



*A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day*



## ROADEO WINNER, TRANSPORTATION

UCHRA Public Transportation was well represented at the 2021 State Rodeo Competition in Franklin, Tenn. We'd like to wish transit operators Sheryl Stephens from Pickett County, Michael Smith from Clay County, and Billy Gilbert from Putnam County as well as, maintenance competitors Joey Bitter and Terry Cronk the best of luck.

### *Out in the Field*



Thank you James Dunn, Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, for stopping by during our Executive Committee meeting this week. We appreciate the kind feedback regarding our Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD) program as well as your insight on meal delivery and other items of interest to our regional aging population.

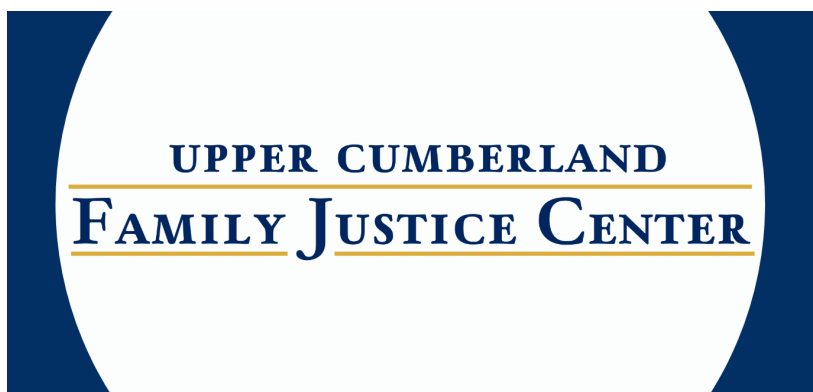
**October 26, 2021**  
**9 AM - 1 PM**  
**Life Church**  
**Cookeville, TN**

**2021 SENIOR & CAREGIVER EXPO**

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT**



## FIELD NOTES



## UCDD, UCHRA STAFF PARTICIPATE IN PURPLE THURSDAY

October is Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. Thursday, Oct. 21, has been designated as Purple Thursday in honor of DVAM. This is a day to wear purple to show support to the community and to victim-survivors of domestic violence.

Thank you, Upper Cumberland Family Justice Center, for providing a safe place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, or child abuse to find comprehensive support services.





*Chuck Sutherland, pictured with his submitted photo, an aerial shot of the vibrant Livingston city square, was selected as First Runner Up in the Building Vibrant Places category.*

## SUTHERLAND NAMED FIRST RUNNER UP IN NADO PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to UCDD's own Chuck Sutherland, Director of Informatics, on having one of his photos named First Runner Up in the 2021 NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) photo contest!

When he's not sifting through data and making it come to life via charts and graphs, Chuck can be found exploring the natural beauty of our region.

His submitted photo, an aerial shot of the vibrant Livingston city square, was selected as First Runner Up in the Building Vibrant Places category.

Check out all of the submissions at: [www.nado.org/2021-photo-contest/](http://www.nado.org/2021-photo-contest/)

## CLIENT SUCCESS STORY: CORY CLENDENING

*Cory Clendening is a client of UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions (SAS) program. The following information was provided by the client and has been edited for clarity.*

At the age of 10, Cory Clendening began drinking. By age 12, he was using cocaine. And, for the last nine years, the 36-year-old was using methamphetamine.

In addition to his struggles with substance use, Cory has been homeless more than 20 times in his life.

However, after meeting with UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions team, Cory was able to get the assistance and support he needed to move beyond his addiction and achieve stability.

"I want a stable life," Cory said of his plans for the future. "I want to get a steady job and not worry about transportation and save up money and get my own place and have a successful (life)."

"Success for me looks like going to work and having a home and getting my license back," he added. "Stay clean, go to meetings, and get involved in Celebrate Recovery."

Cory has shown intense motivation and willingness to change his life. He has now been off of the street for two months and has maintained sobriety for 30 days. He also begins his new job later this month.

“SAS HAS HELPED ME ... WORK ON THE ISSUES INSIDE MYSELF AND (AT) CREATING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND AT BEING A BETTER PERSON. SAS ALSO HELPED ME BEGIN MY RECOVERY JOURNEY AND GET A STABLE JOB.”

- CORY CLENDENING, UCHRA CLIENT

Special thanks to UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions and their many programs/partnerships (SWAPP, INSPIRE, and ESG) whose support and guidance have provided Cory with the tools and support he needed to achieve stability and accomplish the goals he has set for himself.

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UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions Team was able to help Cory Clendening move beyond a life of substance use.



## UCDD'S MARK DUDNEY SERVES AS GUEST LECTURER FOR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

On Oct. 5, UCDD Historic Preservation Planner Mark Dudney served as a (virtual) guest lecturer for Georgetown University.

Dr. Kathryn Temple, the Director of Georgetown's Master's Program in the Engaged and Public Humanities, invited Dudney to speak to her class.

Dudney presented his lecture Public History in a Rural Region;

sharing some of his projects with the class to describe how culture influences the present and can be used to define a community's future.

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