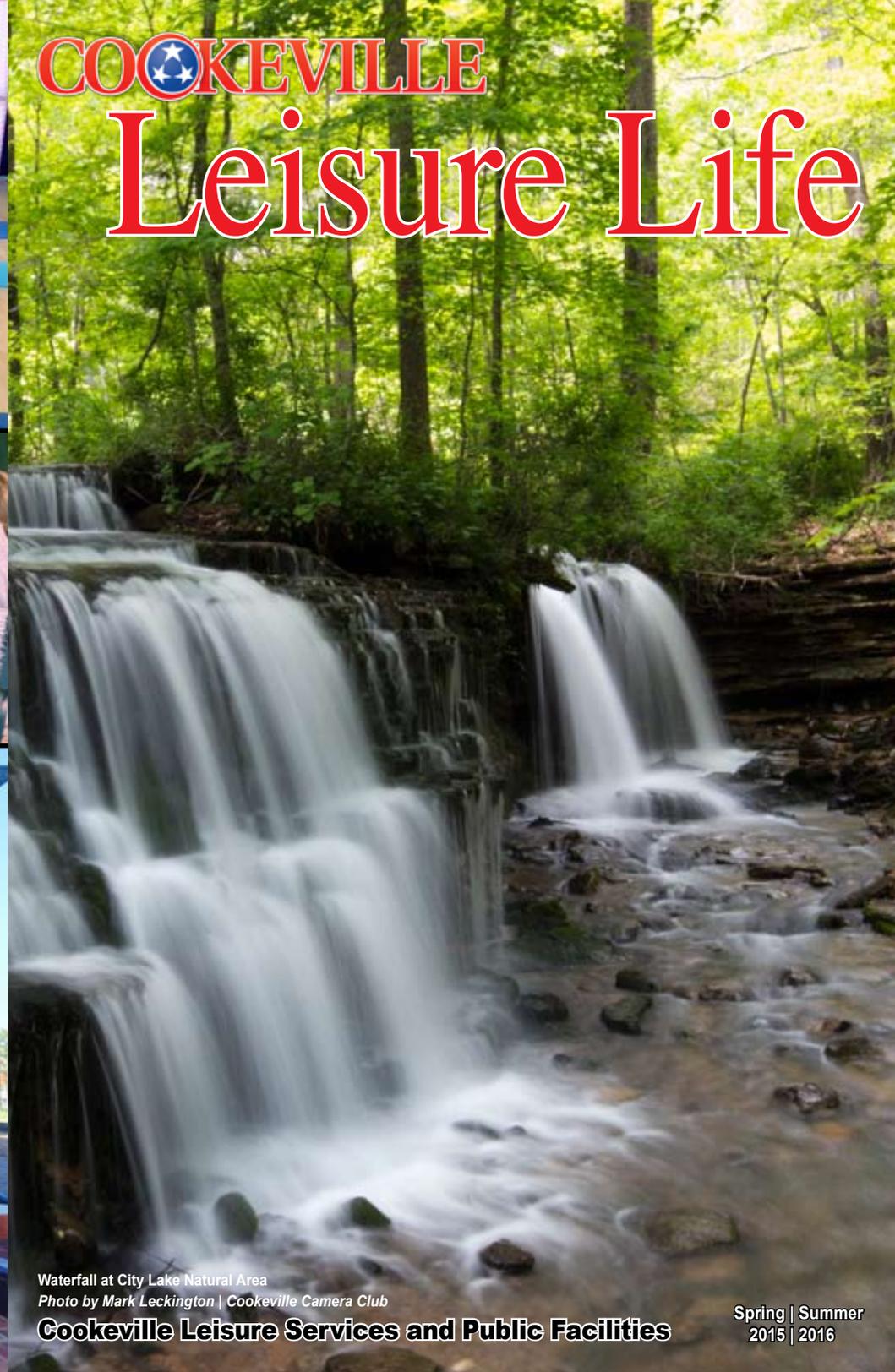
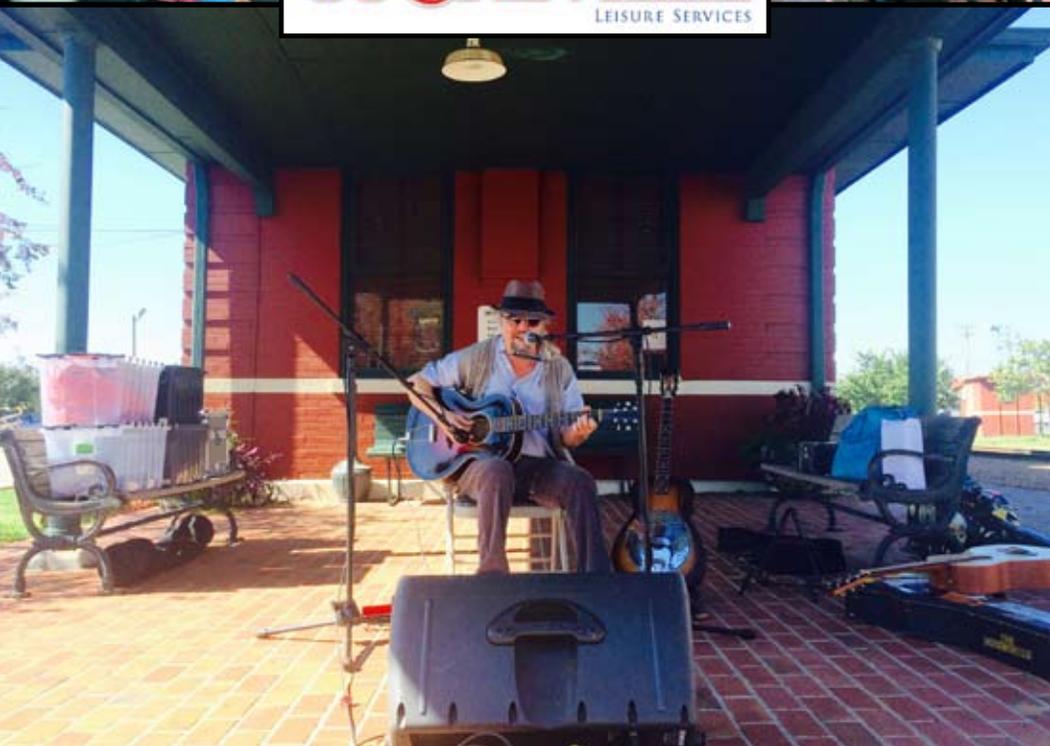


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Waterfall at City Lake Natural Area
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Director's Take

A child catching their first fish at the Kids Fishing Derby or hitting their first home run on a baseball field. Discovering a piece of family history in a local museum or gaining confidence performing on stage in a community theater production or dance class. Memories made and time spent with family and friends in the park or a summer of memories made at camp.

What is the value of these experiences? I am often asked about the numbers. How many people attended an event? Did we fill all the seats? How many tickets did we sell?

While those numbers are important and reflect the popularity of a particular program, the tracking of success cannot always be identified in the number of people served. The true measure of a successful event is the impact on those who attended or were involved and the effect their experience had on them.

You can't always quantify a successful event or program with numbers. Looking only at a cost/benefit analysis of a program doesn't necessarily give you an accurate value.

In the Leisure business, we can't focus solely on "what" we provide. We need to focus on "why" we provide it. The "why" is found in the people who participate and the people who work to make these facilities, activities and programs happen.

When we started the Leisure Life publication last Fall, I had a dual purpose in mind. I wanted a publication that contained good information about our facilities and upcoming programs and events, and I wanted to highlight the "why" by telling the stories of people whose lives are affected by these offerings. I think we've gotten off to a good start in that regard.

In this edition of Leisure Life you will read about outstanding programs and events (many of which are FREE) that are presented or hosted by our department, and you will also read of how people have been affected by the quality facilities, programs and events we offer on a regular basis. I hope the things you find here will inspire you to spend your Leisure time with us, because from our perspective you are the "why."

And I hope you will tell us your story. Let us know "why" you have enjoyed our offerings and how what we provide has affected you and your family. You may contact us at ls@cookeville-tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Director



*Photo by Bettye Austin /
Cookeville Camera Club*

The ducks and geese that gather at Cane Creek Park are an attraction for young people, who often enjoy feeding the animals from the park's designated Duck Feeding Area.

Our Parks

Dogwood Park

A green oasis in the downtown area, located at 30 E Broad St., across from the City Municipal Building. It's a great place for lunchtime picnics. The Department's Performance Pavilion is located in this park. This park is also home to a beautiful interactive fountain which flows daily throughout the spring/summer season.

West End Park

This neighborhood park is located at 609 West End and has a volleyball court, play equipment, picnic tables, a basketball court and new restroom facilities.

Walnut Park

This park is located at 186 South Walnut Ave., immediately behind the Senior Citizens Center. This passive park contains a walking trail, picnic tables and a gazebo.

Franklin Avenue Park

Franklin Avenue Park is located at the corner of Franklin Avenue and 6th Street. It is one of the most popular neighborhood parks and contains play equipment and a small picnic shelter.

Capshaw Park

On the corner of South Maple, Stevens Street and Elm Avenue, this park is adjacent to Capshaw School. This park is a natural area with trails and picnic tables.

Park View Park

This park is located at 570 Scott Ave. The park features play equipment as well as a picnic shelter with tables.

City Lake Natural Area

This 35 acre City Lake Natural Area is located on Bridgeway Drive and is preserved in its natural state, with some improvements to help accessibility. The park is a favorite with area fishermen as they can catch catfish, bass and bream. Cookeville's first water treatment facility was constructed here.

Cinderella Park

Located at the end of Mitchell Avenue at 700 Cinderella Ln., Cinderella is one of the city's oldest neighborhood parks. Cinderella has a small picnic shelter with tables, a basketball court, a public restroom, and play equipment.

Cane Creek Park

Cookeville's largest park and the "Finest Municipal Park in the Upper Cumberland," located at 201 CC Camp Rd. Cane Creek Park hosts well over 100,000 visitors yearly. The park contains a concession stand, three picnic shelters, basketball and volleyball courts, play equipment, hiking and walking trails, boat rentals, an 18-hole disc golf course and a lake to fish. Shelters may be rented by calling 931-520-4FUN. Paddleboats, may be rented at the concession stand April - September.

Ensor Sink Natural Area

A beautiful little park in the heart of town which features picnic tables, two walking trails, a small amphitheater for lectures and educational uses, a stone council ring for scout meetings and nature groups and a gazebo with an informational kiosk which centers on our city's system of sink holes.

www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/city-parks

Summer Cinema at the Cookeville Depot Museum features classic films shown on the patio of the city's historic Depot. Admission is free, and movies begin at dusk each Friday in July.

For a schedule of this year's movies, visit www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls.



Our Facilities

Administrative Office
45 East Broad St.
931-520-4FUN

Located in the Cookeville Municipal Building at 45 East Broad St.

Cane Creek Rec Center
180 C.C. Camp Rd.
931-526-7393

Located near Cane Creek Park, this facility is now host to all of our classes, many special events, fitness program, camps and Leisure Services School of dance.

Cane Creek Gymnasium
180 C.C. Camp Rd.
931-526-9767

Located beside the Rec Center, the gym is host to special tournaments, sporting events, basketball, soccer, volleyball, pickleball, league play and camps throughout the year along with open gym times. Gym space is available for party rental as well.

Cookeville City Cemetery
241 South Walnut Ave.
931-372-8086

Owned and operated by the Cookeville Leisure Services Department, the cemetery is located between Walnut and Scott Avenues near the heart of Cookeville. The Cemetery Office is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Cookeville Depot Museum
116 West Broad Street
931-528-8570

This facility is dedicated to the preservation of the area's historical heritage, and focuses on the Tennessee Central Railroad's impact on the Upper Cumberland Area. The museum hosts fun, family-friendly events throughout the year. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *Free admission.*

Dogwood Performance Pavilion
30 East Broad St.
931-520-5296

An outdoor performance pavilion in Dogwood Park. The pavilion is available for rental and is the location of many of our concerts and events.

Cookeville History Museum
40 East Broad St.
931-520-5455

This museum opened its doors to the public February 23, 2001. Along with the Upper Cumberland Heritage Foundation and the Friends of the Museum organization, the staff is busy collecting artifacts, memorabilia and photographs of Cookeville, Putnam County, and the surrounding area. The museum hosts exhibits of local interest.

Cookeville Performing Arts Center
10 East Broad St.
931-528-1313

The Performing Arts Center is host to several local productions as well as regional and national touring companies.

Cane Creek SportsPlex
2200 W. Jackson St.
931-520-5224

A complete softball/baseball complex which includes four adult fields and four youth fields and hosts many major tournaments throughout the year.

General Maintenance
790 East 15th St.
931-520-5257

The general maintenance crew takes care of all the city's buildings and is in charge of many of the department's major projects.

Parks Maintenance
544 Scott Ave.
931-528-2605

The parks maintenance crew, also known as the beautification crew, is located near Park View ball fields. They maintain those fields and all the city parks.



At left, representatives from A.A.R.F. show off some of the adoptable animals at the Dogapalooza event in Dogwood Park.

Dogapalooza brings people, pets, resources together

At Dogapalooza, there are dogs everywhere. After all, that's what the annual event in Dogwood Park is all about: dogs and the people who love them.

However, there was something about a Lab, Mountain Cur mix puppy wearing an "Adopt Me" vest that caught Bill Buhl's attention.

Buhl was at the event to allow the community to meet the K-9 he worked with at the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, a blood hound named Trucker.

"I was taking a break, just walking around and began talking with the people from A.A.R.F.," Buhl recalls. "This dog was wearing a vest that said 'Adopt Me,' and he walked over to me, smelled my shoes and laid down by me. I had to take him home."

A.A.R.F. is a local animal rescue and adoption organization. Each year, the group brings adoptable pets to the Dogapalooza event.



Above, Bill Buhl attended a past Dogapalooza event with his then K9 Deputy Trucker. At the event, he met and adopted, Jaxx, pictured at right.

Buhl and his wife had just lost a lab they had for 14 years and knew the responsibilities that come with adopting a rescued animal.

"We have always had rescues," Buhl said.

The dog Buhl had fallen for had been named Sage by the folks at A.A.R.F., but the people who had owned him previously called him Cannon, "because



Jaxx was adopted after meeting his adoptive "Dad" Bill Buhl at Cookeville Leisure Services' Dogapalooza event at Dogwood Park. Now, he spends his time enjoying camping and boating outings with his new family.

he was kept in a kennel for so many hours a day, when they opened the kennel, he would shoot out like a cannon," Buhl said.

Buhl used his knowledge and training from his career as a K9 handler to do some basic obedience training with the dog he and his wife renamed Jaxx and the family quickly bonded.

"Now he weighs 100 pounds and still thinks he is a lap dog," Buhl said.

Jaxx goes to the lake and loves riding in the family's boat. He goes on several family camping trips each year and even has his own bed in the camper.

Of course, Buhl does recall Jaxx's "puppy stage," which involved lots of chewing by Jaxx and rewiring of the boat by Bill, but it has all been worth it, he says.

"When you have pets, if you are a responsible pet owner, you are willing



to rearrange your life around your pet," Buhl said.

Dogapalooza is a free event held each spring in Dogwood Park, bringing together pet resources from across the area. The event also features demonstrations, various vendors, information on area pet-related nonprofit organizations and even an off-leash play area.

The 2015 Dogapalooza event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 2 – 4 p.m. For more information, call 931-520-4386.



Campers in Leisure Services' summer day camp enjoy field trips, visiting the pool and tons of activities to keep them busy learning, exploring and enjoying their breaks from school.

Leisure Services camps allow kids to explore interests, gain confidence

During summer break, the Cane Creek Recreation Center is buzzing with activity as summer campers spend their days with Cookeville Leisure Services.

"It is different from other programs. When they say you are going to have fun, they mean it," Adam Wilkerson said. "You will have fun."

And he should know, since he spent several years as a Leisure Services camper before becoming a junior counselor for camp.

Wilkerson and his sister started coming to camp in 2009, when he was in middle school.

"It was very laid back and just so much fun," he said. "I looked forward to coming back to every camp."

That meant Wilkerson was eager to attend, not just summer break camps, but also spring and fall break camps with Leisure Services.



Junior counselor Adam Wilkerson comes to camp disguised as program coordinator Jen Webb.

"I most remember going to the pool every week, playing outside and there always being all kinds of activities going on," he said. "You never got bored. There was always something happening."

Leisure Services camps are for youth who have completed kindergarten through the age of 12 and allow campers to engage in positive, socially appropriate leisure activities.



Above, Former camper and then junior counselor, Adam Wilkerson is pictured with Recreation Superintendent Cara Sheets and Program Coordinator Jen Webb.

At right, campers participate in one of the many camp activities planned to keep them moving.



After a couple of years as a camper, Wilkerson aged out of the program, so he applied to be a junior counselor.

"I needed something to do over the summer and I couldn't get a job yet," Wilkerson said. "I had remembered junior counselors being a part of camp when I was there and thought I would enjoy it."

As a junior counselor, Wilkerson helped out "behind the scenes" cleaning, helping set up snacks and preparing crafts and other activities.

"It was really rewarding," Wilkerson said. "It taught me how to help people and gave me a sense of responsibility."

He had plenty of opportunities for fun as well, playing the role of Easter Bunny for a camp egg hunt and dressing up as Program Coordinator Jen Webb during a fall camp dress up day.

"(The counselors and staff) were extremely fun, friendly and encouraging," Wilkerson said.

Now, Wilkerson is preparing to graduate from high school and works on the children's team at his church. Camp and his experience as a junior counselor, he says, helped prepare him for the bigger responsibilities of a job and life after high school.

"I learned a lot about communicating with people and dealing with the public," he said.

Camp counselors work to encourage a sense of personal identity, independence and decision making skills while allowing campers to explore their recreational interests.

"They are the best," he said.

Campers can enroll full-time or part-time and are provided with a morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. For registration and tuition information, call 931-526-7393 or visit www.cookeville-tn.gov/lscamps.

CANE CREEK PARK DISK GOLF COURSE



Disc golf course at Cane Creek park offers variety in play

Dragging the small cove of water that stretches out into the path of Hole 16, disc golfers with hopes of recovering lost discs are a common sight along the lake at Cane Creek Park.

The disc golf course at the park was installed in 2004 and features 18 total holes.

“It is a very versatile course,” Danny Parkins, who plays disc golf at Cane Creek Park “as often as possible,” said. “There is a lot of variety in shots: open, uphill, downhill, through woods, even

across water.”

That variety makes the course a popular one among disc golf players, who drive from all over the state to play there.

“It is kind of boring to play on courses with just the same kind of shot over and over,” Parkins said. “Cane Creek is easily the best course between Nashville and Knoxville.”

Along with the versatility of the course, for Parkins and his friends, many of whom he met while playing

disc golf at the park, the well-maintained and easily accessible location are also a plus.

Since the course is located inside Cane Creek Park, the Department of Leisure Services mows and clears the course regularly for players.

Signs guide players along the course and concrete tee pads offer a stable spot for player to launch discs from.

“People from other places who have played the course remember it,” Parkins said. “Being at disc golf events

other places, people ask me about to the tournaments at Cane Creek, because they have enjoyed ones held there in the past.”

In March, a Pro Disc Golf Association sanctioned tournament was held at the course, drawing participants from all over Tennessee and Kentucky and as far away as New Jersey.

The course is open year-round, any time the park is open and a limited number of discs are available for rental at the park concession stand.

Employee Spotlight



Gwilt helps keep Cookeville entertained

He was “Happy” in the 8th grade production of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” at Chosen Valley High School in Chatfield, Minnesota.

Sleeping sneakily in the audience before the other dwarfs found him, coaxed him down a rope that was hung from the balcony, slung him through the air and plopped him into a bucket, Steve Gwilt made his first dramatic appearance on stage.

“They were trying to give me a bath and I didn’t want to take a bath. I am sure that was pretty cute, but we would never allow a kid to just slide down a rope like that now,” he said. “That would be a safety issue.”

Since then, he has been involved in more than 100 plays and now works as cultural arts coordinator with Cookeville Leisure Services’ cultural arts division, a position he has held since July of 2000.

Prior to working for Leisure Services, Gwilt, who earned his undergraduate degree in theatre and speech and a graduate degree in education, was

working in the College of Education at Tennessee Tech.

“When I was in college and I was getting my undergraduate degree, one of my concentrations was in children’s theater,” he said. “I have always had that interest.”

So, it wasn’t long after he arrived in Cookeville in winter of 1982 before Gwilt became involved in local theater.

He has been in shows at Tennessee Tech’s Backdoor Playhouse and Wesley Arena Theatre. He directed Cookeville Children’s Theatre for four seasons and even directed the very first production in the Backstage Series at the Cookeville Performing Arts Center before he was hired by the city.

In his position at CPAC, Gwilt deals with lots of the other side of theater, making sure the bills are paid, managing the website, keeping up with the marquee outside and even selling tickets from the CPAC box office.

“That is the trade off for getting to do the fun stuff,” he said. “All of that is work too. No doubt about it, but it is enjoyable work.”



Steve Gwilt says some of his favorite roles in the Cookeville theater community include his part in ‘Escanaba in Da Moonlight,’ pictured above at left, and directing, ‘Noises Off,’ at right above.

Gwilt still directs some performances that happen at CPAC, including the recent Backstage production of “The 39 Steps.”

That show, he says, and “Noises Off” were among his favorite to direct.

“They were fast-paced, comedies that I feel were executed well,” Gwilt said. “And they had good, solid casts that made it work.”

Overall, Gwilt says he most enjoys the opportunity to bring entertainment of various kinds to the Cookeville community.

“We do a bunch of stuff to help keep the community entertained,” Gwilt said. “Not just at CPAC, but all of the concerts and things that happen in Dogwood Park. We help out with all of that.”

Now approaching his 15th year with Leisure Services, Gwilt admires the department’s ability to continue to grow while maintaining a reputation of quality.

“We do really strive for quality and that shows in the achievements that we have had with some of our shows and some of the awards that we have won,” he said. “That is a good reflection on the

City of Cookeville and when we go to these festivals and network with people, a lot of them know about Cookeville now because we have made a name for ourselves. It is a good reflection on our department and our city to be the producers of quality shows that are recognized by people locally, regionally and nationally.”

When he isn’t on stage or helping maintain the day-to-day operations at CPAC, Gwilt also teaches theater courses at Tennessee Tech.

He and his “Vegas wife,” Amy, eloped nine years ago and live just a few blocks from CPAC in Cookeville’s historic district. Their home is one of the oldest in the area, built in 1900.

“Keeping up with that is a hobby itself,” he said.

He also enjoys pursuits in his “dream job” of International Beer Ambassador, but until that position becomes available, he is happy with his work for the City of Cookeville.

“We have a supportive artistic community, and I am grateful for that,” he said.

What does a Docent do?



Volunteers from left, Peggy Fragopoulos, Eunetta Jenkins, Margaret Ledbetter Ferrell and Linda Swack King were on hand to help with Story Fest 2014, hosted by the Cookeville History Museum. The 2015 event is scheduled for April 25 in Dogwood Park.

Docents share talents, give to community through museum work

A warm welcome awaits visitors at the Cookeville Depot and History Museums. Even when museum staff is busy or away, a docent is on hand to make sure visitors are met with a friendly greeting.

Docents are educated volunteers who spend time in Cookeville's museums, offering their talents to help museum staff.

"Our docents are very valuable to us," Museums Director Judy Duke said. "They allow our staff to be flexible, so when we get calls about potential donations or an antique store calls us to

come look at something, we can go and do that."

Docents also help with special events and some even take on larger projects for the museums.

But volunteering at the museums has plenty to give back to those willing to donate their time, according to History Museum Docent Linda Henderson.

"I have learned a lot from the people who come into the museum," she said.

Henderson has been volunteering at the museum for about seven years now. She and her husband moved to



Pictured at top left, Linda Henderson enjoys her time volunteering as a docent at the Cookeville History Museum. The experience, she says, has taught her a lot about Cookeville. At top right, Betty Case and Earl Schmidt are ready to greet visitors at the Cookeville Depot Museum, which sees visitors from across the U.S. and beyond.

Cookeville from Florida after a 38-year career as a teacher and principal. Her time spent in the museum has taught her a lot about the area where she and her husband have chosen to retire.

"I have always loved history and I love meeting so many interesting people and hearing their stories," Henderson said. "I am amazed at people who can recall so many things about their families and community."

Her experiences at the History Museum even inspired Henderson to do some research on her own family.

Over at the Depot Museum, Docent Ron Allison, who is a Putnam County native, enjoys the opportunity to share his own train stories with visitors.

Allison worked for 35 years at United States Steel Corporation, which used trains for moving stock.

"I was never really that interested in them then, but now I enjoy getting to talk with people about trains," he said. "Lots of people come in because they are interested in trains, and we have had some people who come in because they are interested in depots and want to know about the building."

Any of that is good conversation for

Allison, who has been volunteering at the Depot Museum for about five years. Especially since many depot visitors have their own interesting stories to share.

"(At the Depot) I have met people from England, the Netherlands, some students from Japan, and of course we have people come in who are from all over the U.S. and from Canada," he said. "Plus I enjoy helping in my community as well."

Docents do other valuable work for the community and museums as well. Many become involved in larger projects, like Docent Joann White who has worked to generate an extensive log of museum items and acts as the Volunteer Collections Manager.

Docents typically work at the museums in three-hour shifts. A docent chairman helps maintain the volunteer schedule. Currently, each museum has 10 regular docents along with a list of substitutes.

"We are always looking for more," Duke said. "We can always use people who are willing to help."

For more information about volunteering with either of the museums, contact Duke at 931-520-5455.

Sportsplex attracts record number of tournaments in 2014 and 2015

Fields are lined and bases are readied each Friday at the Cane Creek Sportsplex as the Cookeville Leisure Services' athletic division prepares to welcome tournament teams.

In 2014, there were 31 weekend tournaments scheduled between March and October, the facilities most ever in a season. In 2015, another 31 are on the calendar.

"These are all scheduled with tournament directors who have had successful tournaments with us in the past," Athletics Superintendent Jim Crea said. "So we expect them to be a success again this year."

The Cane Creek Sportsplex is equipped to host youth or adult softball, fast pitch, slow pitch and even kids pitch games, and each tournament means crowds of people coming to Cookeville from across the state and region to play ball. Of course, when they are here they eat in Cookeville restaurants, purchase gas from Cookeville convenience stores and, for larger tournaments, stay in Cookeville hotels.

"For an adult men's tournament, you will have 12 to 15 players per team and about half of them will bring someone else with them," Crea said. "For a high school tournament, you will get mom and dad and maybe siblings, and for a youth tournament, you add aunts and uncles and even more people to that." Multiply that by 20 or more teams per tournament and the economic impact for the area grows.

The Sportsplex only hosts sanctioned



The Sportsplex at Cane Creek Park draws recreation ball teams to Cookeville. For the 2015 tournament schedule, visit www.cookeville-tn.gov/lscsportsplex.

tournaments, meaning the tournament is played under the umbrella of an organization like the National Softball Association, the World Softball League, or the Baseball Players Association and follows the rules set by that organization.

Tournament directors advertise tournaments scheduled at the

Sportsplex online and are responsible for recruiting the teams that play. Those teams are typically recreation teams that come from all around, depending on how well the tournament is advertised.

The day before a tournament, the fields are prepped by a crew of workers that does all of the grooming, dragging and field adjustments to make sure the field is ready for incoming teams.

That work, along with the professionalism of the Sportsplex staff helped the facility become one of the National Softball Association's 2014 Outstanding Parks.

The award was announced at the NSA's annual meeting where tournament directors come together and review all the parks they visited during the season.

"First, our facilities are well-kept," Crea said. "The directors and teams also appreciate our professionalism. We always have staff on hand should anything come up that they need assistance with during the tournament."

Those things, Crea says, give everyone coming to the Sportsplex a positive impression of, not only the facility, but Cookeville as a whole.

Here's What's Happening! Spring & Summer Dates to Know

Cookeville Museums History Hikes

Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Take a walk on the WestSide and explore the area's history with a stroll between the Cookeville History and Depot Museums. You can start your History Hike at either museum and there are different prizes and themes each month.



World Tai Chi Day Saturday, April 25

Cookeville will join participants around the world in celebration with free Tai Chi demonstration at the Cane Creek Recreation Center at 10 a.m.



Nature Fest

April 16, 17, 18 and 19

Nature Fest is a four-day celebration of the great outdoors brought to you by the Tennessee Tech Biology Department, Cookeville Leisure Services, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Nature Fest organizing committee. This free event is held on the TTU campus, City lake Natural Area, Cane Creek Park and other locations. For details and program schedules, visit www.naturefestcookeville.com.



Dogapalooza

Saturday, May 2, 1-4 p.m.

Cookeville's sixth annual Dogapalooza in Dogwood Park will feature an adoptable pet parade, kid's dog show, demonstrations, pet-related vendors and information and an off-leash play area.



Storyfest in the Park

Saturday, April 25

Join us for Cookeville's second annual Storyfest in Dogwood Park. This free, family-friendly event will feature story tellers from across the region. Come listen for a while!

Co-Ed Softball League Play

Monday, April 6

Church Softball League play begins. Registration Deadline March 20.

Tuesday, April 7

Co-Ed Softball League play begins. Registration Deadline March 20.

Monday, August 3

Men's Softball League play begins.

Tuesday, August 4

Co-Ed Softball League play begins.



Round Trip: Cookeville Goes to War
June 4, 5 and 6

The Historical Arts Division of Cookeville Leisure Services will bring "Round Trip: Cookeville Goes to War" by Larry Slaboda back to life for the first time since 2001. Auditions for actors and singers will be held on Tuesday, April 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. with production dates on June 4, 5 and 6 on the west patio of the Cookeville Depot Museum.



Community Band Concerts
May 25, June 8, June 22, July 3,
July 20 and August 3

The Cookeville Community Band performs free concerts in Dogwood Park beginning Memorial Day through the first Monday in August. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Bill Miller
Cookeville Camera Club

Third Thursday Concerts
May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20

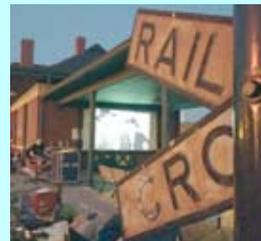
Come to Dogwood Park for a free concert the third Thursday of each month from May through August. A different band performs each month, featuring a variety of music genres. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Kids Fishing Derby
Saturday, June 6

Hosted in conjunction with Tennessee Tech Fisheries, the annual Kids Fishing Derby is held on Tennessee's Free Fishing Day. Prizes are awarded to youth for their catch in various categories.

Slide the City
July 3 and 4

A portion of Broad Street in downtown Cookeville will be transformed into a giant water slide! More information is available online at www.slidethecity.com/events/cookeville.



Depot Summer Cinema
July 10, 17, 24 and 31

Enjoy a classic film on the patio of Cookeville's historic Depot Museum. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy this free event. Movies begin at dark.

After Dark Race for the Park
Friday, August 7

Proceeds from this annual race benefit events and improvements at Dogwood Park in downtown Cookeville.



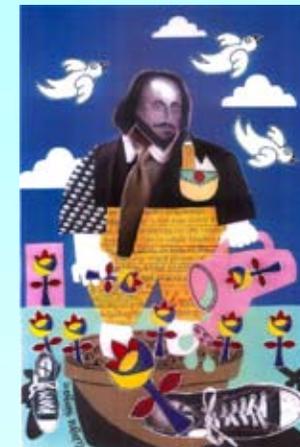
Backstage Series at CPAC
August 21-23 and 27-29 and September 1-5

Backstage productions at the Cookeville Performing Arts Center are selected especially for presentation in the intimacy of the backstage theatre setting and playgoers are seated right on the stage, where all the action happens. Join us for "Escanaba in Da Moonlight" backstage at CPAC. Call 931-528-1313 for tickets.



Bryan Symphony at Dogwood Park
Sunday, September 6

Night at the Museums
Saturday, September 26



Shakespeare in the Park
October 2-6 and 8-10

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" will come to life in Cookeville's Dogwood Park. This is a free event, with shows beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

Brown Bag Lunch Concerts
October 2, 9, 16 and 23

The Brown Bag Lunch Concerts series brings a variety of music to the patio of the Cookeville Depot Museum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in October.



After Dark Movies in the Park
Each Friday in June

The After Dark series brings family-friendly movies to Dogwood Park each Friday in June. Movies begin at dark and admission is free.

Summer Camp
Begins Tuesday, May 26

Leisure Services' popular Summer Camp at the Cane Creek Recreation Center is great for children who have completed kindergarten up to 12-years-old. The center is open to campers Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Part-time and full-time rates are available. For more information, visit www.cookeville-tn.gov/lis.



Call Us!
931-520-4FUN



Email:
ls@cookeville-tn.gov



Find a full list of happenings online at www.cookeville-tn.gov/lis