

What on Earth

Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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The Directors Corner

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jackie Waldroop and I have been the Executive Director of Clearfork Community Institute (CCI) for the past four months. Before that, I served on the CCI Board of Directors for six months. I have over 22 years experience working with children and families. First as a Head Start teacher and then working with Henderson Settlement in their Youth Program. I have lived in this valley my whole life and have a fierce pride in my community. My goal for CCI is to bring more activities and programs for all ages which will help the community to grow, learn and sometimes just get together and have fun! If you have any suggestions or ideas on activities or programs you who like to see happen here at CCI, please feel free to call me at, **423-784-0095** or drop by and talk with me about your ideas.



Behind me is a great group of people who help and encourage me every day.

Amanda Gaylor Mike Marlow, Ronnie Adkins, April Jarocki and the Board of Directors, a group of volunteers who guide and direct Clearfork Community Institute. President of the Board, Gayle Huddleston, Sandy Terry, Ralph Teague, Vicki Davis, and Sharon Petro, Treasurer.



Learn more about the Board of Directors on next page.

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Area Happenings

August 7th

Seniors @CCI

11 am

August 9th

Office on Aging

@ CCI

10 am—1 pm

August 11th

Family Justice Center

@ CCI

10am—1 pm

August 12th

Kudzu Kulture Blossom

Harvest @ CCI

10 am—1 pm

“There is no power for change than a community discovering what it cares about.”

- Margaret J. Wheatley-

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Board of Directors

Gayle Huddleston- Board President and Coordinator of the Senior Program (Which is open to anyone aged 60 and over) the Seniors meet the first Monday of every month.

Sharon Petro - Treasurer – Sharon enjoys crafting and along with her sister conducts a Quilting/Sewing Class at CCI during the Fall and Winter months.

Vicki Davis – Voting Member – Vicki has recently started giving Piano lessons at CCI (for more information or to schedule a class, call CCI or message Vicki on FB).

Ralph Teague – Voting Member- Everyone knows Ralph!

Sandy Terry – Voting Member – Sandy is living her dream! She and her family bought a piece of land and are living off the grid. Sometime in the future we may be able to convince her to share her experiences with us.

Clearfork Community Institute is available to rent for Birthday Parties, Wedding Receptions , Family Reunions etc... call 423-784-0095 or message me on FB to schedule an event . Also check us out on Facebook or on our web-page clearforkcommunityinstitute.com



CCI hours are :

Monday- 9am – 3:00pm

Tuesday – 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

These hours may fluctuate from time to time !

Local School News

Back to School Bash and Resource Fair

August 4th 10 am to 2 pm at the Clairfield Volunteer Fire Dept

FREE!!! School supplies, food, games **FREE!!!!**

White Oak Elementary

Registration is August 9th 8:00-11:30.

Sports physicals will be during registration.

First Day of School is Thursday August 10th

Open House will be August 14th 4:30-6:00

Clairfield Elementary

Open House August 4th 2-4 pm

First full day of school Monday August 7th

They are taking applications for a teacher and a part time custodian. If interested, please contact Leigh Ann Cobb for more information.

If you want to have something included in the newsletter, please submit to clearforkcommunity@hotmail.com no later than the 25th of each month.

Kudzu Kulture Blossom Harvest

Join Kudzu Kulture and the Woodland Community Land Trust on Saturday, August 12, from 10:00- 1:00 for a fun day of learning how to identify and harvest Kudzu Blossoms. We will also learn how to make tea and jelly utilizing the blossoms. If you have never tried Kudzu jelly it almost tastes like a grape jelly, just a little different. The event will be held at the Clearfork Community Institute, 170 Y Hollow Road, Clarifield TN 37715. If you would like more information you can go to Kudzuculture.net or call the Woodland office at 423-784-5304. Come out and enjoy learning more about Kudzu, there will also be other kudzu items that you can sample.



Coming to CCI Second Friday of Every Month

On Friday July 14th We were happy to welcome Denise West and her colleagues from the Claiborne County Family Justice Center to our CCI family. Beginning in July, Family Justice Center Remote Services will be providing services on the 2nd Friday of each month at CCI. **All services are provided free of charge and are confidential.** The mission of the Claiborne County Justice Center is to relieve the burden and headache of maneuvering the criminal justice system alone. Their hope is to empower more victims to stand up and become SURVIVOURS. If you need assistance with an Order of Protection or Legal support call 423-919-8012.

CASA Visits CCI

Also visiting with us on Friday was Jan Jones, from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Campbell County, INC. Jan is the Executive Director of CASA, and can be reached at 423-562-2700 . CASA's Mission Statement, To advocate for abused and neglected children by providing them with a voice in Court through highly trained volunteer advocates. These advocates ensure that each child receives the necessary medical, psychological and educational services they need and deserve to thrive. If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer , please call 423-562-2700. (We also have the volunteer application at CCI).

While they were here the Family Justice Center personal hid a rock in Clairfield. This was part of their Hope Rocks awareness Campaign! Mary Ann Hatfield found the rock while shopping at Model Valley and received a \$50.00 Walmart gift card for participating .



Comments and Suggestions

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Obituaries

Our condolences go out to the family of

Randy "Brennon" Cobb, 13, Duff

December 18, 2009 to July 22, 2023

Homer Allen Cobb, 89 Formerly Frakes

August 6, 1933 to July 29, 2023

Charles B. Dupree, 79 Clairfield & Bellevue, MI

July 25, 1944 to July 29, 2023

Harold Wayne Osborne, 53, Formerly Roses Creek

May 30, 1970 to June 29, 2023

"Gone from our sight but never from our hearts"

Community Calendar

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

Claiborne County: 3rd Monday of the month in large courtroom located on Main Street in Tazewell at 6:30 p.m.

Campbell County : Regular Business meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month.

CLEARFORK UTILITY BOARD MEETING 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30p.m

TDEC Comes to the Clearfork Valley

TNACE hosted a community meeting on Tuesday July 25th to give the community a chance to speak with agents from TN Department of Energy and Conservation (TDEC) about the Abandoned Mine Land program. An Abandoned Mine Land (AML) is a coal mine that was active before the coal companies had the responsibility of reclaiming a mine. These sites can have dangerous portals and crumbling highwalls, leak polluted water, or have uneven ground that makes them unusable. The state of Tennessee is getting about \$11 million per year from the Infrastructure Bill to clean up these sites. We would like to thank everyone that attended. Look for more information about this program in next months newsletter.

