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Taylor said his office used grant funding

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> The premature birth rate has declined in Tennessee, but there's still room for improvement.

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Haslam proposes \$33.2M for facility at Northeast State

Governor to speak at college Friday

By HANK HAYES hhaves@timesnews.net

BLOUNTVILLE — Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam is expected to talk more about his planned strategic education investments when he

visits Northeast State Community

College Friday for a 10:30 a.m. speech at the Wellmont Regional Center for the Per-

forming Arts.

Haslam, a Republican, delivered his "State of the State" mes-

sage to law-**HASLAM** makers on Monday, and his upcoming talk at Northeast State was described by his communications office as a

"State of the State follow-up."

In his message on Monday, Haslam insisted lawmakers must address the rising cost of college tuition.

"We have to make a college education more accessible, and we have to make sure we have qualiprograms in Tennessee,"

INSIDE

Gov. Bill Haslam told participants in a school safety summit on Tuesday that the state is committed to doing what it can to provide better security at Tennessee schools. Page 6A.

Haslam explained. "Only 32 percent of Tennesseans have earned an associates' degree or higher. That's not good enough. Our goal is to move the needle so that Tennessee is on track to raise that number to 55 percent by 2025. ...We begin our 'Drive to 55' — a strategic initiative to have the best trained work force in Ameri-

Haslam also unveiled his \$32.6 billion budget proposal, which includes \$33.2 million in capital funding for a Northeast State technical education complex that will be directly tied to advanced manufacturing in the region. The project will use \$22 million in bond financing.

The 120,000-square-foot complex on Northeast State's main campus will include business and advanced technologies programs,

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Motorist killed in Kingsport crash

From staff reports

KINGSPORT — A Tuesday morning traffic crash Kingsport has killed a woman, who police say would have sustained less severe injuries had she been wearing her seat belt.

Kingsport police report the incident occurred at about 5 a.m. on Bloomingdale Pike at the intersection with Bloomington

A 2005 Mazda 6 was westbound when the driver failed to negotiate a curve, crossed the eastbound traffic lane and exited the roadway. Police say the Mazda then

struck a power pole and concrete culvert before coming to rest. The female driver was trans-

ported to a local hospital and died of her injuries. She reportedly was not wearing a seat belt.

The victim has vet to be publicly identified pending the notifi-

cation of her family. It's currently not known what caused her to lose control of her car. An investigation is continu-

'Old Faithful' Kingsport plans waterline work on Truxton, Konnarock, Warpath

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Digitization of historical Scott

chancery causes completed

years-long process has finally come to an

completion and that the chancery records

are preserved and available to the public

for free at any time of day or night," Taylor

Taylor, who has been in office since

2000, said the project was one of the first

"The goal of this grant is for all of the

clerks that have records from pre-1913,"

Taylor said. "Those are considered sacred

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he undertook when he was elected.

"I'm excited about the project's

By MATTHEW LANE mlane@timesnews.net

Richmond.

KINGSPORT — City leaders have authorized a nearly \$1 million waterline project along Konnarock Road, Warpath Drive and Truxton Drive.

The Truxton Drive work will replace one of the few remaining sections of the original and problematic "Old Faithful" waterline.

The project will replace 6,375 linear feet of waterlines along Truxton and the section of Konnarock/Warpath from Sherwood Drive to Fort Henry Drive. Earlier this month, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen awarded the bid for the project to Tipton Construction Company in the amount of \$954,000.

Scott County Circuit Court Clerk Bo Taylor, inset, looks over historical records recently. Above is a map of Gate City from 1890.

Program to restore and index its collection

Digital images of all Scott County causes

of chancery causes covering the years

prior to 1912 have been placed on the

library's Virginia Memories website for

public viewing via the Chancery Records

Taylor said he was pleased that the

the record

1816 to 1942.

Chad Austin, water and sewer maintenance manager for the city, said construction will likely begin in the tract calling for a 150-day construction

Truxton's 16-inch cast iron pipe will be downsized to a 12-inch ductile iron pipe, which Austin said would help with the hydraulics within the water system.

"Basically, it's going to push water into different areas that we need because the water tank in that area fills up quicker than anything else," Austin said. "(This

March/April time frame with the con-replacement) will help the tank not fill up as quick and make for a more efficient operation.'

> The Truxton line dates back to 1929 and is part of the original waterline that ran through the downtown area, the infamous "Old Faithful" waterline. "Old Faithful" was a 5-mile, crosstown water main that broke dozens of times in the late 1990s and early 2000s and was responsible for numerous downtown floods.

It was officially decommissioned in 2003 following a three-year, \$7 million replacement project.

"We've had two or three breaks on Truxton recently and it just needs to be replaced," Austin said. "The joints are what's caused the problem. Over time the joints expand and cause these catastrophic failures. The whole top of the

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Good morning from:

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Weather

Mostly cloudy today with a 90% chance of showers and storms; high of 67, low of 31.

Complete weather report on 3A.



I'm too old for this

They say the best part of being a grandparent is that you can enjoy the kids and then when they begin to get out of sorts you can take them back to their parents. They doesn't work when their parents are in the Caribbean. Page 6A.



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Today in History

Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2013. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in Histo-

On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.

In 1862, the ironclad USS Monitor was launched from the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint, N.Y., during the Civil War.

In 1962, two members of Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

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and teach computer science,

business management, automo-

tive technology, and welding

and metal fabrication, accord-

ing to Northeast State. It will

house 40 faculty offices, three

classrooms, six computer labs

The budget proposal also in-

cludes \$1.5 million for an East

Tennessee State University fine

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update ETSU's elevators and

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Garden Drive, Kingsport, TN.

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Night drawing

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facility for Northeast State

civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1973, the rock group KISS performed its first show at a club in Queens, N.Y.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush put allies on notice that diplomacy would give way to a decision on war with Iraq in "weeks, not months." Wary world leaders and congressional critics urged patience and demanded proof of Iraq's transgres-

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gene Hackman is 83. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 76. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 72. Rock singer Marty Balin is 71. Singer Phil Actor Christian Bale is 39. Ac-

The requests presented in

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million to the state's Rainy Day

Fund bringing it to \$456 million

on June 30, 2014; and cutting the

sales tax on food from 5.25 per-

Tennessee budget and Haslam's

"State of the State" remarks go

to www.tn.gov/stateofthestate.

For more about the proposed

In his spending plan, Haslam

requirements.

cent to 5 percent.

Digitization of Scott records completed

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and scarce records and (the library) wants to take care of them. This is part of that project that wants to repair, index and scan the records. Once that's done, they house the originals in the library because they have the light and temperature control that can keep them from being damaged."

Taylor described the preservation as a major project for his office since much of the early work of preparing and indexing the documents was carried out in the clerk's office.

We flattened, repaired and put them in acid-free file boxes. Every name that's mentioned in those chancery causes is indexed. so that took a lot of work," Taylor said. "You actually had to sit there and read them. You didn't want to miss anything, so it took time to do that.

"I wanted to do the work in-house so we could have control of them. When they left here they were in the responsibility of the Library of Virginia because they are such important records.

The library took control of the chancery causes in 2004. After nearly an eight year delay caused in large part by budget cuts, the documents indexed scanned and digitized for public viewing.

The original documents are now being stored in a special climate-controlled room at the library in Richmond, Taylor said.

According to the Library of Virginia, the CCRP program has posted over 7 million documents from 58 localities since 2005.

The causes are important, Library of Virginia Director of Local Records Services Carl Childs said, because they help tell the story of the state's early history.

"These records are important because they help document the rich history of Scott County and its inhabitants," Childs said, "To truly understand the history of a region, a person must research the records of the local circuit court, particularly the chancery records, as they provide critical information for historians, genealogists, and other researchers."

Chancery, or equity, cases are considered a valuable source of local, state, social, and legal history. The causes often contain things like divorce records, transfers, correspondences and property lists - including slaves and heirs - as well as vital statistics with details not available else-

According to the library, cases contain useful biographical, genealogical, and historical information and document a broad spectrum of citizens ranging from rich and poor, black and white to slave and free.

Childs praised the work done by Taylor and his office to ensure Scott County's early chancery causes were preserved.

Their recognition of the importance of preserving these records helped ensure the success of this project," Childs said.

Taylor agreed about the historical importance of the causes as they relate to Scott County and the people that once lived there.

"The importance of the records is genealogy and history of early Scott County, not Richmond, not the eastern part of the state, but Scott County," Taylor said. "I'm a history buff myself, and this is all about our history. ... I was told once when I was in training that the clerk's office is like a treasure chest that's just waiting to be explored."

Scott County's records are especially important, Taylor said, since it served as a gateway to the west due to its location on the Wilderness Trail.

Two cases from the early 1800s depict confrontations between Native Americans and early English settlers of Scott County, while later cases deal with the plight of slaves and their quest for

One cause in particular, Taylor said, showed the efforts a free African-American mother from Scott County made to liberate her two children from slavery.

Certain cases document post Civil War relations by showing the bitterness that remained between Union and Confederate residents living together in Scott, while others are more humorous.

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One light-hearted entry from an 1898 divorce centered on a "knocking spirit," which was a ghostly disturbance the defendant's counsel suggested was used by the plaintiff to scare his

The CCRP grant was one of 11 grants Taylor has received to help preserve various documents from the county's early history.

In addition to the chancery records. Taylor said he has received funds to restore and digitize the county's first minute books, deed books, marriage records and other important doc-

Taylor said he wouldn't have been able to complete those restorations without the help of the Library of Virginia's grant

Taylor said his goal in doing the work is to eventually restore all of the historical documents in his office and make them available for public viewing.

"The clerk is responsible for all records, whether its a new record from today or from 1815." Taylor said. "You're the keeper of the records, and it's your job to preserve them for future generations. It really gets back to the importance of who we are here in Scott County."

The Library of Virginia's Circuit Court Preservation Program can be found at www.lva.virginia.gov/agencies/CCRP.

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Kingsport officials plan Collins is 62. World Golf Hall of Famer Curtis Strange is 58. In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic tor Jake Thomas is 23. Continued from page 1A Haslam proposes \$33.2M

Once the Truxton line is replaced, Austin said the only remaining section of "Old Faithful" will be the section from Stone Drive to Sullivan Street. In the next five years, that section likely will be replaced, but the city does not have a specific project drawn

As for the Konnarock/Warpath is also a cast iron pipe. The reason for the replacement is because over the past couple of has burst four or five times, each time being "pretty catastrophic." Austin said.

The 12-inch line along Konnarock will be replaced with a newer 12-inch line and will mark the third such replacement in Kingsport replaced a section of the line along Warpath from Fort Henry Drive to Memorial Boule vard about six years ago; the second phase went from Center Street to the John B. Dennis High-

will be installed down the middle

However, there shouldn't be any significant water outages dur-

"There may be some just to tie the meters back in. There may be a couple of short outages and if there's anything planned, we would let the public know well ahead of time," Austin said, "Once we get finished with this, the streets will be repaved and be in much better shape than it is

waterline replacement

pipe blows out and it's a huge fail

up to replace it, Austin said.

phase of the project, that waterline dates back to the 1940s and it years, the line along Konnarock

this area of town in recent years.

way back in 2009. Austin said the new waterlines

of Konnarock/Warpath while a portion of Truxton will be in the center of the road. Because of this, road closures are likely to occur during construction.

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Freedom Collision offers collision repair services

 A new business article published Jan. 24 suggested that the new Freedom Collision in Kingsport offers mechanic services for vehicles. Instead, the business offers collision repair services.

Wellmont Health System's Marsh Regional Blood Center will hold public blood drives from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Northeast State Community College, Blountville, and from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., at St. Anne's Catholic Church. Bristol, Va. Donors must be 17 or older, weigh 110. pounds or more, and be in good health. Call 224-5888.

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The Kingsport Rotary Club will meet at noon at the Press Room at Food City, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport. Richard Venable with NETWORKS - Sullivan Partnership will speak.

The Sullivan County Department of Education will hold a collaborative conferencing session at 4 p.m., in the board at Sullivan County Central Office, Blountville. Representatives from SCEA and PET will attend.

To submit notices to be published in Day Book, fax to 423-392-1385, attention Becky Whitlock; mail to Becky Whitlock , Kingsport Times-News, P.O. Box 479, Kingsport, Tenn., 37662; or e-mail to bwhitlock@timesnews.net

The numbers drawn in the Tennessee Lottery Tuesday were: Day drawing

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