

What n Earth

Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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As of August 1st I am a graduate of The New Opportunity School for Women (NOSW) along with 5 other ladies from across East Tennessee. We started this journey together on July 12th at Maryville College, For me this has been one of the most awesome and eye opening experience's of my life. NOSW was founded in 1987 at Berea College by Jane Stephenson this was Maryville's second session. NOSW is designed to improve the educational, financial and personal circumstances of low income, undereducated, middle-aged women in the Appalachian region.



April Jarocki

We had long intense days of classes including basic math, punctuation, creative writing, Poetry, plus many more, one of my favorites was the Appalachian Literature we had 4 sessions and the first one was guided by none other then Mrs. Jane Stephenson herself. We learned about authors who live or set their books and pottery in the Appalachian region. Before I went I had no self confidence but as the days grew so did my self esteem, I now know that I am capable of anything I set my mind to. I had a wonderful experience it taught me more about myself and I where come from then anything ever before. I am so grateful for this opportunity not only for myself but the difference it will make in my families life, and also my new sisters life's, who took this long and sometimes emotional journey with me



Candace Horn keep smiling

I want to send special thanks out to Mary Absher, Sonya Chambers, Linda Ueland, Jennifer Brown, Karen Hekel, Heidi Denise Shell, Sandy Truszinski, April Jarocki , may your wings never be clipped so you can soar to great heights;

History of Video Documentaries in the Clearfork Valley

Marie Cirillo

Retirement gives a person like me time to remember the past and try to imagine what life will be all about for the great great grandchildren that, like many here, might chose to live in the Clearfork Valley.. Having been recently gifted with photos from a summer program held on Roses Creek in 1987, 8 and 9, I turned to WHAT ON EARTH to see if I could post some of them to see if any of those teenagers could help me put names to the faces.

I know that the teachers were Steve Goodman and David Murdock. They taught in a New York School and brought a few of their students with them all three summers. Some of the local women gathered a few teenagers from here and I went to women in Barwick, KY and St. Charles, VA who found a few from their community. Hence these summers probably remain unforgettable to all of them, I certainly was energized by their vitality and engagement in creating 23 minutes stories.

A few weeks ago I found Steve Goodman back at my house. The program in the NY schools continues. The courses are accredited and teachers have developed their curriculum. Steve came to see if there was any way he could help again. I introduced him to



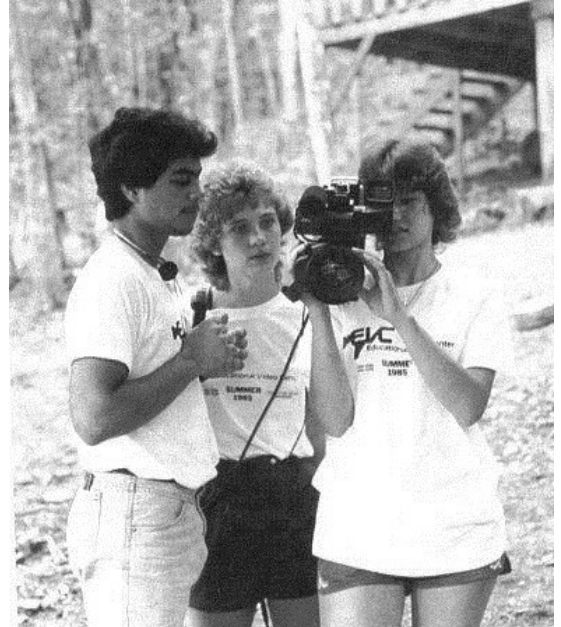
June Pyle since she has both a center and a history of working with youth and also has involvement in the Campbell County Schools.

But then I thought I should find some of the children that were involved in the 1980's and also open this idea to them. Maybe they can help get something started again. Today there is so much more need and reasons for citizen involvement in the future of this community. And I see that this is happening. The three citizen groups I am working with today are using space both at the White Oak Center and the Eagan Center. Both June Pyle and Marie Webster have specific responsibilities related to education

but both also keep those doors open for a growing number of public uses.

My thinking in sharing these pictures is that as people start talking about the 1987,8,9 summer program, others might start talking about the very first video's that students did on three of the coal camps. Then let's talk about what next for our teenagers and video documentaries.

If you are interested I will arrange for evenings in November at both White Oak and Eagan Centers. By that time Steve will have sent me copies of the videos transferred to DVD's.



We can look at some clippings of the 1970 stories, move to the 1980's, talk about things we don't want to loose between then and now, and then see how we citizens can make something happen for our 8th through 12th grads students to add their voice to our story.

Things are changing so quickly, we might not be able to see much more than KUDZU by the end of this 21st century.

Sprucing up!

The **Fonde-Pruden Cemetery** once again had some helpful visitors. About twelve stones were cleaned with borax which removed many years of crud revealing some beautiful marble swirled stones. The cemetery continues to unveil many hidden and forgotten treasures.



With each foot of ground that is cleared I feel like we are reclaiming in some way what has been taken away for almost a hundred years. This cemetery for over two hundred years has served not only as a resting place of the deceased but as a reflection of our heritage- one that is rich with the many different stories that each family has to tell. Stories of: death, sadness, struggles, heartaches, trials, love, happiness, friendships, of the many incredible triumphs over insurmountable odds, and of miracles and blessing from

God. It is literally a melting pot of all nationalities-Germans, Irish, Italian, Welsh, Spanish, English, Dutch, and African descendants, who lie here



Partin Brothers Mercantile



Kinfolk Market under new ownership and open for business. They would like everyone know they are thrilled to be part of community and look forward to doing business with you. Be patient with them, ATM and EBT machines will be up and ready in the next few weeks.



Good Luck to You!

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Community Calendar



Car show September
12thClairfield School

Meet the Knoxville Fellows.

What: Coffee and Cake
When: September 19th
Time: 2:00pm till 4:00 pm
Where: CCI (Old Eagan School)



Commissioner Meeting's

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

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

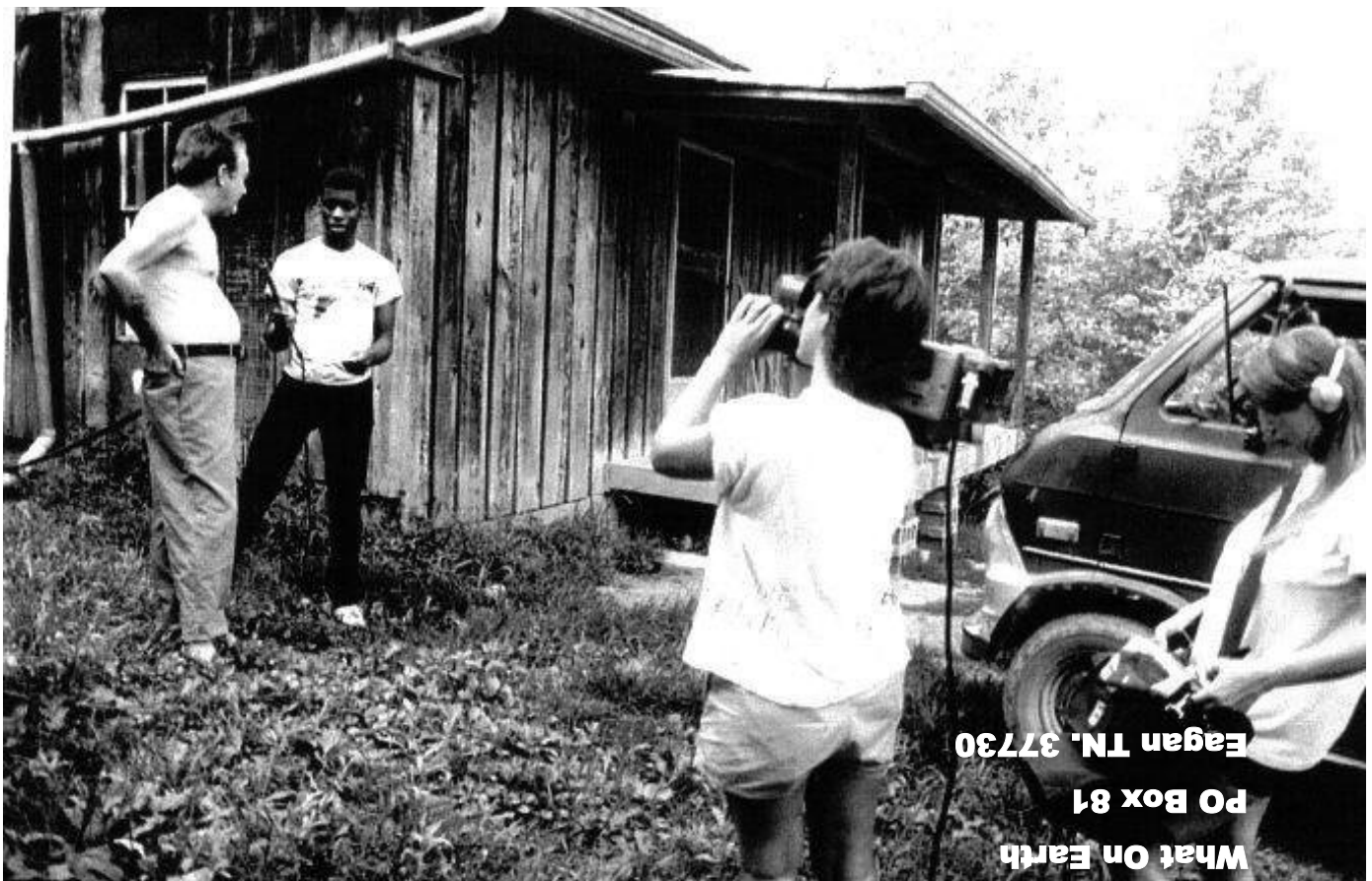
Clearfork Utility Board Meeting. 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m.

Clairfield Volunteer Fire Department: meets on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Parent Resource Center: Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Early Steps Program

Has been canceled. If you are one of the many who was part of this program, contact s the school board and tell them how beneficial it was and you want it back.



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