its first call center in Tennessee, investing \$4.1 million and creating 548 jobs.

CROSSVILLE

After 10 years of discussion, planning and engineering, the city council approved plans to improve the look of the city's original downtown district along with infrastructure replacements. The city hopes to take advantage of some \$4.2 million of grant funding, from eight different organizations, some of which will expire if the \$10.4 million project does not get under way within the next two months. Crossville has already invested approximately \$1 million in engineering studies, design and planning for the project, reworking water lines, storm drains and underground wiring along with new traffic signals and street lights. The \$4.2 million grant will pay for the city's portion of the match, the city would borrow more than \$4 million from USDA's Rural Development, and the loan would be over 38 years. The payments would total about \$172,000 per year. Once payments start, it will require five cents on the tax rate to fund the cost of the annual loan expense.

DANDRIDGE

Life on the Water magazine, a Southern waterways-based publication based in Huntsville, Ala., recently named Dandridge as the "Best Small Town on the Water" and will feature the town in its upcoming fall issue. In honor of the award, Town Mayor George Ganette invited residents out on July 3 to join a celebration and awards ceremony at the dike in downtown Dandridge, where Chris Welch, the editor for *Life on the Water* magazine, was on hand to present the town with the award.

FRANKLIN

The city has achieved "Excellence in Financial Reporting" from The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This is the 20th consecutive year the city has won this award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Earlier this year Franklin received the "Distinguished Budget Presentation" award for the fifth consecutive year.

GOODLETTSVILLE

The city has partnered with RiverGate Mall to establish a new police substation within the shopping center. The substation will act as a satellite location for the Police Department that currently operates solely out of Goodlettsville City Hall. The goal is to provide a second, convenient location for officers to conduct police business, while adding ease of accessibility for the public. Officers will be assigned on a rotating basis. The site offers more than 2,000 square feet of space and will be open by the end of June. Police officers can utilize the location to prepare reports, meet with citizens, and establish a presence outside of City Hall. The substation will feature a glass front with prominent signage, allowing mall visitors the opportunity to easily interact with officers. In addition to police business, plans call for the site to be utilized for Neighborhood Watch and other city-sponsored community meetings as needed. The space is being provided free to the police department as part of a community partnership. The mall will continue to have its own security staff.

JOHNSON CITY

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has announced that Johnson City is being recognized for its performance management efforts with a Certificate of Achievement from the ICMA Center for Performance Measurement™ (CPM). Johnson City is among eight jurisdictions receiving the honor this year. Jurisdictions meeting the qualifications have demonstrated leadership in continuous improvement and community

engagement, and serve as examples for other governments to follow. Certificates are awarded at the levels of achievement, distinction, and excellence. Criteria for the certificate include: reporting of performance data to the public through budgets, newsletters, and/or information provided to elected officials; data verification efforts to ensure reliability; and staff training.

KINGSTON

A new \$40 million Volkswagen facility in East Tennessee will distribute domestic auto parts to global markets, including the Chattanooga-made Passat. Located in Roane County, about an hour and a half from the automaker's VW production plant, the 459,000-square-foot facility addresses the need for increased warehouse and parts delivery to dealers and customers, the company said during a grand opening celebration last week. The facility, which will employ about 45 people, will begin as a redistribution center to service warehouses and will later expand to include a parts distribution center. The redistribution depot will support the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Germany. The distribution operation will help improve service parts order delivery times to over 110 dealers in the surrounding regions.

LEBANON

SO.F.TER. GROUP officials announced the company will build its first U.S. operation in Wilson County. The new building will be located on 21 acres off Highway 109 and will serve as the company's headquarters for the Americas. This construction represents an \$11.5 million investment and the creation of 50 new jobs, with ultimate site employment expected to exceed 150. The SO.F.TER. GROUP is one of the world's largest independent compounders with headquarters in Forli, Italy. The company's new business will first be constructed at 100,000 square feet, but will eventually be expanded to more than 250,000 square feet. The site will be dedicated to the production, development and sale of engineering plastics and other advanced solutions for the U.S. market. SO.F.TER. expects to have a strong presence in the automotive, appliance, construction and electrical markets.

MORRISTOWN

Oddello Industries, LLC., announced the company will expand operations representing an investment of \$4 million and the creation of 228 new positions in Hamblen County. Oddello Industries is a globally-focused contract manufacturer serving the world's leading furniture brands. In the past year, the company has made a substantial investment in three separate properties in the East Tennessee Valley Industrial District, utilizing nearly 1,000,000 square feet of floor space in all for production.

MOUNTAIN CITY

The world's premier international triathlon team, teamTBB, announced they are locating their official United States training base in Mountain City. The team is a select group of international Ironman competitors from around the globe, including Switzerland, France, Germany, Australia, South Africa, Columbia, England, Mexico, and the USA. Athletes will train in the Northeast Tennessee region between the months through August. The USA base of operations will be located at RedTail Mountain Golf Course, and sponsored by Lyle Habermehl, owner of the facility. The Ironman Triathlon competition involves three continuous endurance and sequential disciplines which are: swimming 2.4 miles, bicycling 112 miles and a marathon run of 26.2 miles. The Ironman World Championships are held annually in October on the Big Island of Hawaii (Kailua, Kona). As an organization, teamTBB also focuses on helping 'development athletes' who might otherwise not have the opportunity to succeed as a professional triathlon athlete. As the partnership grows in Northeast Tennessee, teamTBB will not only train athletes to chase their dream, but to have a social impact on their community through hosting training camps for visiting athletes, and working with local children and youth to encourage them to exercise and live a healthy lifestyle.

NASHVILLE

"Nashville" is coming back to Music City for its second season. The ABC television show is slated to begin principal photography in mid-July on 24 new episodes. Pre-production has already begun. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) approved a grant of up to \$12.5 million to support the local production and the Mayor's Office for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has also agreed to provide financial incentives for season two of the television show. The reimbursable grant will be based on qualified expenditures made in Tennessee. Qualified expenditures are those incurred in the state for goods or services purchased from a Tennessee vendor or paid to a Tennessee resident in connection with the production. Nashville Mayor Karl Dean's Office has proposed a cash grant of \$500,000. The money will be used to offset the cost of production in Nashville, which is expected to generate more than \$40 million in local spending. Legislation will be filed with the Metro Council in the near future. The Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp. and the Event Marketing Fund, which is backed by hotel tax and administered by the CVC through a contract with Metro Nashville Government, also will provide additional financial incentives. The CVC and the Event Fund each will contribute a cash grant of \$125,000 for a total of \$250,000.

PULASKI

Integrity Tool & Mold, Inc. officials announced an expansion of the company's operations. Integrity will build a new 42,850 square foot engineering and manufacturing facility, which will replace their current location at 1770 Braly Lane. The expansion represents a \$6.3 million investment and will create 45 new jobs. The new location will provide 42,850 square feet of engineering and manufacturing space—an increase of more than 22,000 square feet at the 10-acre site. The increased floor space will allow for additional equipment with a methodical process. The new layout will allow for increased production, reduced manufacturing costs and strengthened sustainability.

SELMER

United Stainless, Inc. announced the company will expand its facility. The stainless steel tubing manufacturer is expanding one of its existing product lines to offer custom cutting and fabricating, resulting in a \$3.4 million investment and the addition of 25 new manufacturing positions over the next two years. United Stainless provides a wide range of



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stainless and corrosion resistant alloys for superior strength, bend ability, temperature requirements and longevity. The company currently operates two companies in Selmer – United Stainless and United Industries Cutting & Fabricating. The expansion at 130 Three Star Drive will include a 30,000 square foot building addition that will accommodate additional cutting and fabricating equipment along with more efficient storage and handling.

SMYRNA

In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of its Smyrna Vehicle Assembly Plant, Nissan is adding more than 900 manufacturing jobs to support future production of the Nissan Rogue, marking the first time the Rogue has been produced in the United States. Throughout the last 30 years, the Nissan Smyrna Vehicle Assembly Plant has grown significantly and transformed from a domestic manufacturer to a global one. In just the last year, Smyrna has become home to the country's largest lithium-ion automotive battery plant supporting production of the all-electric, zero-emission 2013 Nissan

LEAF, as well as a new paint plant that sets standards for energy efficiency. Beginning with the new Nissan Altima, and continuing this fall with the launch of an all-new Rogue, Nissan will launch five core-volume models in 15 months in the United States. Those launches will cover more than 75 percent of show-room volume. The shift of Rogue production to the United States is part of Nissan's broader strategy to localize production. Production of the Rogue will begin in the fall.

SMYRNA

Taylor Farms officials announced the company will expand its operations resulting in a \$5.9 million investment and the creation of 170 new positions in the Rutherford County area. Taylor Farms is North America's largest supplier of value-added fresh produce to the foodservice industry, offering a full product line of fresh-cut vegetables and salads. According to company officials, the high increase in sales and overall growth of the company has driven the need to expand and will also account for the addition of new product lines.

Recycling and the Economy Symposium held in Nashville

A Recycling and the Economy Symposium "Where the Jobs Are" will be held August 15-16 at the DoubleTree by Hilton – Downtown Nashville. Hosted by The Southeast Recycling Development Council, the symposium will focus on economic growth and job creation through the recycling industry in the state. This is a chance to hear from businesses across the recycling industry and make connections in the recycling industry in Tennessee.

The symposium will focus on opportunities for Tennessee's recycling economy to grow and enhance the state's economy overall. To register online, visit www.serdc.org/events. The early registration rate is \$295 per person, which includes breakfast and lunch for both days. A limited number of registration scholarships are available for county elected officials. For more information, contact info@serdc.org.

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Deputy to the Governor Claude Ramsey to retire

Deputy to the Governor Claude Ramsey will retire at the end of August to spend more time with his wife, children and grandchildren in Chattanooga. Ramsey has been integral to Gov. Haslam on several key initiatives, including civil service reform, economic development efforts, workforce development training and improved operation of state government.

When he joined the administration in January 2011, Ramsey agreed to serve for two years but has stayed on past his original commitment. Before joining the Haslam administration, Ramsey was in his fifth term as Hamilton County mayor, having played key roles in educational and economic successes in Southeast Tennessee.

"It's been a true pleasure to work with the governor on the important issues of job growth, education reform and making Tennessee the best-run state in the country,"



Ramsey

Ramsey said.

Ramsey, 70, was elected to the General Assembly in 1972, where he served four years. He was the assessor of property in Hamilton County from 1980-1994 and was a county commissioner for two years. He served 16 years as Hamilton County mayor.

Chief Justice Janice Holder announces retirement plans



Janice M. Holder was sworn in as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in September 2008, becoming the first woman to lead the court.

Justice Janice Holder, the first woman to serve as chief justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, announced that she will retire next summer, becoming the fourth appeals court judge to announce plans to step down.

Holder said she will resign Aug. 31, 2014, after 17 years on the state's highest court. The announcement ends a historic career for Holder, who was appointed to the high court

in 1996 by Gov. Don Sundquist.

Holder became the first woman to lead the Tennessee Supreme Court in September 2008 when she was named chief justice, a position she held for two years.

In October 2008, Holder and two other justices, Cornelia A. Clark and Sharon G. Lee, gave the court its first majority of women, a makeup that still stands.

TCMA recognizes Paris with Excellence Award for public-private partnership

Recognizing the value of public-private partnerships as a means to advance growth and development within the region, Paris was recognized by The Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) with an award for Excellence in Municipal Government.

The award is presented by TCMA each year to cities that operate with professional management and have increased the effectiveness of local government through the development of unique and creative programs.

In May 2010, Paris Mayor Sam Tharpe and Steve Prosser, Bethel University's director of development, discussed Bethel's expansion issues on its McKenzie campus. The University's Allied Health program was short on meeting space, after experiencing 10 years of significant growth. The situation also affected the program's plans to expand its ongoing relationship with the Henry County Medical Center.

While the University had considered leasing space in Paris, the short-term nature of the health services program did not make that a feasible option. That's when Mayor Tharpe suggested a novel idea, finding out if the Medical Center had expansion ideas of its own. Administrator Tom Gee acknowledged the Medical Center did need an outpatient diagnostic center, but the one suitable site nearby was too large and costly. However, the possibility of two related facilities on the one property made the idea much more viable.

An exploratory committee was formed comprised of Tharpe, Gee, Prosser, Carl Holder, who at that time was director of economic development for Paris-Henry County, and County Mayor Brent Greer. The committee also held a community forum inviting all interested parties to hear a presentation about the proposed project, with an opportunity for public comments. The committee sized the project at 10,000 square feet for the diagnostic facility, 30,000 square feet of educational space for Bethel University, and a 5,000 square-foot section connecting the two. It was determined that the medical center would finance their portion of the \$13 million project and that the city of Paris would borrow \$6.5 million from the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund to purchase and own the Bethel portion, with Bethel holding a 15-year



Terry Fuller, Paris commissioner; Carl Holder, Paris city manager; Bill Hammon, TCMA president and Alcoa assistant city manager; Paris Mayor Sam Tharpe; and Paris Vice Mayor Gayle Griffith.

lease purchase option on the facility. Holder, now city manager, was appointed as the overall project coordinator. The Northwest Rural Development Administration Office helped the city procure a zero percent interest Rural Economic Development loan/grant to build a skywalk over US 79 spanning from the new facility to the medical center. The resulting a \$13 million diagnostic center is already bringing in more outpatients and students, while offering more education and employment opportunities to the Paris/Henry County area.

Since the center opened in Sep-

tember 2012, the medical center has already seen a 12 percent increase in their outpatient screenings. Bethel has started the physician assistant classes and has a current waiting list, indicating that the program's relationship with the medical center will continue to grow and flourish.

While the HCMC added three employees to the staff, Bethel anticipates it will hire 20 full-time and up to 25 part-time employees as they expand the offerings to include the University's Success Program. The program is tailored to persons in the workforce desiring to obtain a college degree.

Mayor Jerry Gist, Jumpstart Jackson take 1st place in 2013 City Livability Awards



Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist accepts the first place honor at the 2013 City Livability Awards Program during The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 81st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mayor Jerry Gist and the city of Jackson have been awarded first place honor in the 2013 City Livability Awards Program during The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 81st Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Former mayors selected Jackson as the most livable small city (populations of less than 100,000). The award recognizes mayoral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities, focusing on the leadership, creativity, and innovation.

This is the 34th year in which cities have competed for the award, which is sponsored by the Conference of Mayors and Waste Management, Inc. The city's JumpStart Jackson initiative is a community-wide health and wellness initiative intended to make Jackson the "Healthiest City in Tennessee."

The initiative stemmed from a

city "wake-up call" when a company decided against moving to Jackson, due to potentially high employee healthcare costs.

Sandy MacDiarmid, Superintendent for Jackson Recreation and Parks and Founding co-chair of JumpStart Jackson, said "JumpStart Jackson has encouraged active lifestyles and has made an impact on the quality of life in the city."

The program has improved walkability and bike-ability in the city, increased access to low-cost nutritious foods and created an 80,000 sq. ft. wellness center in downtown Jackson. Not only has the initiative improved livability, it provides economic development benefits.

The economic benefit is reflected in healthcare with Jackson seeing a \$2 million reduction in city employee healthcare costs in the first year of the program.



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An even larger part of his service is connected to his innovative spirit and quiet determination. It is the same spirit that helped him beat cancer, not once, but twice, and care for his wife Cherie, who lost her own battle with brain cancer in 2005.

A 1970 graduate of Sevierville County High School and Carson Newman College in 1973, Atchley has served as an administrator of the Sevier County Health Center since 1991, and was selected Nursing Home Administrator of the Year in 2010. He is also past president of the Tennessee Health Care Association, a professional association for long-term facilities, somewhat equivalent to what TML is for cities.

In his position as mayor, he has overseen millions of dollars of new private investment, all of which has been undergirded by a full-service infrastructure. Sevierville's significant transportation infrastructure

improvements include a re-routing of major traffic through the community, adding additional lanes to the busiest routes, and a redesign and reconstruction of the key interstate exit, designed by in-house personnel. Under his administration, the city has constructed a new city hall and police station with the police department earning national accreditation.

He also worked to bring in a convention center, right alongside Tennessee's four largest cities, Knoxville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Nashville, utilizing new legislation at the time, the 1998 Convention Act, which offered tax breaks for cities located near convention centers, ultimately beefing up Sevierville's central business district. The city's award winning Events Center is often sold out, even in the middle of the week.

Striking while the iron was hot, Atchley initiated talks with the

Smokies professional baseball team, bringing the team to Sevierville in March 2000 and constructing a \$20 million stadium to house them. Citizens are also enjoying 18 more holes of golf at the city's golf course, thanks to his efforts.

In a 2010 interview with *Tennessee Town & City*, Atchley credits the most influential person in his life as his mother, Emma, who served as a long-time school teacher. "There were two things she taught me – to listen and to care. That's what I saw her doing all her life – no matter who the person was, or what walk of life they came from, or how much money or influence they had," he remembered.

"Although my family heritage might affect some of my decisions," Atchley continued, "most of the time I've operated on my own personal self-convictions about how we could best help the most people."

Jeanne Bragg receives spouse recognition

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University of Tennessee, and holds the distinction of being the first female credit analyst in the city when she worked at Dun & Bradstreet. After marrying her spouse in June 1969, Bragg would leave Tennessee to be by his side as an Air Force wife, stationed for 26 months at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base in Grandview, MO. Following the service, she would not return to Knoxville, but to her husband's hometown, where the Braggs would raise three children and work at the family printing business. It's also where she would begin her lifelong journey to connect with the many facets of her newly adopted community.

A fabulous cook, published writer and seamstress, Bragg is constantly cooking for charity, her church, husband and family; when anyone in town wants good food, they know who to turn to. A lover of culture, she also loves art and has painted and collected a number of special pieces to adorn her husband's home and office.

A regular at the neighborhood fabric store, Bragg is hardly ever far from a needle and thread, making clothes for her two grandchildren, as well as gifts for newlyweds and others in the community. She also enjoys gardening and produces cut flowers, annuals and perennials.

As a member of St. Rose Catho-

lic Church, Bragg is a vital part of the Murfreesboro Charity Circle, and has worked with the neighborhood Food Bank and Boys & Girls club. She retired from State Farm Regional Office in 1984 after 12 years of service.

But she doesn't keep her experiences to herself, Bragg writes an extremely popular weekly column in the *Murfreesboro Post*, entitled "Mrs. Murfreesboro," where she shares her personal experiences with children, technology, her yard and her universe, expressing through writing, the wonder of her life and the pride in her community that makes her such a special person.

Spring Hill's Victor Lay receives TCMA Award

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a community that is experiencing dramatic growth. From 2000 to 2010, the city's population grew from 7,700 to 29,030. Lay has provided guidance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as they work to strengthen Spring Hill's financial position, placing solid budgeting and fiscal planning in place. As a city that once needed to issue more than \$2.5 million in tax anticipation notes between FY09 through FY11, Spring Hill now has more than \$16 million in cash on hand, all funds, including a five-fold increase in the general fund reserves. The city has not issued any tax anticipation notes in FY12 or FY13. Through his guidance, Spring Hill has separated state street aid funds from the general fund to improve management and accountability for these intergovernmental resources.

As a city much more removed from its neighbors in the region, Lay recognized the importance of building Spring Hill's professional relationships. He has conscientiously

sought opportunities to partner with other local governments and state agencies.

"Victor Lay has built positive relationships with other local governments and leaders within the region, as well," said Kirk Bednar, Brentwood city manager. "He has provided solid leadership and demonstrated the significant value of professional management in local government."

Lay has been an active member of TCMA for many years, having previously served on the board and as president and has shown his commitment to continuing his own professional development through various training and certification courses, including attending the two-week Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia. His commitment to professional development for himself and his fellow local government professionals is evident by the fact he currently chairs the TCMA Professional Development Committee.

"Victor Lay has exemplified

the values of professional management, serving with considerable skill and integrity," observes Eric Stuckey, Franklin city administrator. "Because of his efforts, the Spring Hill community has experienced firsthand the benefits of professional management. He is a deserving recipient of the TCMA City Manager of the Year award."

"Victor Lay has brought stability and professionalism to his community, leading with humility and a dedication to the highest ideals of public service," adds Mike Walker, TCMA's executive director. "It is TCMA's honor to name him as 2013 City Manager of the Year."

Gaunt receives Murphy Snoderly

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culty rolling the cart back to the gate from the street, but not since Gaunt arrived on the scene. Soon, other customers in need of special assistance were noticing these acts of kindness.

After questioning Gaunt, one customer said, "He wouldn't admit to doing anything other than picking up the garbage, although we suspected it all along." Finally, someone caught Gaunt in the act and made sure that everyone in the city knew just how much citizens appreciated his extra efforts and acts of consideration.

The *Times Free Press* released a December 2012 article about Gaunt, highlighting his concern for customers in need of special assistance. Time and time again, the article said, "Gaunt was there for them, never seeking any type of recognition or appreciation other than the good feeling that people get when they've done something nice for someone else."

When asked about the article, Gaunt was embarrassed by the recognition, but also proud to know that he was doing the right thing and humbled by this customers' appreciation for his efforts.

Chattanooga's Solid Waste Department provides service to more than 64k homes each week.

"For Leroy and other drivers, who service nearly 1,000 homes every day, it is self-rewarding just to know that their customers are satisfied; but it's absolutely amazing and humbling for them to hear from so

many of the customers how often they recognize and how much they appreciate the extra effort that they put into their jobs," said Bill Yearwood, TCAPWA president.

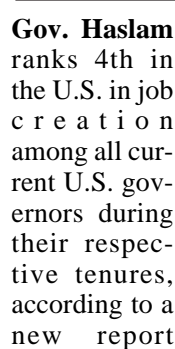
The award is named for the late Murphy Snoderly, a longtime engineering and public works consultant for the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service. TCAPWA established the award in 1972 as a means of sharing his appreciation for the dedicated efforts given by the many long time public works employees. The recipient is selected from a slate of statewide candidates and is considered the state's most outstanding non-administrative public works employee.

Currently there are more than 200 public works and related departments across the state that employ an estimated 5000+ workers. A major goal of TCAPWA is to promote the public works profession and aid in helping every public works department across the state by providing a network through which its members can contact other members to discuss and strategize how to manage various public works issues, concerns and projects.

Since its establishment in 1954, the state chapter has provided various educational opportunities as a means of allowing public works leaders and employees to stay aware of methods and technologies that can be used to ensure effectiveness and efficiency in public works operations.



PEOPLE



Haslam

Gov. Haslam ranks 4th in the U.S. in job creation among all current U.S. governors during their respective tenures, according to a new report

from *On Numbers*, an online affiliate of the Nashville and Memphis Business Journals. *On Numbers* analyzed private-sector employment levels using seasonally adjusted data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The score for each governor is based on a comparison of the annual job growth rate for his/her state and the corresponding figure for the other 49 states.

Greg Adams has joined Gov. Haslam's senior team as chief operating officer. Adams' role will be to work with state departments to ensure they're operating in the most efficient and effective way possible. Adams, 58, comes to state government from IBM where he served as a member of the company's senior leadership team, most recently as a managing director in the financial services sector. He spent nearly 37 years at IBM in positions in sales, marketing, operations, re-engineering, and quality and general management. He began his new role July 8.

Rachel Lundeen will become the new chief of staff to First Lady Crissy Haslam. Lundeen has been a member of Mrs. Haslam's staff since January 2011, serving as special assistant and policy advisor to the First Lady. Lundeen is licensed to practice law in Tennessee and is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law and completed her final year of law school at Vanderbilt University Law School. She has a master's degree in Public Policy from Peabody College at Vanderbilt, and a bachelor's degree from Auburn University.

Former state Rep. Richard Montgomery will become the new chairman of the Board of Parole. Montgomery replaces Charles Traugber who retired after serving 30 years as chairman. Montgomery, 66, was appointed to the Board of Parole in January. Prior to that, he represented



Montgomery

Sevier County in the House of Representatives for 14 years and was chairman of the House Education Committee. Montgomery is retired from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where for 27 years, he was operations manager for UT-Battelle, the consortium that manages the lab.

East Ridge interim City Attorney Hal North has been chosen as the city's permanent attorney.



North

Russ Truell, Franklin's assistant city administrator for Finance and Administration, recently was appointed as a new member-at-large of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Executive Board. Truell will serve a three-year term.



Truell

Abbie Hudgens will oversee the new Workers' Compensation Division. Hudgens, who started her new job July 1, will serve a six-year term leading the revamped Workers' Compensation Division in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). A Tennessee native, Hudgens, 67, has worked with the state since 2011 when she began at TDLWD, focusing on workers' compensation. She has previously served as the risk and insurance manager for Metro Nashville, and the risk and benefits manager for the city of Knoxville.

Former state Sen. Mike Faulk, from Kingsport, has been named circuit judge in northeastern Tennessee. Faulk retired last year after a single four-year term in the Senate, and was one of three finalists for a vacancy on the Tennessee Court of Appeals



Faulk

After 27 years with state government, Dan Hawk retired as Director of Rural Development. Hawk was presented with a special letter from Gov. Haslam, recognizing him for all his years of service.



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Annual Labor Day Celebration
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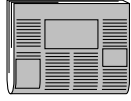
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WHITE PINE. The city is currently seeking qualified applicants for the new position of Town Administrator. A change in the form of government passed unanimously by resolution, but final charter change can't be completed until the legislature is in session, around March of 2014. Desire to bring first administrator on board ASAP. Position answers to six-member board. Mayor chosen at large. Desire a manager with solid communication and leadership skills. Duties to include general management, economic development, and implementation of a strategic plan. Prefer some experience as Town Administrator/Assistant or equivalent. Bachelor's degree required. Master's preferred. of Salary in the \$40's-\$50K range DOQ plus excellent benefits Application is a public record. Send resume by July 18, 2013 to Mayor Stanley Wilder, P.O. Box 66, White Pine, TN 37890-0066. Fax: 865-674-2053. Phone: 865-674-2556. Email: whitepine@charter.net

2013 Green Development Grant applications being accepted

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will once again partner with the Tennessee Stormwater Association (TNSA), the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Tennessee Department of Transportation to offer a grant program designed to help local governments fund green infrastructure and low-impact development projects.

A total of \$200,000 in grant

funds will be available for allocation over the next two years. Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 will be awarded to local governments through a competitive process for projects such as rain gardens, green roofs, pervious concrete applications, trees and tree boxes, in addition to outreach and education efforts designed to promote green development in Tennessee communities.

The grants require a 20 percent local match. This year's grant cycle represents only the third time the Green Development Grants have been offered to local governments. Communities selected during the 2013 grant cycle will join the cities of Athens, Chattanooga, Lakeland, Memphis, Knoxville and Nashville, which have received funding since the grant's inception in 2008 for various projects ranging from pervious concrete parking or walking paths to green infrastructure improvements to community recreational areas.

Applications for the grants are due by Aug. 15. and grant awards will be announced by Sept. 30. Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a team comprised of representatives from each of the partner agencies.

The next offering for Green Development Grants will be available in May 2014. Online application materials and additional information are available on TDEC's website at www.tn.gov/environment/greendev/ or through the Tennessee Stormwater Association at www.tnstormwater.org/.

STATE BRIEFS

TN receives health systems grants for disaster response

The state is receiving federal grants totaling \$17,375,022 to help its health system better respond to a disaster, such as an earthquake, pandemic or terrorist attack. The money comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While a natural disaster like last year's Hurricane Sandy or a man-made crisis like this year's Boston Marathon bombings grabs attention, other threats keep health workers busy. Tennessee will get \$10,053,483 for public health emergency preparedness, \$689,504 for city readiness, and \$6,632,034 for hospital preparedness.

Governor signs new gang laws

Gov. Haslam held a ceremonial bill signing in Memphis for legislation that rewrites and simplifies the criminal gang offense enhanced punishment law. The bill, HB 196/SB 202, changes the definition of "criminal gang offense" from a vague and broad definition to a specific list of offenses that will make it easier for prosecutors to seek a greater sentence. The offenses included in the legislation are crimes that Tennessee communities combat every day, such as robbery, carjacking, and drug possession with intent to sell, among others. Under this new law, if one of the defined offenses is committed, prosecutors must also prove the defendant committed the crime as a part of a criminal gang and must prove the

defendant is a member of the criminal gang to enhance the sentence. Other laws enacted since 2011 create tougher sentences for certain types of crimes committed by three or more acting in concert, tougher sentences for convicted felons who persist in illegally possessing guns, and mandatory sentences for repeat domestic violence offenders where physical injury is involved. The new legislation became effective July 1, 2013.

Scheduled benefit cut delayed

A scheduled cut in payments for Tennesseans collecting unemployment benefits has been delayed indefinitely, after state officials were warned the action could trigger a loss of federal funding for other benefits. Jeff Hentschel, a spokesman for the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development, confirmed that the scheduled eliminations of dependent allowances of up to \$50 a week did not go into effect as planned. "The department is seeking guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the removal of dependent benefits," Hentschel said.

Correction Dept. creates online fee system

The Tennessee Department of Correction has added an automated fee payment system for court-ordered fines, fees and restitution. There is a charge to use the online or telephone payment system, but the vendor isn't charging the state for the service.

The system is geared to free up probation/parole officers in order to spend more time supervising offenders in communities. The program should also result in fewer people going back to jail for failing to pay fees. Offenders who want to avoid the convenience fee can still mail in money orders. More information is online at www.tn.gov/correction.

Funeral blue lights nets AG legal opinion

A legal opinion issued by the state Attorney General Bob Cooper outlines exactly when it's legal for blue flashing lights to be used as part of a funeral procession in Tennessee. The opinion says that only full-time law enforcement officers can use blue flashing lights while escorting funeral processions — as long as it's part of their official duty to do so. That standard applies even if they are off-duty and being paid for private security. The attorney general said non-law enforcement may not use blue or red flashing lights of any kind, though escort vehicles can be equipped with amber lights.

Kids feeding program expanded

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee has expanded its daily Lunch Express deliveries to reach nearly 500 low-income children who are at a greater risk of hunger during the summer recess. The program was reinforced with a \$20,000 grant from ConAgra Foods Foundation. The funds have been used to purchase four retired school buses and pay drivers to make daily lunch deliveries to 11 congregate feeding sites and 29 neighborhoods in Washington, Sullivan, Carter, Unicoi and Greene counties.

TDOT kicks off Broad St., Memorial Blvd and Old Fort Parkway Intersection project

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner John Schroer joined Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg and other state leaders to announce plans to completely reconstruct one of the busiest intersections in the state. TDOT plans to separate the intersections of Broad St. (SR 1) and Memorial Blvd./Old Fort Parkway (SR 96/SR 10) by creating a single point urban interchange. This separation calls for a new bridge on Memorial Blvd. that will create an overpass over Broad Street.

TDOT Commissioner John Schroer said "Murfreesboro has seen tremendous growth over the last decade and this intersection can no longer meet the current or future traffic demands. We are ready to move forward with a design that is supported by our local partners. While we know the construction will have significant impacts on the area, the finished product will greatly improve traffic flow."

The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on Old Fort Pkwy/Memorial Blvd. is 27,240. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on Broad Street is 31,420. This means that nearly 60,000 vehicles pass through this intersection every day. By 2034, it is projected that 72,740 vehicles will pass through this intersection daily. The high number of through-traffic on both roadways is the primary reason a single point urban interchange design was chosen for the intersection. The interchange will allow continuous movement in both



TDOT announced plans to separate the intersections of Broad St. (SR 1) and Memorial Blvd./Old Fort Parkway (SR 96/SR 10) in Murfreesboro by creating a single point urban interchange and calling for a new bridge on Memorial Blvd. forging an overpass over Broad Street.

directions. The project also includes plans for enhanced lighting, landscaping and aesthetic treatment of retaining walls and the bridge to coordinate with the sensitive historic quality of the city.

At the recent announcement, Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg thanked TDOT for its attention to the city. "I know there will be inconvenience, but from the very beginning, TDOT has listened and taken into consideration the design elements that are important to Murfreesboro. We are most appreciative and supportive for TDOT's commitment to reconstructing this vital intersection."

The city and utility owners are

currently working to secure the necessary property required to relocate water, sewer, gas, and cable and phone lines. Once that is complete, TDOT anticipates being able to put the project out for bids in the fall of 2013. Once a construction contract is in place, TDOT will announce several local and regional detour options, and provide details about the construction schedule and work hours. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2014 and estimated to take 36 months.

TDOT and the city will host public meetings later for residents and business owners in the fall of 2013 once a contractor has been awarded the project.

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Having a ball in Memphis during 2013 TML Annual Conference

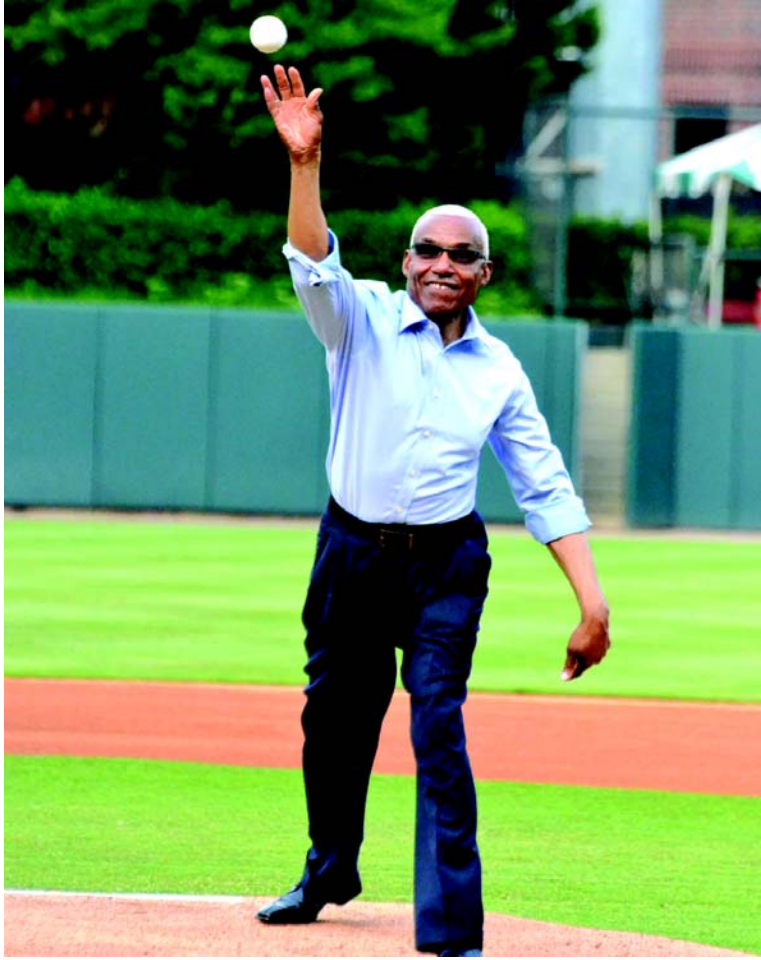
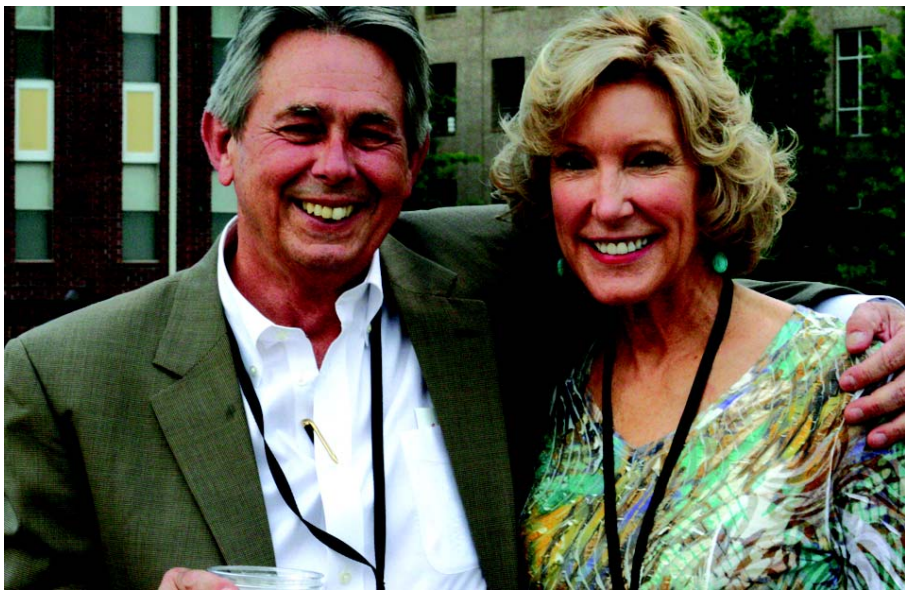


Photo Allison Rhoades

Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton throws out the first pitch at the RedBirds AutoZone Park.



Kingston Councilmembers John Byrkit and Tony Brown, Bob Smith with AdComp Systems, and Kingston Councilmember Norman Sugarman show off their lucky hats.



Selmer Mayor David Robinson and McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland



Above: Kingston City Manager David Bolling, Jennifer Bolling, Carolyn Beets, and Mayor Troy Beets



East Ridge city officials Marc Gravitt, councilmember, and Hal North, city attorney, catch a fly ball during the Memphis Red Birds game.



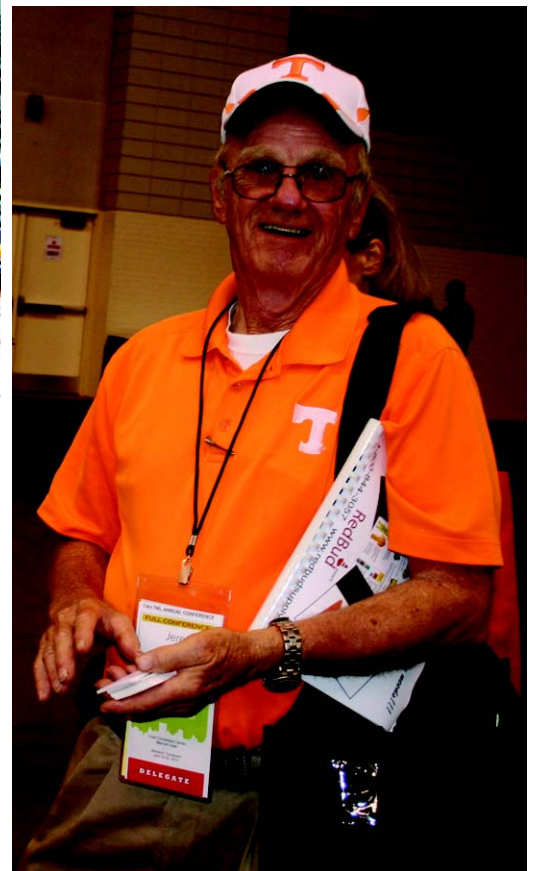
At left: Morristown Councilmember Kay Senter and Farragut Vice Mayor Dot LaMarche



Gayle Tharpe and Jackie Wilber show off their art work.



Above: Erwin City Recorder Randy Trivette, Tracy Trivette, and Mayor Doris Hensley



Covington Alderman Jere Hadley decked out in his traditional Vols attire.

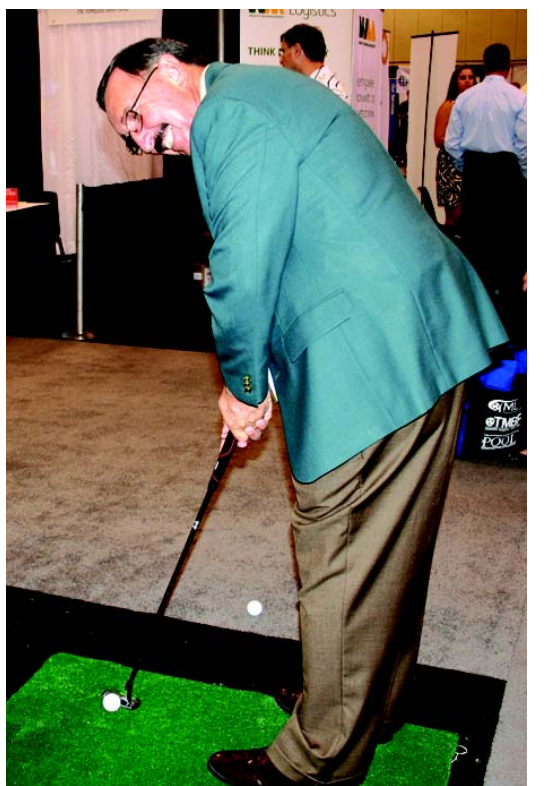


At right: A surprise visit from "Elvis" puts a smile on vendor Nancy Cagle's face, at the Southern Corrosion, Inc. booth.

At left: Warren Nevad, MTAS consultant and TREEDC director, with James Talley, Ducktown Mayor and TREEDC president



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Millington City Manager Tom Christie practices his putting in the exhibit hall.



Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald visits with vendor Carrie McDowell in the exhibit hall.



Manchester delegates sport their city shirts on opening day.



Franklin Assistant City Administrator Russ Truell, Mayor Ken Moore, Alderwoman Margaret Martin, City Recorder Lanai Benne, and Alderman Michael Skinner



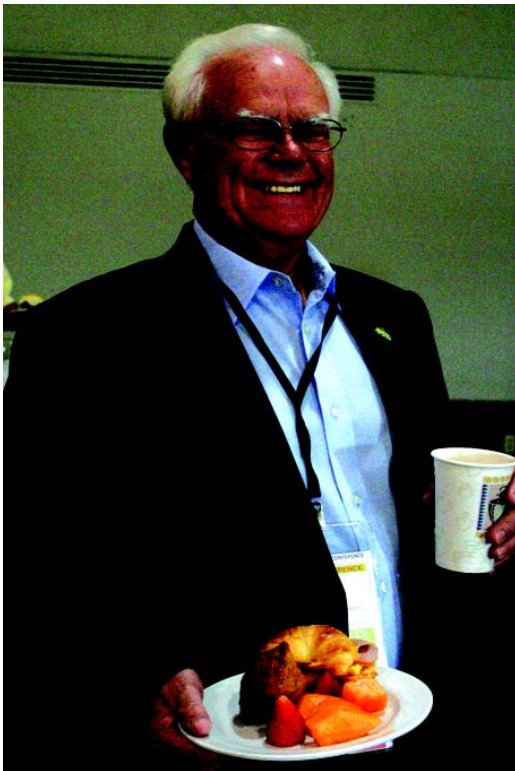
Spring Hill Alderman Jonathan Duda and Mayor Rick Graham



Teresa Wade, Threeway Alderman Danny Wade, Threeway Alderwoman Mary Ann Tremblay and Jim Tremblay



Dover Alderwoman Jane Burkhart and Mayor Lesa Fitzhugh



Sparta Alderman Hoyte Jones



Mary Lowery and Memphis Councilmember Myron Lowery



MTAS Management Consultants Ronnie Neill and Gary Jaeckel with MTAS Assistant Director Rick Whitehead



TCMA Executive Director Mike Walker, Lesa Baltz, and Tullahoma City Administrator Jody Baltz



Trenton Alderman George Wade, Mayor Tony Burris, and Alderman Jim Overall.

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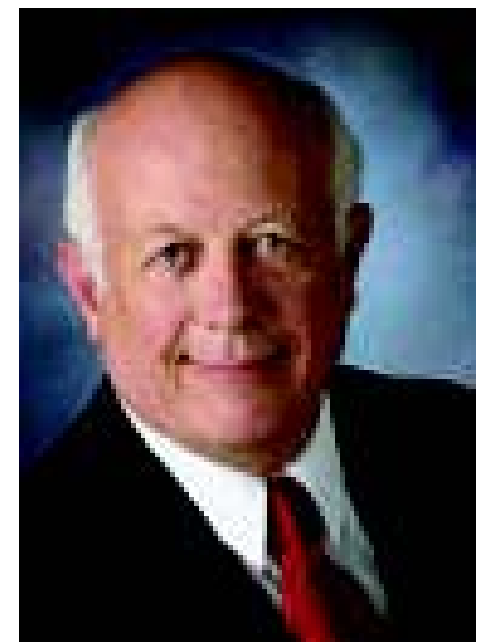
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Councilmember
Cleveland



Curtis Hayes
Mayor
Livingston



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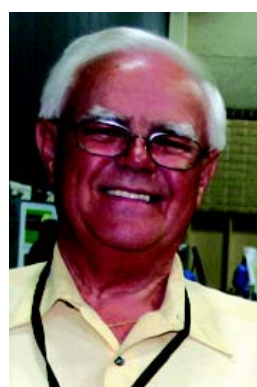
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Chris McCart
Asst. to the City Manager
Kingsport



District 2
Dot LaMarche
Vice Mayor
Farragut



District 3
Bo Perkinson
Councilmember
Athens



District 4
Hoyte Jones
Alderman
Sparta



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District 6
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City Manager
Waynesboro



District 7
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Mayor
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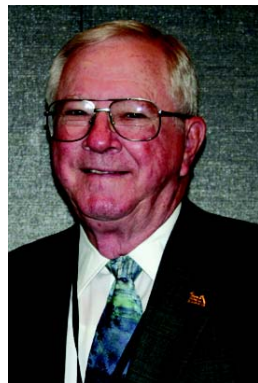


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Alderman
Ripley

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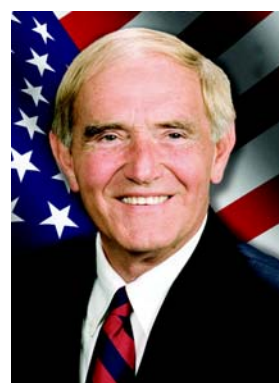
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Mayor
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Vice Mayor
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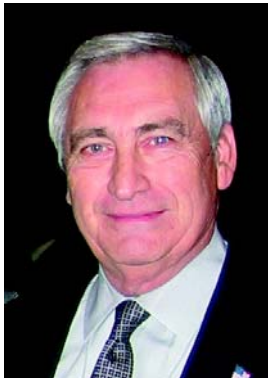
Past Presidents



Sam Tharpe
Mayor
Paris (2001)



Tom Rowland
Mayor
Cleveland (2002)



Bob Kirk
Alderman
Dyersburg (2004)



Tommy Bragg
Mayor
Murfreesboro (2006)



Tom Beehan
Mayor
Oak Ridge (2008)



Dale Kelley
Mayor
Huntingdon (2010)



Kay Senter
Councilmember
Morristown (2011)



Ken Wilber
Mayor
Portland (2012)

Metropolitan Mayors



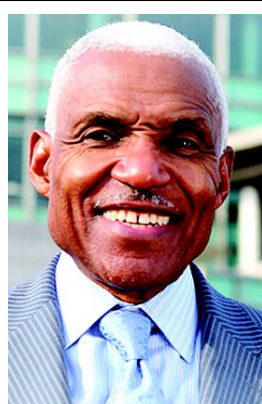
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TCMA



Bill Hammon
Assistant City Manager
Alcoa

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Tommy Green
Mayor
Alamo
TML Past President
(2007)



Charles "Bones"
Seivers
President-CEO
TMBF