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**NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST**

If you know of friends or former residents of Huntingdon who would like to receive our newsletter, please send the name and address to Jeal Atwood by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail. See addresses and numbers below.

*If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions related to the Huntingdon Newsletter, please contact Jeal Atwood at P.O. Box 668, Huntingdon, TN 38344 or (731) 986-2900 or [huntingdoncityhall@charterinternet.com](mailto:huntingdoncityhall@charterinternet.com)  
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**TOWN OF HUNTINGDON  
P. O. BOX 668  
HUNTINGDON, TN 38344**



See You at



**The Fun on the Farm Jamboree  
Every Third Saturday at 2:00 p.m.**

The Fun on the Farm Jamboree is a 2-hour, live-on-the-radio, fun-filled country music extravaganza featuring great entertainers the entire family will enjoy. Come spend an afternoon at the Dixie with a variety of performers sure to delight the young and old alike! Ticket price: \$12/person. For tickets, call The Dixie Box Office at 731-986-2100. For other information related to the Fun on the Farm Jamboree, contact Kelly Green at [kellywvhr@yahoo.com](mailto:kellywvhr@yahoo.com).

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Director of Public Works: .....	Jerry G. Nolen	
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Executive Director of The Dixie: .....	Lori Neal Nolen	



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# Newsletter

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## Message from the Mayor . . .

As we head toward the fall of the year, we stop for a bit to evaluate our projects currently underway and those we will soon implement. 2009 has been a very busy year, thus far, and promises to continue that trend through to the very end. The following is a list of projects/activities with their funding sources and amounts of funding for 2009.

Court Square Service Station	\$ 65,500.00	Local Donation
Log Cabin	5,000.00	Local Donation
Parks	1,000.00	Local Donation
Police Department	996.00	Local Donation
Police Salary Supplement	6,600.00	State Supplement
Fire Salary Supplement	1,800.00	State Supplement
The Dixie	20,000.00	Foundation Grants
The Dixie	49,600.00	Operating Donation
The Dixie	1,400.00	Seating Donations
The Dixie	20,800.00	TN Arts Commission
The Dixie	10,000.00	AT&T Donation
Slip-lining Sewer Upgrade	470,200.00	Community Development Block Grant
Removal of Blighted Structures	350,000.00	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Highway 22 Bridges	2,331,197.00	TDOT (Economic Stimulus)
Career Center	2,737,306.00	State
Pedestrian Lighting	600,000.00	TDOT Enhancement Program
1000-Acre Lake Project (Sewer)	1,700,000.00	Economic Stimulus
1000-Acre Lake Project (Clearing)	1,000,000.00	Economic Stimulus
Industrial Park South (Sewer)	300,000.00	Economic Stimulus
<i>Total Funding in 2009</i>	<i>\$9,671,399.00</i>	

Town employees have had their daily schedules full handling regular duties, in addition to special projects assignments. We've completed the Edwards Park improvement project, with new playground equipment and new concessions and restrooms buildings. New paving, lighting, and fencing now enhance the overall park facilities.

Renovation of the old Court Square Service Station is nearing completion and will house the new ceramics studio under the direction of Lori Nolen, Executive Director of The Dixie.

A new batting machine has been added to Fillies Field.

Now that vacations are over and schools are in full swing, we're preparing for the fall season and our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntingdon Heritage Festival. We will be honoring our Huntingdon Alumni, in an effort to give a boost to the newly formed Huntingdon Alumni Association. Please join us on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate the heritage of our alumni.

## QUOTE FOR THE QUARTER

When a government takes over a people's economic life, it becomes absolute.  
When it has become absolute, it destroys the arts, the minds, the liberties, and the meaning of the people it governs.  
Maxwell Anderson – *The Guaranteed Life*, 1938

# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HUNTINGDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

Bring your lawn chairs, appetites, and pocketbooks and enjoy a day in the park with friends & neighbors. We will honor Walter Butler as our Outstanding Citizen and the Murray Family with the Pioneer Family Award at the 10:00 a.m. Heritage Ceremony. Drawings for special "Mustang" collectibles will take place every hour during the festival.

## NEWS FROM THE HUNTINGDON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**PURPOSE:** COMMUNICATE • CONNECT • CONTINUE THE TRADITION

Although we are in the organizational process and are working to phrase our mission statement and purposes in keeping with those of a tax exempt organization, our reasons for existing are as follows:

1. To strengthen and foster communication and connection among former students, graduates, and friends of any/all the Huntingdon Schools
2. To serve as a community of support for each other and for the school system benefiting the students, faculty, and administrators
3. To include ALL persons who have attended school in Huntingdon at any time...not limited to graduates. This includes: Huntingdon Primary, Elementary, Jr. High, High School, and Hale School.

### **BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER**

We have a goal of 550 Charter Members. Please join us in meeting this goal. Send in your information and contact others to encourage them to join. Membership is \$10 annually. Join now or before December 31st to be classified as a CHARTER member.

#### **Huntingdon Alumni Association**

P.O. Box 1111

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### **MEMORIALIZE/HONOR**

When you send a gift of \$10 or more to the treasurer, a card will be sent to notify the family of the deceased or to the person honored. Many charter memberships have been given in memory of classmates.

## HUNTINGDON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Huntingdon Fire Department is promoting a program for our citizens called "Vial of Life." This concept is not something new, but is one that we believe could be a great help to our citizens, especially our elderly citizens. The purpose of this program is to provide vital medical information about a person to emergency responders on the scene, in the event the patient is unable to communicate. Other cities have effectively used this program, and it can work for us, as well. To participate in the program, you simply need a large medicine vial or bottle, a list of important personal medical information, and two red stickers. One red sticker placed on the outside of the refrigerator door lets the emergency responders know that the vial is present. The other red sticker is placed on the outside of the vial, which contains your sheet of personal medical information. Then place the vial inside the refrigerator for safe-keeping. Medical information can be placed in the vial for one person or for everyone in the household.

The Vial of Life is now available at the Huntingdon Fire or Police Department. Thanks are in order for the following business that made this program available: City Drug Company, Carroll Bank & Trust, and C&H Screen Graphics.



## 1000-ACRE LAKE PROGRESS REPORT

### A. Reedy Creek Dam

1. Clearing of the construction area between U.S. Highway 70 and Reedy Creek Road has progressed to approximately 70%.
2. The dam embankment on the north side of Reedy Creek has been constructed to elevation 485.0 MSL which is approximately 25 feet fill depth from the original grade of the bottom of the valley.
3. The principal spillway concrete (inflow) structure is approximately 85% complete; about 17 vertical feet remaining of the overall 60 foot height.
4. The low flow outlet structure is complete.
5. The 6'X6' concrete box culvert is complete.
6. The temporary diversion pipes and inlet pool are complete.
7. On July 7, 2009 Reedy Creek was permanently diverted to flow through the temporary diversion pipes, principal spillway, box culvert, low flow outlet structure and through the rip-rap lined tailwater channel. The contractor has cleaned out the original Reedy Creek channel under the dam footprint and filled the area with compacted fill materials. The dam embankment can now be constructed continuously from abutment to abutment.

### B. Crooked Creek Mitigation Site

1. Updated Schedule to Complete Mitigation Site
  - a. West Tennessee River Basin Authority will complete the last 1,500 linear feet of restored channel except for connection of restored channel to crooked creek canal during autumn of 2009.
  - b. Riparian vegetation along last 1,500 linear feet of restored channel will be planted during winter of 2009/2010.
  - c. West Tennessee River Basin Authority will make connection of the restored channel to Crooked Creek Canal during autumn of 2010.
  - d. Wetland mitigation planting will occur during winter of 2010/2011.
2. We have met with representatives of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry regarding the wetland mitigation planting. They will provide technical support and will sell Carroll County Watershed Authority extra-large bare root seedlings. Carroll County Watershed Authority officials should contact upper echelon Division of Forestry officials to attempt to obtain bare root seedlings free or at a discount.

We have discussed assistance from Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency with their staff. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will provide technical assistance. Carroll County Watershed Authority officials should contact the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Director to attempt to obtain bare root seedlings free or at a discount.



## NEWS FROM THE DIXIE:

We have a new Director! Lori Neal Nolen began in her position as the new executive director of the Dixie Carter Performing and Academic Enrichment Center on July 1. At age 29, she is a very talented and capable young woman with an extra measure of creativity and enthusiasm for her work. Lori has an impressive educational background. She earned a B.S. Degree in Arts from Union University and a Master's Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Georgia. She has studied in New York and Italy, and served as assistant professor of arts at Union University from 2006-2007. We are excited to have Lori in this position and look forward to many successful years ahead.

We are proud to announce the following awards and grants for the Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center:

### **1) OFFICIAL BEST PERFORMING ART CENTER AWARD**

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center was recently featured as "Official Best Performing Arts Center" during a half-hour television program that aired on Sunday, August 30th on ABC Channel 2 in Nashville. The Dixie joins other "Official Best of Tennessee" recipients such as the Tennessee State Fair (Best Family Event), Chapel At The Park - Gatlinburg (Best Wedding Chapel), Paris (Best Town Square), and Tennessee Fitness Spa (Best Fitness Spa). Each recipient received a two-minute segment on the television special "The Official Best of Tennessee - 2009" and on the "Official Best Of" internet travel site [www.OfficialBestOf.com](http://www.OfficialBestOf.com). The television program and website features no more than twelve (12) Tennessee attractions, each in a different best of category.

The "Official Best Of" receives nominations for the [www.OfficialBestOf.com](http://www.OfficialBestOf.com) website after they have searched online travel resources to determine which nominees will be named "best of." No attraction can contact "Official Best Of" for inclusion. The selection process is rigorous with extensive research that requires positive reviews from a minimum of three independent sources. The website receives over 75,000 visitors a month, and traffic on the website surges after each TV airing of a new state. "Official Best Of" is currently working their way through all 50 states. On January 22, the New York Times published an article entitled "Online Reviews of Hotels and Restaurants Flourish" about the rising importance of online sites that filter through thousands of restaurant, hotel and attraction reviews. These sites, such as "Official Best Of", condense this information into organized categories.

Besides inclusion into the 30-minute television special, the Official Best of Tennessee -2009, The Dixie will receive a three-year promotion of the two-minute video segment on the travel site [www.OfficialBestOf.com](http://www.OfficialBestOf.com). Visitors to the site can easily access The Dixie's featured video along with a direct link to The Dixie website. The Dixie's feature will also be placed on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), [www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com) and other video websites. The Official Best Of logo will be placed on The Dixie website that highlights the award of distinction and identifies The Dixie as the "Official Best Performing Arts Center."

### **2) AT&T \$10,000 DONATION**

AT&T Regional External Affairs Director, Trey Rabon presented The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center with a \$10,000 donation. Mayor Kelley praised the longstanding support from AT&T that enables us to enrich the lives of our citizens through the performing, literary, visual, and media arts. This is the second \$10,000 contribution that AT&T has made for youth programs at The Dixie.

### **3) TAC - TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION \$20,800 GRANT**

This General Operating Support Grant provides general operations funding in amounts of up to twelve percent of the recipient organization's total cash operating expenses in its most recently completed and audited fiscal year.

### **UPCOMING SHOWS AT THE DIXIE**

**The First Eighty Years Are the Hardest; An Evening with Carol Channing**

Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**Ireland, Wild and Free; The David Munnely Band**

Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**Small Town, Big Dreams**

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. Dinner from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

A night to inspire those in small towns to achieve big things, with leadership expert Micheal Burt, musical performance by Renaissance of Bethel University. Sponsored by First Bank - All proceeds of this event will go towards The Dixie's Schooltime Performance Series for children.

**100.9 The Farm's Radio 3rd Annual Birthday Bash**

Headlined by the legendary country singer and Grand Ole Opry member—John Conlee

Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

## HUNTINGDON POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Huntingdon Police Department is in the process of implementing several pilot programs to improve public safety within our town. These efforts stem from an initiative we have titled "Project PIE" which stands for Protect, Inform, and Educate. Among the various programs are:

- Residential speed zone area realignment
- Traffic studies on various streets with a focus on traffic volume and speed
- Seat belt and bicycle educational presentation to the second grade
- D.U.I. educational presentation to the junior class at the high school
- Public information day with free child seat inspection at Walmart
- Installation of traffic related signs
- Purchase of emergency traffic signs
- Seat belt and sobriety checkpoints.

Speed studies will continue throughout the remainder of the year with a synopsis to be compiled by January 1, 2010.

Officer Angie Barker recently successfully completed 32 hours of training and is now certified as a Child Safety Seat Technician.

Sobriety and seatbelt checkpoints have been conducted, with further checkpoints scheduled at strategic times for the remainder of 2009.

At the conclusion of the year, we will evaluate the cost and effectiveness of each pilot program. Thereafter, we will seek grant funding to enhance and continue these programs.

## TOWN OF HUNTINGDON FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS



*The Huntingdon Public Utility Department will be conducting a semi-annual flushing of the fire hydrants within the Town of Huntingdon starting September 14th, 2009. The process will begin on the west side and cover the entire area of town within a one-month time period. Some redness in the water may occur, however the water is safe to drink and should clear up and be back to normal within forty-eight (48) hours. If you need further information please call the Public Utility Department at 731-986-2915 or City Hall at 731-986-2900.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Walter Butler who was recently promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer of Bethel University in McKenzie.



## CAREER CENTER

The newly constructed Career Center on Mustang Drive in Huntingdon held an official Open House on Sunday afternoon, August 30, 2009. Though numerous Tennessee Career Centers are located across the state, Huntingdon is home to one of only two in the state with a Call Center. The Tennessee Legislature formally named the Career Center in honor of James G. Neely, longtime resident of Huntingdon and current Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The 21,505-square-foot building was constructed at a cost of \$2.7 million. The Career Center houses a workmen's compensation center, a computer lab, computer resource room, a conference room, and a call center. Job Service, Labor Standards, and the Southwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency have offices located within the Career Center.