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

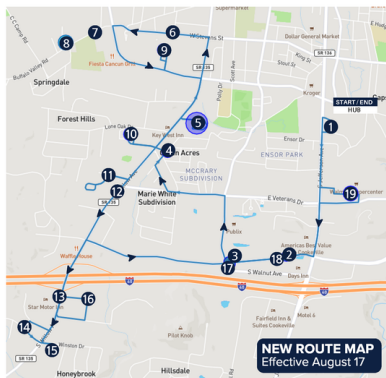


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ROUTE CHANGES ROLL OUT IN COOKEVILLE

Go **UC**
Cookeville, Tennessee



COOKEVILLE BLUE GO UC ROUTE

BLUE GO ROUTE TIMES
MONDAY - FRIDAY 7 AM - 6 PM

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BLUE ROUTE STOPS

STOP #	STOP NAME	HOURLY SCHEDULE
1	HUB / S. JEFFERSON AVE.	:00
2	STARBUCKS	:03
3	LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE	:04
4	GREEN ACRES	:07
5	WILLOW PARK APTS.	:09
6	STEVENS ST.	:13
7	BUFFALO VALLEY RD.	WILL CALL
8	OAK TREE TOWERS	WILL CALL
9	JACKSON PLAZA	:17
10	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	:21
11	NEWMAN	:23
12	VA - CLINIC	:25
13	STAR MOTOR INN	:28
14	WARMING STATION	:29
15	PLATEAU MENTAL HEALTH	:30
16	TARGET	:32
17	OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE	:38
18	SMART BANK	:39
19	WALMART (COOKEVILLE)	:42
20	HUB / S. JEFFERSON AVE.	:46

On Monday, UCHRA Public Transportation rolled out updates to several Cookeville Go Routes as part of ongoing efforts to provide reliable, convenient transportation options and better serve the needs of the community.

Go Routes are fare-free, deviated fixed-route services available to anyone who wants to ride, providing accessible transportation options throughout the Cookeville area.

The service helps connect residents, employees, students, and visitors to employment opportunities, healthcare services, shopping, education, and other important community destinations and is also available in Algood, Crossville, and McMinnville.

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The new route information can be found under the Go Routes tab on the UCHRA Public Transportation website (www.ucpublictransit.com).

UCDD HONORED WITH 2026 NADO IMPACT AWARD

Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) has been recognized with a 2026 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for its Empower Upper Cumberland initiative.

The program takes a comprehensive, relationship-based approach to helping families achieve economic stability by pairing participants with dedicated Navigators who provide ongoing support and help families address challenges such as benefit cliffs, childcare, housing, health care and unexpected financial setbacks.

Through collaboration with community partners, the initiative has also helped create more than 350 new childcare slots and

advance conversations around regional workforce needs and broader systems-level challenges.

Three years into the initiative, Empower Upper Cumberland has served more than 900 families, with 474 increasing their income and 89 reaching self-sufficiency at or above 225 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

Employment among participating families increased from 68 percent to 78 percent, with 125 adults entering the workforce. Families also experienced more than \$9.2 million in annualized income growth.

The annual NADO Impact Awards recognize innovative regional development efforts that strengthen communities, build resilience, and enhance local economies. This year's awards recognize 94 projects led by 58 organizations across 20 states.

RESERVE YOUR COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT



We're excited to celebrate this year's 2026 UCDD-UCHRA Fall Training & Rodeo with a commemorative softstyle T-shirt for staff!

Want to make sure you get one? Don't wait! Staff must complete the shirt order form by Friday, Aug. 28 and select their preferred size and cut. Please double-check your selections before submitting, as no extra shirts will be available after the order is placed.

Visit the link below or check ConneCTeam to reserve your shirt by Aug. 28:
<https://forms.gle/fj9JbBxDD37jDijT6>

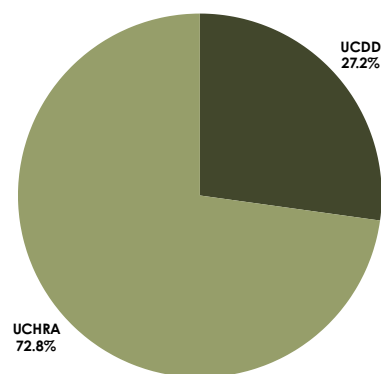
NOMINATIONS FOR TOP EMPLOYEES CONTINUE

As the first week of voting for Employees of the Year comes to a close, more than 90 nominations have been received to date.

Nearly 73 percent of nominations are for UCHRA employees, while the remaining 27 percent are for UCDD employees. In recent years, an average annual total of 170 nominations have been received.

Staff have until Friday, Aug. 28, to submit nominations for recognition. Employees of the Year and Rural Drivers of the Year will be formally recognized during the UCDD-UCHRA Fall Training and Rodeo, slated for Sept. 25.

Nominations are only accepted through the Google Form, found here: <https://forms.gle/Wp4mFfDTsK3k5NpG6>.



Which agency does the nominee work for?

Save the Date:
UCDD-UCHRA Fall Training & Rodeo
Sept. 25, 2026
Putnam County Convention Center



WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.

OUR VISION

A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.

get plugged in.

Follow us on social media for the latest updates.



SMP STAFF ATTENDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) staff, along with the SMP West TN Regional Coordinator and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) staff from the Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging, recently attended the national SMP and SHIP training in Washington, D.C. The Administration for Community Living's Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling) coordinates this training every year.

The conference provided a valuable opportunity to learn through informative workshops and keynote speakers. Staff gained new information, resources, and strategies to strengthen their work helping older adults understand Medicare, prevent

fraud and abuse, and make informed decisions about their health care coverage.

It is always especially valuable to connect with other state program directors and hear about the innovative ideas and successful approaches they are using in their states. Sharing experiences, challenges, and solutions helps us bring fresh ideas back to Tennessee and continue improving the services we provide.

The team returned with new knowledge, inspiration, and resources to share with Tennesseans and looks forward to putting these valuable lessons into practice in communities across the state.



Share your updates!

Have a heartfelt success story to share? A photo of an employee going above and beyond? Want to give a co-worker a well-deserved shout-out? Send a ticket using the address below and share your updates so we can celebrate you and the work our teams are doing every day!

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