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Promoting better county government through direct assistance to county officials and their associations.



County Spotlight:

Morgan County

Population: 18,738

County Seat: Wartburg

CTAS Field Consultant:

Wesley Robertson

Started in 1880 by British author and social reformer Thomas Hughes, the town of Rugby was intended to be a home for the younger sons of rich people who often had difficulty finding a life of their own due to inheritance traditions. The Rugby colony didn't turn out the way that Hughes intended, but many of the structures that were built way back then are still there.

For more information, visit:

www.tnhistoryforkids.org



Second Round of Clean Tennessee Energy Grants Announced!

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has announced a second round of Clean Tennessee Energy Grants.



This program was developed to select and fund projects that best reduce specific emissions and pollutants such as Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), Greenhouse Gases, and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x). The program provides financial assistance to state and local agencies for purchasing, installing and constructing energy projects that fall into three categories: 1) Cleaner Alternative Energy; 2) Energy Conservation; and 3) Air Quality Improvement.

This opportunity is for a **\$250,000 grant** that requires a 50% local match. Please note that volunteer labor may be included in the local match.

Grant Timeline:

- ~ December 1, 2012: Request for Pre-Proposals Released
- ~ January 31, 2013: Pre-Proposal submission deadline
- ~ February 15, 2013: Full proposals (by invitation only) contacted for additional items
- ~ February 28, 2013: Full proposal supplemental information submission deadline
- ~ Late Spring: Announcement of Round 2 FY 2012-2013

Applications and additional information are available here:

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/energygrants/>.

Increase in Compensation Certified

The Commissioner of Finance and Administration has certified the average annualized increase in





compensation for Tennessee state employees to be 4.61% for FY 2012-13. This amount is used to calculate

**Mark your calendar for
2013!**

Jan 14 - Legislative Session
Begins

March 5-6 - Jackson Renewal
Conference

March 12 - County Government
Day

April 4-5 - Knoxville Renewal
Conference

[CTAS Event Calendar](#)

the increase in the minimum compensation for assessors of property, county clerks, clerks of court, trustees, registers of deeds, county mayors, sheriffs, and highway officials for the coming year under T.C.A. § 8-24-102. The new salary schedule will be posted on the CTAS website after the first of the year. [Click here](#) to review the letter from Commissioner Emkes. If you have questions please contact your county government consultant.

Questions or Comments about the new newsletter? Contact

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