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One model house (left) is complete and a second is under construction in the Hunts Crossing Development, located in the Colonial Heights area of Kingsport. Eventually, development founder and manager George Hunt plans to create a traditional neighborhood development with houses, small businesses and community centers linked by sidewalks and walking trails.

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Traditional neighborhoods back in vogue

Hunts Crossing Development being built in Colonial Heights area

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KINGSPORT — George Hunt looked over the rolling hills and off into the distance.

"This land has been in my family for more than 100 years. We wanted to do something special here," he said.

That "something special" is Hunts Crossing Development, a new "old-style neighborhood" being constructed off Moreland Drive in Colonial Heights.

The development is designed to blend houses, small businesses and community gathering points into one neighborhood, linked by sidewalks and walking trails.

"One purpose is to foster a sense of community. Neighbors will know neighbors," said Hunt, who is the founder and manager of the development.

Hunts Crossing is a "traditional neighborhood development" — a concept that began in the 1990s and has spread to various parts of the country. Hunt said his project is the first traditional neighborhood development — or TND — in East Tennessee. He said he got the idea when he visited several TNDs in Charlotte, N.C.

"We started visiting the projects as they were evolving. Since then, we have visited most of the TND projects at least within 500 miles of here or more," Hunt said.

A TND is a comprehensive planning system that includes a variety of housing

types and land uses in a defined area. It could include everything from educational facilities and civic buildings to commercial offices and shops located within walking distance of private homes. These developments are served by a network of paths, streets and lanes, giving residents the option of walking, biking or driving to places within their neighborhood.

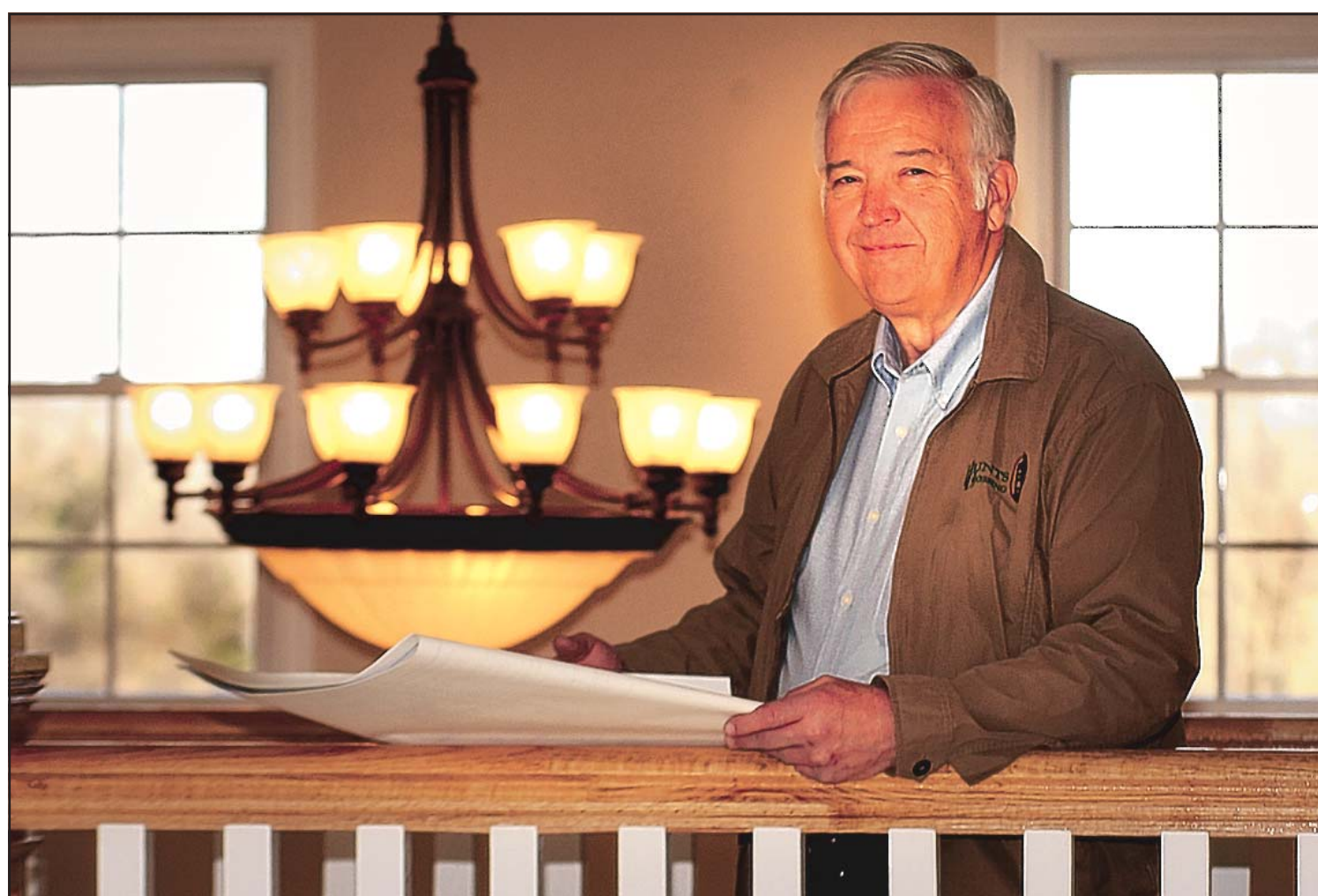
Hunt said his son lives outside Lynchburg, Va., where a TND called Wyndhurst is located. He said the developers at Wyndhurst have constructed 80 percent of the 100-acre project within five years, making it the fastest-growing TND in Virginia.

"There is a real attraction to these projects," Hunt said.

"Our experience draws from the times when neighborhoods really meant neighbors, when porches were used for sitting, and a stroll down a sidewalk would lead to a neighborhood shop," reads the Hunts Crossing Web site (www.huntscrossing.com). "At Hunts Crossing, we are creating a sense of community where people can sit on their front porch, talk with neighbors and walk to neighborhood stores. You can go home again."

Hunts Crossing spans 80 acres and will include 170 houses, a town center, and neighborhood businesses. Phase I, called The Cedars, will include 22 homes along Shadyside Drive off Moreland Drive.

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George Hunt is developing Hunts Crossing, a traditional neighborhood development, in the Colonial Heights area of Kingsport. A model home is open for interested home buyers.

U. S. Gas Prices

Asheville	\$2.58	Miami	\$2.62
Atlanta	\$2.47	Myrtle Beach, S. C.	\$2.45
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Cincinnati	\$2.53	New Orleans	\$2.49
Dallas	\$2.52	New York	\$2.66
Daytona Beach	\$2.62	Norfolk	\$2.47
Denver	\$2.46	Orlando	\$2.55
Detroit	\$2.53	Richmond	\$2.49
Knoxville	\$2.45	San Francisco	\$2.69
Las Vegas	\$2.47	Seattle	\$2.52
Los Angeles	\$2.72	St. Louis	\$2.39
Memphis	\$2.47	Tri-Cities	\$2.48

Note: Prices as of 3:05a.m., March 22, 2006

Source: www.fuelgaugereport.com

Administrative professionals to meet in Erwin

ERWIN — The Tri-Cities chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will meet Tuesday, March 28, at Nuclear Fuel Services' Training Center.

Kevin Schutt, manager for Business Process Improvement at NFS, will present the program. Dinner will be catered by Firehouse BBQ courtesy of NFS.

The chapter welcomes administrative professionals who may be interested in IAAP membership. For more information, call Susan Roberts at (423) 467-3855.

High maintenance employees

ABINGDON, Va. — The Center for Business and Industry and Virginia Highlands Community College will sponsor a one-day seminar on deviant behavior, "How to Manage High Maintenance Employees," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 28 at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, conference center.

Participants will learn how to hire, fire and motivate employees. The cost is \$149 per person. When three or more enroll from the same company, the fourth enrollee can attend for free. To register or for more information, call 1-800-538-4595.

Organize for success

BLOUNTVILLE — The Institute for Business and Industry Services of Northeast State

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Community College will present a one-day program, "Organizing for Success," from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 on the Blountville campus.

Participants will learn techniques to help them become more organized. Additionally, processes to follow for successful multi-tasking and managing time will be practiced.

The facilitator is Ken Zeigler, speaker and author of the course text. The fee for the seminar is \$199, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a copy of Zeigler's book, "Organizing for Success." Reservations are requested by Wednesday, March 29. To register, call Cindy Tauscher at (423) 354-2570 or e-mail cmtauscher@northeaststate.edu.

Identity theft protection

JONESBOROUGH — "Identity Theft: Who's Got Your Number?" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27, at the Jonesborough Library, and again at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Gray Library.

Participants will learn how to protect their Social Security numbers from fraud; how to recognize the warning signs; how to become skilled at spotting phony phishing attacks; how to shop safely online; and what to do if they become a victim of fraud.

The program is free and open to the public. Space is limited. To register, call the Jonesborough Library at 753-1800, or the Gray Library at 477-1550.

Technology council meeting

ELIZABETHTON — The Northeast Tennessee Technology Council will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Elizabethton Technology Center. To register or for more information, call the NETTC office at (423) 279-9000 or e-mail dboggs@netntech.org.

Hazardous waste operations course

American OSH Consultants is offering an eight-hour "Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response" (HAZWOPER) refresher course April 21.

The training is required by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration for persons performing hazardous substance clean-up operations or response to emergencies. It provides information on regulatory updates, enforcement actions, a review of safety procedures and other topics. The fee is \$100 per person. Space is limited. For registration or more information, call (423) 542-3680.

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