

# Leisure Life

Spring and Summer 2021

A guide to parks, museums,  
cultural arts and recreation  
opportunities offered by  
Cookeville Leisure Services



# THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT!

## Director's Take



Rick Woods

The evidence is all around you. Just visit any city park or recreation facility, and you'll see reflections of local wants and needs.

I'm talking about the value of public input and what it has meant – and continues to mean – for quality of life in Cookeville.

Leisure Services itself was born of public input. The department was established by the city council in 1987 following a strategic planning process that revealed citizens' number one priority – the development of a comprehensive, professional parks and recreation program.

Without that input, who knows? We may never have gotten a leisure services department. Or Dogwood Park. Or a skate park. Or a sportsplex, rec center or gymnasium. And so much more.

It's hard to imagine life in Cookeville without these amenities. I'm proud that our department has successfully done what it was created to do, time and time again. I'm even more proud

that our projects continually mirror the desires of citizens.

We are always listening and considering your recommendations. For example, our recent Cane Creek Park master plan included a public dog park because of public input. Also, citizens expressed a need for a skate park, which became part of our Park View Park master plan. We sought feedback on ways to improve West End Park as well. That resulted in a resurfaced basketball court and new play equipment. At Dogwood Park, we added shade structures and are nearing completion on restrooms near the Heart of the City Playground.

These projects and more were possible thanks to citizen committees, social media engagement and your input at public meetings. Surveys too. We are currently reviewing responses from a recent online survey – valuable feedback that we will incorporate in our 10-year recreation master plan for our parks, facilities, events and programs.

And so the process continues. We will continue to have opportunities for citizens to voice their desires, concerns and ideas.

After all, we work for you.

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A bluebird waits for her babies to hatch in a nest box at Dogwood Park.

# IT'S FOR THE *birds*

By Amy Davis

**P**eering inside the small wooden boxes on their weekly rounds at Cane Creek Park, Bill and Jane Gray anticipate sweet discoveries. First, they notice bits of straw, grass or pine needles. Later, a full nest. Then, an increasing number of small blue eggs. And finally, baby bluebirds.

The process repeats two or three times between late March and August, with Bill opening the 10 boxes, which rest atop metal poles, and Jane taking notes and pictures. They report their observations to the Cookeville Bluebird Club, of which they are members.

"We see the progress," Jane said. "When the baby birds have fledged, we clean the nests out so the box will be ready for another one."

The Grays are two of several monitors from the Cookeville Bluebird Club looking out for these charming birds with the blue and orange feathers. Other monitors do the same at Dogwood Park, checking the four boxes there. The boxes at both parks are monitored twice per week in an effort to ensure successful nesting and, thus, an increase in the local bluebird population.

"Bluebirds need our help," Don Hazel, president of the Tennessee Bluebird Society, said of the cavity-nesting birds. "Non-native starlings and house sparrows aggressively take over most natural holes in trees, and without nest boxes, bluebirds have a hard time competing for available natural nest sites."

In early 2020, Hazel, who lives in Fairfield Glade, was invited to speak about bluebirds at a local garden club meeting.

Soon after, members contacted Cookeville Leisure Services about placing nest boxes at Cane Creek Park and Dogwood Park.

"Nest boxes in public parks not only help bluebirds, but they allow people to observe these beautiful native birds," Hazel said.

Following a successful bluebird season, the Cookeville Bluebird Club was founded.

The 1 ½-inch, double-thick entrance hole in a bluebird box keeps starlings and other predators out, and the lack of a perch discourages sparrows. Other features include an inside screen so the baby birds can climb out, roof overhang for protection from sun and rain and, most importantly, a way to open the box to check on problems and clean out old nests. Bluebirds lay four to six eggs and raise two to three broods per year.

The Grays are happy to do their part for the bluebirds – but they get something out of it too. While making their way around the lake trail at Cane Creek Park, they hear birds singing, leaves rustling and water rippling. They see turtles resting on logs and squirrels scampering up trees. They pass by morning joggers, couples walking dogs, and mothers pushing babies in strollers. They observe disc golf players throwing their discs and fishermen reeling in their catches.

So many happy, leisurely sights.

As Bill and Jane approach a nest box, they watch for signs of bluebird activity. Maybe they'll see a tiny head peeking out of the hole. Maybe they'll see the feathered occupant perched on top of the box or in a nearby tree, ready to swoop down for an insect meal.

"We're always interested in seeing the bluebird itself," Bill said.

Looking inside the box, the Grays are delighted to see something new each week.

"The bluebird eggs are a pretty blue," Jane noted.

Sometimes they'll discover that a tree swallow has inhabited the box – and that's okay.

"We'd rather have bluebirds, but we don't



**Jane and Bill Gray monitor a bluebird nest box at Cane Creek Park.**

disturb the tree swallows," Jane said.

However, nests of non-native species like house sparrows, which can be harmful to bluebirds, are removed.

This is the second year that Bill and Jane have monitored bluebird boxes at Cane Creek Park. They are pleased by the results so far and believe this project benefits visitors at both parks.

"Hopefully, they are seeing more bluebirds on their walks," Bill said.

While bluebirds are tolerant of people, park visitors should avoid disturbing the boxes.

The Grays encourage more people to join the Cookeville Bluebird Club and place nest boxes on their properties, as they and other club members have done. That way, more bluebirds will have homes in Cookeville. Anyone interested should email [cookevillebluebirds@gmail.com](mailto:cookevillebluebirds@gmail.com).

Hazel notes the club is already monitoring 49 nest boxes this year, including the 10 at Cane Creek Park and four at Dogwood Park. Last year, they fledged more than 90 baby birds.

"The Cookeville Bluebird Club is only one year old but doing a fantastic job," he said.

The bluebirds can't complain.



JT Moore explores the 509 engine at his favorite place – the Cookeville Depot Museum.

# DEPOT DELIGHT

By Amy Davis

It was never really a question.

But JT Moore's parents still asked the young train enthusiast where he wanted to go. "It wasn't the park or anywhere else," his mother, Jill, recalled of his toddler years. "His only answer ever was the depot – always the depot!"

Not much has changed.

While many kids grow out of the train phase, this 13-year-old Avery Trace Middle School seventh grader's love and appreciation for the Cookeville Depot Museum has only gotten stronger. He visits whenever he can, whether it's to have lunch outside, check out any newly acquired railroad artifacts, pose for a few pictures, or just take a walk on the grounds to get lost in that imaginary world of history and adventure.

It's easy to do. After all, the depot was built in 1909 and some of the rolling stock on the grounds is nearly as old, including a 1920s red caboose and – JT's favorite – a 1913 Baldwin steam engine, better known as the 509.

It's just a special place.

"Being in an area that has trains has always made me happy," he said. "It's just great here."

Through the years, JT has enjoyed all aspects of the depot. In his younger days, he was drawn to the Thomas the Tank Engine table, where he could layout tracks for the wooden trains. He has also always enjoyed the model trains – one in the front room (an HO scale replica of Cookeville's WestSide in the 1950s) and another in the

back that glides along a track near the ceiling.

JT's fascination led him to join the Central Tennessee Model Railroaders. As a junior member, he's had the opportunity to set up displays not only at the Cookeville Depot's annual Christmas Open House but various shows across the state. He's also a member of Friends of the Depot, a non-profit support organization for the Cookeville Depot.

How has the depot made a difference in JT's life?

"It's gotten me more passionate," he said of his love for trains. He noted that he's also an avid collector and continually researches and watches YouTube videos to learn more about the subject. "It's one of my favorite things."

His mother is grateful to have a place for her son to go that means so much to him.

"This is magical for us," she said. "Lots of kids play sports or do different things, but JT's sport is trains and the depot!"

When he gets older, JT plans to volunteer at the Cookeville Depot so he can pass on his passion to others.

He encourages everyone to experience the magic: "Just come, and I'm 100-percent sure you'll love it."

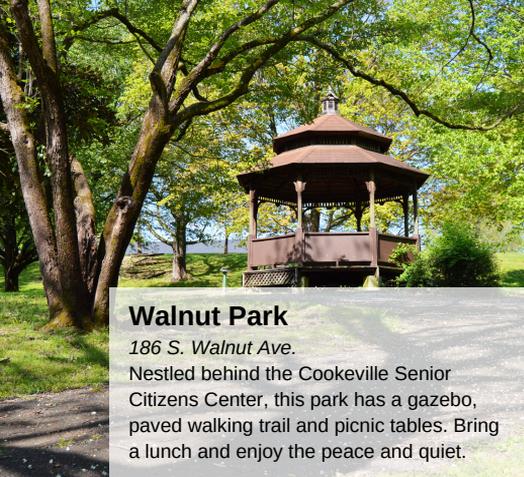
"Being in an area that has trains has always made me happy. It's just great here."

- JT Moore

The Cookeville Depot Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.



JT Moore checks out the HO scale model train inside the Cookeville Depot Museum.



### Walnut Park

186 S. Walnut Ave.

Nestled behind the Cookeville Senior Citizens Center, this park has a gazebo, paved walking trail and picnic tables. Bring a lunch and enjoy the peace and quiet.

# Parks

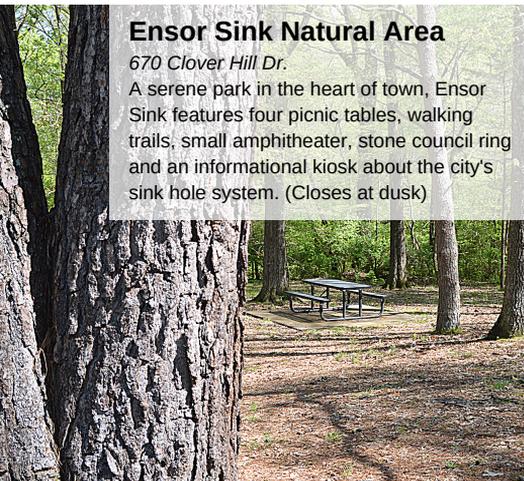
## LEISURELY ESCAPES



### Cane Creek Park

201 CC Camp Road

What kind of park calls to your spirit? In Cookeville, we have something for everybody when it comes to amazing destinations for spring and summer. Big parks, small parks. Busy parks, quiet parks. Parks with walking and biking trails, parks with lakes for fishing and paddling. Parks with playgrounds and ball fields, parks that focus more on the natural elements. Whether you're drawn to popular stomping grounds or seeking something off the beaten path, be sure to explore all 10 of Cookeville's city parks.



### Ensor Sink Natural Area

670 Clover Hill Dr.

A serene park in the heart of town, Ensor Sink features four picnic tables, walking trails, small amphitheater, stone council ring and an informational kiosk about the city's sink hole system. (Closes at dusk)

### Cane Creek Park

201 CC Camp Road

Cookeville's largest park (pictured left center) is a great place to hike, bike, picnic, fish, walk the dog, swing, play basketball and volleyball, birdwatch and much more. The 56-acre lake is ideal for kayaks, paddleboats and canoes (available to rent), and the 18-hole disc golf course is popular with all ages. The park also features playgrounds, a mountain bike trail, three picnic shelters (available to reserve by calling 931-520-4386), several picnic tables with charcoal grills, boat ramp (for non-motorized boating), pollinator fields, and coming soon, the city's first public dog park.

## Park View Park

570 Scott Ave.

This park offers so much — baseball fields, a skating facility, play equipment, and a picnic shelter. (Skate park closes at dusk)

## West End Park

609 West End St.

This park has play equipment, two picnic shelters, basketball, pickleball and volleyball courts, a small field and restroom facilities. History too. It was the site of Darwin School, which served African-American students from 1928 until the school burned in 1963. A historical marker is on the grounds.

## City Lake Natural Area

Bridgeway Drive

This 35-acre natural area (pictured right) is a favorite among fishermen, kayakers and hikers. The lake, a no-wake zone, has a boat launch and fishing pier. Picnic tables are nearby, and a small waterfall awaits at the end of a trail through the woods just over a quarter of a mile away. To get there from downtown Cookeville, go east on Hwy. 70N, cross over I-40 at Exit 290, turn left on Poplar Grove Road and go straight into Bridgeway Drive. (Closes at dusk)

## Cinderella Park

700 Cinderella Lane

Cinderella, one of Cookeville's oldest neighborhood parks, has so much — play equipment, a swing set, small picnic shelter with charcoal grill, two picnic tables, basketball court, and restroom facilities. Located at the end of Mitchell Avenue, it offers convenient access to the Tennessee Central Trail.

## Capshaw Park

560 E. Stevens St.

This natural area, near Capshaw Elementary, is the perfect place to explore and appreciate some quiet time. It has three picnic tables.

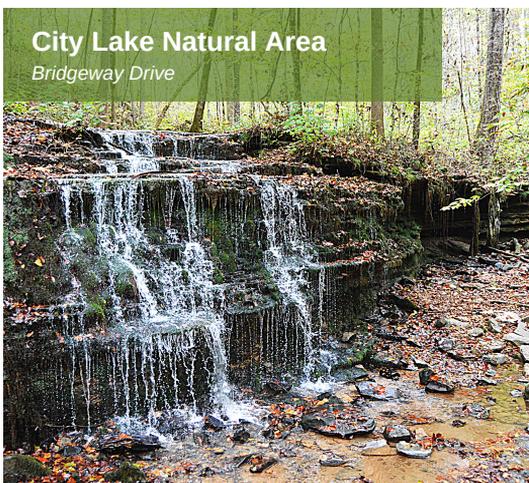
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unless otherwise noted.



## Franklin Avenue Park

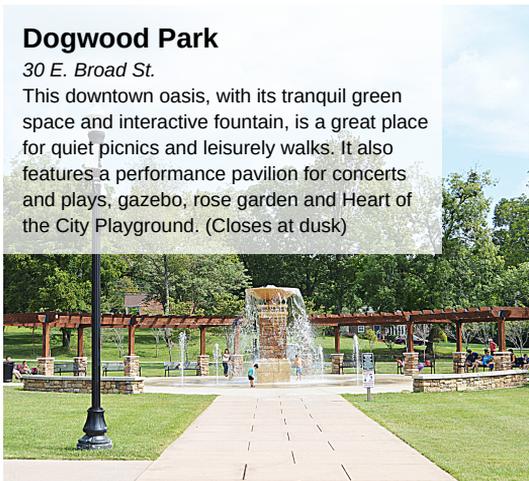
550 N. Franklin Ave.

This small neighborhood park at the corner of Franklin Avenue and 6th Street features play equipment and a picnic shelter.



## City Lake Natural Area

Bridgeway Drive



## Dogwood Park

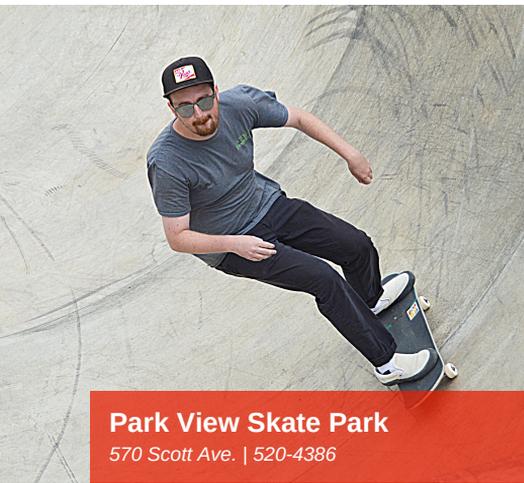
30 E. Broad St.

This downtown oasis, with its tranquil green space and interactive fountain, is a great place for quiet picnics and leisurely walks. It also features a performance pavilion for concerts and plays, gazebo, rose garden and Heart of the City Playground. (Closes at dusk)



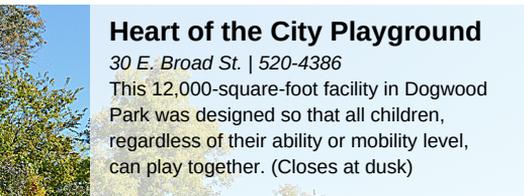
### Cookeville Depot Museum

116 W. Broad St. | 528-8570



### Park View Skate Park

570 Scott Ave. | 520-4386



### Heart of the City Playground

30 E. Broad St. | 520-4386

This 12,000-square-foot facility in Dogwood Park was designed so that all children, regardless of their ability or mobility level, can play together. (Closes at dusk)



# Facilities

## PLAY TIME & CULTURE

Cookeville is a unique city with so much to offer. It's artsy and rich with cultural, historical and recreational opportunities of all sorts — the kinds of things you'd expect to experience in a big city but with small-town appeal. We have award-winning theatre and museum facilities. Cookeville is also a great place to play and exercise. We have facilities for athletics, fitness and children's play. So, whatever your game — softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, pickleball, skateboarding, dance or something else — it's likely you'll find your happy place at one of these destinations.

### Cookeville Leisure Services

45 E. Broad St. | 520-4386

Have questions about the city's parks and facilities? Call or visit us in the Cookeville Municipal Building.

### Park View Skate Park

570 Scott Ave. | 520-4386

Cookeville's skate park (pictured left center), located at Park View Park, features lots of fun and challenging features for skaters and BMX bikers, such as wall rides, ledges, rails and bowls. This concrete facility is the first of its kind in the Upper Cumberland and the first in Tennessee designed by Seattle-based Grindline Skateparks. (Closes at dusk)

## Cookeville Depot Museum

116 W. Broad St. | 528-8570

Built in 1909, this charming red facility is on the National Register of Historic Places. You'll find Tennessee Central Railway artifacts inside and an engine, cabooses and track cars outside. Events and activities such as concerts, movies and scavenger hunts are held throughout the year. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Cookeville History Museum

40 E. Broad St. | 520-5455

History lovers, rejoice! This museum offers exhibits, both temporary and permanent, that promote the history of Putnam County. Take a look around and learn something new about something old. Visit Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Cane Creek Gymnasium

180 CC Camp Road | 526-9767

Visit the gymnasium (pictured right) to play basketball, soccer, volleyball, pickleball, cornhole and spikeball. Admission is \$1. This facility also hosts league play, tournaments and youth camps and is available for rentals.

## Cane Creek Recreation Center

180 CC Camp Road | 526-7393

Come join the rec center camaraderie! This facility hosts a fitness program, youth camps, events, classes, workshops and the Leisure Services School of Dance.

## Cookeville Performing Arts Center

10 E. Broad St. | 528-1313

This 456-seat facility produces local shows, including CPAC's award-winning Backstage Series, as well as concerts, dance recitals, film screenings and other entertaining events.

## Cookeville City Cemetery

241 S. Walnut Ave. | 372-8086

Office hours for the city-maintained cemetery are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Maintenance

Parks: 544 Scott Ave. | 528-2605

Buildings: 790 E. 15th St. | 520-5257



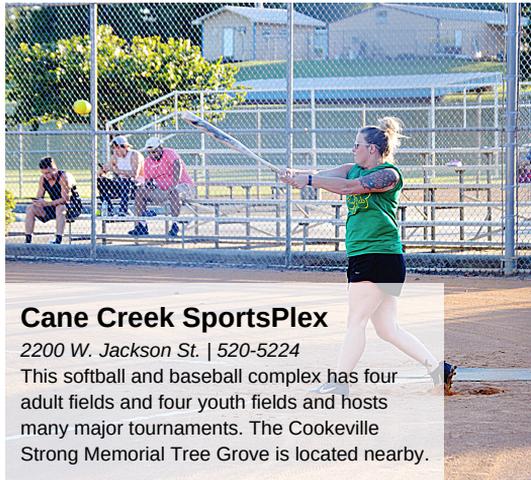
## Dogwood Performance Pavilion

30 E. Broad St. | 528-1313

Concerts, plays and outdoor movies are presented at Dogwood Park's performance pavilion. It may also be reserved for events.

## Cane Creek Gymnasium

180 CC Camp Road | 526-9767



## Cane Creek SportsPlex

2200 W. Jackson St. | 520-5224

This softball and baseball complex has four adult fields and four youth fields and hosts many major tournaments. The Cookeville Strong Memorial Tree Grove is located nearby.

# BACKSTAGE LIVING

For a few months each year, Pat Frank is a different person.

His wife knows it, his daughter knows it – and they get it.

“I take on every character I play,” the long-time Cookeville Performing Arts Center performer said.

“My wife will hear me mumbling under my breath, and she knows I’m doing lines in my head.”

Same thing happens on the drive to work. And while sitting on the couch at home. Or anywhere else he happens to be when his mind wanders to that pretend world that he and others in the theatre community know and love.

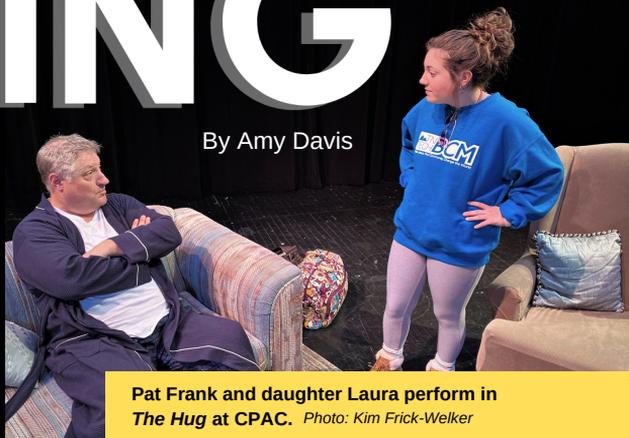
“It’s a release from normal life and a great hobby. Something very close to my heart.”

Over the past decade, the New Orleans native has performed in almost a dozen shows in CPAC’s Backstage Series. In his first, *Dead Man’s Cell Phone*, he was the dead guy. In his latest, *The Hug*, he played the father alongside his real-life daughter, Laura, an 18-year-old Tennessee Tech University student. He enjoys every aspect in the process of bringing a story to life on the stage, from the time he gets a script to the moment he takes his final bow at the close of a show.

It’s quite a journey.

“For two months, my wife knows, one, I’m

By Amy Davis



Pat Frank and daughter Laura perform in *The Hug* at CPAC. Photo: Kim Frick-Welker

not going to be around much, and two, she’s going to be living with somebody different,” he said. “I’ll talk like my character around the house. But she has been incredible and a huge support system. You can’t do something like this without support.”

Nor could he do it without his fellow actors. “That’s the biggest reason I do this. The theatre family is unique. If you’ve never been in a production, it’s hard to understand. But we get so tight for a two-to-three-month period. It’s a bond that lasts.”

Frank especially enjoys the rehearsal process, even if it does come with a demanding time commitment.

“I get off work and go straight to the theatre until about 10 o’clock at night,” he said. “Then I go home.”

Rehearsing for a Backstage Series production means preparing for a different sort of show from what one might expect.

“The interesting thing about the Backstage Series is the audience is literally on the stage, sometimes no more than a

foot away from you," he said. "The intimacy is incredible, and the reaction is immediate."

The series has developed a following that Frank appreciates.

"We have a very educated theatre audience in this town," he said. "They know what they're watching... and you see a lot of the same folks every show. When you've done a good job as a cast, they really let you know."

Frank's first taste of acting was a helping of New Orleans dinner theatre in the mid-1980s. It began by chance when he went along with an actor friend to a rehearsal for *Send Me No Flowers*.

"The director came in upset because one of the cast members had quit," he said. "So my buddy goes, 'My friend will do it!' That's how I got roped into it. But the first time I was on stage, I loved every second of it."

Throughout the years, Frank's daughter, Laura, has played an important role in his success: "Since she was about 7 or 8, she has helped me with my lines," he said.

Laura also served as a stagehand and even an assistant stage manager in previous *Backstage* shows before being asked to star with her father in *The Hug*.

"It was a great introduction for her, and I'm so proud of her," Frank said.

He also appreciates CPAC's Kim Frick-Welker, director of numerous *Backstage* plays, for her inspiration.

"She's the best! Without her experience and mentorship, I would not have realized my ability nor truly experienced the love I have for theatre," he said.

What aspects of theatre life would surprise people if they only knew?

"None of us is bashful," Frank said. "Even when you meet an actor for the first time on stage, in a little bit of time you're undressing in front of them. They're like your brothers and sisters. You're just very comfortable in front of them."

They also cover for each other if someone drops a line: "I can see that look in your eyes, and I might say, 'You're not thinking about so-and-so are you?'" Frank

said. "The audience doesn't know that's not a line, and that's going to get your memory back on track."

Wardrobe malfunctions happen too. Frank nearly lost his pants one time when a button ripped off. And then there was the time a spider decided to make its stage debut – on Frank's shoulder.

"Everyone saw it except me, and I didn't know what the audience was screeching about," he said.

For Frank, the best part of theatre is the bonds built with fellow actors. At the same time, it's difficult when the time comes to part ways, even if it's only until the next production.

"You know from the first show – and we typically do seven – that it's the beginning of the end," he said. "That last show is really sad in a lot of ways."

Frank stressed the importance of community theatre and what it has meant for Cookeville.

"I think every community needs the arts," he said. "I know this because when I'm not in a show myself, I love to be able to go out with my wife to see a show and support my fellow actors."

Plus, CPAC offers the sort of shows that make people think.

"It's the storytelling," he said. "As an audience member, sometimes you want to forget about the pandemic, the political situation, the climate, and all the things that aren't going well. You want to get lost in your own little world with some thought-provoking entertainment."



Pat Frank as "Sen. Charles Whitmore" in 2020's *Church and State*. Photo: Kim Frick-Welker

# EMPLOYEE

## Marketing the 'good life' in Cookeville

Spotlight

By Beth Thompson

If you are wondering how this colorful and informative *Leisure Life* magazine came to be in your hands right now, it is due to one person — Amy Davis!

Amy has been the marketing and communications specialist for the City of Cookeville's Leisure Services department since 2016. Her job is to promote parks, museums, cultural arts and recreation opportunities offered by the city through social media, the City of Cookeville website, press releases, feature stories, photography, graphic design, newsletters and publications like this magazine.

Basically, Amy raises awareness of the quality of life here in Cookeville by getting the word out about what is available to people, residents and visitors alike. She loves helping people in our community see how they can benefit from and find enjoyment in the many available activities and events.

Of course, this is not a tough sell as she thinks everybody wants to find healthy and meaningful ways to spend their leisure time and finds it important when looking for entertainment for her own family.

Speaking of family, Amy and her husband, Chuck, have two sons, Kyle, 17, and Luke, 12, who are mainstays at all manner of Leisure Services events.

She says, "The thing I love most about



**Amy Davis**

*Marketing & Communications Specialist*

my job is the opportunity it has given me to introduce my boys to new experiences, both fun and culturally enriching. We've seen all of the Cookeville History Museum exhibits, been to Shakespeare in the Park, explored downtown Cookeville during the WestSide Scavenger Hunts and Night at

the Museums, watched outdoor movies at Dogwood Park and the Cookeville Depot Museum, seen several Backstage Series plays at CPAC and so much more. So, I'm not only a promoter of the activities we offer; I'm an avid participant."

Amy, who lives in Livingston, is a Tennessee Tech University graduate with a degree in English-Journalism and is currently enrolled in graduate courses at TTU. Previously employed as a staff writer at Cookeville's *Herald-Citizen* newspaper, some of her favorite things to write about were activities offered by Cookeville Leisure Services, especially at the depot and history museums. She found it easy to promote the things she enjoys and values, so when the opportunity to work for the city came about, it seemed like a great fit and she was thrilled to join Cookeville's "fun department."

A naturally talented writer, Amy began by penning a few stories as a kid, but her biggest outlet was journaling, mostly during her high school and college years. She never thought about writing as a career until she was a sophomore at TTU and got a part-time job at her hometown newspaper as a proofreader. Journalism seemed like a great way to channel her creativity – and it has been ever since.

If she were not writing and publicizing Cookeville's events and programming, Amy says she could see herself doing any number of things including being a photographer (she loves exploring Cookeville's parks to look for good photo opportunities), educator, artist, librarian, archeologist, museum curator or movie maker. She is interested in many disparate things, but one thing they all have in common is that they all reside in the creative and historic realms.

Asked about her favorite aspect of her work, Amy had difficulty narrowing it down to a single thing. "I like the variety of the work... the public relations, the storytelling, the social media engagement, the photography, the graphic design projects.



Amy and son Luke pause for a selfie during a WestSide Scavenger Hunt in 2021. Below, her family enjoys the Cookeville History Museum's "Back to the '80s" exhibit in 2017.



I'm in a unique position in the Leisure Services Department in that I get to interact with most everyone in all divisions – from recreation to cultural and historical arts, athletics to administration and even maintenance. It's been interesting working with so many different personalities on a variety of projects. Our people are talented, enthusiastic and take such pride in what they do, and the energy is contagious."

The environment is nice as well. "Just being downtown is wonderful," she said. "I can walk across the street and take a nice stroll through Dogwood Park on my lunch break. I'm also within walking distance of the history museum, performing arts center and depot. It's such a culture-rich area, and I love that vibe."

Amy really is doing her part to "make the good life better" every day here in Cookeville!

# spring & summer

# HAPPENINGS



Storyfest in the Park

## World Tai Chi & Qigong Day

**April 26**

"One World... One Breath" is the motto of this annual event that offers free Tai Chi and Qigong demonstrations starting at 10 a.m. at Cane Creek Recreation Center. Join us for this global experience.

## Storyfest in the Park

**May 1**

World-class storytelling right here in Cookeville's Dogwood Park? Yes! Lend us your ears for the seventh annual Storyfest in the Park. Gather under the big tent 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to enjoy a lineup that includes headliners Andy Offutt Irwin (pictured left) and Minton Sparks.



History Hikes

## History Hikes

**May-October**

It's history and a hike all rolled into one fun adventure on the second Saturday of each month. Start at the Cookeville Depot or Cookeville History Museum between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and go exploring along Broad Street. Complete this free activity to be entered in a prize drawing.



Kids Fishing Derby

## Softball

**Co-ed adult leagues**

Spring co-ed church and recreation leagues and fall co-ed recreation and men's leagues are scheduled at Cane Creek SportsPlex. For sign-up information, call 520-5224.

## Kids Fishing Derby

**June 12**

A day of free fishing and a species scavenger hunt awaits anglers ages 15 and under at the annual Kids Fishing Derby presented by the Tennessee Tech University Student Fisheries Association, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Cookeville Leisure Services. This event coincides with Tennessee Free Fishing Day, so no fishing license is required. For more information, call 526-7393.



Cookeville Community Band

## Concerts & Movies

### Third Thursday in the Park

**May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19**

This free concert series offers a variety of music, everything from classic rock to country, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy this outdoor music experience.

### Big Band Sound

**May 31, Aug. 16, Sept. 6**

You'll want to dance during these lively orchestra concerts at Dogwood Park. Join us at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

### After Dark Movies in the Park

**June 4, 11, 18, 25**

Gather around the big screen on Friday nights in June at Dogwood Park for a family-friendly film under the stars beginning at dark. Spread a blanket, munch on popcorn and enjoy this free movie series sponsored by Rep. Ryan Williams.

### Cookeville Community Band

**July 5, July 19, Aug. 2**

Summers nights in Dogwood Park are sweeter with the Cookeville Community Band. This woodwind, brass and percussion ensemble presents free concerts at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this musical treat.

### Bryan Symphony Orchestra

**Sept. 5**

An orchestra under the stars awaits music lovers at Dogwood Park at 7:30 p.m. This free concert features professional musicians and select Tennessee Tech University students and faculty.

### Classic Cinema at the Depot

**Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Join us on Friday nights in October as we present free classic movies under the stars on the west patio of the Cookeville Depot Museum at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. We'll pop the popcorn and chill the water and sodas, which are available for \$1 each.

### Brown Bag Lunch Concerts

**Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22**

Music and lunch come together in a fun way for this concert series sponsored by the Cookeville Arts Council. See a variety of bands on the Cookeville Depot patio on four Fridays in October from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch may be purchased on site. (Pictured: Mean Mary)



Brown Bag Lunch Concerts

# summer & early fall

# HAPPENINGS



Night at the Museums

## Backstage Series

Aug. 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21

Productions in Cookeville Performing Arts Center's award-winning Backstage Series are selected especially for presentation in the intimacy of the backstage theatre setting. For tickets, call 528-1313 or visit [www.cpactn.com](http://www.cpactn.com).

## Downtown Film Festival

Aug. 27-29

Cookeville Performing Arts Center and WCTE are partnering for the second annual WCTE-PBS Downtown Film Festival to be held at various locations in downtown Cookeville, including Dogwood Park, CPAC and Cookeville Depot Museum. This festival includes film screenings, workshops, and enriching opportunities for aspiring filmmakers.



Dogapalooza

## Night at the Museums

Sept. 25

What happens when the lights go out and the doors are locked at the Cookeville Depot and Cookeville History Museum? Find out during this free, fun and educational night walk between the museums along Broad Street from 7-9 p.m.

## Dogapalooza

Sept. 25

Cookeville's new dog park at Cane Creek Park is the site of this year's Dogapalooza. This free annual event is especially for dogs and the people who love them. It features pet booths, adoptable pets and a kids' dog show. Join the fun starting at 1 p.m.



Shakespeare in the Park

## Shakespeare in the Park

Oct. 1-9

Experience a William Shakespeare play under the night sky at Dogwood Park's performance pavilion at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. This outdoor theatre opportunity is free.

# Summer Camps



Cookeville Leisure Services recreation and athletic day camps are a wonderful opportunity for children to engage in fun activities and make new friends during spring, summer and fall breaks.

## RECREATIONAL DAY CAMP

June 1-July 30

## LACROSSE CAMP

June 21-25

## ALL SPORTS CAMP

June 7-11, June 28-July 2,  
July 12-16

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

July 7-9

## BASKETBALL CAMP

June 14-18  
July 19-23

Cane Creek Recreation Center  
526-7393  
Cane Creek Gymnasium  
526-9767

## More

### Classes & Programs

Looking for fun and healthy ways to spend your leisure time? Get involved in our classes and programs, including tai chi, self-defense, kickboxing and photography. See what's new: [www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/classes-programs](http://www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/classes-programs)

### Fitness

Stay in shape the fun way... with friends! We offer daily group fitness classes at Cane Creek Recreation Center. Drop in for \$3 per class. Monthly schedule: [www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/fitness](http://www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/fitness)

### School of Dance

The Leisure Services School of Dance offers classes in the classic disciplines of ballet, jazz and modern dance. We have opportunities for ages 3 and up. Classes are held August through May. To learn more, call 520-5296.

### Social Media

#### Facebook features:

- Monday Minutes
- Midweek Health Check
- Feel Good Friday @canecreekreccenter
- Train Tales @cookevilledepot

#### More content on these pages:

Cookeville Leisure Services Department, Cookeville History Museum, Cane Creek SportsPlex, Cane Creek Gymnasium, Cookeville Performing Arts Center, Dogwood Park, Dogwood Performance Pavilion, Cane Creek Park, Cookeville Leisure Services School of Dance



### Newsletter

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Cookeville Depot



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Cane Creek SportsPlex



Heart of the City Playground



Dogwood Park



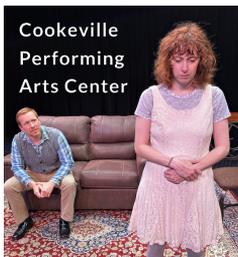
Cane Creek Gymnasium



Cane Creek Recreation Center



Cane Creek Park



Cookeville Performing Arts Center



Park View Skate Park