



*Greene County Courthouse*

## County Spotlight: *Greene*

Population: 68,831

County Seat: Greeneville

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*Greene County native  
Elbert Kinser of the  
U.S. Marine Corps was  
awarded the Medal of  
Honor posthumously for  
his bravery in World War  
II. Sergeant Kinser threw  
himself on a grenade that  
landed in the midst of his  
platoon, absorbing the  
explosion and saving his  
men at the expense of his  
own life.*

For more information, visit:  
[www.tnhistoryforkids.org](http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org)

## Energy Efficiency Grant Opportunities

In 2011, Tennessee and other states were parties to a federal court settlement of an enforcement action under the federal Clean Air Act that resulted in a consent decree with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). A part of the consent decree obligates TVA to provide Tennessee \$26.4 million to fund environmental mitigation projects. The funds are to be paid over 5 years or longer, with the first-year payment not to exceed \$5.28 million. The Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is designated by the governor as the lead state agency to develop and manage a process for selection and implementation of the environmental mitigation projects for Tennessee. TDEC announced the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Program and a series of energy efficiency projects in state government on January 11 at TDEC's Nashville environmental field office.

The purpose of the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Program is to select and fund projects that best result in a reduction of emissions and pollutants identified below. The Clean Tennessee Energy Program provides financial assistance to government agencies (state, local), utility districts, and private businesses/organizations in Tennessee to purchase, install, and construct energy projects that fit into one of the following eligible project categories:

- **Cleaner Alternative Energy:** biomass, geothermal, solar, wind
- **Energy Conservation:** Lighting, HVAC improvements, improved fuel efficiency, insulation, idling minimization
- **Air Quality Improvement,** including Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs), Greenhouse Gases

Applications for the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Program will be accepted until March 30, 2012. Recipients will be announced late April to mid-May 2012. Application requirements and submission instructions can be found by clicking [here](#). Completed applications with original signatures should be directed to the following address:

TDEC  
ATTN: Kathy Glapa  
401 Church Street  
8th Floor, L&C Tower  
Nashville, TN 37243

It is recommended you make and keep a copy of all submitted documents for your records.

## Connecting with e-Li

In our last issue we answered some basic questions regarding the new CTAS electronic library, e-Li. To continue to familiarize our customers with this new reference site, we wanted to answer a couple of questions on how to stay connected with e-Li.

### **Can I be notified when material in e-Li is updated or added?**

Yes! Visit the [e-Li site](#) and sign up for the RSS feed by selecting "e-Li RSS Feed" from the bottom of the left-hand menu. RSS (short for Really Simple Syndication) is a format for delivering regularly changing web content. When information within e-Li is added or changed, subscribers to the RSS feed receive notification.

### **Can I access e-Li from my mobile phone?**

Yes! We currently have a mobile application (app) for Android users and are working on developing a web app for other types of smart phones.

Follow these instructions to use the barcode below to access the e-Li app using your Android. The app can also be found in the Android Market by searching "e-li ctas" (no quotes).



- On your Android phone navigate to "Settings - Applications - Unknown sources," then ensure that "Unknown sources" is checked.
- If you haven't already, you will need to install a QR reader on your phone to scan in the above QR Code. The app "Barcode Scanner" available in the Market Place is known to work.
- Scan in the above code. It should create a URL. Open that URL in your browser, which will then download the application. Check your status bar when the download is complete, then open the App.

## Rollover Hours for COCTP Recertification

Participants of the County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP) will soon be able to roll over extra training hours to satisfy the recertification requirement of the program. The provisions of this new policy are outlined as follows:

**The first year participants can roll over hours is fiscal year 2013.** Therefore, extra hours accumulated this fiscal year (FY2012) are eligible to roll over and be credited to 2013.

**Participants are required to self-report rollover hours to CTAS.** This can be done by completing a form on the CTAS website. Extra hours will not automatically roll over. It will be the responsibility of the participant to report their rollover hours to CTAS by using the form mentioned above.

**The reporting period for rollover hours will be February 15, 2013 - May 15, 2013.** Extra hours reported before or after this period will not be eligible for rollover.

**A maximum of eight (8) credits can be carried over to the next fiscal year's recertification cycle.** The participant is then required to earn the remaining 8 hours of credit during the current fiscal year to fulfill the 16 hour requirement for recertification.

**Rollover hours MUST be earned in the prior recertification cycle.**

## DEBT POLICY UPDATE

As an update to the information we have provided previously on the minimum requirements for a debt policy, please note that the Comptroller's office recently has determined that there will be additional requirements for the minimum debt policy. Prior to submitting a new debt policy, please contact your CTAS county government consultant for guidance. CTAS staff will be developing additional information to assist counties in meeting these requirements. We will provide this information as soon as it has been reviewed and approved. Your CTAS county government consultant will have the information to assist you in meeting the additional requirements.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 24-25 COCTP Renewal Conference, Murfreesboro

## REMINDER--Statements of Disclosure of Interest are due by January 31

All local elected officials are required to file a Statement of Disclosure of Interests (Form 22-8005) with the Tennessee Ethics Commission. This requirement also applies to officials who were appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected public office. It does not apply to office holders who are regularly appointed to their positions, such as appointed county highway superintendents.

The deadline for filing the statement is January 31. You can file this report online by going to <https://apps.tn.gov/conflict/> and clicking on the appropriate link or you can download the file, fill it out and mail it in. It is available for download [here](#).

If you have questions about the disclosure requirement or form, contact the commission office at (615) 741-7959 or by email at [ethics.counsel@tn.gov](mailto:ethics.counsel@tn.gov).

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