



Cumberland County Courthouse

County Spotlight: *Cumberland*

Population: 46,802
County Seat: Crossville

Did you know?

With over 200 holes of golf at eleven championship golf courses, Crossville can easily lay claim to its title of "The Golf Capital of Tennessee."

Camp Crossville, a site located east of Pleasant Hill, was used as a prisoner of war camp during World War II. The camp housed German and Italian officers from November 1942 until the end of the war.

For more information, visit:

www.crossville-chamber.com
www.wikipedia.org

CTAS to Host County Officials Orientation Program

Successful candidates for county office will be invited this August to a special orientation program to help acclimate them to their new positions and inform them of the assistance that is available to Tennessee county officials through the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) and other organizations.

CTAS, in conjunction with the Tennessee County Services Association (TCSA) and the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT), will be hosting the County Officials Orientation Program (COOP) August 24-26 at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

COOP is an opportunity for newly elected county officials to network and learn about county government, most importantly the responsibilities of their new office. Both general information and office-specific training will be provided, along with information on the County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP), a training program offered to all elected officials through CTAS.

Each candidate for office will receive information about COOP in the mail in the next few weeks. After the county general election on August 5, those county officials successful in their bid for election/re-election will receive additional information, including a registration form and hotel information for the conference. Information and registration materials will also be available at the CTAS website: www.ctas.tennessee.edu.

Candidates for the office of mayor/county executive, county commissioner, and county highway official should plan to attend the TCSA COOP event being held on August 24 - 25, 2010. Candidates for the office of trustee, register of deeds, county clerk and all clerks of court should plan to attend the COAT COOP event being held on August 25 - 26, 2010.

Reservations can be made now at the Nashville Airport Marriott. To reserve a room at the special COOP rate of \$117, call 1 (800) 770-0555 before August 10. After August 10, this rate will increase significantly.

In the meantime, for the most up-to-date information on the event, check out the COOP page on Facebook. Simply log in to your Facebook account and type "Tennessee County Officials Orientation Program" in the search box at the top of the page. To stay connected to the latest details on COOP, become a fan of the page!

Spring Capstone Graduates

Congratulations to the graduates of the County Officials Certificate Training Program's (COCTP) spring Capstones. The county employees pictured below are the latest participants to complete the 80-hour training program and be designated as certified public administrators by the University of Tennessee.



Front row (left to right): Ruth Ray, Franklin Co.; Jane Farmer, Franklin Co.; Tiffany Edenfield, Anderson Co.; Teresa Dunkin, Lawrence Co.; Heather Baskette, Williamson Co.; Kim Jenkins, Fayette Co.; Betty Smith, Gibson Co.

Middle row: Linda Pennington, Blount Co.; Lisa Church, Chester Co.; Vickie Moore, Hamblen Co.; Donna Martin, Blount Co.; Lynn Harrison, Moore Co.; Carolyn Weddington, Franklin Co.

Back row: Beth Bryan, Lincoln Co.; Anthony Holt, Sumner Co.; Adair Schippers, Cheatham Co.; Jim Smith, Fayette Co.; Bobby Vann, Campbell Co.



Front row (left to right): Patricia Qualls, Hardeman Co.; Donna Crews, Madison Co.; Sue Culver, Fayette Co.; Lynn Letner, Campbell Co.; Janice Ingro, Davidson Co.; Suzie Blankenship, Sumner Co.; Tanya Tanner, Hickman Co.

Middle row: Vernita Davis, Coffee Co.; Margaret Ottley, Franklin Co.; Patsy Prydie, Hardeman Co.; Tina Kittrell, Roane Co.; Connie Davis, Rutherford Co.; Karen Cox, Hardeman Co.; Diane Barber, Hardeman Co.; Sharon Collier, Sullivan Co.; Phyllis Beecham, Henderson Co.

Back Row: Barbara Mayberry, Hickman Co.; Rhonda Taylor, Hickman Co.; Craig Leuthold, Knox Co.; John Pelham, Warren Co.; Tony White, Madison Co.; Willie Spencer, Hardeman Co.; Haley Bates, Hickman Co., Robert Gobble, Carter Co.

May Revenues: Guardedly Optimistic

According to a news release from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, state tax collections for May were less than budgeted, yet included positive growth in state sales tax collections. Finance and Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz reports that overall May revenues were \$767.1 million, which is \$18.6 million less than the state budgeted. May sales tax collections represent consumer spending that occurred in the month of April.

“May is the second consecutive month this fiscal year in which sales tax collections posted positive growth over the year before; and before April, we had not seen positive growth since May of 2008,” Goetz said. “This is encouraging and we hope this marks the beginning of economic recovery for Tennessee. However, we will continue to closely monitor collections and do whatever is necessary to end this fiscal year with a balanced budget and leave the next governor with a balanced budget on a recurring basis.”

The full press release can be found here: <http://www.tn.gov/finance/newsrel/061110MayRevenues.shtml>

Health Care Reform

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law on March 23, 2010, will be implemented over a four-year period. The provision that is expected to have the biggest impact on county governments is the requirement that employers offer health insurance to their employees or pay a penalty. *This provision does not go into effect until 2014.*

The changes being made in 2010 include things such as the extension of dependent coverage for adult children to age 26 and the prohibition of lifetime dollar limits on coverage.

A summary of the law can be found here: <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/8061.pdf>

A timeline for the implementation of the act can be found here: <http://kff.org/healthreform/8060.cfm>

Have comments or suggestions for this newsletter?
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 23-25 | TN Clerks of Court Summer Conference, Cool Springs |
| July 16-20 | National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada |
| Aug 23-26 | County Officials Orientation Program (COOP), Nashville |

*For more detailed event information, [click here](#).

Prorated Property Assessment for Flood Damaged Property *2010 Public Chapter 1036*

In those counties declared by FEMA to be disaster areas as a result of the recent flooding, the General Assembly has enacted legislation that allows the proration of property taxes for the time a building or improvement is destroyed or substantially damaged as long as the building or improvement is not replaced or restored for more than 30 days. This is a local option law that does not become effective until approved by 2/3 vote of the county legislative body. Once approved, the law is retroactive to January 1, 2010 and it expires on December 31, 2010. The property owner must apply to the assessor of property for this relief by September 1, 2010, using a form approved by the Director of the State Division of Property Assessments.

CTAS has developed a sample resolution for any counties that may want to approve this local option law. To view this document, double-click the paperclip ()

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