

Census hiring workers for 2020 at Knoxville event

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KNOXVILLE — While you're out taking advantage of after-Christmas sales this weekend, you can get a head start on next year's gift-giving season by applying for a temporary, flexible job with the 2020 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau has partnered with West Town Mall in Knoxville to post teams of recruiters at the mall from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28, in an effort to boost applicant numbers.

Recruiters will answer questions and assist people in applying

for both field and office positions on the spot. If you can't make it to the mall, you can learn more about working for the census and apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

"Like many employers across the nation, the Census Bureau is competing for workers in a tight labor market," Heather Ali, Knoxville area census office recruiting manager. "The 2020 Census begins now and we only have one chance every ten years to get it right. It is essential that we are able to hire enough people to ensure a complete

count."

Working for the 2020 Census is more than an opportunity earn some extra cash after the holidays, it's a chance to help shape your community over the next 10 years. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine our state's representation in Congress, as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads and more.

Most census jobs pay between \$13.50 and \$25 per hour in Northeast Tennessee. The Census Bureau uses data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to de-

rive individual pay rates for each county. Pay rates for different locations can be found at 2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations. All census workers also receive paid training and mileage reimbursement of 58 cents per mile.

"Our challenge right now is to get the message out that this work is short-term, and very flexible, and it pays well," Ali said. "Working for the census is something that people can easily do in addition to their other employment and responsibilities, and there is no big commitment."

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evaluation and was released. As he continued to flee from pursuing police, Lewis ignored traffic signals and struck another patrol vehicle before making his way back to Parkway northbound, at one point driving into southbound traffic, before turning east on Dolly Parton Parkway. He continued eastbound at a high rate of speed, disobeying multiple traffic signals before colliding into a pick-up truck and a sports utility vehicle in the vicinity of Food City on Dolly Parton Parkway.

"The crash near Food City resulted in Lewis being transported to the University of Tennessee Medical Center via Lifestar with what appeared at the scene to be

non-life threatening injuries," Stahlke said. "One person in the SUV was transported to LeConte Medical Center with what appeared to be minor injuries."

Lewis remained at the medical center as of press time on Friday.

Once recovered, multiple felony and misdemeanor warrants are pending on Lewis, including aggravated kidnapping, eight counts of aggravated assault, two counts of reckless endangerment, multiple traffic offenses, three counts of leaving the scene of an accident, driving on a revoked license, no insurance, illegal registration and shoplifting. Stahlke noted the Tennessee Highway Patrol will investigate the crashes related to this incident.

Take home Honey for the holidays

Honey is looking for a forever home. Her caretakers at Sevier Animal Care Center say she is very energetic and loves to play, while at the same time being gentle. "Honey loves everyone she meets including other dogs," they said. The agency's temporary shelter, at 1040 Dolly Parton Parkway, is open daily from 1-5 p.m.



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HOUSING

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Gateview Ridge, Matthew Manor and Pickens Way — showed self-reported completion rates of zero percent.

In all, the seven projects will bring 536 affordable housing apartments to Sevier County.

When THDA Executive Director Ralph Perrey came to Sevierville in July 2018 for an announcement regarding the addition of five projects receiving LIHTC funding, he said that Sevier County had the highest number of LIHTC projects in the state.

Perrey said at the time that the seven total LIHTC awards in Sevier County were due in part to the November 2016 fires that damaged or destroyed 2,545 structures.

On Dec. 13, THDA staffers released the 2020 New Construction Needs Scores for Tennessee's counties.

Sevier County was ranked 94th of the state's 95 counties according to THDA's seven-factor formula for determining a county's need for affordable housing.

"The comparatively low score reflects the relatively low share of the state's total population of low-income renters," Bunch said last week. "(It also reflects) the weighted impact of allocations to developments located in Sevier County following the 2016 wildfires (and) the scale of the increase of new LIHC units relative in the county following the wildfires."

According to THDA's website, the New Construction Needs Scores are one of multiple tools

used by potential developers considering the construction of affordable housing eligible for either the LIHTC or Multifamily Tax-Exempt Bond Authority programs.

Woda Cooper Companies builds affordable housing complexes in Tennessee and 15 other states. Douglas Greene is the Ohio company's first project in Sevier County.

Thomas Simons, Senior Vice President of Woda Cooper Companies, said in an interview before their Dec. 20 move-in day that team members were pleased with the response here.

"We're very excited to be in Sevier County," Simons said. "We've had a great turnout. It's been a great response in Sevier County."

At the time, more than half the units were already under contract. Sixteen tenants moved in last week, and Simons expected the other 27 renters approved for the complex to begin moving in after Jan. 1.

"I would think that all units should be ready by the end of January," Simons said of the remaining 37 apartments.

"We've always wanted to be in the community," said Simons. "Sevier

County has the tourism, the jobs ... By THDA taking the step (of offering LIHTC), they're a wonderful partner of ours. It's a wonderful opportunity."

"Without the support of THDA and the city of Sevierville, we would not have been able to build in Sevier County," Simons continued. "Sevier County and Sevierville were wonderful to work with. It was a great process. We have a lot of local support."

Simons said company representatives would definitely consider future projects in Sevier County.

"Sevierville has made a significant commitment to bringing affordable housing to our city," said Sevierville Mayor Robbie Fox. "The opening of Douglas Greene is a welcome sign, especially given its location in north Sevierville where affordable housing is scarce."

Information on Douglas Greene, which is located at 3936 Snyder Road, is available at www.wodagroup.com or 865-250-9807.

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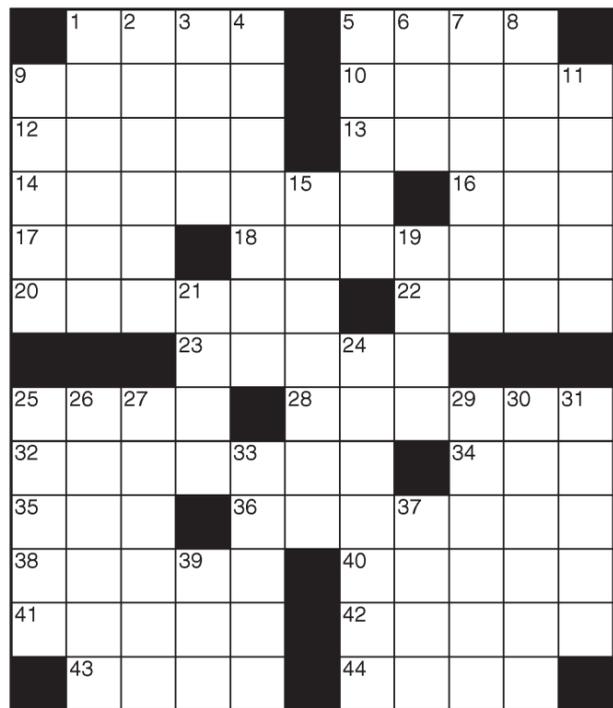
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