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Officials with the city of Manchester, Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, local businesses, and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new Dusky Elm Music Venue. The facility is expected to add a $20 million boost to the local economy. It features six performance areas, including a 600-seat main stage, a 150-seat second stage, and a 50-seat intimate lounge. The venue will host a variety of concerts, comedy shows, and other events throughout the year.

Manchester officials open new inclusive playground

In Manchester, the new Dusky Elm Music Venue is located in the heart of the city, providing a vibrant cultural hub for residents and visitors alike. The facility's diverse lineup of events caters to a wide range of interests, ensuring that there is something for everyone. From concerts to comedy shows, Dusky Elm Music Venue has established itself as a significant cultural asset, offering entertainment opportunities that were previously unavailable in the area.
Livingston, Mount Pleasant achieve main street status

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Butch Eddy recently announced that Livingston and Mount Pleasant in Robertson County have received Tennessee Main Street accreditation.

Livingston and Mount Pleasant joins 86 other Tennessee Main Street communities that are accredited through the state program and Main Street America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Eddy congratulated Livingston and Mount Pleasant on becoming the latest state Main Street communities, Wolfe said, “Our Tennessee Main Streets are part of what makes our state so unique. We commend these communities for taking the steps involved in themselves and grow their downtown districts, and we are proud to see the great communities continue on a decade ago.

The Main Street program provides communities with opportunities to assist in downtown revitalization efforts. Livingston and Mount Pleasant selected areas of their downtown cores where the program will focus on historic preservation, economic revitalization, and economic renovation. Both communities successfully met the criteria of the TNCED’s Tennessee Downtown program and are now eligible in achieving Main Street accreditation.

“The Downtown Revitalization/Redevelopment Livingston and Mount Pleasant to the Tennessee Main Street network,” Tennessee Main Street Program Director Nancy Williams said.

Mount Pleasant, in Middle Ten-

nese, emerged as the best in the first round of the Tennessee Downtown program and is now embarking on new projects to improve the business and foster entrepreneurship in its downtown.

Livingston, on the other hand, are fully prepared to complete the Tennessee Downtown program in the state and are prepared to move forward with its innovative and creative downtown revitalization projects, including its full downtown revitalization plan, as a state Main Street program.

With a total of $111 million of public and private investment and nearly 1,000 new jobs, Livingston and Mount Pleasant strive to be utilized by policymakers to reflect on what improvements can be made for Tennessee's children, especially during the current health crisis.

Tennessee has been a leader in good public policy,” he said. With multiple challenges facing children and families during the Covid-19 pandemic, this is a moment for Tennessee to increase investments to support families rather than reduce them.

The overall report also indicated that states in certain regions of the country fare better than others with most of the top-ranking states located in New England and major cities, while the bottom-ranking states are located in Appalachia, the Southeast, and the West.

“National data mask a great deal of state and regional variation in terms of what happens in the state report states. “A child’s chances of success depend not only on individual, family and community characteristics but also on the state in which she or he is born and raised in terms of the state’s resources and policies,” the report concludes.

No loan is too large or too small

The City of Clinton recently closed on a $1.1 million capital outlay note with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) issued to finance waterline installation at the new Clinton City High School. The City and Clinton Municipal Bond Fund application was supported by Sen. Paul Bailey (R-Sparta) and Rep. John Mark Wardle (D-Mt. Ida). Mount Pleasant’s Main Street program directors, Sen. Joe Hensely (R-Hohenwald) and Rep. Scott Capito (R-Columbia) in the Tennessee General Assembly.

The Town of Livingston recently closed on a $1.8 million capital outlay note with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) issued to finance waterline installation at the Town of Livingston High School. The application was supported by Rep. John Mark Wardle (D-Mt. Ida), Livingston Mayor Curtis Hayes, and Livingston Town Clerk Phylicis Looper.
GOV. LEE APPOINTED TO TWO-YEAR TERM ON COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Gov. Bill Lee has been appointed to a two-year term on the Council of Governors. Lee will serve a term of two years on the council, which was established in 2010 to serve as a mechanism for key federal officials to address matters pertaining to the National Guard, homeland defense and defense support to civil authorities. In an announcement, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey was selected as the new chairman of the council of governors.

Chris Taylor has been selected as the new human resources director for TML. Taylor has served as an assistant human resources director for the city since 2015. Before coming to the city, Taylor served as an assistant personnel director for the city of Madisonville, Ky. He holds a bachelor’s degree in public relations and advertising from the University of Southern Indiana. He is also an active member of the Madisonville Jaycees. Taylor earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Lincoln College in Normal, Ill.

TML Policy process now open

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Any initiative that lacks the required signatures of two or more members of TML’s Legislative Committee will be taken out of the committee’s final ranking of proposed initiatives and submitted to the TML Legislative Committee for consideration.

The Legislative Committee, composed of the Legislative Council and the chair of the TML Policy Committee, will meet and be held at 6 p.m. CST on the third Tuesday of each month. The committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month in person, unless otherwise specified by the chairman. It is up to the discretion of the Legislative Committee to determine whether to hold the committee’s meetings virtually or in person.

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A new study has shown that COVID-19 cases are on the decline in Tennessee, with mask mandates while those without mandates seeing an increase in cases. A report compiled by Vanderbilt University found that mask mandates led to a 60% reduction in cases in the state. While cases were still increasing slightly in the Memphis and Nashville metro areas, other counties throughout smaller counties with little to no mask mandates saw an increase in the rates of infection. Researchers noted that the stabilisation of cases in areas with mask mandates doesn’t mean that COVID-19 is over. However, the study found the spread of the disease into rural areas is not imminent if those states are to see a growth in cases, especially without health measures in place like mask mandates.

More than 60 vacant positions will be eliminated from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, a $25,000 increase from the state’s most recent projection of $23.7 million. These positions were created to help with the state’s unemployment levels. The Governor’s Budget Director, Steve Womack, announced the state’s proposals to increase its workforce through federal COVID-19 relief dollars distributed through federally approved grant programs. Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced the state’s applications for federal COVID-19 relief on March 31. The Governor’s Budget Director, Steve Womack, announced the state’s proposals to increase its workforce through federal COVID-19 relief dollars.


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For the last six months, the National League of Cities has channeled all its time and resources into assisting the local government response to COVID-19.

As part of those efforts, NLC has worked as closely as possible with federal leaders and local leaders to keep federal leaders updated with accurate, on-the-ground accounts from municipal governments.Data driven assessments of local needs related to COVID-19. NLC has been a critical voice in helping local governments make the case for urgent action.

Despite our efforts to educate Congress that Cities are Essential, our opponents continue our call for a comprehensive approach to save local governments. We know the federal government cannot make up for local revenue loss from COVID-19.

NLC has not sought an agreement to cover all of the current financial strain local governments are facing from COVID-19. Rather, NLC has sought an agreement to cover a general category of local financial strain so that local governments have the resources they need to support their communities.

Many local governments remain unconvinced that the federal government will act to support local governments. NLC has been working with local elected leaders to ensure that they understand that local governments have been forced to incur due to the unvaria-

tions of our communities.

To local leaders, we don’t have to tell you that Cities are Essential. Our voices have made a difference and we will continue to fight for the federal support that local governments need.

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The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum and Lumber Company Museum in Townsend will host its annual Train Days, celebrating the railroad and its legacy in the region. Townsend is included in the Great Smoky Mountains Scenic Railway’s new model train display and other events. For more info, visit https://www.gsmtsx.com/

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