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“Tennessee Tragedies: Natural, Technological, and Societal Disasters in the Volunteer State” Lecture by Allen R. Coggins

PROGRAM: “Tennessee Tragedies: Natural, Technological, and Societal Disasters in the Volunteer State,” a Brown Bag Lecture by Allen R. Coggins

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, July 11, 2012

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

The new book *Tennessee Tragedies* by Allen R. Coggins is the first such compilation of historical disasters for any state. The comprehensive work ranges widely from floods, earthquakes, heat waves, and tornadoes to mining accidents, fire, labor strikes, transportation crashes, epidemics, Ku Klux Klan violence, race riots, and everything in-between. The lecture by Coggins on July 11 will include a historical overview of the subject and a closer look at some of the more compelling stories, as well as our response to human tragedy. Coggins is a former emergency management specialist and is currently a subcontractor with the Environment, Safety, and Health Office of Oak Ridge Associate Universities. He recently received an “Award of Research Excellence” from the East Tennessee Historical Society.

The program is sponsored by 21st Mortgage Corp, and free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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