



Williamson County Courthouse

County Spotlight: *Williamson*

Population: 172,460
County Seat: *Franklin*

Did you know...

The McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin contains the bodies of 1,481 Confederate soldiers killed at the Battle of Franklin and is the largest private Confederate cemetery in America.

Williamson County's population boomed like no other in the state between 1990 and 2000, increasing 56.3 percent in ten years.

*For more information, visit:
<http://tennesseencyclopedia.net>

County Officials Earn CPA Certificates

CTAS congratulates the most recent graduates of the County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP). The fifteen participants from across the state gathered at Montgomery Bell State Park in September for Capstone, a three-day forum designed to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the administrative, leadership, and management skills gained through COCTP. County officials and their employees are invited to the session after completing 40 hours of Category A classes, 20 hours of Category B classes, and passing an exit exam on the Tennessee County Government Handbook. At the conclusion of the forum, participants are designated by the University of Tennessee as *Certified Public Administrators*.

Front row (from left to right): Julie Hill (Franklin Co.); Janet Farris (Hardeman Co.); Natalie Porter (Carroll Co.); Brenda Hawkersmith (Franklin Co.); Gene Murray (Wilson Co.)

Second row: Kathy Lofton (Weakley Co.); Jackie Murphy (Wilson Co.); Donna Fort (Wilson Co.); Aneta McDaniel (Weakley Co.); Doris Mays (Gibson Co.); Whitney White (Bradley Co.)

Back row: Paul Mattila (Shelby Co.); James Wilhelm (Coffee Co.); Leo Bradshaw (Loudon Co.); Barry Brooks (Hamilton Co.)



Schedule of Reasonable Charges for Copies of Public Records

On October 1, 2008, the Office of Open Records Counsel issued its Schedule of Reasonable Charges for Copies of Public Records. Records custodians are now authorized by T.C.A. § 10-7-503(a)(7)(C)(1) to charge reasonable costs consistent with the schedule. The schedule, together with instructions for records custodians, can be found on the website of the Office of Open Records Counsel: <http://www.comptroller.state.tn.us/openrecords/>

Note that charges established under separate legal authority are not governed by the schedule, and are not to be added to or combined with charges authorized under the schedule. The schedule covers charges for public records when there is no separate legal authority for such charges.

Questions should be directed to the Office of Open Records Counsel at (615) 401-7891 or 1-866-831-3750, or e-mail open.records@state.tn.us

NO INCREASE IN COUNTY OFFICIALS' MINIMUM COMPENSATION NEXT YEAR

Compensation for most county officials is governed by T.C.A. § 8-24-102. This law provides for an automatic increase in the minimum salary each year based on the percentage increase given to state employees for the previous fiscal year. It requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to certify to the Comptroller of the Treasury the average annualized increase in state employees' compensation on or before May 1 of each year. The commissioner certified on September 11, 2008, that state employees received an average increase of zero (0) percent for the fiscal year 2008-2009. This means that there will be no increase in the minimum compensation of county officials in fiscal year 2009-2010.

In Memoriam

Chris Garkovich



Chris Garkovich, former CTAS Solid Waste Consultant, died suddenly on September 17th, 2008. Chris worked with CTAS for well over a decade and assisted counties throughout the state in implementing the initial and formative stages of the 1991 Solid Waste Management Act.

Chris had a big heart and was loyal to the counties she served in Tennessee. Chris was particularly adept at securing grants and funding for counties, and was well known for her tenaciousness and capacity to describe conditions as she saw them.

Chris made many meaningful contributions to the solid waste community in Tennessee and she will be missed by her friends and colleagues at CTAS and throughout the state.

The family has requested that donations be made in lieu of flowers to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary where Chris had volunteered.

Best Friends Sanctuary, Inc.
P.O. Box 1038
Jamestown, TN 38556
931-879-6806

COUNTY PRIVATE ACT UPDATES

Private Acts are acts passed by the state legislature that affect a particular county. CTAS compiles and maintains thorough records of all the private acts in effect for a particular county. These compilations are continuously being updated. The following is a listing of the private acts that have been updated in 2008. The new compilations can be accessed from the CTAS website under "Legislative Information."

- Bedford
- Benton
- Blount
- Bradley
- Campbell
- Cannon
- Carroll
- Carter
- Cheatham
- Clay
- Crockett
- Decatur
- Dickson
- Dyer
- Fayette
- Fentress
- Grainger
- Hamblen
- Hamilton
- Hawkins
- Henry
- Lincoln
- Maury
- Meigs
- Montgomery
- Robertson
- Tipton
- Wayne
- Weakley
- Williamson
- Wilson

Have comments or suggestions for this newsletter?
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 20-22 Assessors of Property Conference, Montgomery Bell State Park
- Oct. 21 Drug Fund Workshop, Bartlett
- Oct. 22 Drug Fund Workshop, Jackson
- Oct. 29-31 TCSA 55th Annual Fall Conference, Memphis
- Oct. 30 Drug Fund Workshop, Franklin
- Nov. 5 Emotional Intelligence, Franklin
- Nov. 13 Emotional Intelligence, Knoxville
- Nov. 18 Emotional Intelligence, Jackson
- Nov. 19 TN Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) Conference, Chattanooga
- Dec. 3-4 Annual Renewal Conference, Cool Springs
- Dec. 16-18 Association of County Mayors (ACM) Strategic Leadership Conference, Nashville

UPCOMING COCTP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- *Emotional Intelligence Workshop (B)
- *Drug Fund Workshop (Limited Enrollment, A)
- *Basic Principles and Trends of Economic Development (TCSA Conference, A)

To register and view course details, visit:

www.ctas.tennessee.edu

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