

THE BLUE PAGES...



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From the Desk of the Secretary...

Election Day is almost here and our elections staff is feverishly working with all 95 counties to ensure smooth and efficient elections around our great state. Having run for elected office before, I know it is also a busy time for candidates. For those Tennesseans who have chosen to offer themselves as candidates for elected office, I thank you for your commitment and willingness to serve.

Some of you have probably seen newspaper and television accounts regarding the federal MOVE (Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment) Act and the struggles many states have encountered in implementing the act. I am happy to report that we are not among those states.

You may remember that the Tennessee General Assembly enacted Tennessee’s version of the MOVE Act in a bipartisan fashion earlier this year.

I am proud to report that our elections staff - as well as county election officials - have been getting numerous compliments from military voters and their families about the ease of using the new system. As Tennesseans, we can take great pride in the priority we have placed on making voting easier for those defending our freedoms abroad.

Last month, I traveled to Buffalo, New York along with Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins and State Election Commissioners Judy Blackburn and Tom DuBois. As dictated by the State Election Commission, our task was to view the different paper ballot election machines being used in New York’s Erie and Niagara counties. As many of you know, our state law requires Tennessee to purchase paper ballot machines for use in all 95 counties by the November, 2012 elections. New York provided

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a good case study since they were using these new machines for the first time in a statewide election.

I was grateful to visit with voters as well as election officials in New York. We were impressed with the election staff members in both counties and the tremendous amount of planning done to prepare for the conversion to the paper ballot machines. In our conversations with voters, we learned many valuable lessons ranging from concerns regarding privacy to handicapped accessibility. I am hopeful

that we can learn from these experiences as we plan for our own conversion in 2012.

However, the greatest lesson I learned is that no matter what type of machine Tennesseans use, there is no substitute for thorough training of election officials and proper execution of all elements of election planning.

As always, thanks for reading. Remember that early voting starts October 13th!



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE TOM STOVALL SPEAKS AT CONFERENCE PROMOTING REGULATORY EXCELLENCE

Tom Stovall, director of the Department of State's Administrative Procedures Division, recently spoke at the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation's annual conference in Nashville.

The council promotes excellence for those who are involved with or affected by professional or occupational regulation.

Chief Administrative Judge Stovall was one of the speakers during a panel discussion about various aspects of Tennessee's Uniform Procedures Act.

The act governs how contested case hearings

are handled in Tennessee – including the manner in which complaints are investigated, representation of government agency clients during the investigation phase, conduct of hearings and judicial review and other relief from agency final orders.

Elizabeth Miller, director of the Department of Health's Division of Health Related Boards, and Christy A. Allen, assistant commissioner of the Department of Health's Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation, also participated in the discussion.

Professionals from across the United States and Canada attended the three-day conference.

LIBRARIES TO RECEIVE GRANTS FOR COMPUTER CENTERS AND JOB SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Dozens of rural libraries across Tennessee will share in nearly \$1.5 million in combined federal and state grants to provide computers, education courses and job skill training. The grants are targeted to help Tennesseans improve computer-related skills so they will be more competitive as they seek jobs.

The project is the culmination of more than a year's effort by the Tennessee Department of State and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD). The joint effort was successfully leveraged to secure additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Of the nearly \$1.5 million,

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ECD will provide \$1,030,000 and the Department of State will provide up to \$70,000. The remaining \$356,577 will come from USDA Rural Development. The funds will be used to provide computers, peripheral equipment, high-speed Internet routers and instructors to conduct training classes.

In addition to administering the \$70,000 grant, the Tennessee State Library and Archives, which is a division of the Department of State, will administer the other grant funds. TSLA is currently assisting the local libraries in finalizing the consent agreements required before the money is disbursed.

“Now rural communities across Tennessee will have greater access to the technology their citizens need to be more competitive and successful in the workplace,” Secretary Hargett said. “Our work to obtain the first-class equipment and training for citizens in some of the hardest-hit local economies

in our state will yield great benefits across Tennessee. I am grateful for the persistent support of our friends in ECD through this lengthy process and that of USDA Rural Development to further extend the reach of what we could have otherwise accomplished.”

“Libraries play a vital role in the success of entrepreneurs and the creation of jobs across our state,” said Matt Kisber, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development. “Libraries are where people go to research strategies for a business plan, learn more about market opportunities and to gain skills to become more marketable employees. We’re pleased to be able to partner with the Secretary of State’s office and USDA Rural Development to make this project happen.”

The grant recipients in Tennessee are:

City	County	USDA Grant Assistance	State Funds	Total Grant
Adamsville	McNairy	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Alamo	Crockett	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Alexandria	DeKalb	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Altamont	Grundy	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Athens	McMinn	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Bean Station	Grainger	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Blountville	Sullivan	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Bolivar	Hardeman	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Brownsville	Haywood	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Byrdstown	Pickett	\$10,572	\$11,050	\$21,622
Camden	Benton	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Carthage	Smith	\$10,572	\$11,050	\$21,622
Celina	Clay	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Centerville	Hickman	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Church Hill	Hawkins	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Clifton	Wayne	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Coalfield	Morgan	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Crossville	Cumberland	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Dayton	Rhea	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Decatur	Meigs	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Decaturville	Decatur	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Dover	Stewart	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Dresden	Weakley	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Ducktown	Polk	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Dunlap	Sequatchie	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013

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City	County	USDA Grant Assistance	State Funds	Total Grant
Dyersburg	Dyer	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Elizabethton	Carter	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Erin	Houston	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Erwin	Unicoi	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Fayetteville	Lincoln	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Gainesboro	Jackson	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Greeneville	Greene	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Greenfield	Weakley	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Hartsville	Trousdale	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Hohenwald	Lewis	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Huntsville	Scott	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Jamestown	Fentress	\$10,572	\$11,050	\$21,622
Jasper	Marion	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Jefferson City	Jefferson	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Jellico	Campbell	\$10,572	\$11,050	\$21,622
Kingston	Roane	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Lafayette	Macon	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Lake City	Anderson	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Lawrenceburg	Lawrence	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Lexington	Henderson	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Linden	Perry	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Livingston	Overton	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Lobelville	Perry	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Luttrell	Union	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Lyles	Hickman	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Martin	Weakley	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
McMinnville	Warren	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Milan	Gibson	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Monteagle	Grundy	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Monterey	Putnam	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Mosheim	Greene	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Mount Carmel	Hawkins	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Mountain City	Johnson	\$10,572	\$11,050	\$21,622
Newport	Cocke	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Paris	Henry	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Parrottsville	Cocke	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Parsons	Decatur	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Pikeville	Bledsoe	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Red Boiling Springs	Macon	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Ripley	Lauderdale	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Rockwood	Roane	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Rogersville	Hawkins	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Savannah	Hardin	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Selmer	McNairy	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Smithville	DeKalb	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Sneedville	Hancock	\$14,417	\$7,205	\$21,622
Sparta	White	\$6,728	\$14,894	\$21,622
Sunbright	Morgan	\$4,765	\$11,248	\$16,013
Sweetwater	Monroe	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Tazewell	Claiborne	\$7,487	\$8,526	\$16,013
Tiptonville	Lake	\$10,210	\$5,803	\$16,013
Union City	Obion	\$2,883	\$18,739	\$21,622
Woodbury	Cannon	\$2,042	\$13,971	\$16,013
Grand Total		\$356,577	\$1,088,752	\$1,445,329

DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN

“THESE ARE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES ECONOMICALLY FOR MANY TENNESSEANS,” SECRETARY HARGETT SAID.

Department of State employees will be among those participating in the Tennessee Employees’ Charitable Campaign, a month-long drive to raise money for some of the state’s charities.

Employees throughout Tennessee state government are being asked to donate money to the campaign, which will run for Oct. 11 through Nov. 12.

Employees will be receiving information about the campaign this month.

Last year, a total of 4,264 state employees raised \$494,574 for various charities as part of the campaign. Many of those employees work for the Department of State.

“These are very difficult times economically for many Tennesseans,” Secretary Hargett said. “I encourage people who can afford to give money to help people who are in need. This campaign is a good way for state employees to do that.”

STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES TO DISPLAY ARTWORK BY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED ARTISTS

Being blind or visually impaired does not mean a person can’t create or enjoy visual arts.

Students at the Tennessee School for the Blind proved that by putting together an exhibit of paintings, sculptures and other artwork that will be on display at the Tennessee State Library and Archives building throughout the month of October.

The exhibit is being displayed to commemorate Art Beyond Sight Awareness Month, which is an international initiative to promote art by and for people with vision loss or other disabilities.

Students in Monica Leister's art classes at the Tennessee School for the Blind prepared the items that will be displayed in the exhibit, which include paintings in acrylic and tempera as well as mixed media paintings and items of aluminum embossing. There are also some paper, clay and ceramic sculptures.

“We create all types of art using a variety of media,” Ms. Leister said. “Some of my students have low vision and are able to see well enough to paint or draw without any modifications or accommodations. I also have students who are totally blind and they do require some accommodations.



First of all, if a student has never had vision, then his or her concept of how something looks can be

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totally different from what we see. Most of my students love sculpture and working with clay, but that is not the only thing we do. We create collages which can be very tactile. I use screen boards and texture boards to help students to feel what they are drawing. I also add sand and even fragrance to paint sometimes to make painting more of a multisensory experience.”

The exhibit is being sponsored by the Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a division of the State Library and Archives, which is part of the Tennessee Department of State.



The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides audio books, Braille books, large print books and other free library services to Tennesseans who are unable to read standard print due to visual or physical disabilities. More information about the Library for the Blind and



Physically Handicapped is available at: <http://tn.gov/tsla/lbph>

“I am pleased that the Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is displaying the artwork from Ms. Leister’s students to help bring attention to Art Beyond Sight Awareness Month,” Secretary Hargett said. “It is inspiring to see the type of art these students have produced.”

The State Library & Archives building is located at 403 Seventh Ave. N. in Nashville. The exhibit can be viewed Mondays through Saturdays in October from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Parking is available in front, on the side and in the rear of the building.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR ELI YODER REPRESENTS DEPARTMENT OF STATE AT DIGITAL ARCHIVES SUMMIT

“IN TENNESSEE, OUR STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES WORKS TO PRESERVE PUBLIC RECORDS AND TO LEAVE A HISTORICAL LEGACY FOR ITS FUTURE GENERATIONS,” SECRETARY HARGETT SAID.

Eli Yoder, the Department of State’s Information Systems Coordinator, recently attended a national conference called “Deep Inside the Digital Archives:

Solving the Mysteries of Software and Hardware.” The conference, held in conjunction with Microsoft Corporation and Eastern Washington University,

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spotlighted the Washington State Digital Archives, which is dedicated to preserving electronic records of legal, fiscal or historic value from both state and local government agencies.

The conference included a tour of the Washington State Digital Archives located on the Eastern Washington University campus in Cheney, Washington. The facility was designed to hold unique and critical electronic records and includes a web interface and database storehouse.

The Digital Archives contains classrooms for instructional or rental purposes and a research room that is open to the public. The facility includes a legacy museum which displays a collection of historical and unique computer items. A legacy lab is used for migrating data from older technologies to newer formats. Data conversion services are available for a fee.

The Digital Archives currently provides easy access to more than 26 million records and images from state and local government. Nine additional partner states are using the Digital Archives to

create and host their digital records. These records include searchable audio, electronic publications, census records and naturalization records.

“In Tennessee, our State Library and Archives works to preserve public records and to leave a historical legacy for its future generations,” Secretary Hargett said. “Public records are used for legal, historical, genealogical and business research. Citizens have come to expect quick access to information and services through the Internet.”

“Governments must preserve and provide long-term access to public information in an electronic format; however, the challenge is to provide this service while also minimizing costs,” Secretary Hargett continued. “The Washington State Archives is on the cutting edge of meeting the goal of managing its digital heritage. The Tennessee Secretary of State’s office is delighted to be an educational partner with the Washington State Archives and to learn from their experiences and the experiences of other state archives.”

REMINDER: EARLY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 2 ELECTIONS

People who are registered to vote in Tennessee but can’t or don’t want to visit the polls Nov. 2 have the option of voting early.

The early voting period runs from Oct. 13 through Oct. 28. Under state law, all county election commissions are required to have at least one early voting location open for at least three consecutive hours every Monday through Saturday during that period.

Election commissions are allowed, at their discretion, to open more than one early voting location and to keep early voting



locations open for more than the three-hour minimum.

For information about early voting times and locations, please contact your county’s election commission headquarters. Contact information for county election commissions is available at: http://tnsos.org/elections/election_commissions.php

More than 540,000 people voted early prior to the Aug. 5 elections – which was a record number for a state primary election.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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