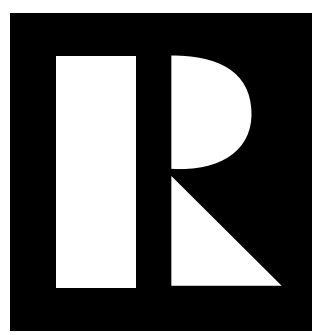


Serving Bradley • Bledsoe • McMinn • Meigs • Polk • Rhea Counties



REALTOR®

RIVER COUNTIES
ASSOCIATION
of REALTORS®

“REALTORS® Serving People”

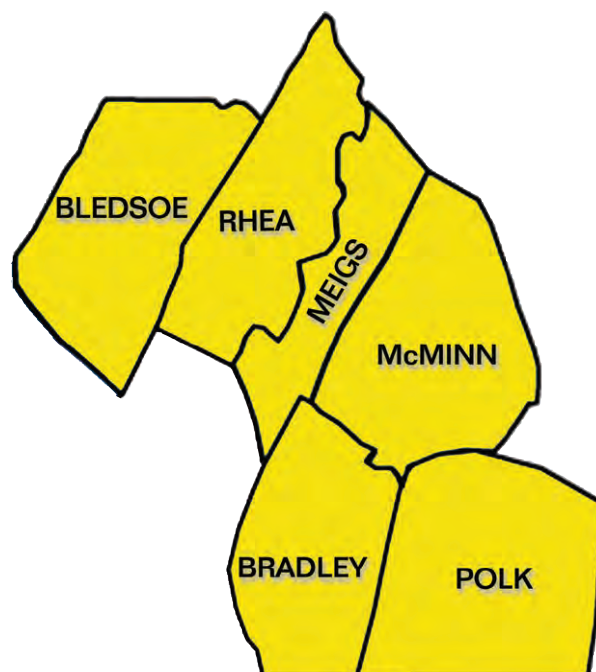


IN THIS EDITION

- Where are they now?
- The 6 counties’ history
- What’s happening at RCAR®



“Enhancing, promoting, and protecting the private property rights in our communities, and the business interests of our REALTOR® members.”



A Special Feature Section From

Your

Cleveland Daily Banner

River Counties Association services six counties

River Counties Association of REALTORS serves the six counties of Bledsoe, Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk and Rhea.

A member of the National Association of REALTORS, RCAR's mission is "enhancing, promoting and protecting the private property rights in our communities, and the business interest of our REALTORS members."

The RCAR office is located 2070 Candies Lane N.W.

It is under the leadership of RCAR president, Kelli Paul; association executive officer, Tara Hampton; MLS Services officer, Jenna Macon; and member services/administrative assistant, Lauren McDaniel.

The board of directors of RCAR consists of Kelli Paul, president; Yvonne Newman, past president; Jennifer Douglass, vice president; Max Phillips, treasurer; Denise Marler, secretary; Cathy McCracken, ex-officio; and directors Wayne Rutherford, Robert Bradney, Demetra Toomey, Rhonda McClure, Dianne Tumlin, Suanne Akins and Tammy Johnson.

The River Counties MLS Board of directors includes



RCAR & RCMLS Board of Directors includes Judy Dunn, Betty Messer, Steve Black, Cathy McCracken and Max Phillips.



Cathy McCracken, MLS president; Steve Black, past president; Mike Robinson, vice president; Marcia Botts, treasurer; Brian Workman, secretary; and Kelli Paul, ex-officio. Directors



RCAR BOARD of directors includes Dianne Tumlin, Demetra Toomey, Yvonne Newman and Suzanne Akins.

RCAR AND RCMLS board of directors include Amy Bales, Jennifer Douglass, Wayne Rutherford, Bill Pryor and Kelli Paul

What does the association do?

By KELLI PAUL
2015 RCAR President

The question I am asked most as President of the River Counties Association of Realtors® is "What does the Association do exactly?"

In order to properly answer that question you have to start at the top with the National Association of REALTORS® or NAR.

The National Association of REALTORS® is America's largest trade association, with more than 1 million members strong. Only licensed real estate agents who join the association can call themselves REALTORS® which is a registered membership mark. Those Realtors subscribe to uphold the Realtors Code of Ethics.

Working for America's property owners, the National Association of REALTORS® provides a place for professional development, research, and exchange of information among its members and to the public and government for the purpose of preserving the right for individuals to own real property.

Secondly Realtors® join their state association. In this case the Tennessee Association of Realtors® or TAR.

The Tennessee Association of REALTORS® (TAR) is headquar-



Kelli Paul

tered in Nashville and serves over 20,000 REALTORS® members.

TAR offers its members many free services to help enhance and promote professionalism and success for all.

REALTORS are required to have continuing education and TAR provides numerous educational opportunities. TAR also has grass root efforts for legislative issues that pertain to homeownership and individual

property rights.

Lastly REALTORS® join the local association or River Counties Association of Realtors® or RCAR.

RCAR serves more than 500 members in six counties.

The REALTORS® members are involved in the communities they work and live in supporting many civic causes. The association provides support in promoting the members success, with technical support, education and so much more.

The association staff is more often than not the first place its members turn to for answers to a myriad of questions. The staff is always at the ready to help find answers.

The office houses the heart of the association the MLS or Multiple Listing Service which is the data capital from which all the information is collected and held for use of all the members.

The River Counties Association is made up of only three dedicated staff. They work tirelessly to support its members. The business operation of the Association is run solely by volunteers who make up the RCAR board of directors and the RCMLS board of directors.



REALTORS are members of National Association of REALTORS

THE VOICE OF REAL ESTATE — When you see a real estate professional wearing a REALTORS pin, you know it stands for professionalism, expertise and ethical business practices. It also signifies that REALTORS are the ultimate home ownership advocates. The National Association of REALTORS is committed to protecting your rights as a home owner and will defend against any issues that affect our ability to buy, sell and own real estate.



REALTORS have code of ethics to which they adhere

Did you know not all licensed real estate agents are REALTORS®.

To be a REALTORS® you must first take a pledge to uphold the REALTORS Code of Ethics. REALTORS also agree to join the National Association of REALTORS, their state association and their local association.

Before the Code, there was no standard of practice and the motto

was "Caveat Emptor's" (Let the buyer beware). Soon it became the basis for several Codes of Conduct in other industries and was even cited in court cases.

In 2013 the REALTORS Code of ethics celebrated its 100th birthday as a standard of conduct within the real estate industry. The code is a living breathing document that is ever changing.

The Preamble of the Code

defines the conduct of a REALTORS owed to fellow REALTORS, their clients and customers, and to the public.

"REALTORS, therefore, are zealous to maintain and improve the standards of their calling and share with their fellow REALTORS a common responsibility for its integrity and honor..."

"The term REALTORS has come to connote competency,

fairness, and high integrity resulting from adherence to a lofty ideal of moral conduct in business relations. No inducement of profit and no instruction from clients ever can justify departure from this ideal."

It can be summed up and embodied in the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that others should do to you, do you even so to them."

Information provided by:

River Counties Association of REALTORS®		All Other Counties	
Total Units SOLD	722	Total Units SOLD	152
Average Days on Market	143	Average Days on Market	137
Average List Price	\$164,102	Average List Price	\$169,254
Average SOLD Price	\$157,140	Average SOLD Price	\$161,908

The chart above reflects total Residential Units Sold during 2nd Quarter of 2015. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. (As of 07/13/2015 at 10:42 a.m.)

Thank you Bradley County for voting



KW CLEVELAND

KELLERWILLIAMS

Best Real Estate Agency!

#1 Firm in River Counties Association of REALTORS®

\$120+Million Sold 2014

Data based on numbers pulled from the River Counties Association of Realtors MLS on June 18, 2015

(423) 303-1200

650 25th Street NW, Suite 300
Cleveland, TN 37311



The #1 largest Franchise in the WORLD*

Agent count as of January 2015* Each Keller Williams Office is Independently owned and operated.

Bradley County was created in 1836

On June 1, 1796, Tennessee became a state of the newly formed United States.

The land of what is now Tennessee had been claimed by North Carolina, but after the Revolutionary War ceded its lands over the Appalachian Mountains to the government. It was organized into the Southwest Territory. The Cherokee and Chickasaw treaties in 1798 and 1806 saw many of the Indian territory opening to settlers.

According to Goodspeed's Bradley County History, Bradley County lies in what was the center part of the Ocoee District, which was occupied by the Cherokee. The Ocoee District included the portion of the state south of Hiwassee and Tennessee rivers.

The Cherokee had ceded the lands north of the Hiwassee in 1819. The Cherokee or Hiwassee Agency was established in Charleston with

American Revolutionary War Col. Return J. Meigs at the helm. Meigs was known for defending the well-being of the Cherokee in treaty negotiations.

After the Cherokee were pushed out of Georgia, they moved their council meetings to Red Clay in the southern portion of Bradley County.

In 1836, the Treaty of Echota was signed which gave the American Indians two years to move west of the Mississippi River. Gen. John E. Wool and Gen. Winfield Scott were dispatched to enforce the removal. Wool was sent by President Andrew Jackson and President Martin Van Buren sent Scott in 1838 with 7,000 soldiers to enforce the removal.

The Cherokee were forced into 11 internment camps at Red Clay, Bedwell Springs, Chatata, Mouse Creek, Rattlesnake Springs, Chestoe, Calhoun, Ross' Landing and a

camp in Fort Payne, Ala. The winter of 1838, the Cherokee began the 1,000-mile march westward. The trek began along the Hiwassee and Tennessee rivers.

As the Cherokee were removed from the area, settlers moved into what is now Bradley County.

The county was formed by an act of the Tennessee Legislature on the first Monday in May of 1836 (May 2). It included all of what is now Polk County and part of James County, which is now part of Hamilton County.

The county was named for Edward Bradley of Shelby County, who was a friend of Andrew Jackson. He served in the state Legislature and was a Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veteran.

The county seat is Cleveland, which was named for Revolutionary War Col. Benjamin Cleveland, who was

also a friend of Jackson.

Facts about Bradley County

Population — 102,975 (2014 estimate)

Bradley County is 13th most populated county in state

Area — 331 square miles of which 329 square miles is land and 2.7 square miles water.

Housing units (2014) — 42,414

Homeownership rate — 67 percent

Incorporated cities — Cleveland and Charleston

Unincorporated communities — Georgetown, Hopewell Estates, McDonald, Prospect and Tasso.

Sources: U.S. Census
genealogytrails.com
en.wikipedia.org

Local voice of real estate

Chartered in 1961, the River Counties Association of REALTORS (formerly Cleveland Association of REALTORS) started with eight or 10 REALTORS.

Since that time, the association has grown to have 400 primary, 25 secondary and 40 affiliate members.

The REALTOR members bring value to home buyers, sellers and investors.

REALTORS give buyers, sellers and investors the advantage they need to succeed in today's market. In comparison of first quarter of 2014 and first quarter of 2015, total homes sold in Bradley County were up 27 percent in 2015; the average sold price increased about 8.5 percent from 2014.

REALTORS know what matters to buyers and sellers in Bradley County. They have the expertise and experience to help their clients interpret and navigate the complex, time-consuming and overwhelming world of real estate, so sellers can protect their investment and buyers build their dream.

The REALTOR members have unparalleled knowledge of local market conditions and can leverage that expertise to help their clients reach their real estate goals.

National Association of REALTORS research shows consumers who have worked with a REALTOR are sold — 9 out of 10

See VOICE, Page 4A

Information provided by:			
River Counties Association of REALTORS®			
Servicing Bledsoe, Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk & Rhea Counties			
April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015			
All Counties within MLS		Bradley County	
Total Units SOLD	722	Total Units SOLD	354
Average Days on Market	143	Average Days on Market	128
Average List Price	\$164,102	Average List Price	\$172,215
Average SOLD Price	\$157,140	Average SOLD Price	\$166,354

The chart above reflects total Residential units Sold during 2nd Quarter of 2015. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. (As of 07/13/2015 at 10:45 a.m.)

National Register of Historic Places in Bradley

Bradley County has a rich history, which should be celebrated and honored. We are fortunate to have 20 listings on the National Registry, below is a listing of those sites.

Blue Springs Encampments and Fortifications

Added in 1999, address is restricted, but is currently used for agricultural purposes and forests. Take a drive down Blue Springs Road and to Blue Springs Elementary School. Park in the area near the playground and ball fields. Looking into the Blue Springs Valley near the creek and railroad tracks, it is easy to imagine Union Troops camped in the Valley.

Broad Street United Methodist Church

263 Broad St. N.W.

The Romanesque structure was added to the registry in 1984. The original church was built in 1867, the present sanctuary was built in 1893, with additions made in 1922 and 1968.

C.C. Card Building

125 Inman St.

Built in 1915 by C.C. Card to showcase Model T Fords. One of the unique features was its structure, allowing cars on the upper level as well. It currently houses a dance studio, restaurant and 14 loft apartments.

Centenary Avenue Historic District

The district is bounded by Eighteenth, Harle, Thirteenth and Ocoee Streets.

Added to the registry in 1993, the private residences are built in a Tudor revival, bungalow/craftsman and colonial revival architectural styles. The homes were built from 1850-1949.

Charleston Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Railroad Street, Charleston

Added to the registry in 1984.

Cleveland to Charleston Concrete Highway

Market & Water Streets, Charleston

Added to the registry in 2008

Hair Conrad Cabin

Blythwood Farm off Harrison Pike

Added to the registry in 1976, in the early 1800's the area was inhabited primarily by Cherokees, among them Tekahskeh, or Hair Conrad as he came to be known. Conrad, a man of means and leader of the first detachment of Cherokees from Rattlesnake Springs on the infamous Trail of Tears, built his cabin in the architectural style of white settlers during the early 1800's. The cabin, the oldest residential structure in Bradley County is preserved on the 350 Blythwood Farm.

Craigsmiles Hall

Ocoee Street at Courthouse in Downtown Cleveland

Added to the registry in 1980.

Cleveland Southern Railway Depot

175 Edwards St.

Added to the registry in 2008

P.M. Craigsmiles House

833 Ocoee St. N.W.

Added to the registry in 1975, the former home is used as the History and Archives Branch of the Cleveland/Bradley Public Library.



BUILT IN 1915, the C.C. Card building was included in the National Register of Historic Places in 2015. At left is the building today. Above is building in 1915.

Fillauer Brothers Building

Broad & First Streets at Courthouse Square in Downtown Cleveland

Added in 1989, the building was built in 1911. The Bank of Cleveland now is housed in the building. Built by brothers John B. and Will Fillauer, the building's original hardwood floors and tin ceilings have been revitalized. A rosewood piano, circa 1860, found during the renovations and is now displayed in the bank's lobby. The Moneta Theater was once located in the building.

First Presbyterian Church

433 Ocoee Street in Downtown Cleveland

Added in 1986, the Church was built in 1856 and is the oldest existing church building in Cleveland. During the Civil War, the sanctuary was damaged. Musket balls are still embedded in the church steeple.

Hardwick Woolen Mills

445 Church St. in Downtown Cleveland

Added to the registry in 2001, the building is experiencing a revitalization with renovations for loft living and shops on the ground floor of the building.

Henegar House

Market Street in Charleston

Added to the register in 1975, the home is also known as Ivy Hall. Built in the federal style the house was the home of Henry Benton Henegar around 1838. The home is also listed on the Civil War Trails.

W.J. Hughes Business House

3202 Ocoee St. in Downtown Cleveland

Added to the registry in 1975, the building is also known as C.J. Wilson Store

Ocoee Street Historic District

The district was added to the registry in 1995.

Homes of Colonial revival, Tudor Revival and Queen Anne style were built along the street from 1875 through 1949.

Rattlesnake Springs

Northeast of Dry Valley Road

The Cherokee Tribe used this area as they prepared to embark on their infamous Trail of Tears.

Red Clay Council Ground

Red Clay State Park

Added to the registry in 1972, the last Council meeting of the Cherokee Nation was held at the Red Clay prior to embarking on the Trail of Tears.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Broad Street N.W. in Downtown Cleveland

Added to the registry in 1982, the Church was built in 1872, in the Gothic Revival Style. The Church was built to honor the memory of the 7-year-old daughter of John H. Craigsmiles. Nina was killed when the buggy she was riding with her grandfather, Thompson, was struck by a switch engine at the Inman Street crossing on October 18, 1871.

Tipton-Fillauer House

63 Broad St. N.W. in Downtown Cleveland

Built in 1890 in the Queen Anne style, the interior contains a winding stairway of carved oak, solid oak doors and fireplace mantles of fine Italian marble.

U.S. Post Office

155 Broad St.

Added to the register in 1983. Today the Post Office serves as the Bradley County Courthouse Annex. The building was constructed in 1911, with the help of Company G., 117th Infantry of the National Guard.

Information provided by the Cleveland-Bradley Chamber of Commerce Website. The National Register of Historic Places Visit for more information: www.ClevelandChamber.com

Proud Member Of
River Counties Association of Realtors

Steve Black
423-595-7300
2014 Realtor Of The Year

KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS

(423) 303-1200

Each Keller Williams office is independently owned & operated

Mortgage Dream Team

Local Solutions from Local Lenders.



Joy Akins MLO ID # 500782
Senior Vice President, Loan Originator
Office: 423-303-1729 • Cell: 423-645-8839

You can *Expect A Difference* from the Southern Heritage Home Loan experts.
Experienced • Helpful • LOCAL



Joe Womac
MLO ID #500886
Mortgage Loan Officer
Office: 423-303-1743
Cell: 423-596-2131



Kristi Branham
MLO ID # 500887
Loan Originator
Office: 423-303-1730
Cell: 423-310-1161

423-473-7980
SouthernHeritageBank.com

Member
FDIC

EQUAL HOUSING
LENDER

Southern Heritage Bank is a division of First Citizens Bancshares, Inc.

SOUTHERN HERITAGE BANK
Expect A Difference!

PAST PRESIDENTS: River Counties Association of REALTORS®
Serving Bradley, Bledsoe, McMinn, Meigs, Polk & Rhea counties



Bob Gentry
President: 1961, 1963



NELOM JACKSON
President: 1964



MAX CARROLL
President: 1967, 1968



WILLIS PARK
President: 1969



W.B. BENDER
President: 1970



MAX FINKLE
President: 1971



NEWTON M. METZGER
President: 1972



BILL PHILLIPS
President: 1973



K. LYNN DAVIS
President: 1974 & 1978



GLENN RAMSEY
President: 1975



ERWIN "RIP" TOWNSEND
President: 1976



JO ORGAN
President: 1982



R.F. "BILL" MCINTIRE
President: 1983



JIM WORKMAN
President: 1984



BRUCE RENNER
President: 1985



CHARLENE MOORE
President: 1986



RIVER COUNTIES
Association of REALTORS annual "GO RED" event for the American Heart Association raised \$1,865 in 2015. Making the presentation from RCAR were Kelli Paul, 2015 RCAR president; Tara Hampton, association executive; and Max Phillips, 2015 RCAR treasurer.

Bledsoe County was created in 1807

In November of 1807, Bledsoe County became the 33rd county by an act of the state Legislature. The Treaty of Tellico in 1805 ceded Cherokee lands to the U.S. government. Bledsoe County was formed from those lands with an additional part from Roane County.

The county was named for Anthony Bledsoe, a colonel in the Tennessee militia who fought during the American Revolutionary War. In 1783, he became a justice of the peace for Davidson County. He was also one of the first settlers of Sumner County. He built Bledsoe's Station in Castalian Springs, where he died during an Indian attack.

The county seat was first located at Madison, but in 1816 was moved to land on Sequatchie Creek, now known as Pikeville, which was sold to commissioners by Charles Love. Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture notes Pikeville has "changed little since the early 20th century."

Sources: U.S. Census
genealogytrails.com
en.wikipedia.org

Facts about Bledsoe County
Population — 13,931 (2014 estimate)

Bledsoe is the 79th most populated county in the state.

Area — 407 square miles with 406 square miles in land and 0.3 square miles in water

Housing units — 5,690
Homeownership rate — 79.8 percent

Incorporated cities — Pikeville
Unincorporated cities — Cold Spring, Dill, Lees Station, Lusk, Melvine, Mount Crest, New Harmony, Nine Mile, Pailo, Summer City and Tiptop.

National Register of Historic Places

Bledsoe County has nine properties and historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places. They include Bellville School, Bledsoe County Courthouse, Bledsoe County Jail, John Bridgman House, Fall Creek Falls Fire Lookout tower, Lincoln School, Pikeville Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Dr. James A. Ross House and South Main Street Historic District.

Information provided by: **River Counties Association of REALTORS®**
 Servicing Bledsoe, Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk & Rhea Counties
April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015

All Counties within MLS		Bledsoe County	
Total Units SOLD	722	Total Units SOLD	8
Average Days on Market	143	Average Days on Market	109
Average List Price	\$164,102	Average List Price	\$48,050
Average SOLD Price	\$157,140	Average SOLD Price	\$44,094

The chart above reflects total Residential units Sold during 2nd Quarter of 2015. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. (As of 07/13/2015 at 10:43 a.m.)



HOME OWNERSHIP

— The moment when pulling weeds becomes landscaping. There are many benefits to owning your own home: safety, security, tax breaks. But home ownership also has the uncanny ability to turn small, everyday things into much more important tasks. Because what you're improving is yours, and it will have a positive effect on you and your family forever. REALTORS® have up-to-date information on market conditions in your area and can show you options that best fit your situation. If you're ready to buy a home, be sure to contact a real estate agent who's a REALTOR®, a member of the National Association of REALTORS®.

Voice

From Page 3A

buyers and sellers said they would use the same agent again or recommend that agent to others. Not all real estate licensees are REALTORS. Only members of the National Association of REALTORS can call themselves REALTORS.

River Counties Association of REALTORS strives not only to work for the buyers, sellers and investors, but continue to support local community activities. During 2015, River Counties

Association of REALTORS provided support monetary support along with volunteer hours to Bradley County Habitat for Humanity, American Heart Association, Bradley County Relay for Life, Cleveland State Community College, Chattanooga State Community College - Dalton Campus and Athens Technical College.

River Counties Association of REALTORS is the local voice for real estate.

CRYE-LEIKE REALTORS®
 4627 North Lee Highway
 Cleveland, TN 37312
 Office: (423) 473-9545
 Cell: (423) 595-1319
 eFax: (423) 468-1437
 tammydavis@crye-leike.com
 www.talktotammy.biz

Talk To Tammy
 Tammy Davis

KW CLEVELAND
 KELLERWILLIAMS
 423.303.1200 (office)
 423.595.0199 (cell)

Are you thinking about selling your home?
CALL THE MELODY SMITH TEAM TODAY
 for a FREE, no obligation Comparative Market Analysis to evaluate how much your home is worth today.

RCAR MLS
 45* Avg DOM
 106* Total Sold
 66* Avg DOM
 16* Avg Agent Sold

*Based on information from the River Counties Multiple Listing Service for the period 7/1/14 through 7/31/15. Compiled on 8/6/2015.



PAST PRESIDENTS: River Counties Association of REALTORS®

Serving Bradley, Bledsoe, McMinn, Meigs, Polk & Rhea counties



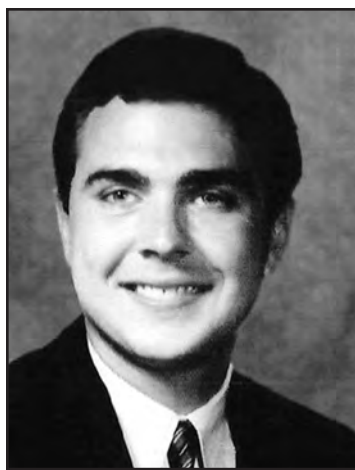
C.W. "BILL" HARRIS
President: 1987



G. MAX PHILLIPS
President: 1988



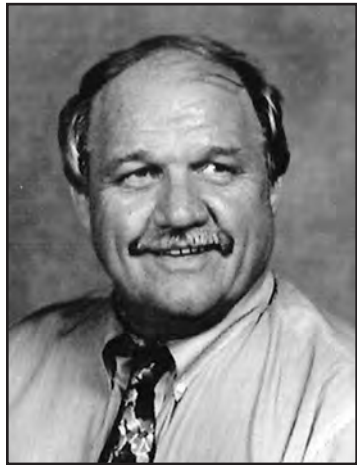
EDDIE BOTTS
President: 1989



DAVID CARROLL
President: 1990



DELLA RENNER
President: 1991



JOHN PAUL DOUGLAS
President: 1992



JAMES R. HOLT
President: 1993



JUDY DUNN
President: 1994



MARTHA LITTLE
President: 1995



DOTTIE BRYANT
President: 1996



WYNEN PRESTON
President: 1997



JO ORGAN
President: 1998



PAUL RENNER
President: 1999



RONALD MURPHY
President: 2000



DWIGHT RICHARDSON
President: 2001



WAYNE SHERLIN
President: 2002



BILL PRYOR
President: 2003



ALISON ROBINSON-HAMILTON
President: 2004



KELLI PAUL
President: 2005



RHONDA MCLURE
President: 2006

Grandview serves Polk County

Founded in June 2008, Grandview serves Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Monroe, and north Hamilton counties.

Grandview is the only realty company located in beautiful Polk County that is a member of the River Counties Association of Realtors.

"After 17 years of selling real estate for a large firm in Charlotte, N.C.," said Carol Kamm, GRI, CRS, ABR, broker and owner, "my husband encouraged me to start my own business after relocating to Southeast Tennessee.

"I had a history of successful sales, so rather than joining a local real estate firm in the area, I chose to launch out on my own.

"God fulfilled a dream of ours by giving us a home with a grand view, so as a way of showing my gratefulness, I chose the name of Grandview Realty. I look at it as a testimony of His goodness throughout my life, and especially of bringing us here," she said.

"Little did I realize the difficul-

ties I would face with the onset of the recession. There were some that questioned my timing. So I decided to practice the basics of real estate that I learned when I first started my career, and to keep persevering.

"I learned about and tapped into the new technological advances with Internet marketing where most buyers initially start with their real estate search. I had lots of great help, especially with search engine optimization for my website," Kamm said.

"Now after seven years into my Tennessee real estate career, I am happier than I have ever been. I have met people from all over the country looking to call Tennessee home. I never know who God will put in my path, and who needs my help pursuing their real estate goals. People are so incredibly kind in this area and so appreciative. I feel very blessed.

www.grandviewrealtyn.com

Information provided by:

River Counties Association of REALTORS®		Polk County	
April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015			
All Counties within MLS		Polk County	
Total Units SOLD	722	Total Units SOLD	18
Average Days on Market	143	Average Days on Market	131
Average List Price	\$164,102	Average List Price	\$140,183
Average SOLD Price	\$157,140	Average SOLD Price	\$131,966

The chart above reflects total Residential units Sold during 2nd Quarter of 2015. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. (As of 07/13/2015 at 10:50 a.m.)

Polk created in 1839

The 1835 Cherokee Removal Treaty ceded all lands east of the Mississippi River to the United States. The ceded lands in Tennessee were known as the Ocoee District.

Part of the Ocoee District, Polk County was created by an act of the Tennessee Legislature on Nov. 28, 1839. Its tracts of land originally were claimed by Bradley and McMinn counties.

The new county took its name

from Gov. James K. Polk, who later was the 11th president (1845 to 1849) of the United States.

Polk served one term as governor beginning in 1839. He also served in the Tennessee House of Representatives (1823-25) and in the U.S. House of Representatives (1825-1839). He served as Speaker of the House

See POLK, Page 6A

LOAN OFFICE
FIRST CARE

"So you want to water your lawn?"

You do not have to take out a loan to water your lawn if you follow a few basic steps.

- 1. Water during the cool part of the day.** Heat can rob your lawn of water before it can use it. Watering early in the morning is better than late evening.
- 2. Let the water soak deep.** When watering let it run long enough for it to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage root systems that are shallow.
- 3. Water only when it is needed.** Never follow a fixed schedule. Water only when the lawn or garden shows signs of needing it. If the grass springs back up after you step on it, it doesn't need watering.
- 4. Measure your performance when watering your lawn.** The next time you turn on the sprinkler system, watch the meter dial turn precisely one minute. Multiply this number by 60 for the amount used in one hour.

For a free brochure on water, contact us today!

CLEVELAND UTILITIES
Your Hometown Connection!
472-4521
www.clevelandutilities.com

Where are they today?

Alison Hamilton Nieto was managing broker for Coldwell Banker Hamilton and Associates for several years and lent her talents and wisdom to the River Counties Association of Realtors® as president in 2004 and again in 2009.

In July of 2014, she relocated to the Chicago area with her husband, Andy Nieto.

He previously lived in Chicago and was offered a career-defining opportunity for a construction safety expert, conducting accident investigations.

He also has three grown children who live there as well.

Alison Nieto is now the relocation manager for Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices KoenigRubloff, one of the largest real estate companies in Chicago. The company has 24 offices and 1,350 sales agents.

"It has been a bit of an adjustment after 21 years with Coldwell Banker Hamilton & Associates, but also an exciting time to start something new and

different," she said.

Eddie Botts began his real estate career in 1980 and became the broker owner of Prudential Botts & Associates.

During the time he owned the company, he developed several commercial sites in the local area — Oak Springs Condominiums, South Forke Plaza and Subdivision, and Peerless Crossing, just to name a few.

Botts served as president of the River Counties Association of Realtors® in 1989 and was a part of establishing the Cleveland State Community College Scholarship.

In 2007, he sold his real estate company to retire and become an "urban farmer" in the Eureka Valley.

On any given day you will find him riding the tractor and enjoying time with his four grandchildren and family.



A passionate commitment to unsurpassed service. When it comes to servicing your real estate needs..... whether buying or selling the only sign you need reads..... CRYE-LEIKE, REALTORS..... CALL TODAY!

www.CRYE-LEIKE.com

#1 in Tennessee & the Mid-South



4627 North Lee Highway
Office Open 7 Days A Week



423.473.9545



Polk

From Page 5A

from 1835-1839).

During Polk's tenure as president, the U.S. added Texas as a state and the Southwest and far West became part of the continental U.S. Polk was a staunch friend of Andrew Jackson.

The first established community in Polk County was called Columbus, it was four miles north of present day Benton.

The town was on the Old Federal Road, which ran from Knoxville to Cassville, Ga. Along the road stock — hogs, mules and cattle — were run. The drovers would stop at stands, which were usually eight miles apart. Benton's site, which was called the four-mile stand, was occupied by James Lindner and his Cherokee wife.

Founded in 1840 as county seat of Polk, Benton was named in honor of Thomas Hart Benton. Benton was a U.S. senator from Missouri who was an "architect and champion of Manifest Destiny."

Born in North Carolina, Benton moved with his family to Nashville, where he had a 40,000-acre plantation with schools, churches and mills. Benton was an aide-de-camp to Jackson during the War of 1812.

Each Keller Williams office is independently owned & operated.

KW CLEVELAND

KELLERWILLIAMS. 423-303-1200

Serving your Residential & Commercial needs!

KATHY & JOE LEE
 kathy.lee@kw.com fjlee@kw.com
 423-595-2838 423-595-2836

PRO L **PROPERTY** **FESSIONALS**

www.LeePropertyProfessionals.com



PROUD MEMBERS OF RIVER COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

425 25th Street NW
www.bender-realty.com



Bender Realty
472-2173

Mobile: (423) 715-2558
Toll Free: 1-800-713-3129
Fax: (423) 472-8855
Email: donnabales7@go.com
Web: www.bender-realty.com
425 25th Street, Cleveland, TN 37311

Donna Bales
Affiliate Broker



Pam Becktold
CRS, GRI, Affiliate Broker

BENDER REALTY
423-472-2173

psbecktold@hotmail.com • mobile: 423-364-0551
fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 1-800-713-3129
www.bender-realty.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311



Fran Bible
"Your Friend in Real Estate"

423-618-7490
Bender Realty (423)472-2173



Robert Bradney
Broker GRI, ePro, SRES, SFR

Bender Realty
423-472-2173

rbradney@bender-realty.com • mobile: 423-619-0621
fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 1-800-713-3129
Residential & Commercial Sales
www.bender-realty.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311



Bender Realty
472-2173

Mobile: (423) 715-0798
Toll Free: 1-800-713-3129
Fax: (423) 472-8855
Email: brentclayton@charter.net
Web: www.bender-realty.com
425 25th Street, Cleveland, TN 37311

Brent Clayton
Affiliate Broker



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

MARTY DABBS
423-284-4454 cell
martydabbs@bender-realty.com
425 25th Street NW
Cleveland, TN 37311
www.bender-realty.com



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

JUDY DUNN
423-284-8313 cell
homescleve@aol.com
425 25th Street NW
Cleveland, TN 37311
www.bender-realty.com



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

LISA ELLIS
423-650-6639 cell
lisaellis007@yahoo.com
425 25th Street NW
Cleveland, TN 37311
www.bender-realty.com



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

Chris Free
Affiliate Broker

mobile: 423-961-8095 • chrisfree68@gmail.com
efax: 800-994-9027 • toll free: 800-713-3129
www.freehomestn.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

Kay Free
Affiliate Broker

mobile: 423-718-6967 • kayfree01@gmail.com
efax: 800-994-9027 • toll free: 800-713-3129
www.freehomestn.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311



BENDER REALTY
423-472-2173

Troy Goins
Affiliate Broker

troygoinsworks4u@aol.com • mobile: 423-715-4017
fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 1-800-713-3129
www.bender-realty.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

ADAM HAMMOND
423-464-1812 cell
nejevoli@gmail.com
425 25th Street NW
Cleveland, TN 37311
www.bender-realty.com



Bender Realty
472-2173

Linda Kaylor
Affiliate Broker

Mobile: 423-331-6161
Toll Free: 800-713-3129
Fax: 423-472-8855
Email: lindakaylor@att.net
425 25th Street, Cleveland, TN 37311



LILLI LAUSTER
Affiliate Broker

Bender Realty
423-472-2173

lillilauster@gmail.com
mobile: 423-284-1699
fax: 423-472-8855
www.bender-realty.com
425 25th Street • Cleveland, TN 37311

Commercial Residential



Bender Realty
472-2173

Steve Martin
Investment & Marketing Consultant

Email: stvmartin1@msn.com Cell: (423) 400-5814
Web: www.bender-realty.com Toll Free: 1-800-713-3129



BENDER REALTY
(423) 472-2173

Tim Mazzolini
Broker

mobile: 423-303-6634 • timmazzolini@yahoo.com
fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 800-713-3129
www.bender-realty.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311



Bender Realty
423-472-2173

Pat McGowan
Affiliate Broker

pmcgowan@bender-realty.com • mobile: 423-650-2595
fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 1-800-713-3129
www.bender-realty.com
425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311

BENDER REALTY (423) 472-2173

SINCE 1969 BENDER REALTY HAS BEEN BUILDING TRADITIONS OF FAMILY, HOME AND BUSINESS IN CLEVELAND/BRADLEY COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

425 25th Street NW
www.bender-realty.com

(423) 476-5518

BENDER REALTY
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Polk County Facts

Population — 16,730 (2014 estimate)
 Polk County is the 75th most populated county in the state.
 Area — 442 square miles with 435 square miles of land and 7.7 square miles of water.
 Housing units — 8,370
 Homeownership rate — 79.4 percent
 Incorporated cities — Benton, Copperhill and Ducktown
 Unincorporated communities — Coalhill, Conasauga, Delano, Farner, Harbuck, Ocoee, Old Fort, Reliance and Turtletown.
 Polk County has 17 places located on the National Register of Historic Places.
 They include the William Wiggins House in Benton, Nancy Ward tomb, Reliance Historic District, Polk County Courthouse, Ocoee No. 1 Hydroelectric Station, Ocoee Hydroelectric Plant No. 2, Newtown Historic District in Copperhill, Knoxville Southern Railroad Historic District in Reliance, Kimsey Junior College in Ducktown, Isabella Managers' Row, Ducktown Historic District, Copperhill Historic District, Copeland House in Parksville, Central Headframe in Ducktown, Center & Abernathy Store building in Copperhill, Buzzard's Roost Historic District in Ducktown and the Burra Burra Mine Historic District in Ducktown.

Sources: U.S. Census
 genealogytrails.com
 en.wikipedia.org



OUR BUSINESS is to make YOUR BUSINESS
A SUCCESS.

SMALL BUSINESS
 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Supporting small business through:

- ★ Free business consulting & workshops
- ★ Business plan development
- ★ Loan package assistance
- ★ Marketing/branding/social media

Since 2010 we have helped over **1,600** clients invest over **\$45 million** into the local economy.

Let us help you become the next success story!

Our services are *free and confidential*.

Call **423.478.6247** today for an appointment!



All opinions, conclusions, or recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of Cleveland State Community College. CSCC is an AA/EEO employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the SBA. All opinions, conclusions or recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA. All TSBCD programs are non-discriminatory. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact your local center or our state office at 3050 Medical Center Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 or call toll free at 1.877.898.3900.



PROUD MEMBERS OF RIVER COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

LORI MCKAY
 Affiliate Broker
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 lorimckay3@aol.com
 cell: 423-650-0628 • fax: 423-472-8855
 toll free: 1-800-713-3129
 www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street • Cleveland, TN 37311

PJ MCKAY
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 423-650-8685 cell
 realestatemckay@gmail.com
 425 25th Street NW
 Cleveland, TN 37311
 www.bender-realty.com

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • COMMERCIAL LEASING
JIM METZGER
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 (423) 385-0585 cell
 jmetzger@bender-realty.com
 www.bender-realty.com

Miles Moseley
 Affiliate Broker
Bender Realty
 423-472-2173
 MilesMoseley@yahoo.com • mobile: 423-322-2818
 fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 1-800-713-3129
 www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311

Kelli Paul
 Broker
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 Cell: 423-280-8072
 Email: Kelli@kellipaul.com
 Web: www.kellipaul.com
 425 25th Street NW Cleveland, TN 37311

Linda Prince
 Broker
Bender Realty
 472-2173
 Cell: 423-303-8038
 Office: 423-472-2173
 email: lprince115@charter.net
 www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street Cleveland, TN 37311

BRENDA RICHARDSON
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 423-650-1701 cell
 brenda3864@msn.com
 425 25th Street NW
 Cleveland, TN 37311
 www.bender-realty.com

Dwight Richardson, GRI
BENDER REALTY
 o: 423.472.2173
 c: 423.715.0030
 tf: 800.713.3129
 Residential / Commercial Sales / Relocation Services
 425 25th Street NW • Cleveland, TN 37311
 www.bender-realty.com

Helen L. Riden
 CRB Broker
Bender Realty
 472-2173
 Home Office: (423) 472-2432
 Toll Free: 800-713-3129
 Fax: (423) 472-8855
 Email: helen@helenriden.com
 www.HelenRiden.com
 www.homesinclevelandtennessee.com
 www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street, Cleveland, TN 37311

GINGER SAVAGE
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 423-284-8313 cell
 ginger.savage@gmail.com
 425 25th Street NW
 Cleveland, TN 37311
 www.bender-realty.com

ALAN SEITER
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 423-584-5219 cell
 alanseiter@me.com
 425 25th Street NW
 Cleveland, TN 37311
 www.bender-realty.com

Pat Smith
 Affiliate Broker
Bender Realty
 472-2173
 Mobile: (423) 838-1240
 Toll Free: 1-800-713-3129
 Fax: (423) 472-8855
 Email: psmith@bender-realty.com
 Web: www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street, Cleveland, TN 37311

PATRICIA A. SOSEBEE
 ABR, GRI, SFR
Bender Realty
 423-472-2173
 psosebee@bender-realty.com
 or pso131752@aol.com
 cell: 423-284-5051 • fax: 423-472-8855
 www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street • Cleveland, TN 37311

Billie Stevens
 Affiliate Broker
Bender Realty
 423-472-2173
 billiehasglass@yahoo.com • mobile: 423-762-8908
 fax: 423-472-8855 • toll free: 1-800-713-3129
 www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th St. NW • Cleveland, TN 37311

RICKY TALLENT
 Short Sales and Foreclosure
 Resource (SFR)
Bender Realty
 423-472-2173
 2010, 2011 & 2012 Top Overall Producer
 2010, 2011 & 2012 Top Selling Agent
 2011, 2012 & 2013 Top Listing Agent
 Multi-Million Dollar Producer
 igottalent@yahoo.com
 office: 423-472-2173 call or text: 423-310-5789
 fax: 423-472-8855 toll free: 800-713-3129
 www.rickyallent.com
 425 25th Street • Cleveland, TN 37311

AMY WAGNER
BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173
 423-584-2412 cell
 amywagner500@yahoo.com
 425 25th Street
 Cleveland, TN 37311

Brian Workman
 Affiliate Broker, GRI
Bender Realty
 472-2173
 Mobile: 423-618-0900
 Home: 423-478-1467
 Toll Free: 1-800-713-3129
 Email: bworkman@bender-realty.com
 Web: www.bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street, NW Cleveland, TN 37311

Jim Workman, CRB
Bender Realty
 472-2173
 Mobile: (423) 618-7010
 Email: jworkman@bender-realty.com
 425 25th Street, Cleveland, TN 37311

BENDER REALTY (423) 472-2173 **425 25th Street NW** www.bender-realty.com **BENDER REALTY** (423) 476-5518 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

PAST PRESIDENTS:
RIVER COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
 Serving Bradley, Bledsoe, McMinn, Meigs, Polk and Rhea Counties



Susan Barnett
 President: 2007



ROBERT BRADNEY
 President: 2008



ALLISON HAMILTON
 President: 2009



JENNIE ZOPFI
 President: 2010



JIM METZGER
 President: 2011



INGRID PRATHER
 President: 2012



MARY JO WHITE
 President: 2013



YVONNE NEWMAN
 President: 2014



KELLI PAUL
 President: 2015

Athens, McMinn County has great recreation options

The Athens area has a bountiful supply of recreational spots. Whether you are a fishing enthusiast or an avid golfer, many recreational activities await you in McMinn county. Not only are there many recreational activities in which to take a part, but they are located in some of the most scenic areas of the Southeast.

At Watts Bar Lake, a 39,000-acre recreation area, you have a wide variety of activities in which to participate. Choose from sailing, water skiing, or fishing.

Rafting and Kayaking on the beautiful Ocoee River is within easy reach.

Trout fishermen can enjoy a tranquil day of fishing on the Tellico River, one of the most scenic trout streams in America.

Hiking, camping and fishing are also available at Bald River Falls or in the Cherokee National/Forest.

There are also several swimming and tennis facilities located in McMinn County as well as four golf courses: Ridgewood Golf Club, Springbrook Golf & Country Club, White Oaks Golf Course and Willow Springs Golf Course.

The area is also well blessed with mountains, vast forests and many miles of river and lake shoreline which makes it a hunters dreamland.



MCMINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

For the real fitness buff, there are swimming lessons, aquacise, slimnastics, volleyball, and gymnastics programs at the YMCA.

Also located nearby is the Lost Sea, which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest underground lake.

Information provided by the Athens Chamber of Commerce Website. Visit for more information on the area. <http://www.athenschamber.org/>

McMinn County created in 1819

On Feb. 27, 1819, the Cherokee ceded lands in the Hiwassee District via the Calhoun Treaty to the federal government.

The lands that are now known as McMinn County were originally part of the Hiwassee District.

The county was created by the Legislature on Nov. 3, 1819, and formally organized in March 1820 at the home of Major John Walker at Calhoun.

McMinn County was named after then Gov. Joseph McMinn. He served eight terms in the General Assembly of the state, was speaker of the Senate for three terms and served three terms as the state's governor.

McMinn also served as an agent to the Cherokee. He is buried in Calhoun.

Calhoun was originally the county seat, but it was moved to Athens for a more central access in the county.

In 1822, Athens was located near Eastnalle Creek. There was a large spring near the center of the town. On Aug. 23, 1922, Athens received its name. Tradition has it that Commissioner Elijah Hurst named the town after the ancient city of Athens, Greece, about which he had read.

Facts about McMinn County

Population — 52,626
 Area — 432 square miles of which 430 are land and 2.1 water

Housing units — 23,349
 Homeownership rate — 74.7 percent

Incorporated cities —Athens, Etowah, Niota, Sweetwater (partial), Calhoun and Englewood

Census designated place — Riceville

There are 18 places on the National Register of Historic Places. They include Beth Salem Presbyterian Church, Elijah Cae House, James W. Chestnut House, Samuel Cleage House, Clear Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church, etowah Carnegie Library, Etowah Depot, Etowah Historic District, First United Presbyterian Church, M.A. Helm House, Alexander H. Keith House, William Lowry House, McClatchey-Gettys Farm, Niota Depot, Old College, Trew General Merchandise Store, Trinity United Methodist Church and John A. Turley House.

Sources: mcminncountyttn.gov
en.wikipedia.org
 U.S. Census
www.cityofathensn.com



ATHENS HERITAGE Museum is located at 522 W. Madison Ave. in Athens.



MAGGIE THE cow is one of the iconic advertising features at Mayfield Dairy in McMinn County.



TENNESSEE WESLEYAN College has expanded educational options for local residents since 1857.



ATHENS MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Where are past presidents today?

"I truly enjoyed serving as president of RCAR in 2000 as well as holding other positions in RCAR.

"After my tenure as president, I served as managing broker for RealtyCenter in Cleveland and regional vice president over the five RealtyCenter offices in Tennessee, until the end of 2008. When the economy began to decline, the owner of RealtyCenter consolidated several offices, including Cleveland, and I took that opportunity to retire.

"Since I have retired to our waterfront home on the Hiwassee

River, I have remained active assisting my wife, Phyllis, who is a Realtor working out of the Berkshire Hathaway RealtyCenter East Brainerd office. Some of my activities include filming virtual tours, managing the website, and marketing.

"I enjoy living on the river, boating, and entertaining friends and family. I have often compared life on the river to being on a permanent vacation. I especially enjoy welcoming our children and five grandchildren, and watching them enjoy the pool and river.

"As a retiree, I have time to just relax and do what I want, and that includes travel. We usually spend a couple of weeks in the Caribbean each year. Our most recent trip was a cruise to Aruba with our son and daughter-in-law. We also love to visit the beautiful mountains in our area. We have a couple of road trips planned and look forward to more traveling in the future," Murphy said.

Information provided by:

River Counties Association of REALTORS®
 Servicing Bledsoe, Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk & Rhea Counties

April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015

All Counties within MLS		McMinn County	
Total Units SOLD	722	Total Units SOLD	107
Average Days on Market	143	Average Days on Market	178
Average List Price	\$164,102	Average List Price	\$149,042
Average SOLD Price	\$157,140	Average SOLD Price	\$140,342

The chart above reflects total Residential units Sold during 2nd Quarter of 2015. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. (As of 7/13/2015 at 10:47 a.m.)



Rhonda Vest McClure

Broker, ABR, CRS, GRI
 Cell (423) 618-8575
 Email: rvmcclure@kw.com
www.RhondaVestMcClure.com

KW CLEVELAND
 KELLERWILLIAMS.

(423) 303-1200 Each Keller Williams office is independently owned & operated

Two Time RCAR Realtor Of The Year
Consistent Top Producer
34 Years In Real Estate Industry



Thank You for voting me as one of the best of the best **REAL ESTATE AGENTS** In the 2015 Reader's Choice Survey



The Real Estate Market is ever changing quite like Kelli Paul's many changes in Hair Styles. For more than two decades Kelli has been helping families find just the right place to call HOME. She can do the same for you. Call Kelli at Bender Realty today and be on your way to your next HOME

BENDER REALTY
 (423) 472-2173

Kelli Paul
 No place like home...

Kelli R Paul
 2015 RCAR President
 Broker
 Cell/Text 423 280-8072
 Email Kelli@KelliPaul.com
 Website: www.kellipaul.com

425 25 th Street NW | Cleveland TN 37311

Guide to residential styles

By **KELLI PAUL**
2015 President RCAR

Every house has a style. Sometimes it has two or more; because of renovations and new, eclectic mixes, fitting a

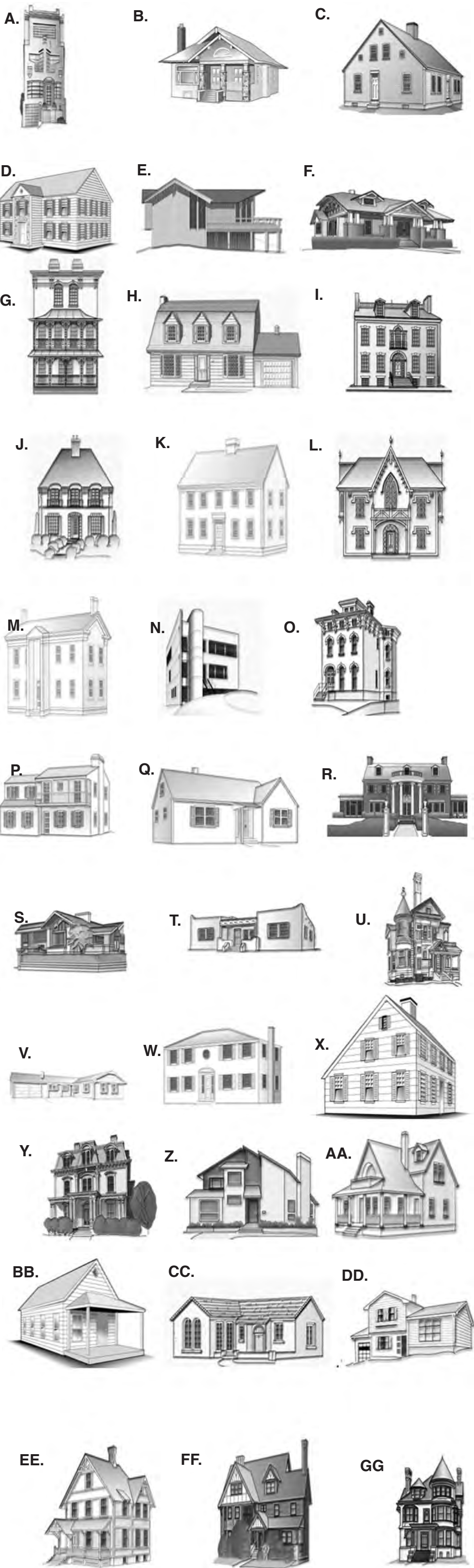
home into one specific category can be daunting or even impossible.

Thankfully, there's no need to memorize complicated architectural terminology. REALTOR® Magazine has

compiled a convenient compendium of common styles.

Delve in and learn to highlight the details that give a home character, history, and romance.

Answers are below.



Answers:

- gg. Victorian
- v. Ranch
- k. Georgian
- ff. Tudor
- u. Queen Anne
- j. French Provincial
- ee. Stick
- t. Pueblo
- i. Federal
- dd. Split Level
- s. Prairie
- h. Dutch Colonial
- cc. Spanish Eclectic
- r. Neoclassical
- g. Creole
- aa. Shingle
- p. National
- f. Craftsman
- z. Shed
- o. Italianate
- e. Contemporary
- y. Second Empire
- n. International
- d. Colonial
- x. Saltbox
- m. Greek Revival
- c. Cape Cod
- w. Regency
- l. Gothic Revival
- b. Bungalow

Reprinted from REALTOR® Magazine Online, August 2015, with permission of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®. Copyright All rights reserved.



RIVER COUNTIES Association of REALTORS' annual "Battle for a Cure" volleyball tournament raised over \$3,200 toward Bradley County American Cancer Society on Aug. 27 at Cleveland State Community College's gym.

Meigs County was organized in 1836

The Cherokee lands in what is now Meigs County were opened to settlement in 1817 and 1819 by the Hiwassee Treaty and the Calhoun Treaty. The treaties gave the lands on the east bank of the Tennessee River north of the Hiwassee to the state of Tennessee.

It was not until 1836 that the land south of the Hiwassee River was opened to white settlers.

In the early 1800s, settlers established ferries to cross the Tennessee River from Rhea County. Col. Return J. Meigs was the federal Indian agent in Rhea County. When the Cherokee were forcibly removed as part of the Trail of Tears in 1838, Blythe Ferry was one of the disembarkment sites.

The county was named for Meigs, who had served as a colonel in the American Revolutionary War. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the 6th Connecticut Regiment. His unit was part of Benedict Arnold's march to Quebec. After scaling the walls of Quebec, Meigs was captured. He was exchanged to a British major in 1777. In late May 1777, Meigs and his men rowed through British warships into Long Island sound to surprise the British with a bayonet charge that defeated Lt. Col. Stephen De Lancey. Congress awarded Meigs a sword for his action.

He was generally considered sympathetic to the Cherokee. They called him "The White Path." He died on Jan. 28, 1823.

The county was created from Rhea County in 1836.

Decatur, which is the only incorporated town in Meigs County, was made the county seat in 1836. The town was named for Stephen Decatur, a War of 1812 naval hero.

Facts about Meigs County

Population — 11,753
Area — 217 square miles with 195 land and 22 square miles of under water

Housing units — 5,664
Homeownership rate — 80.1 percent

Incorporated towns — Decatur
Unincorporated communities — Big Spring, Birchwood (part), Georgetown (part) and Ten Mile (part).

Part of the Chickamauga Wildlife Management Area and part of the Hiwassee Refuge are located in Meigs County.

37 sites in Meigs County are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

They include Big Sewee Creek Bridge, John M. Black Cabin, Blythe Ferry, Buchanan House, James Cowan House, Decatur Methodist Church, S.S. Eaves House, Ewing House, Feezell barn, James R. Gettys House,

James R. Gettys Mill, Jim Godsey House, James Turk Griffith House, Jacob L. Grubb Store, James Turk Griffith House, Jacob L. Grubb Store, Hastings-

See **MEIGS**, Page 12A

Information provided by:

River Counties Association of REALTORS®
Servicing Bledsoe, Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk & Rhea Counties

April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015

All Counties within MLS		Meigs County	
Total Units SOLD	722	Total Units SOLD	25
Average Days on Market	143	Average Days on Market	164
Average List Price	\$164,102	Average List Price	\$191,643
Average SOLD Price	\$157,140	Average SOLD Price	\$179,302

The chart above reflects total Residential Units Sold during 2nd Quarter of 2015. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. (As of 07/13/2015 at 10:48 a.m.)

KIM CRANFIELD

Office 423-476-7300 - Mobile 423-331-4182
Email: Mkcranfield@yahoo.com

2012-2015 Multi-Million Dollar Producer Award
2013-2014 Remax Regional 100% Award
2014 THDA Mortgage Loan Certified Realtor
2012 Remax Regional Executive Award
2011 Go Getter Award

2700 Executive Park, Suite #2
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312 **476-7300**

SECURE YOUR FUTURE WITH THE RIGHT RESOURCES FROM THE WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP.

Local Trust Professionals Providing:

- Retirement Planning
- Living Trusts
- Insurance Trusts
- Financial Planning
- Estate Planning & Administration
- Personal Trust Asset Management
- Investment Services including real estate
- IRAs, Rollovers, ROTHs, SIMPLEs
- 401(k), Profit Sharing, & Pension Plans

citnatbank.com

Athens 423.745.0261	Cleveland 423.748.0001	Knoxville 865.670.4014
-------------------------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------

1st AWARD REALTY

1009 KEITH STREET
423-476-3205
www.awardrealty.org

Dennis Botts
423-310-3326

Marcia Botts
Cell 423-400-1042

Genelle Hardin
423-476-3205

Jacqueline Caffrey
423-310-8887

Heath Davis
423-618-5854

Steve Holder
423-478-5668

Jay Helsdon
423-650-6564

Rogelio Lantigua
423-999-6986

Stuart Williams
423-280-8338

Mary Jo White
423-284-4488

Serving Your Real Estate Needs Since 1980.
Contact any of our experienced professionals for all your Real Estate Needs.



RHEA COUNTY is bordered by both Chickamauga Lake and Watts Bar Lake; therefore, there are multiple water recreational options available.

Life is less complicated in Rhea County

Rhea County is the perfect location for any active lifestyle — for the young and the young at heart — to live and to play.

The county is conveniently situated 30 miles north of Chattanooga, 80 miles south of Knoxville, and 160 miles east Nashville.

Three towns in Rhea County — Dayton, Spring City and Graysville — provide a safe, small-town atmosphere yet are close to so many varied shopping, dining, cultural and entertainment opportunities.

Bordered on the eastern side by Chickamauga Lake (810 miles of shore line) and Watts Bar Lake (722 miles of shoreline) and on the western side by the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau, this scenic area offers natural beauty that is the best of both worlds

No matter what outdoor activity you enjoy, you can find it here in Rhea County. The rivers and lakes are renowned for its fishing. Chickamauga Lake and Watts Bar Lake are ideal destinations for boating, swimming, and camping activities. Hiking is available on all levels, from casual walking trails by the waterfront in Dayton and Spring City to more strenuous hikes into the Pocket Wilderness that boasts of bluffs, waterfalls, and gorges. Golf enthusiasts can schedule a tee time at the Dayton Country Club, an 18-hole course.

Rhea County has a flair for cultural and historical events. In 1925, Dayton was the setting for the famous Scopes Trial. The original courthouse is operational today with county business and court conducted daily.

The building is on the National Historic Landmark Registry and attracts visitors from all over the world. Memorabilia from the famous trial is housed in a museum on the lower level of the courthouse. Each year in mid-July, the town of Dayton holds the Scopes Festival.

In 2014, the festival partnered with Cumberland County Playhouse to present "Front Page News," a re-enactment of the trial, which is performed in the historic courtroom.

Other county historical and cultural events and attractions include: the Spring City Railroad Depot Museum; the Tennessee Valley Theater; and concerts, recitals and plays at Bryan College. Rhea County is also part of the national Civil War Trail, the Southeastern Tennessee Appalachian Quilt Trail and the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Rhea County has a lot to celebrate and it does so with several fun filled festivals. The annual weeklong Strawberry Festival has been a family favorite since 1940. Shake the Lake takes place every year in Spring City on the Fourth of July.

FreedomFest is Graysville's yearly event on Independence Day. The Rhea County Fair is held in late August or September. Rounding out fall events is PumpkinFest — a Dayton downtown event for all youngsters — no matter what your age is!

Dayton and Spring City both hold Christmas celebrations. The city of Dayton holds a horse-and-carriage Christmas parade that is ended with candlelight Christmas caroling at the historic Rhea County Courthouse. Spring City offers a delightful Christmas parade with floats, bands and horses.

Annually, over 1,000 guests participate in the Rhea-diant Festival of Trees, a winter wonderland of decorated trees, gifts, wreaths, and table decorations that are auctioned, and money is donated to charity.

Rhea County offers many livability factors. Housing is very affordable (the cost of living is 16 percent under the national average). The yearly property tax on a \$250,000 house is \$1,093 a year. Rhea County has been designated as one of 16 counties in the state as retirement friendly, and iVantage Health Analytics recently listed Rhea Medical Center as one of its top 100 Critical Access Hospitals.

Yes, Rhea County is a great place to call home. Live here, play here. Life less complicated!



BUILT IN 1891, the Rhea County Courthouse was the scene of the 1925 Scopes Trial. Teacher John Scopes faced charges for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution in the public schools. The famous lawyers William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow faced off for the historic trial.



RIVER COUNTIES Association of REALTORS members in Rhea County are involved in Dayton Chamber of Commerce Chamber events. From left are Bob Tumlin, Dianne Tumlin, RCAR director, and Vaughn Berger, Chamber representative.



RHEA COUNTY members of the River Counties Association of REALTORS held a "Go Red" event to raise funds for the American Heart Association. From left are Dennis Everett, Yvonne Newman and Suzan Jolley.

Rhea County formed in 1807

Rhea County was created on Dec. 3, 1807 from a portion of Roane County.

The county was named for Revolutionary War veteran John Rhea. He was one of the men who formed the Patriot militia that defeated the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain in October 1780.

Rhea served in the legislature of North Carolina and as a delegate from North Carolina to the convention that ratified the Federal Constitution in 1789. In 1796, he was a delegate to the constitutional convention of Tennessee.

He served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1803 to 1815 and 1817 to 1823. He was one of the founders of Blount College, which is now known as the University of Tennessee.

He was also a commissioner to the Choctaw Nation in 1816.

Facts about Rhea County

Population — 32,641
Housing units in 2014 — 14,431
Homeownership rate — 70.3 percent
Area — 336 square miles of which 315 is land and 21 square miles is water.

The incorporated towns include Dayton, Graysville and Spring City.

Unincorporated communities include Evensville, Five Points, Frazier, Grandview, Liberty Hill, Ogden and Old Washington.

Rhea County has six places on the National Register of Historic Places. They include Blythe Ferry, Broyles-Darwin House, Hastings-Locke Ferry, Hiwassee Garrison Site, Rhea County Courthouse and Dr. Walter Thomison House.

Dayton — New 'bass fishing capital of South'

"Fish the Chick!" is a catchy, whimsical phrase that has caught the Southeastern Tennessee area by storm! The reason being ... you can catch really big bass on Chickamauga Lake.

On Feb. 13, 2015, Gabe Keen caught an impressive 15.21 pound bass that shattered the state of Tennessee's 60-year-old record, with the previous record being 14 pounds, 8 ounces. And that fact literally has put Dayton on the map and in the record books.

This once small, quiet town known for its strawberries and the Scopes Trial, now is being tagged the "New Bass Fishing Capitol of the South," welcoming eager anglers with genuine hospitality and the hope of catching "the big one."

However the story did not start on Feb. 13 — you have to take a look back to three years ago. Rhea County residents have always regarded the Tennessee River and Chickamauga Lake for its awesome beauty and natural resources.

The lake offers all types of year-round water related activities — boating, swimming, camping — but fishing is the dominant water activity around Dayton.

Local officials began to recognize the potential of the lake, and efforts began to establish Dayton as a popular fishing destination to boost tourism. As more and more anglers fished Chickamauga Lake, its fame began to flourish. Ideal seasonal climate conditions and TWRA stocking programs soon qualified Chickamauga Lake as a nationally recognized sport-fishing destination. Dayton's mayor Gary Louallen and Rhea County

Economic and Tourism Council director Dennis Tumlin championed the waterways to bring top-ranked fishing tournaments to Rhea County.

Over the past three years, Dayton has hosted up to 34 tournaments in one season including elite competitions such as Walmart's FLW Tour, LBAA Women's Pro Bass Tour, Cabela's Collegiate Bass Fishing Tournament Series, and Tundra Bassmaster Weekend Series Tournament.

State high school fishing teams have qualified on the lake and many smaller amateur and charity fishing contests have been hosted in Dayton. Some of these events have been televised on the local airways and professional competitions have been seen nationally on ESPN.

Fishing on Chickamauga has been written about in many magazines and there is even a hot tune on YouTube titled "Battle on the Chick," by Roberts and Sims.

FishDayton.com is the website to check on upcoming tournaments and events, or book a tournament.

Fishing and hospitality go hand in hand. Needless to say, in

Rhea County fishing is always a hot topic of conversation around any boat dock along the banks of the Chickamauga or one of the many neighborhood restaurants.

On any given day you may look up and see FLW Angler of the Year (2014) Andy Morgan launching his boat at the Dayton Boat Dock. Morgan is a lifetime resident of Dayton and professional anglers Wesley Strader and Michael Neal proudly call Rhea County home.

Each of these men will stop and talk, allow for a picture or two, and may even share a helpful fishing tip or share their favorite fishing story. These celebrities are Dayton's finest ambassadors and represent our town in the grandest manner.

So what makes Dayton, Tennessee, the "New Bass Fishing Capitol of the South?" It can be wrapped up in just a few words: the dream of catching the big one ... a few local celebrities ... genuine Southern hospitality. It is why anglers — professional and amateur, men and women, young and old — keep coming back to Rhea County to "Fish the Chick."



RHEA COUNTY'S River Counties Association of REALTORS give a RPAC contribution to State Rep. Ron Travis. Among those participating were Denise Marler, Anneke Wilkey, Teresa Congiolo, Bill Pryor, Ron Travis, Dianne Tumlin, Joy Shaw and Brittany Shaw Newman.



Broker, REALTOR®, CDPE, e-PRO, CRS, GRI, ABR, SRES

ROGER KENNARD

Direct: 423-650-0630
Ofc: 423.458.1300
Email: roger@rogerkennard.com
Website: rogerkennard.com or sonlightrealty.info

58 Mouse Creek Rd Cleveland, TN 37312

Mountain Meadows Estates



Now is the time to finish your search for your new home location - come see Mountain Meadow Estates

Upper River Road Charleston, Tennessee

Features underground utilities, street lights and great mountain views!
\$28,000, \$34,000 & \$37,500

CONTACT ANY OF OUR REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS FOR ALL YOUR PROPERTY NEEDS!

 HAROLD (JOE) W. PARKER 614.736.0664 haroldparker1938@aol.com	 BRITTANY CANTRELL 423.650.3529 brittanycantrell@gmail.com	 SANDY AKIONA 423.504.7272 sandyakiona@gmail.com	 KENNETH KENDRICK 423.584.2287 kendrick.kenneth@yahoo.com
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------



We Support River Counties, Association of Realtors®



Kut -N- Keep



Rhee Epperson
423-961-3699

RE/MAX
Real Estate Professionals
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated
476-7300
2700 Executive Park, Suite #2
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312



KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
"Let's Find Your Home Today!"
Office (423) 303-1200
Cell (423) 716-2810

Gena Faulk
Affiliate Broker



Tammy Davis
Affiliate Broker
Cell: (423) 595-1319
Office: (423) 473-9545
Fax: (423) 468-1453
tammydavis@crye-leike.com
4627 North Lee Highway • Cleveland, TN 37312
www.talktotammy.biz

CRYE-LEIKE, REALTORS



Tina Ledford
Your REALTOR® for Life

KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
Office: 423.303.1200
Cell: 423.421.4625
Fax: 423.826.4893
E-mail: tinaled4625@gmail.com



Jo Organ
Principal Broker
Cell: (423) 593-6852
Office: (423) 473-9545
Fax: (423) 468-1387
jo.organ@crye-leike.com
4627 North Lee Highway • Cleveland, TN 37312
jloorgan.crye-leike.com
www.crye-leike.com

CRYE-LEIKE, REALTORS



Melody Smith
REALTOR
423-595-0199 CELL
423.303.1200 - Office
423.862.4899 - Fax
MelodySmith@kw.com

KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
650 25th Street Suite 300
Cleveland TN, 37311

MELODYSMITHTEAM.COM



MISTY NEWSOME
423-284-2173

RE/MAX Experience
Above the Crowd!
1592 Clingan Ridge Dr.
Cleveland, TN 37312
423-790-3086



KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
Office: (423) 303-1200

JUDY DIGENNARO
(423) 505-1281
judy@judydigennaro.com



Demetra Toomey
423-506-2406
www.demetratoomey.remax-tennessee.com

RE/MAX
Real Estate Professionals
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated
476-7300
2700 Executive Park, Suite #2
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312



Bradley County's Only Local Bank

BANK OF CLEVELAND



D.J. Kimmel
Cell: 423.509.5200
dj@djkimmel.com
djkimmel.kwrealty.com

KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
Office: (423) 303-1200



KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
Office: (423) 303-1200

CHRISTY DODSON
(423) 331-3551
christydodson@yahoo.com



Dottie Sneed
REALTOR, SRES
dottiesneed4@gmail.com

KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
Office: 423.303.1200
Cell: 423.618.0393 Fax: 423.826.5216
650 25th St. NW, Suite 300 • Cleveland, TN 37311
Each Office Independently Owned & Operated



RE/MAX Experience
1592 Clingan Ridge Dr. NW
Cleveland TN 37312
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

Rhonda Bullard
REALTOR®
Cell: 423-518-6819
Office: 423-790-3086
Email: rhondabullard@yahoo.com



KACE
construction & developments
"Redefining Standards"
CALL TODAY 667-5760
Keith & Charlotte Jones
charlotte@kaceproperties.com



Jimmy Smith
REALTOR
423-244-3819 CELL
423.303.1200 - Office
423.862.4899 - Fax
JimmySmith@kw.com

KW CLEVELAND
KELLERWILLIAMS.
650 25th Street Suite 300
Cleveland TN, 37311
Each Office Independently Owned & Operated



jones tile company

Keith Jones
423-280-0603

Commercial • Residential • Free Estimates • Reasonable Rates



Suzanne Akins
423-650-9222
www.suzanneakinshome.com

RE/MAX
Real Estate Professionals
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated
476-7300
2700 Executive Park, Suite #2
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312



Mary Norton
423-715-4581
www.remax-tennessee.com

RE/MAX
Real Estate Professionals
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated
476-7300
2700 Executive Park, Suite #2
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312



MISTY NEWSOME
423-284-2173

RE/MAX Experience
Above the Crowd!
1592 Clingan Ridge Dr.
Cleveland, TN 37312
423-790-3086



Curb Appeal

How your home looks from the outside can have significant influence on potential buyers' perception of its value.

Here are some tips from the **National Association of REALTORS®** to enhance your home's curb appeal and help you to get the best possible price when it's time to sell.



Clean exterior walls and windows

It's not only the inside of your home that needs to be kept clean of dirt and grime, the outside of your home should be just as spotless. Clean your outer walls with soapy water and wash your windows inside and out.

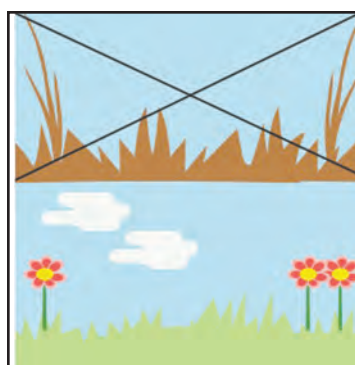


Clean and repair the roof

If your roof is damaged, dirty or missing shingles, it can have a negative impact on the value of your home. Sometimes a good cleaning and small repairs are all you need to have your roof look like new.

Fresh coat of paint

A new coat of paint is like a face-lift for your home, but don't try to make a statement with your home's color. If your home is a wildly different color from the other homes in our neighborhood, it could negatively affect a buyer's perception of the home's value.



Keep grass green and tidy

Your front yard creates your home's first impression to prospective buyers, so make sure that your lawn is green and trimmed and your shrubs and flower beds are well tended.



Meigs

From Page 9A

Locke Ferry, Dr. D.W. Holloway House, Scott Hooper Garage, R. H. Johnson Stable, Kings Mill Bridge, MacPherson House, McKenzie Windmill, Meigs County Bank, Meigs County Courthouse, Mount Zion Church, Alexander Patterson House, Rice-Marler House, Bradford Rymer Barn, Elisha Sharp House, G.W. Shiflett Barn, H.C. Shiflett Barn,

Robert H. Smith Law Office, John Stewart House, Surprise Tuss Bridge and Any Wood Log House and Willie Wood Blacksmith shop.

Sources: en.wikipedia.org U.S. Census

Reuse the News
Recycle this newspaper

Joe Collins
478-8423
NMLS-1313532

Tammy Self
478-8419
NMLS-641503

Traci Hamilton
478-8424
NMLS-641500

HOME LOAN CENTER

Our experienced mortgage lenders will find the perfect loan...

- Conventional
- Rural Housing
- Jumbo
- THDA
- FHA
- VA
- Construction to Perm



2650 PEERLESS RD.
CLEVELAND, TN 37311
476-5532

Each office is individually owned and operated.

Selling Cleveland and Surrounding Areas for Over 32 Years

Hamilton & Associates



Margie Keller
Managing Broker
423-284-3056



Patti Angelle
Affiliate Broker, ABR, GRI
423-618-2738



Lamar Arp
Affiliate Broker
423-618-4639



Kathy Rohsenberger
Affiliate Broker
423-504-4773



Joy Lane
Affiliate Broker
423-596-2374



Tammy Johnson
Affiliate Broker
423-322-0197



Eddie Johnson
Affiliate Broker
423-457-9533



Carol Boyd
Affiliate Broker
423-356-1925



Boyd Williams
Associate Broker, GRI
423-580-4422



Kristy Whitmire
Affiliate Broker
423-650-8831



Kelley West
Affiliate Broker
423-331-4173



HAMILTON & ASSOCIATES, LLC

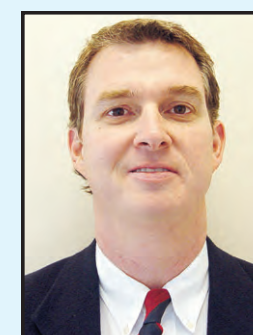
Is Cleveland's only real estate firm strictly dedicated to commercial agents; offering full service commercial sales, leasing and property management. Whatever the market conditions, Coldwell Banker Commercial Hamilton & Associates, LLC professionals can proceed with confidence, knowing that they have the resources of a rock-solid value proposition, a team of driven, forward-thinking experts on their side, and a roadmap to success – all backed by one of the most recognized names in the commercial real estate industry.



Loye Hamilton
Broker/Owner



Rufus Triplett



Brad Benton

Property Management & Rental Division



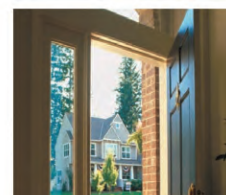
Automated Repair Dispatch

Automated maintenance dispatching and emergency maintenance response.



Streamlined Systems

Upgraded credit services to include FICO score reporting and instant criminal history records.



Improved Tenant Relations

Our services are designed to ensure your properties are rented to the most qualified tenants.



Property Photos Online

All of our available properties will be seen on the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at clevelandtnreals.com



"Call Us For All Your Relocation Needs We Sell Homes All Over The World."