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## Welcome

*From the desk of Richard Venable*

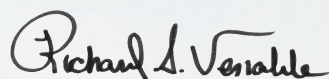
Welcome to the 2021 Sullivan County Fact Book!

This book offers a comprehensive look at what makes Sullivan County such a special place and truly the jewel of Northeast Tennessee. Written and assembled by the staff of the Kingsport Times News, the 2021 Sullivan County Fact Book represents the best of our county and what makes it unique.

The pages that follow tell the story of our compelling history, as well as our business and industrial communities that keep our economy robust. Combine those stories with the snapshots of the amenities that draw people here and you have a broad vision of those of us who already call Sullivan County home and why we wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

The 2021 Sullivan County Fact Book quite simply tells the story of how we came to be, who we are, and offers a few glimpses into our bright, promising future.

So sit back and enjoy. And welcome to this tour of my home, Sullivan County, Tennessee!



Richard Venable  
County Mayor  
Sullivan County, TN



# Why Kingsport?

By Jeff Fleming

When you live with someone or something every day, you tend to take it for granted. It's no different with the place you choose to call home.

Companies like Hallmark have built their entire business on the premise of appreciation. They successfully translated the concept to television and each year millions of viewers tune in to vicariously experience that perfect place.

In the past, jealousy and FOMO (fear of missing out) led many to seek a fast-paced urban environment in a never-ending effort to 'keep up with the Joneses'.

But there's a new term, "JOMO" (joy of missing out.) The pandemic taught us to slow down, value our interpersonal relationships, seek work-life balance, and search out smaller places with amazing public amenities.

When you take inventory of what really matters...friendly neighbors, great neighborhoods, excellent schools, churches, safety, local shops/restaurants, a vibrant arts and music community, and a strong feeling of belonging...Kingsport is a pretty special place.

For debt-burdened graduates, Kingsport is one of the most affordable places in America.



For child-rearing millennials, there are great schools and a strong sense of family – and sports facilities.

For retirees, it's a great place to stretch those retirement funds as far as possible – and stay active.

For remote workers, you can telecommute anywhere in the world from here (and lower your costs).

Kingsport enjoys natural assets that are just that – natural. We're surrounded by the tallest peaks in eastern North America. A recent map by NOAA illustrates a history of tornado tracks, clearly highlighting the protective shelter of the surrounding mountains. Just a little east or west and that shelter disappears. The New York Times featured the 'safest places to avoid a natural disaster' (wildfire, earthquake, hurricane) and Kingsport is at the top of the list.

Our water, sourced from the headwaters of the continental divide, are as naturally-pristine as it gets. We're blessed with millions of acres of

protected local, state, and national parklands that afford unparalleled recreational opportunities. The four season climate changes in equivalent three month periods, shaving off the stifling heat of summer or prolonged freezing of winter. Our fall foliage is like New England, and our spring blooms rival the cherry blossoms in Washington, DC.

Our built environment is pretty special, too. Not many towns were master-planned by one of America's foremost town planners. The handiwork is still evident today – more than 100 years later – with ample streets, schools, sidewalks, trees, parks, and playgrounds throughout. In many ways, a street scene in Kingsport resembles an early 20th century Norman Rockwell painting.

There are no traffic jams or lengthy commutes. Interstates 81 and 26 provide easy access to 70% of the nation's population – or if you prefer, Tri Cities Airport is served by Delta, American, and Allegiant. And we're equidistant from the Atlantic Ocean, Mississippi River, Great Lakes and the Gulf.







# What we make

Northeast Tennessee is home to key manufacturers who make things for the nation and the planet.

## EASTMAN

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Eastman employs approximately 14,500 people around the world and serves customers in more than 100 countries. The company had 2019 revenues of approximately \$9.3 billion and is headquartered in Kingsport.

Eastman is committed to working across the value chain to create real and actionable solutions towards a true circular economy. Eastman believes that sustainable solutions to plastic waste are in reach and is determined to play its part in the world's collective response.

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and textiles which cannot be mechanically recycled or are difficult to recycle," Eastman says. "These scale technologies can complement current mechanical recycling technologies and enable brand owners and others in the value chain to achieve their ambitious goals for waste reduction and commitments on recycled content."

## DOMTAR

Domtar is closing the uncoated freesheet manufacturing operation at its Kingsport mill and the Ridgefields converting center, but will enter the linerboard packaging market with the conversion of the Kingsport paper machine.

When Domtar idled the mill in April, the facility employed 304 workers. The converted mill is expected to directly employ approximately 160 workers. A payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement calls on Domtar to maintain a minimum of 140 full-time jobs. The employees at the facility are represented by a collective bargaining agreement, according to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

To help out with an expected increase in truck traffic, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has agreed to make improvements to the Interstate 26-Stone Drive interchange and Lynn Garden Drive.

The company has been in Kingsport for more than 100 years.

## BAE SYSTEMS

With BAE Systems as its contractor, the Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HAAP) manufactures a wide range of explosives for the U.S. Department of Defense at the 6,042-acre site.

An ongoing modernization effort at the facility calls for decommissioning a coal steam plant by 2023 and bringing a natural gas steam plant online in 2021. An expansion of its industrial waste water treatment plant happened in 2020.

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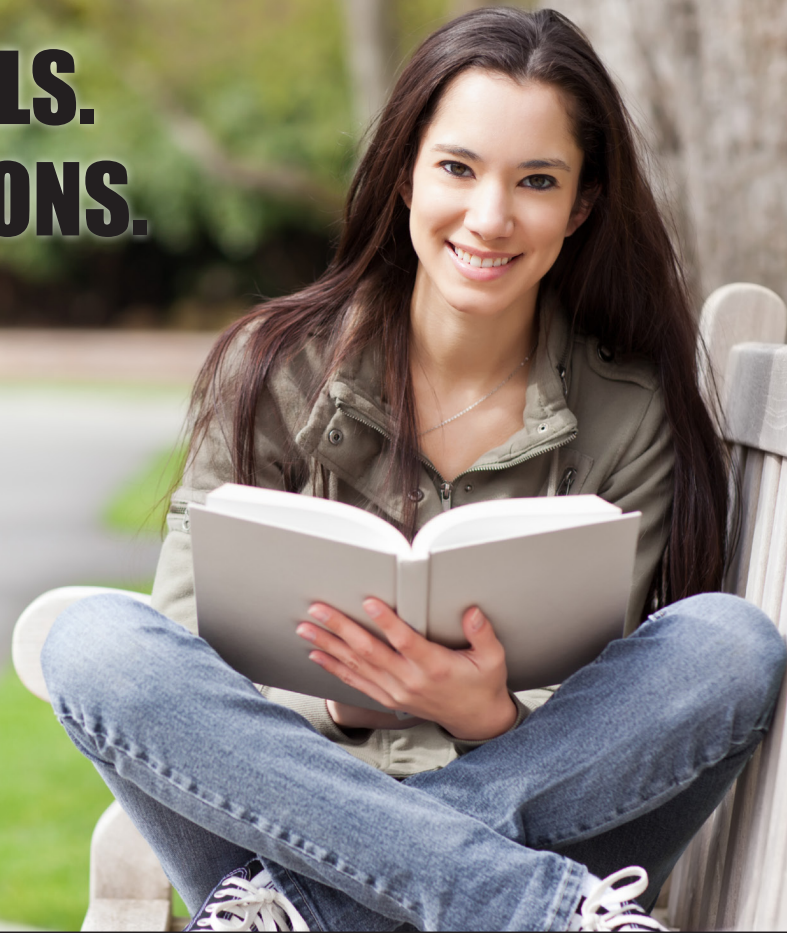
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# EDUCATION

## Bristol Schools

### Anderson Elementary School

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Bristol, TN 37620 Phone (423) 652-9444

Grades Pre-K through 6

### Avoca Elementary School

2440 Volunteer Parkway Bristol, TN 37620

Phone (423) 652-9445 Grades Pre-K through 6

### Fairmount Elementary School

821 Virginia Avenue Bristol, TN 37620 Phone

(423) 652-9311 Grades Pre-K through 6

### Haynesfield Elementary School

201 Bluff City Highway Bristol, TN 37620 Phone

(423) 652-9292 Grades Pre-K through 6

### Holston View Elementary School

1840 King College Road Bristol, TN 37620

Phone (423) 652-9470 Grades Pre-K through 6

### Tennessee High School

1112 Edgemont Avenue Bristol, TN 37620

Phone (423) 652-9494 Grades 9-12

### Tennessee Online Public School

615 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Bristol, TN 37620

Phone (423) 652-9209

Grades 9-12

### Vance Middle School

815 Edgemont Avenue Bristol, TN 37620

Phone (423) 652-9449 Grades 7-8

### To enroll a new student:

New students enroll at the individual school to which they are zoned, based on their place of residence, according to Bristol Tennessee School System spokesman Rebecca Craddock. Parents need to present the child's original birth certificate; Social Security card; proof of up-to-date Tennessee immunization with confirmation of medical exam; and proof of residency. For more information, including information on enrollment of out-of-city tuition students and out-of-zone in-city students, go to the school system website at [www.btc.s.org/](http://www.btc.s.org/) or call the school system's Central Office at (423) 652-9451. The address is 615 Martin Luther King Jr. Road, Bristol, TN 37620.





## Sullivan County Schools

### Blountville Elementary School

155 School Avenue Blountville, TN 37617  
Phone: (423) 354-1650 Grades Pre-K through 5

### Bluff City Elementary School

282 J. Forrest Thomas St. Bluff City, TN 37618  
Phone: (423) 354-1825 Grades Pre-K through 5

### Central Heights Elementary School

158 Central Heights Rd. Blountville, TN 37617  
Phone: (423) 354-1575 Grades Pre-K through 5

### Emmett Elementary School

753 Emmett Road Bristol, TN 37620 Phone:  
(423) 354-1865 Grades Pre-K through 5

### Holston Elementary School

2348 Hwy. 75, No. 1 Blountville, TN 37617  
Phone: (423) 354-1550 Grades Pre-K through 5

### Indian Springs Elementary School

333 Hill Road Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone:  
(423) 354-1685 Grades K through 5

### Ketron Elementary School

3301 Bloomingdale Pike Kingsport, TN 37660  
Phone: (423) 354-1710 Grades Pre-K through 5

### Mary Hughes School

240 N. Austin Springs Road Piney Flats, TN  
37686 Phone: (423) 354-1835 Grades K  
through 5

### Miller Perry Elementary School

904 Fordtown Road Kingsport, TN 37663  
Phone: (423) 354-1760 Grades K through 5

### Rock Springs Elementary School

1238 Moreland Drive Kingsport, TN 37663  
Phone: (423) 354-1380 Grades K through 5

### Blountville Middle School

1651 Blountville Boulevard, Blountville, TN  
37617 Phone: (423) 354-1600 Grades 5 through 8

### Colonial Heights Middle School

415 Lebanon Road, Kingsport, TN 37663  
Phone: (423) 354-1360 Grades 5 through 8

### Sullivan Gardens K-8

209 Rosemont Street Kingsport, TN 37660  
(423) 354-1770 (elementary) (423) 354- 1780  
(middle) Grades K-8

### Sullivan Central High School

131 Shipley Ferry Road Blountville, TN 37617  
Phone: (423) 354-1200 Grades 9-12

### Sullivan East High School

4180 Weaver Pike  
Bluff City, TN 37618 Phone: (423) 354- 1900  
Grades 9-12

### Sullivan North High/Middle School

2533 N John B Dennis Highway Kingsport, TN  
37660  
Phone: (423) 354-1400  
for high school,  
(423) 354-1750 for middle school  
High school grades 9-12, middle school grades  
6-8

### Sullivan South High School

1236 Moreland Drive Kingsport, TN 37664  
Phone: (423) 354-1300 Grades 9-12

### Registering new students:

New students enroll at the individual school to which they are zoned, based on their place of residence, although out-of-zone students are allowed as space and staffing permit. Parents need to present the child's original birth certificate; Social Security card; proof of up-to-date Tennessee immunization with confirmation of medical exam; and proof of residency. For more information, including information about enrollment of out-of-zone or out-of-county students, go to [sullivan.k12.tn.us](http://sullivan.k12.tn.us) or call the school system's Central Office (423) 354-1000. The building is at 154 Blountville Bypass, Blountville, TN 37617, on the second floor.



# EDUCATION

## Kingsport City Schools

### Palmer Early Learning Center

1609 Ft. Henry Drive, Kingsport, TN 37764  
Phone: (423) 378-2160 Grade pre-K

### John Adams Elementary School

2727 Edinburgh Channel Road, Kingsport, TN 37664  
Phone: (423) 378-1400 Grades pre-K through 5

### Andrew Jackson Elementary School

600 Jackson St., Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: (423) 378-2250 Grades pre-K through 5

### Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

2216 Westmoreland Ave., Kingsport, TN 37664  
Phone: (423) 378-2270 Grades K through 5

### Andrew Johnson Elementary School

1001 Ormond Drive, Kingsport, TN 37664  
Phone: (423) 378-2300 Grades pre-K through 5

### John F. Kennedy Elementary School

1500 Woodland Avenue, Kingsport, TN 37665  
Phone: (423) 857-2700 Grades pre-K through 5

### Abraham Lincoln Elementary School

1000 Summer St., Kingsport, TN 37664 Phone: (423) 378-2360 Grades pre-K through 5

### Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School

1051 Lake St., Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: (423) 857-2600 Grades pre-K through 5

### George Washington Elementary School

1100 Bellingham Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660  
Phone: (423) 378-2480 Grades pre-K through 5

### Cora Cox Academy

520 Myrtle St., Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: (423) 378-2229 Grades 6-12

### Dobyns-Bennett High School

1 Tribe Way, Kingsport, TN 37664 Phone: (423) 378-8400  
Grades 9-12

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Grades 9-12

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New students enroll at the individual school to which they are zoned, based on their place of residence, according to Assistant Superintendent of Administration Andy True. Parents need to present the child's original birth certificate; Social Security card; proof of up-to-date Tennessee immunization with confirmation of medical exam; and proof of residency. For more information, including information on enrollment of out-of-city tuition students and out-of-zone in-city students, go to [k12k.com/](http://k12k.com/) or call the school system's Administrative Support Center at (423) 378-2100. The building is at 400 Clinchfield Suite 200, Kingsport, TN 37660, in the Press Building above the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce.





# COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

## King University

King University, founded in 1867, is a Presbyterian-affiliated doctoral-level comprehensive Liberal Arts university. In addition to its 135-acre campus in Bristol, Tenn. King offers classes at the Kingsport Academic Village, at its main Knoxville campus in the Hardin Valley area and at 10 instructional sites. Classes are also offered online.

### College and School Structure:

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- Peake School of Christian Mission
- Digital Media Art & Design
- Psychology
- School of Health and Professional Sciences
- School of Business, Economics and Technology
- Information Technology
- School of Education
- School of Nursing

Address: 1350 King College Road, Bristol, TN 37620

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## Northeast State Community College

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- Science

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For more information visit [www.northeaststate.edu](http://www.northeaststate.edu)

## The Kingsport Academic Village

The Kingsport Academic Village is a five-building, 54,000-square-foot facility in downtown Kingsport administered by Northeast State Community College. The center combines the resources of King University, Lincoln Memorial University, Milligan College, and Northeast

State Community College under one roof. Students are able to earn selected baccalaureate and graduate degrees from participating colleges and universities as well as associate degrees from Northeast State.

Address: 300 W. Market St., Kingsport, Tenn. 37660

For more information visit [www.kingsportacademicvillage.com](http://www.kingsportacademicvillage.com)

## ETSU at Kingsport

East Tennessee State University, which has its main campus in Johnson City, has two locations offering classes in Kingsport. One is in the Kingsport Center for Higher Education and the other is the Allandale campus located near Allandale Mansion.

Address: ETSU at Kingsport downtown, 300 W. Market St., Kingsport, Tenn. 37660; ETSU at Kingsport, Allandale, 1501 University Blvd., Kingsport, Tenn. 37660.

For more information visit: [www.etsu.edu/academicaffairs/scs/kingsport](http://www.etsu.edu/academicaffairs/scs/kingsport)





# Best things about Sullivan County Schools

What is the best thing about public schools in Kingsport and Sullivan County?

Board of Education members from Kingsport City Schools and Sullivan County Schools answered that question as follows:

KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS, School board President Jim Welch:

"Kingsport Mayor Pat Shull describes the Kingsport City Schools as the city's 'crown jewel.' That is a very apt description for a community that has historically viewed its public education programs as something they get to provide as opposed to viewing them as a service they have to provide," Welch responded.

"That level of support has enabled our school system to provide curricular and extracurricular opportunities to our students that are world class. Our reputation attracts exceptionally talented educators and support staff personnel that work to assure that every child who enters our doors will have an equal opportunity to achieve her/his potential. While our students continue collectively to do well on standard academic assessments at all levels, our system wide commitment to our 'Portrait of a Graduate' strategic vision encourages the development of necessary social skills and attributes that are pivotal for the future roles our students will have in the communities they choose to call home."

KCS, School Board Vice President Julie Byers: "The best thing about Kingsport City Schools is the opportunities it provides not only to students but also to staff. With courses in Career Technology, students can learn about welding, culinary, cosmetology, landscape, vet medicine, pharmacy and more and many earn their initial certification," Byers said.



"With 29 Advanced Placement classes, students have plenty of opportunities to earn college credit while exploring areas of interest.

"The music program has enabled students to travel the world to perform in high profile venues like St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Rose Parade in Pasadena, and the Washington Cathedral in Washington D.C to name a few. The KCS drama hawks have won numerous times the state competition and the ceramics class has created bowls for a community fundraiser Soup for Supper," Byers said. "The debate team, the Scholars Bowl, Future Business Leaders of America and Robotics at all age levels have been able to travel to compete and opened up students to new growth opportunities. The list goes on but these would not be possible without our dedicated staff willing to lead, mentor, and travel."

Byers also cited sports and said that in middle school, two-thirds of students are involved in an extracurricular activity, while elementary students have the dribblers who perform in parades and at half time shows and singers who get to perform at Carowinds and Dollywood. In addition, she said thanks go to the bus drivers, school food service employees, teachers and administrators who have adapted to the virtual, hybrid and face-to-face learning as affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS school board Chairman Randall Jones said "The best thing about our school system is the 'people.' Our students are the greatest natural resource that we have," Jones said. "Our teachers, other staff and the communities that we serve are the BEST!"

"During the COVID-19 pandemic our entire staff has demonstrated their dedication and resourcefulness under very trying conditions. They are an asset and drive our educational atmosphere to be the BEST!"

School board member Randall Gilmore: "At the risk of sounding like a cliché, the 'best thing about our school system' is the community of which it is comprised...students, teachers, parents, and administrators," Gilmore said. "I am a product of Sullivan County schools and I have such fond memories of so many outstanding teachers who poured into my development, both intellectually and emotionally. One of those teachers directed me to the college I attended, which shaped my career," he said. "Both of my sons graduated from Sullivan County schools and once more, they had teachers who cared about them as students and athletes, but also as people. While my wife is from Southwest Virginia, she has taught in Sullivan County for almost 25 years, where friendships and personal growth have been carefully cultivated.

"I spent almost 30 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator in Sullivan County and I still have regular contact with many of the people with whom I interacted, particularly former students. The bonds of trust, compassion, and overcoming challenges together forge deep, meaningful relationships.

"While the system is not perfect and while I have also been part of difficult times, the 'best thing about our school system' is that professional educators are willing to become personal advocates to try to help students reach their full potential, learn how to overcome adversity, and embrace respect and civility. When parents and caregivers partner with that endeavor, the result is powerful."



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# Experience entertainment, culture in Sullivan County

By Holly Viers

Whether you enjoy music, theater, dance, or traditional art, Sullivan County has something for you.

For many years, this region has been known as a place where cultural arts are both supported and celebrated. Below are a few of the area's most popular arts offerings.

## **Symphony of the Mountains**

Though it is based in Kingsport, Symphony of the Mountains serves the entire region. It began when a small group of musicians formed the Kingsport Symphony Orchestra in 1946. Since then the orchestra has not only changed its name, but also expanded its reach in the community.

Today, the orchestra consists of more than 70 professional musicians under the direction of Cornelia Laemmli Orth. The group performs multiple concerts at a number of regional venues each year.

## **Paramount Bristol**

A multi-use performing arts center, Paramount Bristol enlivens the heart of downtown Bristol with music, dance, comedy, film, theater and family entertainment.

The venue first opened in 1931 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A large scale restoration project at the venue was completed in 1991 to restore the space to its original glory. Today, the center hosts both local and world-renowned artists and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

## **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**

Country music has played a significant role in Sullivan County for generations. Today, that heritage is celebrated at the Birthplace of Country Music Museum. Located in Bristol, the



Smithsonian-affiliated museum tells the story of the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings, often referred to as the Big Bang of modern country music.

At the museum, visitors will find text and artifacts, photographs, multiple theater experiences and interactive displays that bring the rich history of country music to life. Rotating exhibitions from guest curators and other institutions, including the Smithsonian, are also featured throughout the year.

## **Kingsport Ballet**

A nonprofit organization, Kingsport Ballet aims to foster professional, quality dance through education, performance, outreach, advocacy and partnerships. It began in the early 1980s as Kingsport Guild of Ballet and was renamed Kingsport Ballet after merging with State of Franklin Dance Alliance in 2001.

Students at Kingsport Ballet are trained by professional instructors in a 15,000-square-foot facility in downtown Kingsport. The organization stages multiple performances each year, including a traditional Russian performance of the Nutcracker.

## **Bristol Ballet**

Established in 1948, Bristol Ballet's mission is to educate students and the general public about dance as an art form. It is located in the historic district of Bristol, across the street from Paramount Bristol.

A group of dancers at intermediate level or higher comprise the Bristol Ballet Performing Company, which performs two major shows each season, in addition to several smaller

shows. Bristol Ballet produces the Nutcracker in December, Company school show tours in early spring, and a spring student concert each year.

## **Kingsport Theater Guild**

One of the oldest community theaters in the state, Kingsport Theater Guild has been in operation since 1947. The guild has performed at a variety of locations over the years and currently stages its shows at the Kingsport Renaissance Center.

Each year, the organization plans a full slate of shows for the main stage and for its downtown series. Past shows have included classics like "West Side Story," "The Crucible," "Murder on the Orient Express" and many others.

## **Theatre Bristol**

Originally established in 1965 as the Bristol Children's Theater, Theatre Bristol is a community theater that focuses on reaching child performers and audiences. It has many outreach programs, workshops and other educational programs and is run mainly by volunteers.

The organization's main-stage season consists of up to five productions, most of which take place in the ARTspace, a multi-purpose, black box theatre which seats up to 100. Some performances also take place at Paramount Bristol.

## **Kingsport Carousel**

A popular family destination, the Kingsport Carousel puts the art of wood carving on full display. The carousel is a totally renovated 1956 Allen Herschell model located inside the temperature-controlled "Pal's Roundhouse" in downtown Kingsport.



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# Transportation

Not only does Interstate 26 begin in Kingsport, it also intersects with Interstate 81 in Kingsport, making Sullivan County an important crossroads for the federal interstate system.

## MAJOR ROADWAYS

### INTERSTATE 26

I-26 begins at the Tennessee and Virginia border in Kingsport and follows a southeast path 306 miles, ending at US 17 in Charleston, S. C.

### INTERSTATE 81

I-81 begins in Dandridge, Tenn. at the I-40 intersection just east of Knoxville and goes north 854 miles, ending at the Canadian border near Syracuse, N. Y.

## OTHER FEDERAL HIGHWAYS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY

On the Virginia side of the state line where I-26 ends is U.S. 23 which extends north through Southwest Virginia, and into metropolitan areas including Ashland, Ky.; Columbus, Ohio; Perrysburg, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Mich.; and ending at Mackinaw City, Mich.

The northernmost interchange on I-26 is with US 11-W (Stone Drive) in Kingsport. U.S. 11-W is a federal highway that begins at the Virginia State line in Bristol, and extends 111 miles west through Kingsport to Rogersville, Bean Station, Rutledge, and ends in Knoxville.

U.S. 11E (Volunteer Parkway) connects Bristol, Bluff City, Piney Flats and Johnson City where it intersects with I-26.

A nine-mile section of U.S. 421 passes through the Bristol, Tenn area. U.S. 421 is 941 miles long and begins at Fort Fisher, N. C., moving northwest to Michigan City, Ind.

## STATE HIGHWAYS

Sullivan County has 195 miles of state highways. Among Sullivan County's main state highways are: Rt. 93 (John B. Dennis Highway) which connects Kingsport with Greeneville.

Rt. 75 which connects Blountville to Gray in Washington County, and Limestone in Greene County. Rt. 126 (Memorial Boulevard) which connects Kingsport, Blountville and Bristol.

Rt. 36 (Fort Henry Drive) which connects Kingsport, Gray and Johnson City.

Rt. 394 which connects 11-W near Bristol with I-81, as well as the Volunteer Parkway near Bristol Motor Speedway, and ends at US 421.

## SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Sullivan County also has 884 miles of unincorporated county roads.

Within the county road system there are 63 thoroughfares, or what the county calls "collector roads," encompassing 147 miles.

There are 1,989 named roads in Sullivan County. County Roads are defined in classes, and in Sullivan County there are 337 miles of "First Class" roads, or roads that are at least 24 feet wide.

There are 374 miles of Second Class Roads which are at least 18 feet wide.

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# Ballad Health

Ballad Health is an integrated healthcare system serving 29 counties of Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, Northwest North Carolina and Southeast Kentucky. The system was created to improve the health of the people in the areas it serves.

Ballad Health operates a family of 21 hospitals, including three tertiary medical centers, a dedicated children's hospital, community hospitals, three critical access hospitals, a behavioral health hospital, an addiction treatment facility, long-term care facilities, home care and hospice services, retail pharmacies, outpatient services and a comprehensive medical management corporation.

## How did Ballad Health get its name?

Ballad Health was formed in 2018 by the merger of two regional health systems. The new organization was built with community effort and is designed to meet local needs. Ballad Health wanted its new name to reflect our region's strength and what local people told them they value most in a healthcare provider.

"So we asked around – a lot," the system's website ([www.balladhealth.org](http://www.balladhealth.org)) noted. "We surveyed people throughout our region, and asked them what they most want from a healthcare interaction. The top response? People told us they want to receive care from someone who really listens to them. When our health is at stake, we need to be able to trust our caregiver. We need to know that the person sitting with us in the exam room or at our bedside understands where we're coming from and how we got where we are today. Each life is a series of interconnected stories, and every story is important."

"In fact, stories are a big part of what makes our region special. Our local history is deeply rooted in our stories and our songs – they capture who we are, where we've come from, and everything we've seen along the way. A ballad is a song that tells a story. We chose the name Ballad Health because we want to be reminded every day that good health is about more than healthcare – it's about the story of our lives. When you choose to tell your story to us, you're giving us a sacred trust, and it is absolutely essential that we listen."

## Want to join Ballad Health?

Visit Ballad Health's careers page (<https://www.balladhealth.org/careers>) to find out how to become part of the Ballad Health team. Have a heart for volunteering? Visit Ballad's volunteers page to learn how you can put your unique talents to work helping others.

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# Sullivan County History

Sullivan County offers you chance to peek at life and key points in our nation's history, from its days as the Western Frontier through the atomic age. It is in the heart of a region that includes many "firsts," and it and its people played important roles in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and bringing an end to World War II.

Today several historic sites, coupled with special annual events, offer the public opportunities to explore a rich heritage. Some of them include Rocky Mount, the Old Deery Inn, the Exchange Place, the Netherland Inn, and the Birthplace of Country Music.

Rocky Mount, in unincorporated Piney Flats, was the first territorial capital of what became Tennessee. Modern Kingsport was the first 20th Century planned American city and first governed by a board of mayor and aldermen-city manager form of government; Bristol is dubbed the Birthplace of Country Music because of recording sessions there in the early 20th Century; and Tennessee Eastman in Kingsport had a part in the first atomic bomb, used in 1945 to end World War II.

A few milestones:

Sullivan County was established in 1780, making it one of the earliest settled areas in Tennessee. The county is named for Gen. John Sullivan, a New Hampshire Revolutionary War leader.

The north fork of the Holston forms the county boundary with neighboring Hawkins County, which was created out of Sullivan in 1786.

Col. John Donelson assembled his family and other settlers for a voyage down the Holston to establish a settlement on the Cumberland River in December 1779, and he eventually founded



what became Nashville. Rivers and early roads made Sullivan County a gateway for western settlement of immigrants.

The Exchange Place in Kingsport provides historical context of 1700s life in Sullivan County, as does Rocky Mount in Piney Flats. Sullivan County in the early 19th Century developed an agricultural area with an economy augmented with industries such as iron works, powder mills, tanneries, gristmills and sawmills. Blountville, centered on a turnpike that went north to Richmond, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Penn., was the county seat and a prosperous trade and commercial town. The Deery Inn served travelers from 1785 to the 1930s.

According to a brief history of Bluff City on the town's website, the town "was first known as Choate's Ford and then as Middletown when the town was platted in 1858. Later known as

Union, Zollicoffer and Union again, it became Bluff City on July 1, 1887. In 1870, the well-known brand of Saint Joseph drug products originated in Bluff City."

Bristol's first century was as a rural village. Evan Shelby (1719-1794) came to Sapling Grove (now Bristol) in 1771 and established a fort that became a settlement center. During the Revolutionary War, Shelby commanded expeditions against the Chickamauga towns, and early planning for the Kings Mountain campaign took place in his quarters at the fort. Modern Bristol dates to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when an industrial town developed at the junction of the Southern Railway and Norfolk and Western Railroad. The presence of two major lines attracted rapid commercial and industrial development. The "other" Bristol, Bristol, Va., is just north of metal boundary markers in the middle of State Street. In the 1920s, Victor





Talking Machine Company talent scout Ralph Peer set up a recording studio on the Tennessee side of State Street and made a series of recordings with regional artists. The 1927 "Bristol Sessions" featured the Stoneman Family, the Carter Family from Hiltons, Va., northeast of Kingsport, and Jimmie Rodgers. It marked the beginning of the modern country music industry, the "Big Bang" of country music.

Modern Kingsport's impetus can be traced to 1909, when the construction of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway (CC&O) passed through the Holston Valley. This link to Cincinnati and the Atlantic opened the door for

Sullivan County's development as an industrial center. An improvement association planned an industrial city for the land near the village of Kingsport with the aid of John Nolan, an engineer and city planner. Historian, teacher and author Margaret Ripley Wolfe described Kingsport as the first economically diversified, professionally planned and privately financed city in 20th Century America "produced by the marriage of New South philosophy and Progressivism."

During the Great Depression, Eastman became Kingsport's largest employer, helping make the new town an anomaly: an industrial city experiencing growth. During the early 1940s

scientists from Eastman developed a process for continuous flow production of RDX, an explosive capable of penetrating the hulls of the World War II German submarines. Consequently, Eastman received the contract to build and operate Holston Army Ammunition Plant, long known as Holston Ordnance and today operated by BAE. By the end of the war it had become the largest explosive manufacturing facility in the world.

Sources: Blythe Semmer, Margaret Ripley Wolfe, in "The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture."

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# Tri-Cities Airport

BLOUNTVILLE - Tri-Cities Airport is a full-service commercial airport serving Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, Western North Carolina and Eastern Kentucky.

TRI is centrally located between the cities of Bristol, Kingsport and Johnson City, Tennessee, just three miles off Interstate 81 at Exit 63. The Airport's 23,000-sq-ft. concourse provides comfort and convenience for travelers with seven spacious gates, restaurant, bar, gift shop, business center and free WiFi.

The main terminal offers travelers a restaurant, bar, gift shop, ATMs, free WiFi, and a staffed airport services counter to answer questions, page individuals and provide tours. A full-range of rental car options are available and taxi/limo service can be arranged at baggage claim.

The Airport's property covers approximately 1,260 acres, including a 119,000-sq-ft. terminal, a fixed based operator, corporate hangars, FAA air traffic control tower, and TRI Aerospace Park with an Air Cargo Logistics Center. The Tri-Cities Air Cargo Logistics Center houses U.S. Customs Port No. 2027 and Foreign-Trade Zone No. 204. These departments facilitate cargo transportation and serve as the Airport's economic development tool for cities, counties, and economic development boards regarding regional trade and logistics.

TRI is governed by a 12-person board, appointed by the Cities of Kingsport, Bristol, Johnson City, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia; Washington and Sullivan Counties, Tennessee.

## Here's what is going on at Tri-Cities Airport:

CARES Act Grant-related  
Implemented additional cleaning protocols.

Published informational webpage to provide updates helpful for the traveling public.

Installed plexiglass barriers.

Posted signage regarding proper hygiene, social distancing and use of masks.

Worked(ing) closely with various officials and organizations to help stop the COVID- 19 spread.

Received \$10.3 million in Cares Act Grant Funds.

Received Government Finance Officers Association award for 21st consecutive year. Dallas-Fort Worth flights were upgraded to larger aircraft (CRJ 700) with dual class service (1st class and main cabin). Announced partnership with Hands On! Discovery Center for an airport-based Draw Alive exhibit.

Held the first Legislative Day at TRI event for federal, state and local elected officials. Launched e-newsletter MY TRI News – can subscribe via TRIflight.com.

Held successful triennial disaster drill, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

## Aerospace Park

160 acres ready for business development. 75% of construction substantially complete. July 2021 expected project closeout.

Construction of a 120,000-square-foot apron connecting taxiway, airfield, and Aerospace Park scheduled for completion in June 2021.

Received Tennessee Department of Transportation Aeronautics grant for design/construction and Appalachian Regional Commission grant funding for a Northeast State AMT (aviation maintenance technology) hangar which will support Northeast State's Aviation Technology program.

Updated the flight information display system (FIDS) including new monitors in the concourse.

Removed old airport rotating beacon and installed a new navigational aid - airport rotating beacon in August 2020.

Completed a rental car service facility rehabilitation project in September 2020.

The remodel/upgrade of a new concourse restaurant to be completed in December 2020. Acquired approximately 37 acres of adjoining farmland for future airport development in August 2020.

Plans to acquire an adjoining residential home on an approximately 2.5 acre lot for future airport development in December 2020.

## Future/Upcoming Items

Continue with planning and design for terminal roof replacement with construction expected to begin in 2021.

Preparing design plans for an expanded passenger/employee parking lot for future demand. TRI offers direct service to ATL, CLT, DFW, SFB, PIE (seasonally) on Allegiant, American Airlines, and Delta Air Lines.

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# SULLIVAN COUNTY STATISTICS AND FACTS

## Population

158,348

## Population by age group

- Under 5: 5%
- Under 18: 19.6%
- 18-64: 59.3%
- 65 and older: 21.1%

## Family income

Total households: 65,896

Median household income: \$43,442

Income less than \$10,000	7.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.3%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	13.3%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	13.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15.1%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3.6%
\$200,000 or more	3.0%

**Land area:** 413.4 square miles

**Highest elevation:** 4,309 feet

## Government type:

24-member county commission, elected to four-year terms by district; county mayor elected to a four-year term; major county departments operated by elected officeholders, including a sheriff, a county trustee; register of deeds, property assessor; county attorney; county clerk; highway commissioner; and circuit court clerk.

## County zoning: Yes

Property tax rate: \$2.57\* per \$100 of assessed value (\*2021 is a reappraisal year, which occurs every four years, is subject to an equalized rate set by the state. And the Sullivan County Commission voted in 2020 to increase the tax rate for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021 to pay for \$80 million in bond debt issued to fund construction of a new county jail.)

Bond Rating: Aa2  
(Moody's Investor Service).

## Climate

- Average temperature: 58° F
- Average precipitation: 43 inches
- Average snowfall: 9 inches

Elections: A county general election is held in August every two years.

Sources - sullivancountyttn.gov, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, U.S. Climate Data

## BRISTOL

Bristol is actually two cities that meet at the state line between Tennessee and Virginia.

Bristol, Tenn., in Sullivan County, has a population of 26,705 while Bristol, Va. has a population of 17,750.

Bristol Tennessee's population breakdown is:  
Under five years of age . . . . . 4.5

percent

5 to 17	5.4%
18 to 24	8.4%
25 to 34	12.1%
35 to 54	26.3%
55 to 64	14.8%
65 and over	18.5%

Average annual precipitation is 41 inches.

Annual average snowfall is 15 inches

The two Bristols combined cover more than 45 square miles

Bristol Tennessee has a city manager/elected city council form of government.

It has zoning regulations for homes, business and industry

Bristol, Tennessee's property tax rate is \$2.16 per \$100 of assessed value  
Source: US Census and City of Bristol

## Family income Bristol, Tennessee

Median household income. . . . .	\$40,943
Less than \$15,000. . . . .	16.52%
\$15,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	13.97%
\$25,000 to \$34,999 . . . . .	12.97%
\$35,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	17.62%
\$50,000 to \$74,999 . . . . .	17.55%
\$75,000 to \$99,999. . . . .	9.30%
\$100,000 to \$124,999 . . . . .	4.55%
\$125,000 to \$149,999 . . . . .	2.60%
\$150,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	2.24%
\$200,000 and Over . . . . .	2.69%

Source: U.S. Census

## KINGSPORT

### Population

54,127

### Population by age group

- Under 5: 5.7%
- 18 and under: 20.1%
- 65 and older: 21%

### Family income

#### Total households:

26,279

Median household income: . . . . .	\$40,100
Income less than \$10,000 . . . . .	8.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999 . . . . .	7.4%
\$15,000 to \$24,999 . . . . .	14.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999 . . . . .	13.5%
\$35,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	13.6%
\$50,000 to \$74,999 . . . . .	15.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	10.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999 . . . . .	8.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	3.9%
\$200,000 or more . . . . .	3.6%

Land area: 50 square miles

Highest elevation: 2,400' (Bays Mountain)

### Government type:

City manager/Board of Mayor and Aldermen

County zoning: Yes

Property tax rate: \$1.975 per \$100 of assessed value.

Bond Rating: Aa2 (Moody's Investor Service);  
AA (Standard and Poor)

### Climate

- Average temperature: 58° F
- Average precipitation: 43 inches
- Average snowfall: 9 inches

Elections: Kingsport holds city elections in May every two years where the mayor and three aldermen are on the ballot.

Source – City of Kingsport; Move to Kingsport; the 2018 American Community Survey 5-year Profiles; U.S. Census Bureau 2019 estimates.



# SULLIVAN COUNTY STATISTICS AND FACTS

## BLUFF CITY

### Population by age group

Under 5: 4.9%

Under 18: 24%

65 and older: 16%

### Family income:

#### Total households: 732

Median household income: . . . . . \$34,118

Income less than \$10,000 . . . . . 7.9%

\$10,000 to \$14,999 . . . . . 4.9%

\$15,000 to \$24,999 . . . . . 14.0%

\$25,000 to \$34,999 . . . . . 14.8%

\$35,000 to \$49,999 . . . . . 23.3%

\$50,000 to \$74,999 . . . . . 16.6%

\$75,000 to \$99,000 . . . . . 6.9%

\$100,000 to \$149,999 . . . . . 8.5%

\$200,000 or more . . . . . 1.5%

Land area: 1.54 square miles

Elevation: 1,450 feet above sea level

**Government type:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen (Mayor serves as city manager)

**Zoning:** Yes

### Property tax rate:

\$1.28 per \$100 of assessed value

Bond Rating: Not available

### Climate

Average temperature 57°

Average precipitation: 42 inches

Average snowfall: 12 inches

Elections: Bluff City holds city elections in May every two years. For 2021, two aldermen and the mayor will be on the ballot.

Sources: Town of Bluff City; 2016 and 2018 American Community Survey 5-year Profiles and U.S. Census Bureau 2020 estimates; National Weather Service; Sullivan County Election Commission; weatherspark.com; and bestplaces.net

## COST OF LIVING

Bestplaces.net's cost of living indices are based on a U.S. average of 100. An amount below 100 indicates a cost of living that is cheaper than the U.S. average.

## KINGSPORT

Overall index: 81.1

Food and groceries: 95.3

Housing (homeowner): 57.3

Median Home Cost: \$132,500

Utilities: 92.4

Transportation: 80.9

Health: 99.2

Miscellaneous: 95.8

## JOHNSON CITY

Overall index: 82

Food and groceries: 96.2

Housing (homeowner): 64.4

Median Home Cost: \$148,800

Utilities: 93.3

Transportation: 73.5

Health: 97.2

Miscellaneous: 96.9

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### Modern Forge of Tennessee

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### Silgan Packaging

200 Employees

Source: NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership

## BRISTOL, Tn.

Overall index: 78.4

Food and groceries: 94.9

Housing (homeowner): 51.1

Median Home Cost: \$118,200

Utilities: 91.8

Transportation: 77.1

Health: 99.2

Miscellaneous: 96

Source: bestplaces.net



# Bristol Motor Speedway

“Bristol getting dirty” is among the region’s most anticipated events on the 2021 schedule.

As part of Bristol Motor Speedway’s 60th anniversary celebration in 2021, “The Last Great Colosseum” will be transformed into a state-of-the-art dirt racing facility for the Food City race on March 28.

The event will mark the first time the **NASCAR Cup Series** will compete on dirt in the sport’s modern era. The last time the Cup Series held a race on dirt was at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1970, won by Richard Petty.

It will be the third time that BMS will transform into a dirt facility, as the track converted to dirt to host the World of Outlaws in 2000 and 2001.

The **Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race** will once again be held in September as a cut-off race in the Round of 16 of the NASCAR Playoffs.

Founded in 1961, Bristol Motor Speedway is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2021 and has many exciting things planned during the year to reflect on the great moments that have made the multi-use sports and entertainment destination one of the very best for creating wow moments and cherished memories for fans.

The latest venture to host a return to NASCAR’s roots of dirt racing will certainly add to that legacy.

“We are blessed here at Bristol Motor Speedway to have held some really captivating events in the last 60 years,” said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager of Bris-



tol Motor Speedway. “Hosting the tradition-rich Food City race on dirt is certainly an event that will immediately jump on the list of some of the most compelling events that have taken center stage at Bristol Motor Speedway.”

## Other events on the 2021 BMS schedule

Legendary country band “**Alabama**” brings its “**50th Anniversary Tour**” visit to the Thunder Valley Amphitheatre presented by Ballad Health for Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021.

The highly-anticipated concert will feature the iconic Grammy-winning group’s signature style of music.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. with special guest John Michael Montgomery and tickets are available. Following the event, the night sky will light up with the Food City fireworks spectacular in a fitting end to a great night of entertainment.

**NASCAR Xfinity Series Food City 300** will be Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 as the series’ regular-season finale.

The **NASCAR Cup Series Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race** will be Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 as a cut-off race in the Round of 16 of the NASCAR Playoffs.

As of press time these are the only events on the BMS 2021 schedule, and the Bristol Dragway 2021 schedule hasn’t been finalized.

## Other area racing venues

**Kingsport Speedway**, 2961 N John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, is a 3/8th mile concrete oval that features exciting short track stock car action in the **NASCAR Weekly Racing Series** most Friday nights throughout the summer. Kingsport Speedway also fired up its long dormant Go-Kart track in 2020, and is expected to bring it back in 2021 on most Saturdays.

**Volunteer Speedway**, 14095 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy, Bulls Gap, is a 4/10 mile long dirt race track located in Greene County just off of Interstate 81’s exit 23. It is known as “The World’s Fastest Dirt Track” and features local racing, as well as visits from the top national touring dirt racing series in the nation.

**Lonesome Pine Raceway**, 10802 Old Norton Coeburn Rd., Coeburn, Va., is a 3/8th miles asphalt oval that features local track racing action most Saturdays during the summer.

**Cherokee Raceway Park Dragstrip**, 157 Race Track Rd, Rogersville, is an IHRA sanctioned 1/8th mile dragstrip that features local racing most weekends when weather allows.

**Muddy Creek Raceway**, 450 Ridgeway Dr., Blountville, is a motocross track that is the home of the **Tennessee Pro MX National**, the **Top Gun Showdown**, the **Tennessee State Motocross Championship**, the **ATV Summer National**, & the **Thor United States Mega Series**.





# SULLIVAN COUNTY





# Outdoor recreation abounds in Sullivan County

By Holly Viers

If you're looking for an outdoor lover's paradise, Sullivan County is the place for you.

Throughout the county, you will find a plethora of picturesque spots to enjoy nature all year long. If you aren't sure where to begin your next outdoor adventure, check out one of these local parks:

## Bays Mountain Park

Located in Kingsport, Bays Mountain Park is a 3,550-acre nature preserve that is home to a 44-acre lake, a nature center with a state-of-the-art planetarium, and several animal habitats featuring wolves, bobcats, raptors and reptiles.

The park also includes 39 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and sight-seeing. From a relaxing stroll around the lake to the challenging hike up to the park's fire tower, Bays Mountain offers something for every skill level.

In September, the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Alderman approved funding for a significant upgrade to the park's planetarium. The \$1.2 million project calls for replacing the old digital projectors with new ones, performing maintenance on the star projector (the large device that resembles a dumbbell in the center of the room), installation work and the replacement of the seat covers and cushions.

## Warriors' Path State Park

With 950 acres full of plants and wildlife, Warriors' Path State Park in Kingsport is one of the most popular recreational destinations in the county. Located on the shores of the Patrick Henry Reservoir on the Holston River, the park was named for the Great Cherokee War and Trading Path and remains a pathway for modern-day outdoor enthusiasts.

The park offers several options for hiking, boating and fishing and is home to an Olympic-sized



swimming pool, a nationally recognized golf course, several picnic pavilions, horse stables and a Boundless playground, where children of all physical and mental abilities can play together.

Other must-see offerings at the park include the Lions Narnia Braille Trail, which features eight sensory stations along a quarter-mile that tell visitors the story of Aslan of the Chronicles of Narnia; the fully accessible Anderson Treehouse; and the Palmer Center Foundation Amphitheater, which can host audiences of up to 1,000 people.

## Kingsport Greenbelt

If you're looking for a place to enjoy a peaceful nature walk or bike ride, look no further than the Kingsport Greenbelt. The linear park stretches across the city for 10 miles, connecting shopping centers, restaurants, neighborhoods, schools and other locations.

Several entry points are scattered along the trail, allowing for easy access to the Greenbelt from a variety of locations. Once on the Greenbelt, you will pass by streams, marshlands, meadows and an abundance of vegetation. You might also catch a glimpse of some native wildlife, including squirrels, geese and other birds.

In November, city officials cut the ribbon on a new section of the Greenbelt, located on the eastern end of the trail. The one-mile extension is a 10-foot-wide asphalt path that includes a 325-foot timber frame pedestrian bridge similar to the one on the western end of the Greenbelt.

## Steele Creek Park

On the eastern end of the county lies Steele Creek Park, which spans more than 2,200 acres. Located in Bristol, Tennessee, the park is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. year-round and offers something for the whole family.





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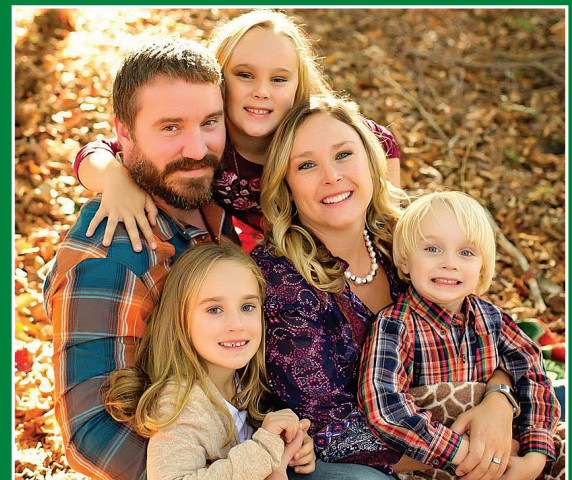
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## How do I choose?



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