

ELECTION 2016

Most incumbents prevail in August primaries

BY CAROLE GRAVES
TML Communications Director

With the exception of two state House seats, incumbent lawmakers prevailed over their challengers in the Aug. 4 primary.

Those who lost include Rep. Curry Todd in House District 95, who lost to newcomer Mark Lovell. Lovell, a small business owner, won the primary with 56 percent of the votes to Todd's 18.8 percent. Todd has held that seat for 18 years.

Also unseated was Rep. Jeremy Durham in House District 65, who has been at the center of a sexual harassment scandal. Sam Whitson, a retired Army colonel, won the primary with 79.5 percent of the votes.

Other closely watched House races include House District 61, where incumbent Rep. Charles Sargents was challenged by Steve Gawrys for the second time—in 2014 and again this year. Sargent, a 20-year veteran lawmaker and chairman of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee, easily won the primary with 65.5 percent of the votes.

In House District 18, Rep. Martin Daniel was challenged by former Rep. Steve Hall, who was fighting to take back his old seat. Daniel prevailed with 39 percent of the vote.

In the Senate, Education Chairman Dolores Gresham narrowly held on to her seat against Savannah Mayor Bob Shutt. Gresham won with 52.8 percent to Shutt's 47.2 percent.

Sen. Steve Dickerson defeated fellow physician Ron McDow in a hard-fought primary in Senate District 20, while Sen. Doug Overbey defeated challenger Scott Williams 61 percent to 39 percent in Senate District 2.

Rep. Jon Lundberg handily won Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey's open seat in Senate District 4 in a four-person primary race. Lundberg received 55 percent of the vote.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Sara Kyle deflected a challenge by former Sen. Beverly Marrero in District 30.

The most closely watched

Congressional races were in House Districts 4, 6, and 8.

In the 4th District, U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais defeated political newcomer Grant Starrett 52 percent to 43 percent in the GOP primary. In the 6th District primary, U.S. Rep. Diane Black trounced challenger Joe Carr, with 64 percent of the votes.

In the 8th District, 13 candidates vied for the open seat left vacant by retiring U.S. Rep. Stephen Fincher. In the end, former U.S. attorney David Kustoff won with 27.5 percent of the votes.

(The following election results only list those primaries with opponents.)

US House District 1 (GOP)

Roe, Phil (i) 34,2772

Tribble, Clint 7,310

U.S. House District 3 (Dem)

Shekari, Melody 8,651

Friedman, Michael 5,319

U.S. House District 3 (GOP)

Fleischmann, Chuck (i) 31,940

Smith, Geoffrey 3,069

U.S. House District 4 (GOP)

DesJarlais, Scott (i) 24,207

Starrett, Grant 20,131

U.S. House District 5 (GOP)

Snyder, Stacy 7,647

Smith, John 4,285

U.S. House District 6 (DEM)

Kent, David 7,548

Matheson, Flo 3,712

U.S. House District 6 (GOP)

Black, Diane (i) 33,210

Carr, Joe 16,662

U.S. House District 8 (DEM)

Hobson, Rickey 7,773

Frye, Gregory 6,412

U.S. House District 8 (GOP)

Kustoff, David 16,886

Flinn, George 14,197

Luttrell, Mark 10,878

Kelsey, Brian 7,941

U.S. House District 9 (DEM)

Cohen, Steve (i) 35,628

Ford, Justin 4,164

Senate District 2 (GOP)

Overbey, Doug (i) 7,349

Williams, Scott 4,719

Senate District 4 (GOP)

Lundberg, Jon 7,018

Shipley, Tony 2,684

Senate District 10 (DEM)

Wilkinson, Khristy 2,662

Wilkinson, Nick 2,111

Senate District 14 (GOP)

Tracy, Jim (I) 10,816

Lane, Steve 1,681

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Sixth Circuit Court reverses FCC action on Municipal Broadband

Municipal Electrics dealt another blow

BY CAROLE GRAVES

Municipal electric companies interested in providing broadband service to underserved areas outside their regular service areas were handed yet another setback. A federal appeals court on Aug. 10 struck down the Federal Communications Commission's 2015 order that would have allowed public utilities to expand their high-speed broadband services beyond their utility footprints.

The FCC ruled in February 2015 to overturn state laws in Tennessee and North Carolina, stating that such state restrictions presented barriers to broadband deployment, investment, economic development, and competition.

The 2015 order was welcomed news to the municipal systems and their neighboring communities that still do not have access to broadband. However, it was only short-lived. Soon after the FCC issued its ruling, Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery announced his plans to sue the Federal Communications Commission for pre-empting a 1999 state law that mandates that municipal electric systems can provide their broadband services only within their electrical service footprint.

In a petition to the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Slatery

said the regulatory agency has "unlawfully inserted itself" between the state and its municipalities, and that the suit was about states' rights and not about broadband access.

Most speculated that litigation could take months, if not years, to resolve. And in the meantime, the large telecom providers would continue to block broadband expansion from city-owned providers on both the federal and state levels.

State Sen. Janice Bowling of Tullahoma and Rep. Kevin Brooks of Cleveland sponsored legislation during the 2016 legislative session that would revise the existing legislation to remove territory restrictions. But due to lack of support in the Tennessee General Assembly, the bill sponsors pulled their legislation. Both lawmakers have said they will file legislation again in the 2017 session.

Bowling represents the city of Tullahoma, which provides broadband services through its municipal electric service. The Tullahoma Utilities Board (TUB) began offering gigabit service in 2013 through its municipal network, LightTUBE. According to its website, the TUB offers residential gig services for \$90 per month and has continued to increase all other Internet speeds at no additional cost since its 2009. See FCC on Page 4

Gallatin Police help prepare students for new school year

BY KATE COIL
TML Communications Specialist

As children prepared to head back to school, members of the Gallatin Police Department were on hand to make sure their local students had everything they needed to make the year successful.

Officer Janelle Wilson with the Gallatin Police Department said the police force works throughout the year to collect supplies.

"We do fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money and to collect school supplies," Wilson said. "We hold a golf tournament every year that helps raise funds to purchase book bags and supplies. We also collect supplies all year long. We've been doing it for several years now."

The donations are usually given out each year to mark the National Night Out Against Crime held in early August, before the school year starts.

This year, the department collected 200 backpacks and was able to give them all away. Wilson said that it is more than were collected last year. Additionally, the local probation department collects and packs school supplies for students in need.

The department partners with the West Eastland Church of Christ and the Ramsey Closet to host the event. Wilson said officers cook hot dogs and provide chips and drinks for students and their families as part of the event.

"We partner with a local church that we do a lot of outreach work with," she said. "The church has a lot of people donating clothing to it during the year. They give away clothes at this event for free so the kids can have something new to wear to school."

Wilson said the giveaway helps bring the department and the com-



Gallatin Police Department Chief Don Bandy, left, gives donated school supplies to children at the West Eastland Church of Christ in Gallatin. The department collected and distributed 200 backpacks to local students.

munity closer together.

"A lot of people can't afford these things," she said. "We want to be there for the kids. They need to see

us as good people, and that we are there for good reasons. It shows them that the community supports them as they are heading back to school."

AltShop concept spurs rural development



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Based on a microeconomic concept designed to bring new business into Memphis neighborhoods, the AltShop program is helping small businesses find their footing in rural communities. Bolivar and Somerville are participating in the pilot program, and five businesses have opened in the two communities. The program helps small business owners learn the skills they need to be successful.

BY KATE COIL

A small business pilot program that has proven successful in Memphis is now helping rural Tennessee communities find new ways to encourage economic development.

Small businesses are often the backbone of a community and are major players in keeping commercial areas successful and vibrant. The AltShop Program is a type of economic development known as microenterprises—small businesses with less than six employees and often a sole proprietor.

Usually beginning with a small amount of investment capital and a small number of employees, microenterprises have taken off during the Digital Age as the Internet allows entrepreneurs to ship goods internationally. Other examples include food trucks, which have helped many successful chefs launch their own restaurants. The goal of the AltShop Program is to help microenterprises make the shift to brick-and-mortar locations.

Cynthia Norwood, managing director of Communities Unlimited's Memphis office, said the Alt-

Shop concept began with the city of Memphis and eventually came under the jurisdiction of Communities Unlimited, a nonprofit organization that works with small businesses.

"We started piloting the urban model in Memphis in 2012 and called it MemShop," Norwood said. "We started in inner-city neighborhoods—which are usually low-wealth areas—and did this six-month incubator model. Our partner and funder was the city of Memphis who had received funds from a Bloomberg grant to develop innovative strategies."

After seeing the success of the AltShop program in an urban setting, officials with the Tennessee chapter of the USDA Rural Development office contacted Communities Unlimited to see if the business model in Memphis could be adapted for use in more rural communities.

The Communities Unlimited AltShop program received a \$100,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development as part of the inaugural LiftTN: Microenterprise program, a pilot program to expand microenterprise development across

the state. The program—funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)—is aimed at helping businesses that have five or fewer employees expand.

"We are still in the process of retooling the urban model," Norwood said. "We took the model we were using for the inner-city urban neighborhoods. In the urban model, we identified particular neighborhoods while in the rural setting we identified two communities to start this program together. You have to develop a partnership with that community or town."

Norwood said Communities Unlimited had already done some work with rural communities before beginning the AltShop programs in Bolivar and Somerville.

"We provide a lot of different services to businesses," Norwood said. "We have an arm of our organization that partners with rural towns and communities to help them create an entrepreneurial ecosystem. The AltShop program is one of the tools we use for that community sustainability model." See ALT on Page 3

NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



BRISTOL

Teleperformance will expand in Bristol, creating approximately 500 new jobs at its operation centers there during the next five years. Teleperformance is a worldwide leader in customer experience management, and its Bristol operation provides inbound and outbound customer service for clients. The company's new capital investment will go toward additional equipment to accommodate the new hires. Teleperformance serves customers globally at its Bristol call center, located at 2536 W. State Street.

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga's iconic Walnut Street Bridge will be getting a \$2.7 million makeover with new wooden decking, repairs to its columns and sandblasted, repainted steel. The improvements are part of \$80 million in capital improvements approved by the city council to improve the pedestrian thoroughfare over the next three years. Other projects include a Real Time Intelligence Center for the police department and a new Youth & Family Development Center for the Avondale community. Built in 1890 and closed in 1978 because of safety concerns, the Walnut Street Bridge reopened as a pedestrian thoroughfare in 1993 after the community rallied for the structure's restoration instead of its demolition.

CHATTANOOGA

Volkswagen's Chattanooga plant is looking to hire between 900 and 1,200 more employees as it prepares to start production on a new sport utility vehicle. Contract staffing company Aerotek, which is overseeing the hiring of new production employees for the plant, is holding three job fairs to help hire new employees for both VW and Gestamp, a company that provides auto parts to Volkswagen. VW is spending \$900 million, including \$600 million in Tennessee, to expand its Chattanooga factory. The German automaker also said it planned to eventually add 2,000 more employees to its workforce, including at least 200 at its new national engineering and planning center.

COLUMBIA

The Columbia City Council approved a special zoning overlay on second and final reading of an ordinance establishing the City of Columbia Arts District. The special zoning overlay creates the legal framework for a "live-work" district adjacent to the historic commercial downtown district in Columbia. The City of Columbia Arts District (CAD) provides an additional property right for owners and tenants for properties within the special zoning overlay limited for use of artists/artisans and the establishment of artistic and creative enterprises, workshops, and retail and living spaces regardless of existing zoning classifications. Allowing mixed-used zoning for arts enterprises, property owners and tenants in the new CAD will enjoy more flexibility within the district. The new Arts District and Downtown Columbia are the only two areas within the Columbia city limits at present to permit mixed land use alternatives for neighborhood residents and business owners. The project to establish an arts and cultural district in Columbia began with the creation of the Columbia Arts Council in 2014.

COOPERTOWN

Lowe's has announced it will locate a new direct fulfillment center in Coopertown, investing approximately \$100 million and creating 600 jobs in the area. The home improvement

company expects the new facility to cover some 1.1 million square feet – the equivalent of 22 football fields under one roof. Plans call for the facility to be operational by the third quarter of 2018, initially employing approximately 400 people and growing to 600 employees by 2022. One of the most technology driven and sophisticated operations the company has built, the center will ship parcel packages directly to Lowe's customers and stores nationwide. Lowe's is the second largest home improvement company in the world.

DUNLAP

Precision Military Aerodynamics will invest \$1.8 million and create 100 new, full-time jobs at its Dunlap facility. In addition to the expansion, the state announced Dunlap has been awarded a \$200,350 Appalachian Regional Commission grant to construct an access road and upgrade the water pumping station in the Dunlap Industrial Park for Precision Military Aerodynamics' facility and a \$500,000 Local Park and Recreation Grant. The company, which manufactures parachutes for sporting and military use around the world, was founded by President and CEO George Galloway in 1975. The company supplies parachutes for sporting use as well as for units of elite military special forces. Precision Military Aerodynamics recently moved into its new 200,000 square-foot facility in Dunlap to expand into new lines of production.

ERWIN

Erwin Utilities' Wastewater Treatment Plant received an Operational Excellence Award from the Water Environment Association, Kentucky/Tennessee Section at the annual Water Professionals Conference held in Knoxville. This award is given to utilities or municipalities whose wastewater treatment plant has one or less permit excursion during a calendar year. Erwin Utilities is nearing completion of approximately \$2.7 million in improvements at the wastewater treatment plant and within the wastewater collection system. Improvements at the wastewater treatment plant include new headworks, new influent pumps and variable frequency drives, new sludge pumps, new piping and flow regime changes to the rotating biological contactors (RBC's), new clarifier effluent launder covers, and improvements to the disinfection system. Work within the collection system has consisted of lining aging clay sewer pipes with new cured-in-place pipe and rehabilitating brick manholes. The collection system work has effectively reduced groundwater infiltration and stormwater inflow into the sanitary sewer, and all of the recent upgrades have improved the efficiency and performance of the wastewater treatment plant.

FRANKLIN

Schneider Electric USA, Inc., will locate a major Southeast regional office to Franklin to serve its national customers. The company will consolidate its existing Middle Tennessee operations in Davidson and Rutherford counties to Williamson County. The consolidation will relocate approximately 900 current employees and create 250 new jobs. Schneider Electric is a global company that specializes in energy management and automation by developing connected technologies and solutions to manage energy and process in ways that are safe, reliable, efficient and sustainable. Schneider Electric's regional office will be located at Two Franklin Park in a newly constructed 150,000 square foot space, which is slated to be complete by the fourth quarter of 2017. The workforce will be comprised of engineering, sales, R&D and corporate functions for several national and global business units.

FRANKLIN

Officials with the city of Franklin have completed a draft update to their long-range land use plan for the city. Titled "Envision Franklin," the plan articulates the long-term vision of the kind of places that Franklin's residents, businesses, and institutions want for their future. The drafting of "Envision Franklin" began with a series of community workshops in May of 2015. "Envision Franklin" provides policies that direct future development in a way that strengthens the city and creates

exceptional places for people while preserving the past and planning for the future. "Envision Franklin" sets forth a framework that provides guidance to the city in making land use decisions, managing the quality of development, determining the timing and location of future growth, and directing investment and development activity.

JACKSON

The TBDN Tennessee Company will invest an estimated \$18.8 million during the next several years to expand operations at its Jackson facility. The automotive supplier will create approximately 35 new jobs in Jackson. TBDN manufactures four product segments: air filters, air filter housings, oil filters and fuel filter systems. Each segment undergoes rigorous design, engineering, manufacturing, assembly and testing. With this expansion, TBDN will be able to produce new product lines and create new processes. TBDN Tennessee Company is a joint venture between Toyota Boshoku Corporation and DENSO International America, Inc. to produce air filter elements, cabin air filters, air induction systems, oil filters, and fuel system filters and components for the automotive industry. Its customers include major automobile manufacturers and aftermarket distributors worldwide. The company was founded in 1989 and currently employs 477 people.

LENOIR CITY

Work has begun in Lenoir City to construct an all-access playground on Broadway Street downtown. Construction of the new playground will take two to three weeks, depending on weather, before playground equipment is delivered. Officials estimate it will take 90 days to install the equipment. The playground will allow children with disabilities and those without to play side-by-side. The playground will include various components to make it accessible to children of all ability levels. Officials have about \$150,000 budgeted for site preparation, parking lot and restrooms with the cost and installation of the playground will be about \$240,000. The city selected Landscape Structures, which is the same playground equipment company used at Lakeshore Park in Knoxville.

MANCHESTER

Manchester's Parks and Recreation Department received a \$41,000 tourism grant that will go toward planned soccer field enhancements. The grant came from the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The \$41,000 in funding will be matched by the Manchester Tourism and Community Development Commission to total \$58,000 and will be used for additional electrical infrastructure and facility enhancements at the planned soccer complex. Installing the lights at the soccer complex will not only allow for longer play and more tournaments but will provide a need for out-of-town guests to have dinner after play, sleep over, and have breakfast in Manchester the next morning.

NASHVILLE

The Nashville International Airport has announced a \$1.2 billion renovation project over the next five to seven years. The project will result in new parking, more security lines, larger baggage claim and ticketing areas, an expanded concourse space and a hotel. The renovations are the result of a record-breaking number of passengers coming through the city with 12.2 million people utilizing the airport during the 2015-16 fiscal year ending June 30. All of the projects are being funded through the airport's existing revenue streams, including bond sales, aviation grants, parking and concessions revenue and rental fees.

SPRING HILL

The results of the city of Spring Hill's latest special census have been certified by the state, verifying that the city gained 4,477 residents within the past two years when the city's last special census was conducted. The 2016 Spring Hill Special Census was conducted between Oct. 1, 2015, and March 1, 2016, collecting residents' names and addresses. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development certification of the census officially places the city's population at 36,530 residents, up from 32,053 in 2014. The city was aided in conducting the special census by firm Dempsey, Dilling and Associates at a cost of \$128,000.

Murfreesboro Police Dept. earns re-accreditation status



The Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) Program recently announced that it has granted re-accreditation status to the Murfreesboro Police Department. MPD is one of 18 Tennessee law enforcement agencies having achieved re-accreditation. Chief Jeff Hughes of the Brentwood Police Department presented the award on behalf of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) to Mayor Shane McFarland, Police Chief Karl Durr, Assistant Chief Eric Cook, and Accreditation Manager Sergeant Kyle Evan. To achieve accreditation with TLEA, an agency voluntarily submits to a process of enhancing the agency's professionalism and effectiveness utilizing more than 160 law enforcement standards and participating in a thorough on-site assessment. The MPD received its first award of accreditation in July 2013.

Bristol Tennessee Police Department re-accredited

The Bristol Tennessee Police Department accepted its seventh accreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) on July 30, in Baltimore, MD. Prior to receiving this award, the police department underwent a comprehensive inspection from CALEA assessors in March 2016. The department then had a hearing before the Commission at the conference in Baltimore regarding the inspection. The Commission commented that the department had a very positive inspection, and overall the department was performing excellently. The Commission specifically noted exceptional performance with the department's use of force policies, pursuit policies, and community policing. The Commission also noted that the management of the department has consistently raised the level of compliance of the accreditation process through the department's seventh accreditation award. Lt. Keith Feathers, accreditation manager, led the re-accreditation process and was responsible for proving the department's compliance with the standards. The police department was in compliance with all mandatory standards and 94 percent of the Other-Than-Mandatory-Compliance standards.



Summer road paving projects in Spring Hill get underway



Spring Hill's paving contractor has begun milling and repaving the first of nearly a dozen streets included in this fiscal year's paving budget. The work will continue into the fall and is expected to wrap up in the spring. Paving projects on the list, include: Buckner Road from Brixworth Drive to Main Street (U.S. 31), Buckner Lane from Duplex Road to near Twin Lakes Drive, Spring Hill Place, Depot Street from north of Chester Avenue to slightly beyond Belle Drive, Lancaster Drive from Depot Street to Old Military Road, Spring Hill Circle, New Port Royal Road from near Walden Creek Trace past the traffic light at Reserve Boulevard. Paving projects funded under the fiscal year 2015-16 include: Alexander Boulevard, Chester Avenue, Old Military Road and Maury Hill Street.

Regal Entertainment relocates Knoxville corporate headquarters



Regal Entertainment Group will be moving its corporate headquarters and at least 345 employees to an anchor location on the South Waterfront, at the former Baptist Hospital site next to the Gay Street Bridge in Knoxville. The city held a ceremony, handing over the keys to the building to its new owners. From left: Robbie Pope, Regal attorney; Todd Boruff, Regal senior vice president; Greg Dunn, Regal president; Amy Miles, Regal CEO; Mayor Madeline Rogero; Vic Mills and Mark Senn, Riverwalk Investors and Grand Oak Riverwalk, LLC (developer for Riverwalk at the Bridges); Deputy to the Mayor Christi Branscom; and John Craig, Industrial Development Board.

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Huntingdon city offices find new home in historical property

BY KATE COIL

TML Communications Specialist

Officials in Huntingdon have moved into new offices, but the location of city hall is very familiar.

The town offices are now located at the Dilday-Carter Funeral Home property, a historic residence and business that dates back to the early 1900s. The town purchased the property in November 2009 with the intention of relocating city hall, the Huntingdon Historical Museum, and office space for the Huntingdon Alumni and Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame.

The move has brought the mayor's office, finance and administration, the city recorder's office, codes enforcement/public works director and the town council meeting room to the new location while allowing the police department to expand in the city hall's former location.

"We love being at our new location and it gave us some much needed space," said City Recorder Martha Taylor. "At our old location we were in the same building with the police and fire departments, who were also in need of additional space. When we moved, the police expanded into our former office."

Mayor Dale Kelley said the city offices have completely moved in to the new location, but work is continuing with the sports hall of fame and historical museum.

"The building has multiple benefits to us," he said. "It sits on the top

of a hill and overlooks downtown Huntingdon. It couldn't be in a more beautiful or picturesque location. Our employees are excited about coming to work every day."

Kelley said the location of town hall to the property is also a boon for downtown.

"We had a real need for this move," he said. "Plus, we are extremely happy to retain the historical significance of the building. It has added dramatically to our downtown renovations, and the attractiveness of our downtown area. We just renovated downtown with new sidewalks and all of our downtown storefronts have thriving businesses. Downtown Huntingdon has become a very vibrant part of Carroll County."

"The structure is such a historical landmark in our community," Taylor said. "The building has lots of character and history, and we tried to preserve as much of the old as possible."

It was originally two homes built by a brother and sister. Anne Eliza Priest Williams built the home on the east end after the death of her husband, while her brother, Haywood Priest, built the structure on the west end. The homes were then purchased by Robert Dilday, one in 1946 and the second in 1962, and then converted into the Dilday Funeral Home.

Dilday later sold the funeral home to Danny Carter and Roy Bozeman, who continued to operate it as the Dilday-Carter Funeral Home until 2004. The current owners



Huntingdon's new town hall was originally two residences dating from the early 1900s. The homes were converted into a funeral home before being sold to the town in 2009. In addition to the town offices, the structure will be the home of the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame and a local history museum.

constructed a new facility in 2008, leaving behind the historic home.

After purchasing the building, the town of Huntingdon began work to replace all windows, doors and heat/air units to energy efficient units. Parts of the building, such as the drive-in window, were renovated to accommodate city needs, and further renovations included the instal-

lation of a lift for ADA compliance, roof replacement, reconstruction of porches, interior and exterior painting, new flooring throughout the building, driveway upgrades and landscaping.

The town was able to finance the project through a donation from the Wright Charitable Trust toward the purchase and renovation of the

building, the Energy Efficiency Grant for the installation of energy efficient windows and doors and heat/air units, a U.S. Rural Development grant funding ADA roofing and painting upgrades. Town personnel also contributed their own skills and equipment to the renovation project, helping the town save an estimated \$100,000 on labor and equipment.

AltShop concept spurs local development in rural towns

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As the program began, Norwood said officials with Communities Unlimited visited with city leaders in both Bolivar and Somerville to inform them about how the program worked and to get some financial backing for the project. Norwood said the organization asked for an investment of 20 percent of the project's overall budget from both cities to show that city leaders were on board with the project and fully invested in seeing it succeed.

City leaders also helped serve as connections to the local community, helping Communities Unlimited officials meet with local economic development officials and introduce them to property owners who can help provide space for the future AltShops. Since it is a pilot program, Norwood said the goal for Communities Unlimited was to locate the businesses within the city limits of each city and have them close together so the new business owners can provide support to each other.

Norwood said the AltShop program will last about 18 months in rural communities because the communities must be identified, funding for the project needs to be raised, the businesses for the program must be selected, and then the business must be opened and run for at least six months in its location.

Shelia Dellinger, Bolivar city administrator, said Communities Unlimited helped Bolivar secure a \$100,000 grant to help finance the project, and the city came up with the 10 percent match.

"This was unbelievable to us. Bolivar has many empty buildings in our new revitalized downtown area," Dellinger said. "Like every other town, small town businesses are struggling to keep their doors open. Ms. Norwood was able to provide many services to get this up and going. The Bolivar City Council voted unanimously to accept the grant and pay the matching 10 percent."

Blake Walley, the city planner and community developer for the town of Somerville, said Communities Unlimited approached town leaders with the AltShop concept. Local officials decided the idea would be a great way to try and spur some local development.

"The town of Somerville has worked with our AltShop representatives through the application process to pick three candidates to open the business of their dreams," Walley said. "We picked the three businesses who stood out within the pool of applicants, and offered them the opportunity to begin the first steps toward opening. Through this process, one of the applicants dropped out. Currently, we have rolled out two of the businesses. They are up and running. We are continuing to search for a third applicant."

Businesses wanting to participate go through a two phase application process, which includes presenting their business idea to



Through MEMShop, Makeda's Homemade Butter Cookies opened a second location in 2015. After their six-month MEMShop launch, Maurice and Pamela Hill, store owners pictured above, signed a five-year lease on their MEMShop location.

community leaders like local economic development officials, existing business owners, and elected officials. Norwood said the panel of community leaders then ranks the businesses based on how successful they think these businesses will be and their interest in the business.

Norwood said business owners selected in Bolivar and Somerville had a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences ranging from an

owner who turned a food truck into an AltShop restaurant, a 20-year-old who relayed her online following into a clothing boutique, a brand new startup, and an owner whose previous business model fell through and was looking for a restart.

The top two or three businesses are then selected to participate in the AltShop program. Norwood said the program opens multiple businesses at the same time so the businesses

can support and synergize each other. Having the businesses close together also helps general interest. Grant money pays for the grand opening ceremonies and local advertising.

Three new businesses have now opened in Bolivar through the project, Dellinger said.

"Their grand openings were late this summer, and all three are doing very well," she said. "Our goals are to help encourage more small businesses to come to Bolivar, which will in-turn add more revenue to the city of Bolivar. We hope this will encourage tourists to visit the unique small town shops. The city of Bolivar wants to invest in our local citizens and let them know, without them Bolivar can't survive. It takes everyone working together and helping each other to make every town successful."

Walley said the AltShop concept allows city officials and the local community to really show they are invested in local business.

"The town of Somerville's goals for the program are to give each applicant the opportunity to grow and be successful in their business venture," he said. "Opening a business in any town, but especially a small town, is a hard thing. Our hopes are that if each business is successful, then other citizens will see this success and want to buy into the community as well."

During the six months the AltShops operate, Norwood said her organization helps with everything from site selection to tax preparation and bookkeeping.

"We help identify the property locations and options as well as match what the business needs to a viable storefront," she said. "We

provide one-on-one managerial assistance, which means we drive into town at least once a month to sit down with the business owners and see what their needs are and what type of business training or assistance we can provide. Some require more assistance than others. A lot of micro-business owners are first-generation business owners."

The investment in these businesses is already beginning to reap rewards. Norwood said at least three of the five businesses have already hired one or two new employees even though they have only been open less than six months. While Communities Unlimited works with business owners for six months, many of those that were launched in Memphis are still up and running nearly four years later.

Walley said Somerville is already seeing the positive impact of the AltShop concept. "When 'pop-up shops' begin to establish themselves in communities, it shows the citizens of that community that their town is vibrant and alive," he said. "This is especially true in small towns. Here in Somerville, we have a hidden gem, and that is our Courthouse Square. Rural courthouse squares were once vibrant and 'the place to be,' but once the average American became mobile and could easily drive to larger towns with more to offer, these rural squares slowly diminished. We are seeing a slow movement back to the small court squares. It is the new cool thing to do. Being a part of a revitalized community is something special. The more pop-up shops that continue to show up in rural communities, the quicker these communities will be brought back to life."

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Sixth Circuit Appeals Court reverses FCC action on Municipal Broadband

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deployment.

Brooks represents portions of Bradley County where Internet service with modern connection speeds is not available in much of the county. Some parts have no Internet service at all.

Chattanooga's Electric Power Board (EPB) has been asked to extend its service to the area, as well as to other surrounding counties and municipalities in the area. In 2010, EPB became the first entity in the United States to offer one-gigabit-per-second Internet speed for its entire service area. For about \$70 a month, businesses and residents in Chattanooga can enjoy some of the fastest Internet available anywhere in the country.

The recent Circuit Court ruling means that EPB won't be able to expand beyond the legal boundaries that define its electric service area unless allowed by Tennessee's legislature.

A recent study by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, reported that 13 percent of Tennesseans, or 834,545 people, do not have access to broadband at the federal standard of 25 megabytes per second of download speed and 3 megabytes per second of upload speed.

The vast majority of those without access, the study found, are located in rural regions of the state: while 98 percent of urban residents in Tennessee have access to qualifying service, only 66 percent of those in rural areas do.

Businesses participating in the study reported broadband enabled 43 percent of all net new jobs and 66 percent of revenues. In addition, 34 percent of businesses classified broadband as essential to selecting their location, and 56 percent noted that it was essential to remain in their location. Sixteen percent of economic development agencies reported that businesses frequently chose not to locate in an area due to insufficient broadband.

According to the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, seven of Tennessee's municipal utilities have successfully deployed community-wide fiber optic networks. And even though local leaders in other communities are inviting them to expand service to their citizens, state

law prohibits them from expanding beyond their current service area.

Harold DePriest, president and CEO of EPB and chair of the Tennessee Fiber Optic Communities, pointed to the value of giving local elected leaders the freedom and responsibility to make infrastructure decisions for the betterment of the communities they serve.

"State officials would never tell city or county leaders that they couldn't build roads for local residents and businesses," DePriest said. "In the 21st Century, broadband infrastructure is just as critical as good roadways to the economic development and quality of life of a community. Allowing investor-driven entities headquartered in other states to pick which Tennessee communities win and which lose when it comes to this critical infrastructure undermines the fundamental principle of local control."

Roughly 20 states, including Tennessee, have passed laws restricting municipal broadband projects and prohibit provision of service to neighboring communities and surrounding residents.

"While we continue to review the decision, it appears to halt the promise of jobs, investment and opportunity that community broadband has provided in Tennessee and North Carolina," said FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler following the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision. "In the end, I believe the Commission's decision to champion municipal efforts highlighted the benefits of competition and the need of communities to take their broadband futures in their own hands."

"In the past 18 months, over 50 communities have taken steps to build their own bridges across the digital divide," Wheeler said. "The efforts of communities wanting better broadband should not be thwarted by the political power of those who, by protecting their monopoly, have failed to deliver acceptable service at an acceptable price."

"The FCC's mandate is to make sure that Americans have access to the best possible broadband. We will consider all our legal and policy options to remove barriers to broadband deployment wherever they exist so that all Americans can have access to 21st Century communications," said Wheeler.

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TML Risk Pool Board to Meet Sept 9

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the TML Risk Management Pool will meet in regular session on Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, at 10 a.m. local time at The Pool's office in Brentwood, Tenn., for the purpose of considering and transacting all business which may properly come before the Board. Additional information concerning the meeting may be obtained by calling The Pool's office at 800-624-9698.



PEOPLE



Scott Collins has been selected as the new city manager of Fairview. Collins will be coming to Fairview from Northport, Ala., where he previously served as city administrator. He served the city as a police officer for eight years, chief investigator with a district attorney's office for six years, and served on the city council for one term before being hired as a city administrator. Collins is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in corporate finance. He began his tenure with Fairview on Aug. 1.



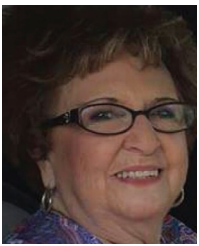
Scott Collins

Will Cromer, policy director and special assistant for strategy for Gov. Bill Haslam's office, has been selected as the new deputy director and chief of staff of the TennCare Bureau where he will serve under its new director, Dr. Wendy Long. Cromer has served in the governor's administration since 2011. While working as policy director for the governor, Cromer spearheaded the strategic initiatives, developed legislation and assisted with developing Tennessee's annual spending plan. He began working for Haslam during the 2010 gubernatorial campaign.



Will Cromer

Virginia Davidson, longtime mayor of Kenton, has died at the age of 77 after being hospitalized following complications from a surgery. Davidson began working for the city in 1969 as the city clerk and then as city recorder. She served as mayor first from 1999 to 2006, and then was elected mayor of the city again in 2010. A Kenton native, she attended the Cook County Business School in Chicago before returning to her hometown. Davidson is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bruce; her daughter Penny Petty (Billy) and son Jimmy Davidson (Nena); four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Kenton Vice Mayor Danny Jowers will serve as interim mayor for the time being.



Virginia Davidson

Lanny Goodwin, director of parks and recreation for the city of Murfreesboro, retired on Aug. 11. Goodwin has spent more than four decades of his life in the parks and recreation field, taking his first job in 1975. He joined Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department in 1988. In 2015, Goodwin received the President's Cup in recognition for contributions made to both the State and the National Association for Recreation and Parks. That same year, the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department received a total of 27 awards during the TRPA Conference. Goodwin is a graduate of MTSU and holds a bachelor's degree in health, recreation, physical education, and safety. He also completed graduate work at MTSU in recreation management and administration, physical education, and health.



Lanny Goodwin

Emily Hunter has been selected as the director of planning and sustainability for the city of Franklin, replacing Bob Martin who retired in 2006 and served as interim director during the selection process. Hunter will be taking on a key role in the city as it continues to grow and see new development. Hunter has worked with the Franklin Department of Planning and Sustainability for more than nine years and was chosen from a field of 45 candidates from across the country. The Planning and Sustainability Department, comprising 16 employees including the director, works with the Franklin Municipal Planning Commission to provide information and recommendations to the Franklin Board of Mayor and



Emily Hunter

Aldermen and to other city officials related to growth and development.

Ashland City Councilman **Chris LaCrosse** has died at the age of 63. LaCrosse had resigned from his position to focus on his health weeks before his death. LaCrosse had served on the council since 2005 and was elected to his third term in December 2015. He has represented the city's Ward Three for 11 years. The council will appoint someone to serve the remainder of his term, which expires in December 2019.



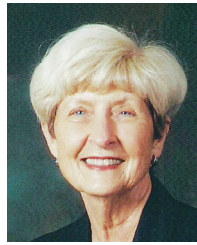
Chris LaCrosse

Chris Lilly, the information technology director for the city of Murfreesboro, has earned a special designation as a "Certified Government Chief Information Officer" (CGCIO) from the Public Technology Institute (PTI) and Rutgers University School of Public Affairs. The CGCIO designation requires the completion of a one-year course that includes 240 hours of assignments, two certificate programs in communications, a certificate in program management, and a Capstone Project. Under Lilly's leadership, the city of Murfreesboro is among a select few municipalities to receive operational authority from the FAA to conduct unmanned aircraft system (UAS) flights for applications that help make government operations more effective. Lilly became IT director for the city in April 2012 and is a 2007 graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in management and human relations.



Chris Lilly

Barbara McIntyre, the first female mayor of Columbia, died Aug. 9 at the age of 89. McIntyre was elected as the city's first female vice mayor in 1974, a position she served in until 1978. McIntyre returned to the Columbia City Council in 1990 and was elected the city's first female mayor. She served until 1994, and then was re-elected in 1998, serving two more terms as mayor. During this time, she also served on the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors, and was elected president of TML in 2003. She was also a founding member of the Leadership Maury Board of Trustees and the Leadership Maury program. Her work on the Governor's Task Force Board for 911 dispatchers set standards of training and curriculum for all Tennessee counties.



Barbara McIntyre

Joe Moon, a long-time employee with the Tullahoma parks and recreation department, has



Joe Moon

died at the age of 66. Moon began working with the city's parks and recreation department as a recreation supervisor in 1975 and was eventually promoted to director of parks and recreation for the city in 1988. He stepped down from the position in 2000 and retired officially as recreation superintendent in 2015. However, Moon kept working part time at the C.D. Stamps Community Center immediately after retiring, continuing his involvement with the parks and recreation department. Moon was a graduate of MTSU with a degree in recreation and leisure administration.

Michael Rallings has been named the director of the Memphis Police Department following a nationwide search. Rallings has been serving as the department's interim director since the departure of former director Toney Armstrong in February. Rallings joined the Memphis Police Department in 1990 as a patrolman and ascended the ranks to become deputy chief in 2009. During his 26-year-career, he has worked in the organized crime unit, felony response unit, and firearms training unit. He is also a 30-year Army Reserve veteran and has served as commander of the local police training academy.



Michael Rallings

Sarah Self has been selected as the new public affairs specialist for the city of Oak Ridge. Self joined the city in July after working as a senior producer at WATE in Knoxville since 2009. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism and electronic media from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She has a strong media background and will be working as a liaison between the city and the media.



Sarah Self

Phyllis Schaeffer, city recorder for Ashland City, officially retired from her position on July 29 after nearly 33 years of service to the municipality. Schaeffer began her work as city recorder in 2001, but has worked with the city since 1983. She will continue to serve as a judicial commissioner for Cheatham County General Sessions Court.



Phyllis Schaeffer

Penelope "Penney" Sissom will retire from her position as director of the city of Oak Ridge's Personnel Department after 52 years with the city. Sissom presently is the longest-serving Oak Ridge city employee. Sissom began her work with the city in 1964 as a personnel clerk, being promoted to human resources manager to personnel administrator to personnel director before attaining her current position. Sissom was the first female member of the Tennessee City Management Association and the first female personnel director of the state.



Penelope Sissom

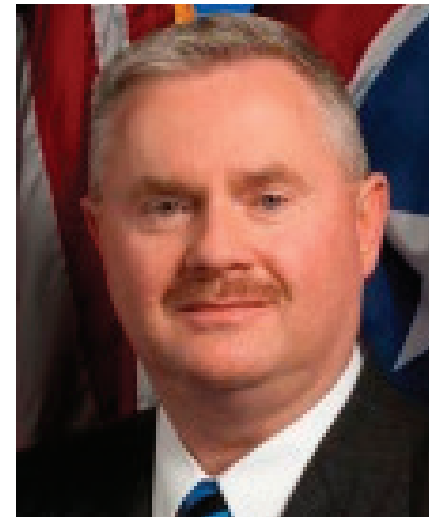
Purkey named Safety commissioner

David Purkey has been appointed commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security beginning Sept 1.

Purkey has served as the department's assistant commissioner and homeland security advisor since 2011. Under his leadership, the Office of Homeland Security has transformed into a proactive agency, overseeing school security plans, training citizens and law enforcement agencies in active shooter response, and leading the state's efforts to combat cybercrime. From 2014-16, Purkey served in a dual role as director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).

Purkey is a native of Hamblen County with more than 35 years of experience in state and local government and emergency management, including service as a 911 dispatcher, emergency management director in Morristown, state trooper in the Nashville and Fall Branch districts, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) special agent in Chattanooga, and mayor of Hamblen County for four terms.

He served in the Tennessee Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves for eight years, and he has



David Purkey

been a licensed emergency medical technician for the past 35 years. Purkey earned his bachelor's degree in public health from East Tennessee State University and master's degree in public health from the University of Tennessee.

Safety Commissioner Bill Gibbons announced in May he will leave the administration August 31 to serve as president of the Memphis Shelby County Crime Commission and director of the new Public Safety Institute at the University of Memphis.

Political trailblazer Eskind dies

Jane Eskind, a political pioneer and the first woman to win statewide elected office in Tennessee, died at the age of 83 on Aug. 4, after a long illness.

Known as a groundbreaking leader for women's rights and an advocate for the arts and education, Eskind was born in Louisville, Ky., and moved to Nashville in 1956. She won the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in 1978, and her campaign drew the support of then-President Jimmy Carter.

Despite the loss, Eskind was elected to the Tennessee Public Service Commission – now known as the Tennessee Regulatory Authority – two years later and became the first woman elected to statewide office in Tennessee. She later became the first chairwoman of the Public Service Commission, ran for governor in 1986, and for Tennessee's 5th Congressional District in 1987.

Active in Democratic Party politics, Eskind was involved in organizations including the Legal Aid Society, the League of Women Voters, The Anti-Defamation League, the International Women's Forum, Women Executives in State Government, Ten-



Jane Eskind

nessee Tomorrow, NashvilleREAD, Nashville CARES, the Nashville Institute for Arts, and the Kelly Smith Institute on African-American Church Studies. She chaired the Tennessee Commission on the Status of Women from 1978 to 1980 and was named a trustee to the Vice President's Residence Foundation and the Brandeis University Board of Trust.

She is survived by her husband of more than 62 years, Richard J. Eskind, daughter Ellen Lehman and son Billy Eskind.

CTAS information technologist Spears remembered for service

Brian E. Spears, 48, died Aug. 4. An information technologist with the County Technical Assistance Service for the past decade, he had also worked for the Center for Government Training and the Center for Industrial Services, sister agencies of CTAS within The University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service.

"Brian was well known for his infectious laugh and his kind heart," said CTAS Executive Director Robin Roberts. "Even through illness he came to work early, stayed late and always had a smile on his face. He always cared more about others than he did about himself."

He is survived by siblings, Dr. Lolita Spears and Eric Spears. Following a service at St. Andrews Presbyterian



Brian Spears

Church in Nashville, interment was held at Greenwood Cemetery. Terrell Broady Funeral Home in Nashville handled arrangements.

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STATE BRIEFS

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has been awarded a \$10 million federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant complete construction of the last 16 mile stretch of the Foothills Parkway. The state will contribute an additional \$15 million in funds toward the \$35 million total project cost, with the National Park Service contributing the remaining \$10 million. Once finished, the Foothills Parkway will provide a continuous 33 mile connection to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Foothills Parkway was constructed in sections beginning in 1960. Due to funding limitations and environmental challenges, a 16-mile stretch was never completed. Work to construct several bridges along this section began in the late 1990s. Final pavement and safety feature design work began in 2013 and is now ready for construction. The last project will include paving, and the installation of roadside barrier and other safety features. Construction on the final stretch of the Foothills Parkway is likely to begin in early 2017 and is expected to take 12-18 months to complete.

The Tennessee Arts Commission has awarded 345 Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Grants Awards totaling \$4,476,520 to help fund arts and cultural activities for arts organizations, schools, local governments, nonprofits and artists. The grants provide funds for operating support to well-established arts organizations; project support for arts projects in urban and rural counties; and a variety of arts education projects, such as professional development for teachers, arts education in communities and programming for children in grades PK-12. The Annual Grants are the first of a series of grants that will be made by the Tennessee Arts Commission. The Commission expects to award more than 1,000 grants during FY2017, totaling more than \$5.5 million. These funds have a direct impact on communities and schools across Tennessee, in both urban and rural areas.

Cities among recipients of preservation grants

Nine cities are among the recipients of 31 grants recently awarded by The Tennessee Historical Commission from the federal Historic Preservation Fund.

Funds were awarded for projects that support the preservation of historic and archaeological resources. Awarded annually, 60 percent of the project funds are from the federal Historic Preservation Fund and 40 percent of project funds come from the grantee. The Tennessee Historical Commission reviewed 55 applications, with funding requests totaling approximately \$1.2 million, nearly double the amount of funding available.

This year's selection includes building and archaeological surveys, design guidelines for historic districts, rehabilitation of historic buildings, posters highlighting the state's archaeology, and training for historic zoning staff or commissioners.

One of the Commission's grant priorities is for projects that are in Certified Local Governments, a program that allows communities to participate closely in the federal historic preservation program. Seven Certified Local Government communities were awarded grants this year. Additional priorities include those that meet the goals and objectives of the Tennessee Historical Commission's plan for historic preservation. Properties that use the restoration grants must be listed in the National Register.

The city of **Cleveland** was awarded \$19,191 to restore plaster and wood in the historic Craigmiles House, the city library, while the city of **Bolivar** and Hardeman County were jointly awarded \$28,020 to fund the restoration of the historic Hardeman County Courthouse.

The city of **Paris** received \$21,000 to fund the restoration of the historic Paris Henry County Heritage Center, and the town of **Dandridge** was given \$6,300 to fund the restoration of the Hickman Tavern and city hall. **Columbia** received \$30,000 to fund the restoration of

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has taken steps toward creating a national network of sites central to the Civil Rights movement, including sites in Memphis. The committee approved the U.S. Civil Rights Network Act of 2015, which would create a national network facilitated by the National Park Service of existing federal, state, local and privately owned sites that have been found to be significant to the civil rights movement. Three sites in Memphis—the Mason Temple, Church of God in Christ, and the Lorraine Hotel—are on the tentative list of sites that could be included in the U.S. Civil Rights Network. The legislation would allow the National Park Service to form partnerships with existing entities included within the U.S. Civil Rights Network to provide technical assistance on preservation and interpretation of the civil rights movement.

New legislation would expand the boundaries of Shiloh National Military Park to include three Civil War battlefields in Tennessee and Mississippi and designate Parker's Crossroads as an affiliated area of the National Park System. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has approved the Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act. U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander serves on the committee and was the primary author of the legislation. The Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act designates battlefields at Davis Bridge and Fallen Timbers in Tennessee, and Russell House in Tennessee and Mississippi, as part of Shiloh National Military Park. The legislation also designates Parker's Crossroads as an affiliated area of the National Park System. The National Park Service has already determined that these battlefields are nationally significant and in need of preservation and protection. The majority of the land included in this legislation is currently owned by the State of Tennessee or the Civil War Trust.

the historic Jack and Jill building to be used by the city police department while the city of **Clarksville** received \$24,600 to fund the restoration of the historic Smith-Trahern Mansion.

The city of **Portland** was granted \$15,000 to fund the restoration of the historic Moye-Green Boarding house. **Johnson City** was given funds to conduct a Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program. The city of **Franklin** received two grants: \$6,000 to update the Franklin Historic District and \$8,460 to restore grave markers in the historic Franklin City Cemetery.

Other grants included \$10,000 to East Tennessee State University to fund a geophysical survey at the Carter Mansion, \$5,320 to Traveller's Rest in Davidson County to update the National Register nomination to include archaeology, \$20,000 to the Historic Ramsey House in **Knoxville** for restoration projects, \$36,000 to the First United Presbyterian Church of **Athens** for restoration projects, \$9,078 to fund the restoration of the Obion County Courthouse, \$15,507 to the Westover Center for the Arts to restore its building in **Union City**, \$27,000 to American Legion Post No. 4 in **Livingston** to restore its building, \$12,590 to Victorian Village, Inc., in Shelby County for design guidelines, and \$9,000 to the Tennessee Division of Archaeology to fund a continuation survey of the Flint Creek Battle site in Unicoi County.

Multi-county grants were also presented to the Tennessee Preservation Trust, Middle Tennessee State University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Middle Tennessee State University Fullerton Laboratory for Spatial Technology, East Tennessee Development District, First Tennessee Development District, Greater Nashville Regional Council, Memphis Area Association of Governments, Northwest Tennessee Development District, South Central Tennessee Development District, Southeast Tennessee Development District, Southwest Tennessee Development District, and Upper Cumberland Development District.



More than \$17 M awarded to local parks, recreation projects across Tennessee

TDEC awarded \$15.8 million in Local Park and Recreation grants to 55 different communities, as well as \$1.9 million in Recreational Trails Program grants for a total of 12 parks and communities across Tennessee.

"These grants are very competitive so I applaud our local officials for their hard work on behalf of their communities," Gov. Bill Haslam said. "Our goal at the state level is to make Tennessee the very best place to live, work and raise a family, and I want to thank local officials for their partnership in making these grants happen and achieving that goal."

The Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant program was established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1991 to provide local govern-

ments with funds to purchase land for parks, natural areas, greenways and recreational facilities. The funds also may be used for development of trails and projects in parks, natural areas and greenways. All LPRF grants require a 50 percent match by the recipient.

The Recreational Trails Program is a federally-funded program established to distribute funding for diverse recreation trail projects. The funds are available to federal, state and local government agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations.

Recreational Trails Program grants may be used for non-routine maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation, trailside or trailhead

facilities such as restrooms, kiosks and parking lots, construction of new trails and land acquisition for recreational trails or corridors.

Funding for RTP grants is provided by the Federal Highway Administration through the Fixing Americans Surface Transportation Act (FAST) of 2015.

TDEC administers this grant program for the state. The maximum federal share for each project is 80 percent, with RTP grant recipients providing a 20 percent match.

Grant recipients for both programs were selected through a scoring process with careful consideration given to the projects that met the selection criteria and expressed the greatest local recreation need.

Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grants

Adamsville	380,000	Improvements to Buford Pusser Memorial Park including tennis courts, playground and restroom facility
Arlington	500,000	Forrest Street Park restroom/concession facility, expansion of walking trail
Athens	150,000	Construction of a splash pad
Atoka	500,000	Pioneer Park expansion
Bartlett	500,000	Freeman Park development
Bells	380,000	Save Bells Theater phase I
Big Sandy	112,000	Big Sandy City Park improvements
Boliva	286,000	Development of a park and nature center at Hatchie River
Bradford	84,000	Bradford Park playground renovation
Bulls Gap	100,000	Develop two parks including a walking trail, pavilions and parking
Byrdstown	250,000	Construction of Byrdstown Community Park
Camden	264,000	Camden City Park improvements
Church Hill	500,000	Development of a new River Recreation Park
Clarksburg	38,000	Improvements to Clarksburg City Park
Clarksville	488,000	Renovation of Swan Lake Aquatic Center and kids splash park
Cleveland	500,000	Tinsley Park Tennis Court renovation
Cookeville	400,000	Development of the Park View Skate Park
Crossville	500,000	Redevelop Garrison Park
Decaturville	100,000	Development of a city park
Dunlap	500,000	Development of Harris Park including restrooms, pavilion, and civic plaza space
Elizabethton	100,000	Splash pad
Farragut	500,000	Renovation of athletic field, restroom and parking
Goodlettsville	300,000	Peay Park redevelopment
Gruetli Laager	92,000	Improvements to tennis/basketball courts and baseball field
Hendersonville	500,000	Development at Arrowhead Park Soccer Complex
Huntsville	102,000	Flat Creek Park and Huntsville Community Center swimming pool
Huntingdon	250,000	Phase II of the Kelley Sports Complex addition
Jonesborough	500,000	Development of Lincoln Avenue Community Park
Kimball	138,000	Playground, softball complex storage, restroom facility
LaFollette	48,000	Expand ADA compliance for existing playground structure
Loretto	50,000	Swimming complex water slide, lighting, fencing, decking and landscaping
Manchester	105,000	Pave parking areas in the park, develop another soccer field
Medina	250,000	Install splash pad at Community Park and extend parking area at Community Park and Lions Park
Millington	500,000	Development of Discovery Nature Park
Morristown	500,000	Improvements to multiple parks including playground equipment replacement, trail expansions, paving parking lots, and ADA improvements
Murfreesboro	250,000	Jordan Farm Soccer Facility amenities
Palmer	18,000	Replace outdated playground equipment at Palmer Community Park
Parsons	296,000	Parsons Regional Community Park improvements
Pittman Center	43,000	City Hall Park pavilion and restroom
Ripley	75,000	Improvements at two city parks including playground equipment replacement, walkways, water slide, and ADA enhancements
Rockwood	138,000	Playground, softball complex storage, restroom facility
Savannah	500,000	Improvements to multiple parks including playground equipment, restroom/concessions building, and ADA parking
Shelbyville	104,000	Griffin Park Skate Park improvements
Sweetwater	353,000	Improvements to Engleman Park including pavilion, parking, swings, restrooms, walking path and splash pad
Tazewell	75,000	Municipal Park splash pad
Tracy City	121,000	Improvements to the Old Tracy School Gym
Union County	500,000	Graham Park splash pad and skate park addition
White House	500,000	Municipal Recreation Complex Playground and Amphitheater

Recreational Trails Program Grants

Alcoa	111,000	Restroom facility on the Alcoa Greenway Trail
Athens/McMinn County	200,000	Purchase an abandoned CSX rail line to extend the Eureka Trail and develop the trail with a new surface
Brownsville	200,000	Acquire land to develop walking trail; trail head pavilion; fitness equipment area; parking lot; site amenities and ADA accessible walkways
Jackson	100,000	Replace a 5' asphalt walking trail with a 10' trail
Sevierville	200,000	Extend greenway from West Prong of the Little Pigeon River to Gatlinburg Highway Bridge; pave trail and upgrades to existing lighting with LED technology; install new Emergency Way Finding System designed for pedestrian recognition and connection to local 911 system
Tellico Plains	110,000	Expand and widen the existing trail; add amenities to the trailhead; construct an ADA compliant restroom
Troy	200,000	Make improvements to Trojan Park; construct an indoor fitness cluster; ADA accessible walkways and parking

Tax revenues for July more than the estimate

Tennessee tax revenues for July were slightly more than the budgeted expectation. Finance and Administration Commissioner Larry Martin reported that July, which ended the accrual fiscal year, recorded a net positive growth of 0.74 percent, compared to July of 2015.

Overall, July revenues were \$1 billion, which is \$13.8 million more than the state budgeted. "July revenue results were somewhat mixed," Martin said. "With sales taxes, we had stronger than anticipated growth but corporate and business taxes experienced negative growth."

Also, all other taxes, taken as a group, were marginally below July 2015. "Despite the mixed results in July, the year-to-date growth rate for all taxes ended the year well above last year's revenue performance. It is important to note that despite the underperformance with corporate business taxes in July, year to date these taxes have a strong positive growth," Martin said.

On an accrual basis, July is the 12th month in the 2015-16 fiscal year. General fund revenues exceeded the budgeted estimate in the amount of \$11.3 million. The four other funds that share in state tax revenues were also in excess of budgeted expectations by \$2.5 million.

Sales tax revenues were \$29.6 million more than the estimate for July. The July growth rate was positive 5.96 percent. For 12 months, August through July, revenues are over budget by \$375.7 million. The year-to-date growth rate for the 12-month period was positive 7 percent.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$22.1 million less than the budgeted estimate of \$78.4 million. The growth rate for July was negative 30 percent. For 12 months revenues are \$349.9 million more than the budget estimate. The year-to-date growth rate was positive 3.8 percent; however, after factoring out the one-time tax payments received last year, the effective growth rate for twelve months is approximately 11.41 percent.

Privilege tax revenues were \$4.8 million more than the July estimate. For 12 months revenues are \$39.6 million more than the budgeted estimate.

Business tax revenues were \$100,000 less than the July estimate. Year-to-date revenues for 12 months are \$11.5 million more than the budgeted estimate. Inheritance and estate tax revenues were \$2.4 million less than the July estimate. For 12 months revenues are \$16.6 million more than the budgeted estimate.

Hall income tax revenues for July were \$400,000 less than the budgeted estimate. For 12 months revenues are \$55.5 million more than the budgeted estimate.

Tobacco tax revenues were \$400,000 less than the budgeted estimate of \$23.2 million. For 12 months revenues are \$16.1 million in excess of the year-to-date estimate. Gasoline and motor fuel revenues for July exceed estimates by \$4.9 million. For 12 months revenues exceeded estimates by \$40.1 million.

All other taxes for July were less than the budgeted estimates by a net of \$100,000. Year-to-date revenues for 12 months were \$925 million more than the budgeted estimate.

The general fund recorded revenues in the amount of \$852.4 million more than the budgeted estimate, and the four other funds \$72.6 million more than the budgeted estimate.

On April 14, 2016, in the second session of the 109th General Assembly, the legislature passed the 2016-17 budget, which included the Funding Board's current year revised ranges. The governor signed the budget bill on April 21, 2016. With passage of the appropriations act, Public Chapter 758, the General Assembly recognized an additional \$376.1 million in total tax revenue and a corresponding increase in general fund revenues in the amount of \$355 million for the current fiscal year. Year-to-date revenues for fiscal year 2015-16 are subject to final accrual adjustments. - See more at: <http://www.tennessee.gov/finance/>

Tennessee ranks No. 1 in nation in job creation from foreign direct investment

Tennessee ranks No. 1 among U.S. states for advanced industry job growth since 2013, the Brookings Institution found in a newly released report.

From 2013 to 2015, Tennessee's advanced industry jobs increased by an average of 4.6 percent annually, according to the Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

With the highest percentage growth rate among U.S. states, Tennessee outpaced the national average of 2.46 percent annual advanced industry job growth.

"Our goal has been to make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high-quality jobs, and this recognition by Brookings shows we're making tremendous progress by adding highly-skilled jobs faster than any other state in the country," Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam said. "Thanks in part to our investments in education with the Drive to 55 and programs like Tennessee Promise, more and more companies find Tennessee to be the ideal place to do business. These types of jobs support innovative and sustainable growth and will serve as a significant boost for the long-term health of Tennessee's economy and our residents."

"There has never been a better time to be a Tennessean," TNECD Commissioner Randy Boyd said. "TNECD is coming off back-to-back years of record job commitments from our corporate partners. Most importantly, this Brookings report indicates that our state is getting higher paying jobs that will have a meaningful impact on Tennessee residents, with big gains among engineering, computer science and automotive-related jobs since 2013. Attaining the highest advanced industry job growth in the nation is a team win and the result of hard work by everyone on Team Tennessee."

According to Brookings, advanced industries employ 249,617 full-time workers in Tennessee, or 8.3 percent of all jobs in the Volunteer State. These direct jobs support an additional 199,690 indirect jobs in other industries across the state.

In total, advanced industries in Tennessee produced \$39.7 billion in output last year, accounting for 14.3 percent of the state's economic



Last year, DENSO Manufacturing announced a \$400 million expansion to add 500 new jobs in Maryville and another \$85 million expansion to create 400 jobs at its Athens facility.

output, according to Brookings.

Tennessee's annual advanced industry job growth outpaced Georgia, which came in at No. 2 on Brookings' report with 4.4 percent average annual job growth. Michigan, Florida and North Carolina rounded out Brookings' top five states.

According to Brookings, advanced industry jobs in Tennessee pay \$70,784 on average per year, considerably higher than the average salary for all industries statewide last year of \$45,696.

Brookings also found that the Nashville metropolitan region ranked No. 1 among the 100 largest metro areas in the U.S. for advanced industry job growth from 2013 to 2015. Nashville's average annual job growth among advanced industries was 7.9 percent.

Brookings defines advanced industry companies as ones that spend at least \$450 per worker annually on research and development, and employ at least 20 percent of their workforce in STEM-intensive occupations. This encompasses multiple sectors, including manufacturing, energy, technology and business services.

Major TNECD projects in advanced industries last year included DENSO Manufacturing Tennessee, which announced a \$400 million

"Fight the Bite" efforts aimed at protecting all Tennesseans from Zika

TDH reminds residents of efforts to help stop Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses



Eliminating standing water where mosquitos can lay eggs and using insect repellants to protect from bites are two of the easiest and most effective ways to 'Fight The Bite' and prevent Zika virus from spreading.

The Tennessee Department of Health confirms there have been 24 persons diagnosed with Zika virus disease in Tennessee this year. Cases of locally transmitted Zika virus have been identified in a small area in Miami, but all cases in Tennessee have occurred in people returning from international travel to affected areas. This serves as a reminder that anyone traveling to affected areas should be very careful to avoid mosquito bites during travel and for three weeks after travel. Pregnant women should avoid non-essential travel to affected areas.

To prevent the virus from being spread by mosquitos in Tennessee, TDH officials are reminding residents of the increased need for local tactics to "Fight the Bite."

"Eliminating standing water where mosquitos can lay eggs and protecting ourselves from their bites by using insect repellants are two of the easiest and most effective ways

to 'Fight The Bite' to prevent Zika from spreading in our state," said TDH Commissioner John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH. "As we see steadily increasing numbers of imported cases of Zika in Tennessee, there's a heightened need for all of us to prevent this illness from being spread locally by mosquitos."

Abelardo Moncayo, Ph.D., director of the TDH Vector-Borne Disease program, reminds residents mosquitos can lay eggs in water containers as small as a soda bottle lid and that most mosquitos only travel a few hundred yards from where they are hatched.

"By eliminating mosquito breeding spots close to home, residents are protecting themselves and their neighbors from Zika and other illnesses spread by mosquitos," Moncayo said. "Equally important is to use insect repellants."

TDH recommends using repellants containing DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 on skin and wearing clothing treated with Permethrin; all are safe by pregnant women when users follow label recommendations. Never apply the repellants around the mouth or eyes, and Permethrin is generally not to be used directly on skin. Permethrin-treated clothing repels mosquitos and retains this effect after repeated washing. Some clothing products are available pretreated with permethrin.

It's good to remember "long, loose and light" when choosing outdoor clothing. Long-sleeved shirts and long pants are best, and consider, tucking your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants.

Loose-fitting clothing helps prevent bites through the fabric. Light-colored clothes are less attractive to many insects and may allow you to spot them more easily.

"Whenever there is an imported case of Zika virus disease in Tennessee, we immediately launch efforts to prevent the spread of illness to others," said TDH State Epidemiologist Tim Jones, MD. "We work to strengthen personal protection to prevent mosquito bites. We do outreach in the community, encouraging residents to protect themselves from bites and to eliminate mosquito breeding spots in their area."

The greatest risk of harm from Zika virus disease appears to be when a pregnant woman becomes infected, especially in the first trimester. Her child may be born with serious health complications, including microcephaly (a small malformed brain developing in the womb).

To date, Tennessee has not recorded a baby born with microcephaly attributed to Zika virus disease.

At present there is no vaccine to prevent Zika virus disease and no medicines to treat it. TDH recommends all residents use "Fight the Bite" tactics where they live, work and play, and for travelers to be aware of other areas where the disease is now being transmitted locally by mosquitos. Zika can also be spread sexually, so people should take precautions to prevent infection from a partner.

To learn more about ongoing efforts to prevent the Zika virus disease in Tennessee, visit: <http://tn.gov/health/topic/zika-virus>

Nearly \$1 million in tourism infrastructure grants awarded

Tennessee communities have received nearly \$1 million in grants to assist in tourism infrastructure needs.

The state granted \$999,000 to 29 communities across the state, jointly funded by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) and the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development with the assistance of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Of the 30 grants awarded, 12 were given to municipalities. Grants awarded included:

- \$50,000 to Bolivar,
- \$50,000 to Brownsville,
- \$50,000 to Cleveland,
- \$50,000 to Etowah,
- \$45,270 to Gainesboro,
- \$5,250 to Henderson,

- \$50,000 to Lafayette,
- \$50,000 to Livingston,
- \$41,510 to Manchester,
- \$28,500 to McMinnville,
- \$50,000 to Metro Lynchburg,
- \$31,262 to Tiptonville, and
- \$35,000 to Winchester.

An advisory committee made up of staff from ECD, the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture selected the 29 communities from a pool of 61 grant applications. Each application was supported by the community's senator and representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Development Districts receive waste management grants

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) announced that nine development districts will receive grants totaling more than \$450,000 to support solid waste management activities in Tennessee communities.

The grants include:

- East TN Development District — \$65,358
- First TN Development District — \$71,690
- Greater Nashville Regional Council — \$48,390
- Memphis Area Association of Government — \$34,872
- Northwest TN Development District — \$54,609

- South Central TN Development District — \$56,046
- Southeast TN Development District — \$47,753
- Southwest TN Development District — \$41,337
- Upper Cumberland Development District — \$40,738

Development districts are important partners in TDEC's implementation of its 2015-2025 Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan. The grant supports development districts in preparing valuable solid waste planning functions including compiling information about landfills, source reduction, composting and recycling for each of the 66

solid waste region's annual progress report. The report is a planning and reporting tool required by the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991, which was the first comprehensive solid waste planning legislation in Tennessee history. The data is used to determine each region's progress toward Tennessee's goal to achieve 25 percent waste reduction in Class I landfill solid waste.

Local governments also receive technical assistance from development districts in designing, implementing, upgrading and maintaining solid waste programs, systems and facilities, including landfills, convenience centers and recycling centers.



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ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
FRANKLIN. The city of Franklin is accepting applications for an experienced assistant city administrator of Finance and Administration due to the upcoming retirement of their current ACA. This position reports directly to the city administrator and holds a key leadership role with responsibilities for providing oversight of all financial operations of the city, assisting in the coordination of activities across all city departments, and overseeing the planning, organizing, staffing, operations, and administration for all assigned departments. The ideal candidate will possess the ability to manage time demands of multiple projects while overseeing a variety of departments. This position will direct the financial management of the city while overseeing the Finance, Purchasing, City Court, Water, Sanitation, Environmental Services, and Information Technology departments. Successful candidates will possess a master's degree in Finance, Public Administration, or related discipline, plus 10 years of progressively responsible public sector financial management and administrative experience or a combination of education and experience. In order to be considered, the candidate must be a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO). EOE. Send resumes to: Franklin HR Director Search, University of TN – MTAS, 226 Capitol Blvd., Suite 606, Nashville, TN 37219

BUILDING CODES OFFICIAL

EAST RIDGE. The city of East Ridge Fire Rescue Codes Division is currently accepting applications for a full-time building and codes inspector. Qualified applicants should be able to perform all activities related to ensuring compliance with building standards including plans review, inspections, and corrections of hazards and to enforce city codes and ordinances pertaining to the city's building and housing code. Recommended qualifications: five years experience in building inspection standards and plans review. A full job description may be viewed on the city's website www.eastridgetn.gov Resumes may be submitted to tperry@eastridgetn.gov or mailed to Trish Perry, Human Resources, City of East Ridge, 1517 Tombras Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412. Open until filled. EOE

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

FAIRVIEW. The city of Fairview has an immediate opening for the following position: building inspector/codes enforcement officer. This position is responsible for the inspection of residential, commercial, and industrial including alterations for compliance with city, federal codes and regulations. This position reports directly to the planning/zoning/codes director. Qualifications include: at least 10 years experience or equivalent, as an architect, engineer, inspector, contractor, or superintendent of construction, or any combination of these, five years of which shall have been in responsible charge of work. Requires knowledge of building standards and materials; standards of inspection, general knowledge of wiring, mechanical and plumbing systems. Must be state certified or obtain within 12 months of employment. Requires experience with computer systems and software. Specific duties and responsibilities: reviews and reads architectural blueprints; answers and investigates citizen complaints; deals with property owners, contractors and tenants to resolve various nuisance problems, such as: sanitation, abandoned vehicles, trash, and maintenance of lots; issues building and sign permits for residential, commercial and industrial use; completes residential, commercial and industrial building fire inspections; undertakes special projects, as assigned by the director; and reports and recommends action on various city matters to the director. Applications available at www.fairview-tn.org. This is a full time position with starting salary at \$42,658 (doq) plus benefits. Applications should be submitted to city recorder, Brandy Johnson, 7100 city center way, Fairview, TN, 37062, by mail or in person or via email at recorder@fairview-tn.org. Applications and resumes are subject to disclosure. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

BUYER

COLLIERVILLE. This position performs responsible enforcement of Town codes and ordinances and investigative work in the inspection of all Town commercial, industrial, and residential structures and properties. High school diploma or GED supplemented by technical or college level courses in building construction, electrical, mechanical, or structural engineering or related areas; and five years of experience in the building construction industry, skilled construction trades or in comparable code enforcement work, three of which must be in the assigned area of responsibility of 'Building or Plumbing'; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must possess a journeyman level certification or equivalent in the assigned area of responsibility at time of hire. Must obtain certification from the International Code Council as a residential or commercial building inspector in the assigned area of responsibility within 12 months of employment and maintain certification throughout employment. Valid Motor Vehi-

cle Operator's License is required at the time of hire. Salary is \$34,111 (DOQ) annually with excellent benefits package and is full time. Applications and job descriptions are available online at www.collierville.com or in the Human Resources Office located at 500 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, TN 38017. Submit completed application by mail or in person to the above address. The job number for the Building Inspector position, JN16-43DC, must be included on the application. The official application of the Town of Collierville must be filled out and may be accompanied by a resume. Applications and resumes are subject to disclosure. Position will remain open until filled. EOE

CITY CLERK

EAGLEVILLE. The city of Eagleville is currently accepting applications for the position of city clerk (executive assistant classification). Provides frontline customer service greeting city hall visitors and answering the phone. Works under the direction of the city manager, and also provides support to the city recorder: collects fines, fees and taxes; handles citations, processes payments and prepares the city court docket; assists customers applying for business licenses, beer licenses and building permits. Requires 2+ years experience in a professional office environment, particularly in a customer service role and/or with records maintenance responsibility. Prefer associates degree in related field and 5+ years experience in a role with similar responsibilities in a local government office environment. Visit www.EaglevilleTN.com for full description and application. Applications and resumes should be submitted to City Manager, P.O. Box 68, Eagleville, TN 37060 or by email to CityManager@EaglevilleTN.com. Salary Range: \$25,001 - \$33,758. Position open until filled. EOE

CITY RECORDER

EAGLEVILLE. The city of Eagleville is currently accepting applications for the position of city recorder. Under general direction of the city manager, maintains the records of official acts of the city council and other city commissions and committees; maintains the repository of all official documents; is custodian of the city seal; collects and receipts all taxes and other revenue of the city; handles the city's accounts payable. Serves as the clerk of the city court. May also be appointed city treasurer and/or finance director. Requires 5+ years experience in professional office setting including involvement in financial transactions and/or managing official records. Prefer bachelor's degree in accounting, business, public admin, or other related field and 5+ years experience in collection of revenue, recording of official acts of a board, payroll, and/or accounts payable or other accounting experience. Visit www.EaglevilleTN.com for full description and application. Applications and resumes should be submitted to City Manager, P.O. Box 68, Eagleville, TN 37060 or by email to CityManager@EaglevilleTN.com. Salary Range: \$35,193 - \$47,507. Position open until filled. EOE

CITY MANAGER

CROSSVILLE. The city of Crossville is seeking resumes for the position of city manager. Starting annual salary is market competitive, plus a generous benefits package. DOQ/DOE (minimum \$69,166.37, maximum \$110,572.83). This position is under the general guidance of the Crossville City Council consisting of a mayor and four councilmembers. The city manager shall be responsible to the city council for the administration of all city affairs placed in his/her charge by/under city charter. The city manager is responsible for overseeing the annual budget (\$20,626,000 for the 2016/17 FY) and exercises responsibility for planning, organizing and leading, through department supervisors, the activities of 170-180 full time employees. The city is seeking an individual that is accomplished, assertive and has current knowledge of municipal government and economic development; is able to interface with the public, media, industry heads and a variety of governmental boards and organizations. Requirements include: graduation from an accredited four year college, or university, with a major in public administration, business administration, economics, or related field. Five to 10 years of increasingly responsible experience in a general business environment, of which three years must have been in a responsible administrative, supervisory or consultative position. A master's degree in public administration, business administration or related field is preferred, but not required. Able to pass a background check, post-employment offer physical and drug screening. Residency within Crossville within six months of the date of hire. Reasonable relocation expense reimbursement may be negotiated. Resumes are to be submitted to Leah Crockett, human resources administrator, City of Crossville, 392 North Main Street, Crossville, TN 38555 or leah.crockett@crossvilletn.gov. Letters and resumes will be accepted until Sept. 30, 2016. Qualified candidates will be contacted with an invitation for interview. EOE

CITY MANAGER.

ETOWAH. The city of Etowah is looking for the right person to be its next city manager. The board of commissioners is seeking an individual who is a people person, is clear, concise, who enjoys managing and directing, is a self-starter who finishes what he/she starts, and who has the knowledge, skills and abilities to run with city with efficiency and effectiveness. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four year university, and the board prefers candidates who have five years of successful city management experience. The annual budget is \$3.87 million and the city employs 40 FT and 20 PT employees. Submit your resume and a letter of interest, along with a completed city application, to the HR Director, Eva Valentine at valentine@cityofetowahn.com or to 723 Ohio Avenue,

Etowah, TN 37331-1645 by Aug. 29, 2016. Salary DOQ/DOE, with an anticipated starting range of \$68,921 to \$ 75,000. For more information visit the city's website at <http://www.cityofetowahn.com/>.

CODES INSPECTOR II

GALLATIN. The city of Gallatin is currently accepting applications for codes inspector II. The purpose of this position is to perform intermediate technical work in the inspection of residential, commercial, industrial, and public facilities for compliance with mechanical codes and other ordinances. May be assigned specific inspection areas, and other duties per position. This is a 40 hours per week, day shift position. The hourly rate is \$20.80 + excellent benefits. Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma/equivalent. Must have 5 years recent construction related experience. Special requirements: Must have four or more I.C.C. certifications as identified by and beneficial to the city. Building/Plumbing or Building/Mechanical certifications preferred. To apply, visit www.gallatinonthemove.com. Click the "Employment" tab at the top of the webpage and follow the instructions. The deadline to apply is Sept. 3, 2016. EOE.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECH I

COLLIERVILLE. Performs semi-skilled manual multi-trades work in the repair, maintenance, replacement and general upkeep of town buildings and related facilities. Requires high school Diploma/GED; supplemented by one year previous experience and/or training involving facilities maintenance operations work; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must possess a valid driver's license. Salary is \$24,799 (DOQ) annually with excellent benefits package and is full time. Applications and job descriptions are available online at www.collierville.com or in the Human Resources Office located at 500 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, TN 38017. Submit completed application by mail or in person to the above address. The HR office is open Monday – Friday, 8-5. The job number for the position, JN16-53GS, must be included on the application. The official application of the Town of Collierville must be filled out and may be accompanied by a resume. Applications and resumes are subject to disclosure. Position will remain open until filled. EOE

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

ATHENS. The city of Athens is accepting applications for an experienced, professional Human Resource Director. This position reports directly to the city manager and is a key management and leadership role responsible for leading the HR strategic and tactical HR planning, project management related to all personnel initiatives, policy development/coordination for human resources, and the technical support on special projects or issues. This position will manage all aspects of the Human Resource function which includes ensuring compliance with personnel related laws as well as city personnel rules and regulations; payroll processing procedures and laws; organizing the professional development of employees; managing the employment hiring process, administering the compensation and benefits plans. Applicant must be skilled in communicating both orally and in writing; supervising assigned staff; budgeting; conflict resolution and mediation. Applicant should have the ability to manage shifting priorities and demands, and to work under stressful situations in a high volume environment. Four year bachelor's degree from an accredited program in business management, human resource management, or public administration. Previous Human Resources experience desired as well as professional certification. Must possess and maintain a valid Tennessee driver's license. Salary range \$63,243.65 – \$94,865.47. Applications available at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, TN or by contacting Rita Brown, rbrown@cityofathenstn.com, (423) 744-2703. Complete job description available at www.cityofathenstn.com/hr/ Resumes must accompany applications; background checks will be conducted. EOE

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

FRANKLIN. The city of Franklin is accepting applications for an experienced human resources director due to the retirement of their current director. This position reports directly to the city administrator and holds a key leadership role responsible for directing the Human Resources operations and activities for the city. This position will advise management on all aspects of discipline, promotions, transfers, terminations, labor relations, EEOC Regulations, and ADA compliance. The successful candidate will serve as trustee and plan administrator for the city's three pension plans. This position will oversee employee relations, staffing considerations and oversee the recruitment, selection, promotion, and onboarding process of all employees. The ideal candidate will possess the ability to establish good working relationships while gaining trust of all employees. In addition, the position requires a strong ability to recruit and retain talented employees. Successful candidates will possess a master's degree or equivalent with five to 10 years of related experience or a combination of education and experience. In order to be considered, the candidate must possess one of the following certifications; SHRM-CP, PHR and/or SPHR. Send resumes to: Franklin HR Director-Search, University of TN – MTAS, 226 Capitol Blvd., Suite 606, Nashville, TN 37219. EOE.

IT MANAGER

FARRAGUT. The town of Farragut is seeking applicants for the position of information technology (IT) manager. This individual shall lead implementation of the town's new 5-year strategic plan and work as the sole practitioner to perform technical support, work designing, configuring, installing and maintaining network connectivity to external resources including preparing and maintaining files and records, security and back-up of

data, emails, etc. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or equivalent combinations of education, experience, and training and five years of experience troubleshooting Windows desktop operations systems, Microsoft Office suite and network connectivity, project management, organizational operations management, and enterprise systems management duties in a small-size organization. Highly desirable technical certifications include: CompTIAA+, Network+, Security+; Microsoft: Specialist, MTA: IT Infrastructure. ISC, SSCP, COMPTIA Security+. Salary range is \$49,620 - \$63,266 DOQ plus benefits. Applications and a job description may be obtained at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN, 37934, or www.townoffarragut.org/jobs Interested applicants must submit a resume and a completed Town of Farragut application by the deadline of Aug. 31, 2016. EOE.

LIFT STATION SUPERVISOR

COOKEVILLE. The Dept. of Water Quality Control is now accepting applications for lift station supervisor. Responsible for supervising all lift station technicians. Work performed in maintaining and supervising the maintenance of wastewater and water pumping stations. Must install, repair, replace, overhaul, diagnose malfunctions, disassemble and overhaul all equipment relating to pumping stations to effect the transfer and regulate pressure of water and wastewater. High school education or equivalent is required. Five years' experience in water and/or wastewater pump maintenance required. Must possess a valid State of TN Grade 2 Collection System license or obtain within 2 years of employment. Must possess a valid Tennessee driver's license and obtain a CDL within six months of hire date. Pay range \$45,697 - \$68,536 DOE Subject to call out, and must abide by department's residency guidelines. Applications/resumes will be accepted until position is filled. Send to: City of Cookeville, HR Department, PO Box 998, Cookeville, TN 38503-0998 or email jobs@cookeville-tn.org. EOE

PLANS EXAMINER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

CLEVELAND. The city of Cleveland is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of plans examiner/building inspector in the Development and Engineering Services Department. Qualified applicants will possess a high school education or GED equivalent with a minimum of four years related experience or equivalent combination of training and experience. A bachelor's degree in architecture, engineering or related field is preferred. Major activities of the position include: reviewing building plans for code compliance; attend preliminary construction meetings with owners, architects and engineers; inspecting residential, commercial, industrial and other buildings during and after construction to ensure that components such as footings, foundations, framing, plumbing, mechanical, energy, etc., meet provisions of building, grading, zoning and safety laws and approved plans, specifications and standards; observe conditions and issue notices for corrections; research maps for flood zone compliance; interpret legal requirements and recommend compliance procedures; prepare and maintain inspection records and reports; other duties as assigned. Interested applicants should submit a resume or employment application to the City of Cleveland Human Resources Department, 160 2nd Street NE, Cleveland, TN 37311, by mail to P.O. Box 1519, Cleveland, TN 37364-1519, by email to jdavis@clevelandtn.gov, or by the city's website, www.clevelandtn.gov. Valid TN driver's license is required. Pre-employment drug screen is required. EOE

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

OAK RIDGE. The city of Oak Ridge is currently accepting applications for personnel director. Salary range \$69,804.80 - \$104,686.40 (doq). Under general direction of the city manager, plans, directs, oversees, monitors and coordinates the city's personnel and risk management programs, and develops, implements, and administers the technical aspects of the personnel function. Supervises assigned personnel and risk management department staff. Qualifications include: knowledge of applicable federal, state and city laws, codes, regulations and ordinances relating to personnel administration, compensatory programs, and risk management; knowledge of city personnel policies and procedures; knowledge of risk management policies and procedures. Knowledge of employee insurance and benefit programs; knowledge of management and supervisory principles, practices and methods; knowledge of budget administration methods and techniques; knowledge of computers and related equipment, hardware and personnel software; knowledge of personnel training principles, practices and methods; knowledge of Equal Employment Opportunity, Fair Labor Standards Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and related laws, rules and regulations. Skilled in effective oral and written communications, including formal presentations. Skilled in developing, implementing and interpreting City personnel policies and procedures; skilled in conducting analysis, developing recommendations and preparing complex comprehensive reports; skilled planning, developing and implementing departmental procedures and objectives; skilled in effectively negotiating, mediating and resolving personnel matters; skilled in effectively supervising and delegating duties to assigned staff; and skilled in resolving workforce and general public complaints and concerns. Bachelor's degree in personnel, business administration, public administration or related field and seven

years personnel experience, three of which must be in a supervisory capacity or, any equivalent combination of education and experience. Possession of a valid State of Tennessee Driver's license. Residency within the city limits of Oak Ridge is required for this position. All parties interested in this position should have an application and/or resume on file with the Personnel Department. See the website for details at www.oakridgetn.gov. EOE

PLANNING CLERK

ARLINGTON. The town of Arlington is seeking a highly motivated, qualified individual for a full-time position in the Planning and Development Department. This position will perform work requiring skills in administrative support, public relations, research, mapping, and basic math. Applicant must have an associate's degree and two years experience in an administrative support position, or an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience. A detailed job description & application are available at Town Hall, 5854 Airline Rd, Arlington, TN 38002 or at www.townofarlington.org. EOE.

POLICE CHIEF

GREENFIELD. The city of Greenfield is accepting resumes for a police chief. Job description and benefits package can be picked up at city hall during regular business hours or can be emailed upon request by calling 731-235-2330. Submit resumes to Dana Deem, MTAS Consultant, Jackson Office, 605 Airways Blvd., Suite 109, Jackson, TN 38301 no later than Aug. 30, 2016.

POLICE CHIEF

HENDERSON. The city of Henderson will be accepting applications for the position of police chief until Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016. The police chief is responsible for planning, organizing and directing all activities of the police department within the rules and regulations set forth by the Federal Government, the state of Tennessee and city of Henderson. Residence within the City of Henderson Planning Region is required within one year after employment. Applications and job descriptions may be picked up at Henderson City Hall at 121 Crook Ave., requested by phone at (731)983-5000 or on the city website at www.hendersontn.org. Salary depends on qualifications, education, training and experience. Applicants should provide a completed application, a detailed resume and salary requirements by hand delivery, US Mail or email. EOE

POLICE CHIEF

MASON. The town of Mason is accepting applications for Chief of Police. Each must be POST Certified with a minimum of 5 years of experience. Persons must complete applications at City Hall, 12157 Main Street, Mason, TN, 38049. No mail-outs. No telephone calls.

POLICE OFFICERS

MASON. The town of Mason is accepting applications for police officers. Each must be POST Certified with a minimum of 5 years of experience. Persons must complete applications at City Hall, 12157 Main Street, Mason, TN, 38049. No mail-outs. No telephone calls.

STORMWATER COORDINATOR

GALLATIN. The city of Gallatin is accepting submissions from interested candidates for the position of stormwater coordinator in the engineering department. The purpose of this position is to support the goals and requirements of the Stormwater and Drainage Program of the city of Gallatin. This includes, but is not limited to, tasks related to ensuring compliance with the City of Gallatin's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. This is a 40 hours per week, day shift position with some weekend work required. The starting rate is 26.54 per hour + excellent benefits. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree in civil/environmental engineering, environmental science or technology, biology, chemistry or closely related field and a minimum of four years recent and related stormwater experience. For a detailed description and to apply visit www.gallatinonthemove.com. Click the "Employment" tab at the top of the webpage and follow the instructions. Interested candidates should submit an online application, cover letter and resume by Sept. 3, 2016. EOE.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, SR.

COLLIERVILLE. This position requires the performance of highly responsible, skilled trades work in the operation and maintenance of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant in accordance with EPA standards. Requires a Bachelor's degree with major course concentration in Engineering, Chemistry or a related science field; and one (1) year operating experience at a Grade III or Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job. Must be in compliance with TDEC Rule 0400-49-01 and remain in compliance throughout employment. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Salary range is \$38,525 - \$66,042 (DOQ) annually with excellent benefits package and is full time. Applications and complete job descriptions are available online at www.collierville.com or in the Human Resources Office, 500 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, Tennessee, 38017, M-F, 8-5. The official application of the Town of Collierville must be filled out and may be accompanied by a resume. The job number for the WWTP Operator, Sr. position, JN16-18PS, needs to be included on the application. Applications and resumes are subject to disclosure. Position will remain open until filled. EOE

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

The U.S. labor market has continued to rebound, adding 255,000 jobs last month according to recently released government data. The July gains offered reassurance that the economic recovery still has momentum despite a large drop-off in hiring earlier this year and slower growth in the broader economy. The Labor Department also increased its estimate of job growth over both those months by 18,000. The unemployment rate remained unchanged in July at 4.9 percent.

The U.S. economy grew 1.2 percent in the second quarter, according to government data, as businesses cut back on investments and dashed hopes for what economists had expected to be a major bounce back. For three consecutive quarters, the gross domestic product growth — the broadest measure of output — hasn't topped 1 to 1.2 percent. The nation hasn't seen such a meager stretch since 2009. The new data also provides a note of caution for the Federal Reserve, which is debating whether to raise interest rates. Personal consumption grew 4.2 percent in the second quarter, but nonresidential business investment fell 2.2 percent.

Business investment has declined for three consecutive quarters something that hasn't happened since the Great Recession.

The number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010. Data recently released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development revealed a 17 percent decrease in veteran homelessness between January 2015 and January 2016—quadruple the previous year's annual decline—and a 47 percent decrease since 2010. This significant progress is a result of the partnership among HUD, Veteran's Administration, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and other federal, state and local partners.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded more than \$16 million to 40 states to help fight the Zika virus. Funds will be used to establish, enhance, and maintain information-gathering systems to rapidly detect microcephaly—a serious birth defect of the brain—and other adverse outcomes caused by Zika virus infection. These awards are a stopgap diverted from other public health resources until Zika funds are provided by Congress. The funding will also



help states and territories ensure that infants and their families are referred to appropriate health and social services. Finally, the awards will enable states and territories to monitor the health and developmental outcomes of children affected by Zika.

The amount of homes being constructed and completed in the U.S. is down from June but has risen since July 2015. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Census Bureau jointly announced privately owned housing units authorized by building permits in July were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of more than 1.15 million. This is 0.1 percent down from June but 0.9 percent above July last year. Construction of single-family dwellings was down 3.7 percent from June. Authorizations of units in buildings with five units or more were at a rate of 411,000 in July. Privately owned housing completions were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.02 million, 8.3 percent below the revised June estimate but 3.2 above July 2015. Single-family housing completions in July were 0.4 percent below the revised June rate while July rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 275,000.



TENNESSEE FESTIVALS

Aug. 25 to Sept. 3: Shelbyville Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. The premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse, during which the breed's World Grand Champion and some 20 World Champions are named. More than \$650,000 in prizes and awards are given. Other activities include a barn decorating contest, a trade fair and a dog show. Call 931-684-5915 for more info.

Aug. 27 to Sept. 11: Martin Homegrown Tennessee Soybean Festival. Celebrating West Tennessee culture and the soybean harvest. Come out for carnival rides, street vendors, fireworks, pageants, Minecraft farming challenge, musical performances, tractor and truck pulls, talent contest, golf tournament, photography contest, performing pets, food, cornhole tournament, parades, and the magic of the bean. For more info, visit www.tnsoybeanfestival.org.

Sept. 9-10: Norris Museum of Appalachia Days and the Pioneer Antique Show Featuring the finest selection of 18th and 19th century antiques from over 60 of the nation's preeminent dealers. Held on the grounds of the Museum of Appalachia, the event also features mountain music, Revolutionary and Civil War encampments, and traditional craftsmen demonstrating pioneer skills. Guests will enjoy activities such as sawmilling, blacksmithing, sorghum making, spinning, weaving, and more. Admission to the Antique Show includes a tour of the Museum mountain farm and village, which contains some three-dozen historic log structures, exhibit halls filled with thousands of Appalachian artifacts, gardens, and free-range farm animals. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone, or in-person. For more information call (865) 494-7680 or visit the website at www.museumofappalachia.org

Sept 10: Centerville Annual Grinder's Switch Music and Arts Festival. Held on the Historic Centerville Town Square. Musical entertainment from 10 am - 11 pm, Food vendors, artists, antiques and more. www.hickmancountyamber.org

Sept. 16 - 18: Cowan Fall Heritage Festival. Featuring a juried arts and crafts show, Civil War presentations, a cruise in, kid's zone, music and food. For more information, email info@fallheritagefestival.info or call 931-563-3868.

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The city of Sweetwater closed a \$1.2 million loan for the purpose of refinancing some outstanding debt, renovation of a city building, and for the acquisition of equipment. It is the city's sixth loan through TMBF's various programs.



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The city of Jackson closed a variable rate loan through the TMBF loan program in the amount of \$17.4 million to finance its three-year capital improvement plan.



Erwin abound with natural resources, gateway to outdoor paradise

BY CHRIS PIANTA

TDEC Office of Sustainable Practices

As you drive down Interstate 26 south of Johnson City, you start to notice the hills on either side start stretching skyward and nature begins to surround you. It compels you to pull over just to breathe it all in. That is when you know you have arrived in Unicoi County.

Nestled within the Cherokee National Forest along the western slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains, with the magnificent Nolichucky River weaving through its valleys, Unicoi County is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise.

At the center of the county is Erwin, the county seat, and a town that provides the gateway to the surrounding natural beauty and all of its activities. In 2013, the town of Erwin began revitalizing its downtown business district. Understanding the value of investing in itself, the town completed the construction in three phases incorporating new upgraded utilities, roads, sidewalks, and much needed flood mitigation. Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development assisted Erwin with their project by providing a \$15,000 grant from their Tennessee Main Street Program that helps fund communities seeking to revitalize and manage their traditional downtowns.

Today, Erwin's downtown is a vibrant urban environment that invites visitors to get out of their cars and enjoy the tree-lined streets. Quaint storefronts that capture the architecture of the town's origins and provide a variety of shopping and dining options for everyone to explore.

The new downtown provides the perfect location for the many outdoor festivals and celebrations that are held each year in Erwin. The most popular of these, the Unicoi County Apple Festival, has been held in October annually since 1978. The two-day event draws more than 100,000 attendees. The festival celebrates the heritage and culture of the Southern Appalachian region with more than 350 craft and food vendors, live entertainment, and of course, apples.

Erwin's most recent annual addition to their event calendar is the Great Outdoors Festival. An estimated 12,000 visitors filled the downtown streets in April as they explored the dozens of vendors who were participating in this inaugural event to celebrate Unicoi County as an outdoorsman's premier destination. Following the event, Erwin's Mayor Doris Hensley summed it up best by saying: "Erwin embraces its surrounding natural beauty and welcomes all visitors who come to enjoy it. Our town's many parks, trails and festivals celebrate the outdoor environment and those who seek to experience it."

You don't have to step too far from Erwin's downtown sidewalks to find yourself enveloped by the natural beauty of the county. Hiking trails cover all corners of the landscape in Unicoi County. Popular day hikes include the Pinnacle Mountain Fire Tower and the Unaka Mountain Overlook. Just south of downtown Erwin, the popular Appalachian Trail winds its way through the county for a total of 51 miles. The county prides itself on being a hiker-friendly community and welcomes those weary

travelers looking for a much needed respite from the rocky path that has been their home for days, weeks, or even months.

One establishment that specializes in providing hiker relief is Uncle Johnny's Hostel & Outfitters. Located just 70 feet from the Appalachian Trail, Johnny's provides a range of accommodations, hot showers, free Wi-Fi, laundry service, secure parking, and shuttle service to town. The outfitter store carries all the products a hiker might need before heading back out on the trail.

If you want to enjoy nature without leaving town, then the Erwin Linear Trail is perfect for you. This six-mile long paved trail runs parallel to Interstate 26 and weaves through Erwin as it follows the banks of the Nolichucky River and North Indian Creek. Initial construction was completed in 1993, and new sections of the trail have continued to be added as additional funding has become available. The greenway provides a family-friendly recreation area open to hikers and bicyclists and includes amenities such as a play and learning park, restrooms, benches and docks for fishing, and night lighting. Plans to extend the trail to Fishery Park are currently being discussed.

Ecotourism is obviously important for attracting visitors and maintaining quality recreational activities for residents. The region is leading by example. Recently, the Town of Unicoi Tourist Information Center received a facelift through a Clean Tennessee Energy Grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The \$8,000 grant provided the center a new HVAC unit along with energy efficient windows and doors to allow them to conserve energy and protect the environment while saving taxpayers' money.

Another tourism-related gem located along Interstate 26 in Unicoi County is the Tennessee Welcome Center staged to greet and educate visitors about local attractions. The welcome center is managed by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and was one of their 14 award-winning welcome centers to receive green certification for their efforts in energy efficiency, reduction of water and material usage, as well as increased recycling.

There's no better example of ecotourism than a state park. Rocky Fork State Park is one of Tennessee State Parks' most recent additions, and is located near the welcome center in the southern portion of the county near Flag Pond. The acquisition of the park was made possible with the cooperation and dedication of several government and non-profit groups, including the U.S. Forest Service, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the Heritage Conservation Fund, The Conservation Fund, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Surrounded on three sides by Cherokee National Forest, the park's steep, rugged terrain is cut by several cool mountain streams including its namesake, Rocky Fork Creek. With large moss covered boulders, deep pools and eddies, the cold, quick-flowing stream is renowned for its miles of excellent native trout fishing.

There are also many miles of old, soon-to-be marked logging roads ideal for hiking and biking. Since be-



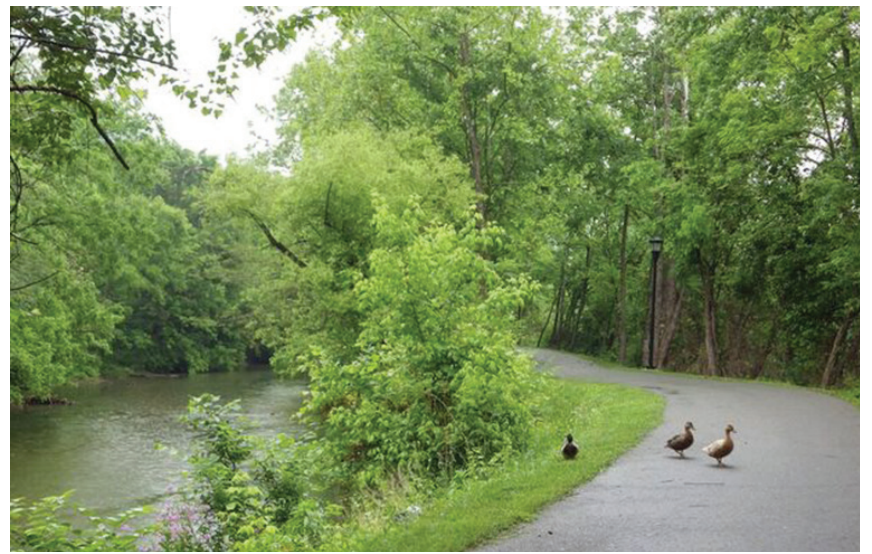
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coming the first park manager in May 2015, Jesse Germeraad has been very busy stating: "The creation of Rocky Fork State Park has resulted in an increase in visitors to this unique location. Hikers, bicyclists, campers and fishermen will all benefit from our new park as we continue to provide additional amenities to enhance their experience here."

Rocky Fork State Park is still young, but long-term recreation plans and facilities for the new park are in the planning and conceptual design stages. Initial projects include a visitor center and gift shop, improved parking and accessibility, a ranger station, a campground, additional mountain biking and horseback riding trails, and a hiking trail system with access to the Appalachian Trail.

If you are looking for some fun in the water, Unicoi County has a number of options for the outdoor adventurer. Some of the best white-water rafting can be found here on the Nolichucky River that winds its way across the county. The churning waters of the Class III and IV rapids cut through deep gorges as steep slopes and cliffs rise hundreds of feet above the breathtaking river. Several rafting companies provide guided rafting trips that the entire family can enjoy.

Top Right: Rocky Fork State Park is one of the most recent additions to the Tennessee State Park system. Surrounded on three sides by Cherokee National Forest, the park's steep, rugged terrain is cut by several cool mountain streams including its namesake, Rocky Fork Creek.



Erwin Linear Trail is a six-mile long paved trail that runs parallel to Interstate 26 and weaves through Erwin as it follows the banks of the Nolichucky River and North Indian Creek.



Bottom Right: The town of Unicoi Tourist Information Center received a facelift through a Clean Tennessee Energy Grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The \$8,000 grant provided the center a new HVAC unit along with energy efficient windows and doors to allow them to conserve energy and protect the environment while saving taxpayers' money.



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