

## Local planners axed in ECD Jobs4TN Plan

Gov. Bill Haslam announced his Jobs4TN Plan, which lays out his plans for economic development in Tennessee. This plan is the result of a top-to-bottom review of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The plan promises reorganization of the entire department; including a 35 percent reduction in department personnel with much of this reduction achieved by eliminating the Office of Local Planning.

Regarding the elimination of the local planning office, the governor said at a press conference, "The reality is the larger cities and counties don't use that. The smaller counties and cities don't use it because they don't have that big of a growth burden."

The Local Planning Assistance Office provides planning and technical services to communities on a contract basis. From regional offices in Chattanooga, Cookeville, Jackson, Johnson City, Knoxville and Nashville, professional land use

planners can help communities with planning, zoning, National Flood Insurance Program compliance and other advisory services.

Specifically, ECD's Local Planning Assistance Office can:

- Provide help drafting planning/zoning ordinances.
- Train community officials.
- Provide site reviews to communities.
- Provide mapping services.
- Provide resources to codes administrators, surveyors, engineers, lenders, insurance agents, realtors, developers and property owners.

TML has been in contact with the governor's office and other officials with the State to discuss these developments. It is uncertain whether the State will continue to provide these services to local government via other departments or agencies.

TML will keep city officials apprised of any new information.

## Bills of interest passed by General Assembly

Several pieces of legislation that affect municipalities have passed both chambers and have been signed by the governor.

### TBI

Public Chapter 49, sponsored by Sen. Randy McNally and Rep. Eric Watson, amends a bill enacted last session concerning the application of a state litigation tax to municipal traffic citations.

The legislation clarifies that \$13.75 court costs for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) are imposed upon the forfeiture of a cash bond.

The new fee is to offset the impact of budget cuts to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's crime lab services. Without this new fee the TBI would have to charge cities and counties for crime lab examination of evidence in criminal investigations.

The legislation is effective July 1, 2011.

The Municipal Technical Advisory Service will provide additional information about submitting the new fee to the state, as well as any pertinent forms in the coming weeks.

### Streamline Sales Tax

Public Chapter 72, sponsored by Sen. Mark Norris and Rep. Gary McCormick, delays the effective date of certain streamlined sales tax provisions until July 1, 2013.

Any provision that has not already taken effect in the Sales Tax Agreement was scheduled to do so July 1, 2011.

The Streamlined Sales Tax Project (SSTP) was created in 2000 for the purpose of developing and implementing a simplified taxing system in order to collect sales tax on mail order catalogue purchases and Internet sales. Initially, 34 states, including Tennessee, signed and expressed interest in conforming their state's laws to the requirements stipulated in the Agreement. However, in order for Tennessee to comply with the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, the state would need to change the sourcing of sales tax revenues from the point of sale (point-of-sale sourcing) to the point at which the buyer takes possession of the item (destination sourcing), creating dramatic shifts in local sales tax revenues.

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## State releases multi-modal transportation plan; program focuses on interstate system

TDOT has released a three-year transportation program, which prioritizes a number of important improvements to Tennessee's interstate system and continues funding for transit, rail, water and aviation programs. The three-year Multimodal Work Program for 2011-2014 includes 182 transportation projects and programs, including 45 individual projects on interstates, 30 transit, water, rail & aviation initiatives, and 29 transportation programs serving Tennesseans across the state.

The three-year multimodal program funds the widening of Interstate 65 north of downtown Nashville, and the completion of corridor improvements to State Route 66 in East Tennessee between I-40 and Sevierville. The program lists projects funded for various stages of development, including location and environmental studies, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and many operational components in the first year of the plan. It also proposes funding for a portion of the second and third year plans leaving flexibility for additional projects in those years.

"Taking a multi-modal approach to transportation planning allows TDOT to be responsive to the citizens of this state, tailoring projects to provide the greatest benefits in both our urban and rural areas," said TDOT Commissioner

John Schroer. "The department will address a number of needs through this three-year program, including congestion relief, improving access to communities, and the replacement or repair of dozens of aging bridges."

Under the plan, TDOT will complete the final year of the Better Bridges Program, the construction of State Route 840 in Williamson County, a new interchange on U.S. 11E at U.S. 19E in Sullivan County, U.S. 64 in southern west and middle Tennessee, and the widening of U.S. 27 (State Route 29) in Hamilton County.

The program includes dedicated funding for 29 transportation programs including Rockfall Mitigation, Spot Safety Improvement, Transportation Enhancements, and Safe Routes to School. It also provides approximately \$45 million per year in funding for transit agencies, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations, and private non-profit organizations in all 95 counties in Tennessee. TDOT will also administer funding for rehabilitation projects for shortline railways and bridges in several Tennessee counties and programs that provide for improvements at the state's airports.

To view a complete list of projects and programs funded through the three-year multimodal program visit [www.tdot.state.tn.us/mediaroom/documents.htm](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/mediaroom/documents.htm).

## Deadly storms ravage Southeast; 36 confirmed dead in Tennessee



Photo by Lee Ann Baker / Chattanooga Times-Free Press

Lending a helping hand, middle school students from Cleveland, TN., walked the debris filled streets with bags of ice, water, and food to homes lost in April's tornadoes. Bradley County was one of the hardest hit areas, with nine confirmed deaths and more than \$10 million in damages.

### BY CAROLE GRAVES

TML Communications Director

April storms that swept through the state with punishing winds, damaging hail, and severe flash flooding left 36 Tennesseans dead and a path of destruction behind.

A total of 342 storm-related deaths have been confirmed in seven states, including 238 in Alabama, making it the second deadliest tornado outbreak in U.S. history — and a record 226 in one day.

In Tennessee, at least 28 tornadoic events occurred between 8 a.m. April 27 and 8 a.m. April 28, according to the National Weather Service.

Bradley, Hamilton, Green and Washington counties were among the hardest hit areas and have been declared a federal disaster by the Obama Administration.

The declaration means that residents of those counties will be able to get federal grants to help with home repairs and temporary housing, and local governments will be reimbursed for some of the storm-related costs.

The deaths confirmed in Tennessee include four in Bledsoe



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Gov Bill Haslam surveys the storm damage along with U.S. Sen. Bob Corker, state Reps. Mike Bell and Kevin Brooks, and Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland.

County, nine in Bradley County, one in Franklin County, six in Greene County, 11 in Hamilton County, two in Johnson County, one in

Sequatchie County, one in Washington County; and one in Williamson County, according to See **STORM** on Page 3

## 'Welcome to Shelbyville' to premiere on PBS

### BY SAHAR DRIVER

Nation's Cities Weekly

Change has come to rural Tennessee. Set against the backdrop of a shaky economy, "Welcome to Shelbyville" takes an intimate look at a southern town as its residents — whites and African Americans, Latinos and Somalis — grapple with their beliefs, their histories and their evolving ways of life.

"Welcome to Shelbyville," directed and produced by Kim A. Snyder and executive produced by BeCause Foundation in association with Active Voice, is set to air on PBS May 24. Check local listings for details.

The documentary has already spurred quite a buzz through a limited series of community screenings and conference presentations. NLC recently held a screening of webisodes from the documentary with more than 100 local leaders.

The session included small-group discussions about actions that communities are undertaking to bridge the gap between cultures.

The launch of Active Voice's new Web platform, Shelbyville Multimedia, promises to broaden the reach and heighten the impact of the documentary by providing an opportunity for audiences to deepen conversations about how this town's story relates to their own.

Designed to promote community-building and harmony between native-born Americans, immigrants



Photo by Shelbyville MultiMedia Org.

Kim A. Snyder, director and producer, and Hawo, a Somalia refugee who worked at Tyson Foods in Shelbyville, participated in a panel discussion following the premiere showing in Shelbyville last fall.

and refugees nationwide, the interactive website features a series of webisodes, social media tools and several creative campaigns that use online video to inspire story-sharing and bridge-building on the ground.

The National League of Cities has joined forces with this campaign to create more welcoming and integrated communities. There are a variety of ways city leaders can connect:

1. Attend a Community Cinema event during the weeks leading up to

broadcast. Check the Community Cinema screening schedule ([www.pbs.org/independentlens/getinvolved/cinema/?past=&city=&film=53&month=](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/getinvolved/cinema/?past=&city=&film=53&month=)) to see if there is an event coming to your city or town.

2. Gather your friends and colleagues to watch the PBS broadcast on May 24. Check for local listings ([www.pbs.org/independentlens/welcome-to-shelbyville/index](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/welcome-to-shelbyville/index))

3. Add the Shelbyville Multimedia event during the weeks leading up to See **SHELBYVILLE** on Page 6

# NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



## BY TML STAFF REPORTS

### BRISTOL

Mail processing operations will be moved from Bristol to Johnson City, according to the US Postal Service. Only mail processing operations will be transferred there. The retail unit and PO Box section will remain open at the Bristol Office. Local mail service will not be affected by the move. The transition will be completed by October 2011.

### BRISTOL

Morning Dove Steel Cabin Co., a division of Kramer International Inc. of Portageville, N.Y., plans to locate facilities in Bristol and invest an initial \$2.1 million in the next five years. According to Richard Venable, chief executive officer of NETWORKS – Sullivan Partnership, the company plans to employ 40 people in the first year of production, with a long term goal of hiring more than 300 people. Morning Dove plans to establish two facilities in Bristol — one on the Tennessee side and the other on the Virginia side, which will be used for warehousing and parts assembly.

### CHATTANOOGA

The Chattanooga Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development offers funding to assist private landlords in renovating their rental units. The program awards grants to property owners who substantially renovate their rental units and agree to keep them affordable for a five year period. The grant covers fifty percent of renovation costs, up to a maximum of \$12,000 for a 3-bedroom unit, \$10,000 for a 2-bedroom unit, and \$8,000 for a 1-bedroom unit.

### CLARKSVILLE

Jostens is moving more of its yearbook operations to Clarksville. The company is transferring yearbook and commercial print production here from State College, Pa. Certain customer service and design and school annual functions will remain

in Pennsylvania. Jostens currently has about 400 employees in Clarksville. The company plans to move out of its current building on Highway 48 and into the 575,000 square-foot Quad Graphics building in the Clarksville-Montgomery County Corporate Business Park. The property sits on 75 acres and has about 20 acres remaining for expansion.

### ELIZABETHTON

For more than a decade, one factory in Elizabethton has been manufacturing landmarks that have been erected all over the nation, and now the plant is expanding its market to a global one. The NCI Building Systems plant, located in the Watauga Industrial Park, is a massive 215,000-square-foot facility that makes custom metal buildings, ranging in size from a large part of the Gold Coast Casino in Las Vegas to a simple 30-foot-by-40-foot building. The same technology that allows the plant to make all the pieces of a building in Elizabethton and ship them by trucks to places as far away as Washington and Canada is being used to place the building parts in containers, load them on ships, and send them all over the globe, two countries showing “booming” demand for the Tennessee plant’s services are China and India, according to an NCI’s plant spokesman.

### HALLS

Cargill AgHorizons announced it will invest \$25 million at its Hales Point grain elevator near Halls in a modernization project that will significantly increase its storage capacity and improve the speed to unload grain to better service customers. On an annual basis, Cargill will be able to double the amount of grain it can handle. Work on expanding the storage capacity should be completed by December. The additional storage capacity will allow Cargill to also buy milo/sorghum grain at some point in the future. Cargill buys mainly corn, soybeans and soft red winter wheat at Hales Point.

### JOHNSON CITY

East Tennessee Railway has agreed to the terms of the city’s \$600,000 offer for a 10-mile stretch of land on which the first “rails-to-trails” project in East Tennessee could be constructed. If approved, the railroad will have 24 months to improve road crossings and remove railroad ties. City Manager Pete Peterson said the city will begin applying for grants and hopes hiking clubs and others will become involved in the push to create a public trail called the “Tweetsie Trail.” The route runs through an active rail yard in Johnson City, then along steep hill-sides and through cuts until it reaches Elizabethton. “Rails-to-Trails,” or “railbanking,” allows an out-of-use railroad corridor to be converted for interim trail use, thereby preserving the corridor until such time as rail service is deemed feasible or necessary again. Railbanking not only allows the construction of trails for public use, but it preserves these scenic corridors.

### MEMPHIS

Memphis is now among the world’s eight “Best Cities for Young Artists,” according to “Flavorwire”. The Internet outlet is one of the go-to sites for up-to-the-minute happenings around the world in culture and art. Embraced in a list that’s as global as it gets, Memphis shares the company of Macau (China), São Paulo, Montreal, Las Vegas, Brussels, Jakarta and Dresden. The culture blog notes that young artists have been priced out of art meccas such as New York, Melbourne and Barcelona.

### MORRISTOWN

The Custom Software Design Group is expecting to hire 200 employees in the next 18 months at their new headquarters in Morristown. The software company’s owners are originally from Morristown, but conducted their business elsewhere for many years. The group is hiring software engineers to do business process automation and hopes to stay in their current location at 101 East Main Street.

### NASHVILLE

3M, a global technology company, announced it will locate a new manufacturing facility on Swinging Bridge Road. The company pur-



TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau joined Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, Police Chief Steve Anderson, Water Services Director Scott Potter and Public Works Director Billy Lynch on April 22 to launch Tennessee’s first comprehensive county-wide medication drug take back initiative.

chased Dupont’s Advanced Composite Technology facility in which to leverage 3M’s expertise in coating, film, and nonwoven technologies and produce a comprehensive line of products for the health care and home care markets. The company anticipates hiring 40 people over the course of three years and will offer competitive wage, high-skilled jobs.

### NASHVILLE

Citizens can start disposing unused or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs in newly installed bright green collection containers instead of trash cans. Seeking to reduce the environmental complications posed by chemicals from pills entering Davidson County’s water system, state and Metro officials kicked off a new drug disposal program they say will also reduce the risk of prescription drug abuse by keeping pills out of the wrong hands. According to national statistics, 90 percent of Americans improperly dispose of their prescription drugs.

### NASHVILLE

Nashville’s first floodplain enhancement project was announced on May 2 as the city marked the one year anniversary of the historic May 2010 flood. The project is located west of White’s Creek Pike just south of Briley Parkway on 20 acres within the floodplain of Ewing Creek. The project will create an “Eco Park” with more than five acres of wetlands and reduce flood

risks by increasing flood storage on Ewing Creek in North Nashville and is primarily funded by donations through EarthCredits, a on-profit formed in 2007.

### PIGEONFORGE

According to Standard & Poor’s index of 500 stocks, the tourism “earnings” numbers for Pigeon Forge are, overall, on the mend. Gross receipts by businesses in Pigeon Forge rose 4.3 percent for the full calendar year from 2009 to 2010. The city outpaced the national increase of 3.4 percent in travel and tourism spending during the same time frame. The fourth quarter looked better for Pigeon Forge as well. From the last three months of 2009 to the last three months of 2010, Pigeon Forge gross receipts rose 3.5 percent. For January and February (March numbers aren’t out yet), spending in Pigeon Forge rose 6.2 percent from a year ago.

### WATAUGA

In about one month, Tennessee’s oldest business will close its doors to the public and begin a new chapter in its 233-year history. St. John Milling Co., located in Watauga, was founded in the 1770s and has operated continuously since, remaining in one family’s ownership for the duration of its evolving business. Its owners announced it will close its doors May 28 to enable the mill to carve a new path in its continued role of serving the community, while preserving its historical significance.”



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### BY TML STAFF REPORTS

**Steven Majchrzak** has been appointed deputy commissioner of the state Dept. of Commerce and Insurance. He previously served a joint role of assistant commissioner over administration and the regulatory boards. He will be succeeded as assistant commissioner of the regulatory boards by **Bill Giannini**, of Memphis. Giannini, owner of Little Italy Pizza, has resigned from the Shelby County Election Commission, which he joined April 2009.



Majchrzak



Giannini

**Shari Meghreblian**, Ph.D., has joined the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation as Deputy Commissioner for Environment. Meghreblian will help oversee the department’s environmental regulatory programs for the protection of Tennessee’s air, land and water. She has served as the environmental operations manager at the General Motors facility in Spring Hill since 2005. Prior to that, she served at the facility under the Sat-

urn Corporation in roles including manager of environmental affairs, production operations supervisor and environmental engineer.

Deputy Governor **Claude Ramsey** will lead the Tennessee Delegation to the 2011 SEUS-CP. SEUS-CP is a coalition of seven Canadian provinces (Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland, PEI, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick) and six Southeastern states (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee) whose goal is to increase trade and investment opportunities between regions.



Ramsey

**Mark Nagi** has been appointed Community Relations Officer for TDOT’s Region One area, based in Knoxville. Nagi takes over the position previously held by Yvette Martinez, who now serves as Gov. Bill Haslam’s Press Secretary. Nagi has more than 15 years experience in television sports reporting, anchoring, and producing in major markets. He will serve as



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the primary media contact for the Knoxville and Tri-Cities media markets for the 25 counties that comprise TDOT’s Region One area.

**Steve Darden’s** 10-year stint as Johnson City commissioner has come to a close. Darden has been a commissioner since 2001 and has been elected a total of three times, serving as vice mayor and mayor from 2001-03 and 2005-07.



Darden

Spring Hill Alderman **Bruce Hull** has been selected as vice mayor. Hull was first elected to the Board of Mayor and Alderman in 2007. He also previously served on the city’s planning commission.

Nashville lawyer **Kevin Sharp**, 48, was confirmed as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Cleveland City Councilman **Bill “Chief” Robertson**, 68, has died following a lengthy illness. He leaves behind a long legacy of servitude to Cleveland and Bradley County. He was a coach, teacher and administrator for more than 44 years.

## La Vergne welcomes new leadership

The city is proud to have filled four key positions since January. **Steven A. Mayer** was named city administrator on March 1, **T.J. Oliver** has been hired as systems administrator, **Kathy Tyson** has been selected as public relations Director and retired Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel **Mike Walker** as public works director.

Before his appointment, Mayer was operations director of the Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency and worked closely with the city during the flooding of May 2010. Mayer also worked as an area coordinator for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Heretired as a U.S. Airforce Major after serving 28 years.

“We are thrilled Steve has taken leadership in this vital position,” said Mayor Senna Mosley.

Oliver served as technical systems specialist for the city prior to being named administrator. He specializes in the installation of networks, PCs and security equipment, and management of emergency services and equipment (including 911 phone lines).

With a B.S. in journalism and radio/television, Tyson brings both

written and electronic media expertise to the city. She spent 15 years with the National Association of State Treasurers as communications manager.

In September 2010, Walker retired as the Colonel from the Tennessee Highway Patrol after 33 years of service.

As the top officer of the state police, he managed 899 sworn troops and 125 civilians. In addition, Walker was responsible for preparing and managing annual budgets in excess of \$100 million on behalf of the THP.

In addition to his police work, he helped to build a new volunteer fire department for the city of Dunlap outside of Chattanooga.



Mayer



Oliver



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# Second-deadliest tornado outbreak in U.S. history — 226 in one day

## Tennessee one of seven states hit with severe storms

### STORM from Page 1

the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

State and local officials are only beginning to assess the level of damage to infrastructure and private property. Additional counties may be added to the federal declaration as damage assessments of those counties affected by the storms are completed by local officials with TEMA and FEMA.

Gov. Bill Haslam has also requested \$10 million in emergency funding from President Obama in the wake of flooding threats in West Tennessee. The funding would help state and local governments with evacuation readiness and activities.

Flooding in the area began April 21 due to record rainfall and the level of the Mississippi, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers.

Should this request be granted, local governments in Dyer, Lake, Shelby and Stewart counties would have access to direct federal assistance for evacuation actions.

The flooding along the Mississippi River and its tributaries is historic. The Mississippi River is already at 42.1 feet in Memphis with an expected crest of 48 feet by May 11, according to National Weather Service. That's three feet higher than earlier predictions, and will exceed the great flood of 1937 in some areas, reaching the third highest level on record in Memphis.

Fears of dangerous flooding have led Shelby County officials to call a civil emergency. Evacuations have occurred in low-lying areas of Memphis, as well as in Millington. Evacuations have also occurred in parts of Dyer County.

Heavy rainfall across the region has also caused major flooding along the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. In Tiptonville, residents have been under a voluntary evacuation order. And in Stewart County, those living along the Cumberland River are also evacuating.

Many of the communities affected by these storms and rising flood waters are the same areas devastated by the May 2010 floods. And flooding in many communities is expected to get worse. River stages are already at unprecedented levels. Any measurable rainfall over the next two - three weeks will have a more dramatic impact than normal.

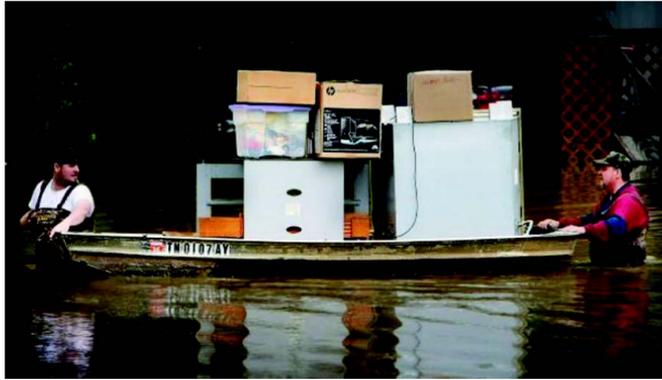


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A father and son transport items from a mobile home park in Memphis. The National Weather Service predicts the Mississippi will crest at a record-level 48 feet.



TEMA Photo

Church of God, located at the south end of Dyer County, is about 1/2 mile east of Mississippi River.



Associated Press Photo

Flooding is seen in downtown Tiptonville. The Mississippi River is expected to rise to its highest levels since the 1920s in some parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.



Photo by Jim Weber/The Commercial Appeal

Construction crews dump loads of gravel onto North 2nd St. in Memphis to protect against creeping floodwater from the Wolfe and Loosahatchie Rivers.



Photo by John A. Gillis, AP/The Daily News Journal

Storm damage to a home in Murfreesboro. According to the National Weather Service, two tornadoes touched down in Rutherford County.



Photo by Wade Payne, Associated Press

A young boy stands on a wall of his home destroyed by high winds in the Camp Creek Community in Greeneville.



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Ominous storm cloud spotted in Vonore, Tenn.



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Aerial shot of Chattanooga in the storms' aftermath.

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- 40,575 municipal employees for workers' compensation including 6,450 firefighters (2,263 full-time, 240 part-time & 3,947 volunteers), representing more than \$951.7 million in annual payroll exposures; and provides liability coverages for some
- 18,960 municipal vehicles with total insurable values of some \$350 million.



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### Nine companies make Forbes list

Nine Tennessee-based companies made Forbes' annual list of the 2,000 largest publicly traded companies in the world. Forbes' ranking is based on a combination of company sales, profits, assets and market value and excludes privately held companies. The competing Fortune 500 is based specifically on companies' estimated annual revenue and includes privately held firms. Making the list are: FedEx, HCA Holdings, International Paper, Unum Group, Dollar General Corp., Auto Zone, Community Health Systems, Eastman Chemical, and First Horizon.

### Senate approves school voucher program

The Senate passed a bill to create a school voucher program for students in Tennessee's four largest counties to attend private or religious schools. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Brian Kelsey, would give low-income students an opportunity to receive "Equal Opportunity Scholarships" to attend the school of their choice, including private religious schools. The bill applies to students who are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches in Nashville, Memphis, Shelby County, Chattanooga and Knoxville schools.

### Energy loan program expands

Due to overwhelming response, the \$50 million Energy Efficiency Loan program launched last August to help Tennessee companies finance energy savings projects has been expanded. Pathway Lending is increasing its maximum loan amount to \$5 million for qualified applicants, up from \$1 million originally, to help Tennessee companies finance investments in energy efficiency technology, energy retrofits and renewable energy systems. The program is a collaboration between the state, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Pinnacle Financial Partners, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Economic Development Administration and Pathway Lending. Last year during the first three months of the program, Pathway received more than \$25 million in applications. The expanded program is available on a first-come basis.

### Enrollment grows 2-year colleges

State leaders' plans to push community colleges into a more prominent role in Tennessee higher education is working, according to a recent study released by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. While public universities such as the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga are increasing their overall share of college students, more local students are choosing two-year schools close to home. "With the recession, the technology centers and community colleges were the greatest beneficiaries," said David Wright, associate executive director of policy, planning and research at the Higher Education Commission in Nashville. Nearly 49 percent of Hamilton County students attended Chattanooga State Community College last fall, according to the commission's 2011 review of higher education in the state's 95 counties. In 2008, 42 percent of students chose Chattanooga State.

At the same time, UTC's share of local students has been on the decline — 30.6 percent in 2008 to 26.9 percent in 2011.

### TDOT HELP trucks to advertise

The next time you call 511 for road and traffic conditions, you may also hear 15-second ads. The state Department of Transportation (TDOT) will sell advertising to help raise money for road construction and maintenance under two bills sent to the governor. One measure, SB31, allows sales of advertising signs on the HELP trucks operated by TDOT to help motorists on the interstate highway system. The other, SB32, calls for sales of 15-second commercials on TDOT's "511" system, which allows callers to check traffic conditions around the state with a phone call. Legislative staff estimates the HELP ads will generate \$324,000 per year and the 511 commercials \$400,000. Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy and Rep. Vince Dean said the totals could be more. All revenue, less a fee to contractors who handle the advertising, is earmarked for the state's Highway Fund to pay for road construction and maintenance.

### Hospital tax raised, extended

The Tennessee legislature has raised and extended for another year a hospital tax it first levied last year to generate revenue that, when combined with federal 2-for-1 matching money, will help avoid more than \$1 billion in TennCare cuts. Gov. Bill Haslam built the tax revenue it will generate into his state budget proposal for the fiscal year that starts July 1. The bill increases the 3.52 percent tax on hospital net income to 4.52 percent and extends it to July 1, 2012. State officials have acknowledged it's likely to be extended annually, like a similar nursing home tax enacted nearly two decades ago and renewed yearly. The hospital tax exempts government-owned hospitals like The Regional Medical Center at Memphis, rural critical-access hospitals, free-standing rehabilitation hospitals and pediatric research hospitals like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Its approval last year was credited with avoiding cuts that would have closed The Med.

### Crime rate decreases in TN

Overall crime in the state decreased 2.6 percent in 2010 compared with the previous year, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The TBI said that 2010 was the third year in a row that reported crimes fell compared with the year before. Since 2008, crime in Tennessee has dropped 7 percent. The reported number of murders decreased by nearly 24 percent, from 472 in 2009, to 360 last year, however, while crimes against people and property declined, the number of clandestine methamphetamine labs rose 35 percent from 2009 to last year. The TBI compiles its annual report based on crime statistics reported by all the law enforcement agencies in the state. Simple assaults made up the largest number of crimes reported, with more than 96,000 for 2010. That number was down from 2009.

### State pulls bridge funding

The state has pulled funding to convert the old Wilson Bridge at Kinzel Springs over Little River into a covered bridge. In 1996 then TDOT Commissioner Bruce Saltzman and Gov. Don Sundquist, who is now a resident of Townsend, approved a \$160,000 grant for the project contingent on a new bridge being built. Blount County Commission agreed to fund \$40,000 for the project. Blount County Highway Superintendent Bill Dunlap said he received word from TDOT that the funding had been pulled. Members of a citizens committee had been working on the bridge project. The plan was to convert the old one-lane concrete bridge into a covered bridge exclusively for pedestrians and bicyclists. The new bridge was completed in 2009 upstream and now the narrow old bridge, which is approximately 180 feet long, is closed.

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### Increased bike safety laws

Four years ago, Tennessee enacted a law to protect bicyclists by requiring motorists to leave at least three feet between their vehicles and the cyclists they pass. There has been an increase in deaths of bicycle riders and pedestrians since then. Lawmakers approved a bill to require higher standards of due care when driving and to enhance penalties when bicyclists and pedestrians are hurt or killed in crashes involving motor vehicles. The bill was sought by Bike Walk Tennessee, a statewide advocacy group founded in 2009 to improve conditions and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.

## TBOA names Tim Earles Codes Official of the Year



Tim Earles, right, is presented with the award by past TBOA president Tim Ward.

The Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA) recently awarded Sullivan County Building Commissioner Tim Earles as Code Official of the Year at its 48th Annual training conference held in Gatlinburg April 10-13.

Earles has earned an honor that only 20 individuals have received the Tennessee Building Officials Association. The award was presented by past TBOA President Tim Ward.

The Association has been in existence for almost 50 years providing training to its members consisting of building, plumbing, mechanical, and fire officials from every city and county across the state of Tennessee.

Recipients of this prestigious award are those individuals that have served their communities in the public sector as construction inspectors and code enforcement officials. They are highly trained individuals that work within their communities to enhance and make the built environment a safer place for its citizen to live in.

Unlike other more visible public officials like firemen and police officers, code officials are working daily to make sure all buildings new and existing are built and maintained to provide the occupants with the necessary health and safety components required by local and state law.

## Survey finds Tennessee businesses participate in Green Industry

The Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development celebrated Earth Day 2011 with preliminary results of Tennessee's Green Jobs Report, an account of data gathered in a survey of more than 6,000 Tennessee businesses. The survey identifies occupations and training requirements within Tennessee's green economy.

"The Green Jobs Survey serves as a baseline of this growing industry," said Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Karla Davis. "This is a first step in understanding what the green job picture looks like in Tennessee and where it's headed."

The survey examined 10 green economic activity sectors: energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation, green construction, environmental protection, agriculture and forestry, green manufacturing, recycling and waste reduction, research and consulting, and governmental and regulatory administration.

The following are highlights from the Green Jobs Report Executive Summary:

- Green jobs in Tennessee total around 43,800 for 2010, which does not include additional jobs coming online during the 2011-13 period from investments such as Hemlock Semiconductor and Wacker Chemie polysilicon plants, Nissan (lithium battery and zero-electric vehicle), and others.
- Energy efficiency is the green economic activity with the most jobs (almost 9,000), and sustainable transportation is the second most populous (around 5,800 jobs).

- Industries with the most green jobs are construction and manufacturing (both with 22 percent) and transportation (13 percent) and professional and technical services (13 percent).

- Among the largest green occupations in Tennessee are team assemblers, who may manufacture energy efficient appliances or solar or wind energy components; civil engineers, who are LEED project engineers or who direct sustainable city planning; transit or intercity bus drivers, who drive clean-fuel or low-sulfur buses, construction laborers, who work on home weatherization; and environmental scientists and specialists, who monitor environmental impacts and provide recommendations for mitigation.

- Educational requirements for green jobs are as follows: the most common requirement is moderate-term on-the-job training (34 percent of jobs) — some formal or apprenticeship training could substitute for training on-the-job. Short-term on-the-job training (three months or fewer) is sufficient for 20 percent of jobs. The next most frequent requirement is a bachelor's degree (14 percent), which is required for most scientific, technical, engineering, and computer-related jobs.

- Green occupations in potentially short supply range from refuse and recyclable material coordinators to agricultural science technicians to construction managers to energy auditors to urban planners, machinists, wholesale sales representatives, and environmental engineers. Additional shortage areas will develop as



the economy improves.

Along with detailed tables and explanations of data, the survey report includes noteworthy vignettes of Tennessee employers who have developed green products or have other interesting involvement in green activity.

The survey sample included 6,044 firms in 11 industry categories expected to have jobs in one of the 10 green economic activities. The sample was selected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics from the green industry list provided by Tennessee. A survey response rate of 45 percent was achieved after two mailings and phone follow-up.

For additional findings of the Green Jobs Report, see the Executive Summary that can be found online now at [www.sourceten.org](http://www.sourceten.org). Tennessee's Green Jobs Report will be available in its entirety by May 6. In addition to the baseline report, a separate report is forthcoming on the job impact of major new green investments in Tennessee, such as Wacker Chemie AG, Hemlock Semiconductor, Volkswagen, eTec, the Volunteer State Solar Initiative, and Nissan (lithium battery and zero-electric vehicle).

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## Making Great Cities Even Better



The city of Hendersonville closed a \$4.1 million loan with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) for capital improvement projects. Pictured left to right are: Ron Minnicks, interim finance director; Dave LeMarbre, parks and recreation director; Scott Foster, mayor; Kay Franklin, interim city recorder; and Steve Walker, TMBF representative.

## MTAS offers EOA prior to TML Annual Conference

MTAS is offering Elected Officials Academy training prior to the 2011 Tennessee Municipal League Annual Conference in Murfreesboro, at the Embassy Suites.

These sessions will begin Fri. June 10, at 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. and resume Sat. June 11, at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Each session is two hours and is designed specifically for the elected official. The schedule allows time for networking and sharing ideas with elected officials from other cities.

The pre-conference sessions include, Council at Work, Municipal Human Resources, Municipal Fire Review, Municipal Police Review and Municipal Public Works.

### Municipal Fire Review

The participants of this session will work through the 21 items on the MTAS Recommendations for Municipal Fire Departments, as well as other important municipal fire department requirements.

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### Municipal Police Review

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### Municipal Human Resources

The session focuses on the purpose, function and services provided by a municipal Human Resources Department.

### Public Works

This session will emphasize the role of the governing body in relation to the public works/engineering department

### Council at Work

This session will provide participants with a variety of techniques designed to increase their effectiveness as a member of a governing body.

For more information, please visit the MTAS web site at <http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu/Training/EOA/TMLEOA.pdf>, the TML web site at [www.tml1.org](http://www.tml1.org), or contact MTAS at 865-974-0411 for registration information.

## Applications for COPS hiring grants due May 25

BY MITCHEL HERCKIS  
*Nation's Cities Weekly*

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced that it will begin accepting applications for the COPS Hiring Program.

The competitive grant program provides entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for three years for newly hired, full-time sworn law enforcement officer positions, or for rehired officers who have been laid off or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date as a result of local budget cuts. In return, the grant recipient must retain employment of the officer for at least one year after the grant funds are terminated.

In a meeting last week, COPS Office Director Bernard Melekian explained changes to the program from previous years.

The COPS Office explained, "Our grants should be viewed as a means for communities to address specific and persistent crime and disorder problems." Therefore, an emphasis on criminal justice problem solving will be central to building a successful application.

The application is designed to be filled out without a grant writer, and to only take a minimal amount of time to complete.

For more information, visit [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov) and look under the "Grants & Funding" tab for the COPS Hiring Program. The application deadline is May 25.

## Legislation approved by GA

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In 2005, and again in 2007, the General Assembly adopted legislation that delayed implementation of Tennessee's streamline legislation and the state's full participation in the Streamline Sales and Use Tax Agreement until some of the issues could be worked out on a federal level.

In 2010, the Streamline Sales Tax Governing Board adopted an amendment that allows states to keep situs sourcing for in-state purchases while also receiving the benefit of destination sourcing for out-of-state purchases, thereby eliminating the primary objection to the agreement. However, the member states only account for 144 congressional seats so in order for the legislation to pass at the federal level 74 congressmen from states not supporting the agreement will have to vote in favor. Many believe that with the new composition of Congress, it would be viewed as a tax increase and an uphill battle.

### Purchasing Agreement

SB 0773, by Sen. Bill Ketron, and HB 0907, by Rep. Mike Harrison, provides municipalities clear authority to participate in national cooperative purchasing alliances. The legislation has passed both Houses and awaits the governor's signature. This bill was a technical correction to legislation enacted last session.

As introduced, it retains authority for a municipality or municipal agency to participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies or any services other than construction, engineering or architectural services or construction materials with one or more other local governments outside of this state but removes authority for such cooperative agreements to be within this state.

For more detailed information about these pieces of legislation, as well as updates on other bills of interest, visit TML's website at [www.TML1.org](http://www.TML1.org).

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**GREENEVILLE.** The town is seeking applicants for the new position of Director of Human Resources. Full-service city with 225 employees. The director is responsible for the operation of the town's Personnel Department. The position answers to a mayor with policy guidance from a Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Desire a proven personnel manager with excellent communication and organizational skills. At least three years' experience as Human Resources Director/Assistant Director or equivalent. Salary DOQ but in the \$45K range. Application is a public record. Bachelor degree required, Master's preferred. Send resume by May 24, 2011 to Mayor W.T. Daniels, Town of Greeneville, 200 North College Street, Greeneville, TN 37745. Phone: 423-639-7105.

### FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES CONSULTANT

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS

Kingston Springs requests proposals to provide professional planning services. Proposals must be received no later than Tuesday at 4 pm, May 17, 2011. Proposals received after the above date and time may not be considered. Firms selected as finalists will be expected to interview during business hours during the week of June 6, 2011. Full specifications can be found on the town's website at [www.kingstonsprings.net](http://www.kingstonsprings.net). Please submit 6 unbound copies of your proposal by mail and one electronic copy to: RFP - Planning Services; The Town of Kingston Springs; Attn: Laurie Cooper, City Manager; P.O. Box 256; Kingston Springs, TN 37082 Email: [lcooper@kingstonsprings-tn.gov](mailto:lcooper@kingstonsprings-tn.gov) for submissions and questions. No phone calls. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the RFP, the town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularity in a proposal, and to accept or reject any item or a combination of items, when to do so would be to the advantage of the town or its taxpayers. It is further within the right of the town to reject proposals that do not contain all elements and information requested in this document. The town may also identify more than one service provider in order to ensure backup or obtain specialized expertise, if it determines that it is in the best interests of the public to do so. The Town of Kingston Springs shall not be liable for any losses incurred by any responders throughout this process.

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## Welcome to Shelbyville to air on PBS



Photo by Mark Barrett, TML

Beverly, a lifelong resident of Shelbyville, and Miguel, originally from Mexico and now a U.S. citizen, are two of the locals cast in this documentary that takes an intimate look at a southern community's struggle to bridge the cultural divide between its current residents and its new Somali neighbors.

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dia logo to your website or blog to make sure your friends know about the film and broadcast. Be sure to link your visitors to [www.ShelbyvilleMultimedia.org](http://www.ShelbyvilleMultimedia.org).

4. Join the Conversation on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ShelbyvilleMultimedia](http://www.facebook.com/ShelbyvilleMultimedia)). Become a fan, invite your followers to become a fan, share news and stories on the wall and help inspire our growing network to get to know their neighbors.

5. Embed a Webisode. Active Voice has produced 12 short Web videos that explore a range of themes — faith, family, civil rights, community-building, etc. — through the stories of Shelbyville's dynamic residents. You can use these videos on your website, blog, Facebook page, or show one at your next conference or gathering. They each come with discussion questions to inspire sharing and learning, whether it's on an online forum or a dialogue circle.

### The Shelbyville Multimedia Welcoming Campaign

Many immigrants on the road to "becoming an American" were

helped by someone along the way. Active Voice paired up with First Person American to create Welcoming Stories, a series of five short videos that capture these small acts of kindness, big-hearted moments and simple but life-changing connections.

Inspired by the new documentary, "Welcome to Shelbyville" — set to broadcast on PBS May 24 — the campaign is collecting and hosting these videos on their Welcoming Stories Tumblr page at <http://welcomingstories.tumblr.com/> with hopes of inspiring more stories from all over the country.

NLC encourages all city officials to submit stories of their own — video, photos, text and even audio — so that together we can demonstrate the power of welcoming in our cities.

To learn more about the documentary, directed and produced by Kim A. Snyder and executive produced by BeCause Foundation, in association with Active Voice, visit: <http://www.becausefoundation.org/films/index.php>. To learn more about Shelbyville Multimedia, visit: [www.shelbyvillemultimedia.org/](http://www.shelbyvillemultimedia.org/).

Sahar Driver is a project coordinator with Active Voice.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



### BY TML STAFF REPORTS

**By 2020, every state may have bans on smoking in restaurants, bars and the workplace, federal health officials predicted, based on the current pace of adopting anti-smoking laws.** The number of states with comprehensive indoor smoking bans went from zero in 2000 to 25 in 2010. Nearly half of U.S. residents are covered by comprehensive state or local indoor smoking bans, the CDC estimated, in a new report. Another 10 states have laws than ban smoking in workplaces, bars or restaurants, but not in all three venues. Some other states have less restrictive laws, such as requiring smoking areas with separate ventilation. Only seven states have no indoor smoking restrictions, although some of their cities do: Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

**Americans depended more on government assistance in 2010**

**than at any other time in the nation's history, a USA TODAY analysis of federal data finds.** The trend shows few signs of easing, even though the economic recovery is nearly two years old. A record 18.3 percent of the nation's total personal income was a payment from the government for Social Security, Medicare, food stamps, unemployment benefits and other programs in 2010. Wages accounted for the lowest share of income — 51 percent — since the government began keeping track in 1929. The income data shows how fragile and government-dependent the recovery is after a recession that officially ended in June 2009. The wage decline has continued this year. Wages slipped to another historic low of 50.5 percent of personal income in February. Another government effort — the Social Security payroll tax cut — has lifted income in 2011. The temporary tax cut puts more money in workers' pockets and counts as an income boost, even when wages stay the same.



## TENNESSEE FESTIVALS

### May 21-22: Greeneville

**17th Annual Iris Festival**  
Historic Downtown. Sat. 10-5 pm and Sun. Noon-5pm. Craftsmen and artisans, food vendors, Kids Corner, antique Ave., entertainment and dance, merchants market. Cornhole tournament. Miss Iris Festival Pageant. Held in conjunction with the Annual Wood Carving Show at First Presbyterian Church on North Main St. For more information, visit [www.greenevilleirisfestival.com](http://www.greenevilleirisfestival.com) or call 423-638-4111.

### May 14: Clifton

**Smoke on the River**  
Barbeque Cook-Off, Art Show and Car Show. 9 am - 3 pm at Ross Creek Recreational Area and City Park in Clifton on Highway 128E. Entertainment from 11 am - 1 pm.

### May 15-21: Portland

**70th annual Strawberry Festival**  
The big festival day is May 21. For directions and a full schedule of events, visit the festival website [www.portlandtn.com/strawberry\\_festival.htm](http://www.portlandtn.com/strawberry_festival.htm).

### May 21-22: Pikeville

**6th Annual Log Cabin Days Arts & Crafts Fair**  
Held at 108 Log Cabin Lane, two miles north of Pikeville, on U.S. Hwy. 127. Enjoy great food; handmade crafts; live music; porch pickers; Civil War re-enactors; quilt & tractor display; children's train rides, costume contest and much more. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 423-533-2664 or 423-618-7386 or visit [www.logcabindays.org](http://www.logcabindays.org).

### May 21 - Bell Buckle

**Mutts in May**  
Weiner race, dog costume contest, owner and pet look-alike contests, lots of food and fun. For more information visit [www.bell-bucklechamber.com/events](http://www.bell-bucklechamber.com/events)

### May 28-30; Dover

**Eagle Fest 2011: A Salute to Freedom**  
Held at the Old Gateway Ford Lot. Parade kicks off May 28 at 10 am. Bring the whole family to enjoy the carnival, music, food, vendors, fireworks show, luminary service and car show. Special guest speaker: Vickie Yates, News Channel 5. For a schedule of events and more information, call 931-232-5907 or visit at [www.dover-tn.com](http://www.dover-tn.com)

### June 3-4: Wartrace

**6th Annual MusicFest**  
Includes bluegrass competition this year. Primitive camping sites, RV parking and vendor space available by reservation. Food available. Bring your lawn chairs. For full schedule and competition rules, visit the website [www.wartracemusicfest.org](http://www.wartracemusicfest.org) or call 931-389-6144.

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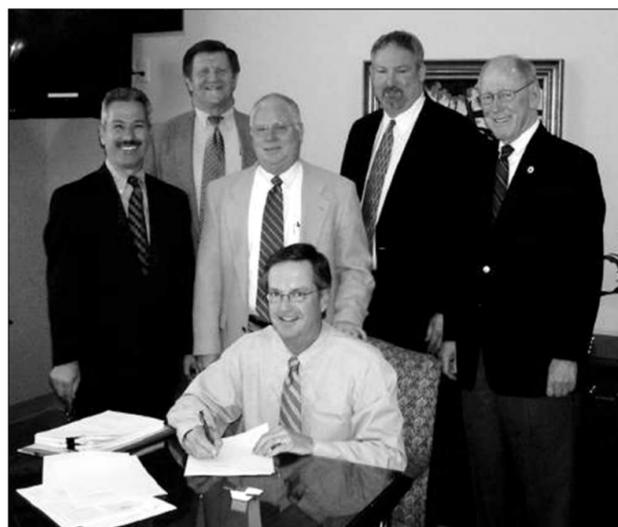
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# Sesquicentennial Civil War projects spur quest for ancestry

BY VICTORIA SOUTH  
TML Communications Coordinator

"This place has the traces of all the people who came before. It's the process of self-discovery." — Wayne Moore, Tennessee State Library and Archives

The handsome young man in uniform stares boldly from the grainy tin type, his wavy hair and beard resembling many youths today; but his life ended 150 years ago in a haze of gunfire and smoke on a bloody field outside his home.

In all, 620,000 Americans killed one another during the Civil War, which was activated by a single round fired April 12, 1861, upon Fort Sumter, S.C.

With our state at the center of the Western Campaign, it's estimated that two of every three Tennesseans had an ancestor that fought in the Civil War. While the dynamic era of their lives has come to a close, a new initiative by The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) allows their stories to be told through the letters, pictures, guns, uniforms and many other articles left behind.

The preservation project "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee," is part of a four-year, statewide initiative to commemorate The Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial,

can use this information in the classroom to teach about the Civil War and to show children examples of what the letters and other items were like during this time period. It's for researchers, scholars and people who are interested in the culture 150 years ago." Each item is photographed, copied and archived on site, with the original immediately returned to its owner.

"The great thing is that we go to the communities," said Moore. "We go to the county seat to make it easy for people to bring it in, to participate in sharing the material that they have about history. With 80 more counties to visit before their journey is complete, Moore notes that many of the items viewed so far have been astounding. At least 100 images are already featured on the TSLA website, with a plan to take the whole collection live by June or July.

"A lot of this stuff has never seen the light of day outside the family," Moore said. "It's been kept in cedar chests and attics, and other than family and a few individuals they may have showed it to, has never been available in the public domain for research and study."

After the archiving process is complete, each donor receives a digital copy of the item, along with valuable advice and preservation materials, such as acid free folders

termath of that foot wound," Moore explains. "We ended up finding the ancestor's pension application where he tells the whole story. Half his foot was shot off at the battle of Franklin, that disastrous charge in Nov. 1864. He was captured and the Union quartermaster fashioned this leather half boot for him to wear. Later, on his pension application, he wrote "I wore this boot the rest of my life and it hurt me every step I took."

The project may also take the form of a coffee table book in the future. "It would be a good thing to do as the legacy of the whole Sesquicentennial," said Moore.

While the Civil War period is often described as both tragic and romantic, the latter is less of an accurate description according to Moore. "I don't cotton much to the romantic term," he pauses. "I know after 150 years, we look back on the acts of valor, and I know there were a lot of those; it becomes a glorious thing in retrospect. But I've read hundreds of these soldier's letters, and I don't think anyone at that time would have deemed it a romantic thing. It was a really tough time in Tennessee. They endured a lot of hardships. They saw their friends and neighbors blown apart. Their farms were suffering, their wives back home were trying to keep things together, putting up with marauding guerillas and the Union army occupying their area, stealing everything they could take away."

After sharing items with the Looking Back project, participants are often compelled to continue a more in depth search for family members. "It's the process of self-discovery, I think," Moore said. "What was once just some old things hanging around in a chest suddenly becomes a spark to get them interested in their family history. This project helps us to bring people in and let them know what kind of services we offer. With just a little time and effort, you can find out a lot about your Tennessee ancestors."

As a workshop presenter at the upcoming Tennessee Municipal League Annual Conference to be held June 11-14 in Murfreesboro, Moore will discuss the Looking Back project on Monday, June 13. For more information on "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee," visit [tn.gov/tsla/cwtn](http://tn.gov/tsla/cwtn) or contact Jami Awalt at 615-253-3470 or [civilwar.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:civilwar.tsla@tn.gov). For more information on Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial events, visit [tncivilwar150.com](http://tncivilwar150.com).

## Genealogy Research

In 1919, Lindsley's Military An-



Wayne Moore, assistant state archivist, Tennessee State Library and Archives, and member of the Tennessee Civil War Commission, examines an artifact brought in by local citizens. TSLA staff members are traveling to counties across Tennessee to collect and archive Civil War memorabilia to create a digital collection as part of a state preservation project "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee" commemorating The Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial.

nals of Tennessee was the only available resource to verify military service. Today, for those who would like to take their Civil War connection to the next level, TSLA archivist Darla Brock is happy to point out some little used tools for genealogy research, especially materials that reflect the lives of everyday people during the Civil War period.

Brock and colleague Tom Kanon were thrilled to see their recent workshop "Civil War Ancestors: Old Records & New Tricks" filled to capacity. "Tom and I hoped to get across the resources at TSLA that were unknown or underutilized," Brock said. "We had to turn some people away, which broke our hearts, because we love to convey our information and share it." Each year, Brock and the TSLA staff pore over hundreds of Civil War era documents and records that cur-

buried in the walls of the state capitol with architect James Strickland, an autograph album about her war experiences. "It may prompt people to think "do we have a civil war autograph album?" said Brock. "A lot of those in prison kept signatures and notations of people in there with them. We have quite a few from different camps. We also have examples of Orders of Protection so that citizens could travel and conduct business within the lines and be able to pass without having their property damaged." There are census records, rebates, direct tax records, heirs and free blacks with property, along with the records of unscrupulous attorneys, an unfortunate reality of the period.

And then, there is what Brock calls "heart tuggers." On those occasions, she finds herself alone with a box of old letters and a fresh supply



Archivist Darla Brock at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, informs patrons about little known or underutilized research tools for tracing Civil War ancestry. Here, she displays an original 1860s hospital records book as part of a Civil War Sesquicentennial genealogy workshop "Civil War Ancestors: Old Records & New Tricks."

and arrives at a time when interest in family genealogy has peaked.

"I have worked in state archives long enough to know that there's a huge interest among the citizenry in Tennessee about the Civil War," said Wayne Moore, assistant state archivist, from his office at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Moore, along with other TSLA staff members and a photographer, are traveling to communities across Tennessee to collect and archive Civil War memorabilia, ultimately creating a digital collection to commemorate the war's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"Our aim is to make this a digital collection that the public can use," said Moore. "The items are going to be a resource for study. Teachers

and Mylar sleeves, to help protect the artifact. "I knew we would get some buttons and belt buckles, maybe some letters and photos," Moore continues. "But the quality and variety of the materials that have come in, the documents, photographs; the actual things that were used in the Civil War: muskets, swords, canteens, surgeons kits, saddles and uniforms have been surprising."

A particularly good find is one where a story can be traced that matches the object, Moore said. An example is a curious half-boot brought in by a Franklin family. "The family thought their relative had been wounded in the war and this half leather brogan was the af-

## Civil War Tourism meets the trails in Tennessee

With the entire state of Tennessee designated by Congress as a Civil War National Heritage area, you don't have to go far before reaching a historic landmark along the Civil War Trail. More than 1,462 battles, at least one fought in each of the state's 95 counties, brought destruction to the landscape. Yet, out of the ashes of war, Tennesseans black and white built a new society where slavery was abolished and citizenship redefined.

The Tennessee Civil War Trails program, which began with the installation of interpretive signs in the Franklin area and in Blountville, now stretches from Memphis to the Tri-Cities. More than 200 markers help guide visitors along the trails, where they take in the sites and sounds of the most pivotal time in American history. The number of signs is expected to increase by the end of the year, to 300, according to Lee Curtis, director of program development for the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

"Out of the five states participating in the Civil War Trails program, Tennessee's is the most requested map guide," Curtis says proudly. Visitors snapped up more than five hundred thousand guides recently. As a member of the Tennessee Civil War Commission, chaired by Commissioner Susan Whitaker of the TN Dept. of Tourist Development and Dr. Carroll

Van West, Director of the TN Civil War National Heritage Area and the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, Curtis is a scheduled speaker at TML's upcoming Annual Conference in June.

"It's going to be great, but it's important to note that the Sesquicentennial is a commemoration, not a celebration," she said. "We are honoring those who fell before us and it defines who we are today. Our mission is to lead a state effort to promote, fund and preserve the complete story of Tennessee's Civil War and its legacy."

The Commission is sponsoring a series of conferences from 2010 to 2015, held annually at locations across the state and will focus on the events which took place 150 years ago. Presenters will discuss the battles, events, and stories of the Civil War, as well as offer brief dramas and musical performances.

The Signature Event 2011: *The First Shots of Tennessee's Civil War*, will kick off September 6-7 at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville followed by *2012 Invasions by Rail and River* at Shiloh National Military Park April 4-5. TSLA and the Looking Back project will be on hand there as well.

"The Looking Back project gives you chills," said Curtis. "When you see all of these amazing artifacts from the war 150 years ago, guns, uniforms, photos, all in



one place, it's like the pages of history comes alive. You're putting the pieces of a puzzle together."

Other conference topics include: *2013 Occupation and Liberation and Reconstruction in Tennessee*; *2014 The Final Shots in Tennessee* and *2015 Reconstruction Tennessee*.

In addition to Commissioner Whitaker and the Governor, local officials have sponsored Civil War Trail markers in their communities. "Our goal is to have a marker in every county," said Curtis. "The money they have invested has brought visitors to our state, and improved the economy for their communities. I'd like to encourage everyone to get on board and participate."

For more information about the 2011 Sesquicentennial Signature Event in Cookeville, contact Lee Curtis at 615-741-9045 or e-mail [Lee.Curtis@tn.gov](mailto:Lee.Curtis@tn.gov). For more information about Civil War Sesquicentennial events, reenactments and festivals visit [www.tnvacation.com](http://www.tnvacation.com)



Even big name Hollywood stars such as Ashley Judd, who resides in Leipers Fork, TN, are becoming part of the growing number of people intrigued by Civil War connections. In a recent segment of NBC's hit series "Who Do You Think You Are?," Judd discovers her triple great grandfather, Elijah Hensley, fought in the Civil War on the Union side, lost a leg and eventually wound up in prison.

rently are or will be part of TSLA's ever growing Tennessee Virtual Archives index (TeVA). The collection is nothing short of impressive.

TeVA provides 189 Civil War documents called "War on Paper." Many are records the public has never seen or had access to before because they have never been released. "The first page of all of our pensions will be available for view in August on TeVA," said Brock. "We also have opened and in process the administrative records of the board of pension examiners for the state. For decades they were not opened until the last Confederate widow had expired in the 1980s."

The TSLA also possess the William Alonzo Wainwright papers, which is the second largest extent collection of quartermaster's records in the nation.

According to Brock and Kanon, researchers may be unaware that record keeping was quite detailed and extensive during the Civil War. As a result, there's usually more than one way to locate valuable information. Simple, every day resources could provide the missing link. Some of the most overlooked records include: rosters/Muster roles; ranks and unit designations, payment vouchers, descriptions of loyalty, names of land owners, hospital registers, records of supplies, clothing, and possessions of soldiers who had died, enlistment dates (enlistment papers included parental permission for underage enlistees), orders, ordinances, pension petitions, burial sheets, even physical descriptions of people boarding trains at the railroad were done meticulously. "You'll find types of documentation that you had no idea they had done," said Brock.

A female relative gave Samuel Dold Morgan, the chairman of the State Building Commission, who is

of tissues. "So much of this is human drama set within the context of the war, and when you read it you're able to put yourself in that position," she said. There's the soldier who lost his mind while in prison, trying to get back home to his family and a letter filed under pensions; a widow who had to send in the love letters her husband wrote to her during the Civil War in order to collect benefits. In the letters, the husband writes: "I was having this most wonderful dream of you, and then I woke up. The enemy was upon us and we were being over run."

Finally, there's the notarized letter a gentleman sent to John Trotwood Moore, the state librarian and archivist in 1919, stating he had seen the original Muster role in the state's archives dated Feb. 25, 1863, in which it is erroneously stated that he deserted on Feb. 20, 1864. "You have this insight into the pain that this caused him and you see that we at the State Library and Archives were his solution," said Brock. "He had faith that TSLA could set the record straight and set history right."

According to Brock, more workshops are on the way as part of the Sesquicentennial, along with a Nashville PBS special the TSLA is currently in preparing for. "I feel so honored and privileged to touch these records on a daily basis, being able to enhance what we can provide as an institution is what we're all about," she said. "We are keeping these things in trust for you. You own them as Tennesseans. And we are always thrilled when people come in. I'm just one of many here that have the enthusiasm and training to help you get started."

To visit the TeVA Civil War records, visit the TSLA website at [www.tennessee.gov/tsla/](http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/) click on digital collections, then Tennessee Virtual Archive.