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Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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Celebrating our Mountain Heritage

By Sharon Petro

The Mildred Haun Festival is An annual event held at Walter State Community College in Morristown. It began in 2008 as the brainchild of Dr. Viki Rouse an English instructor to honor the 100th birthday of Appalachian author, Mildred Haun. (January 06, 1911) In 2007 Dr. Rouse started a class called Appalachian Literature to celebrate and make

people aware of amazing authors from the Appalachian Mountains.

I was in that first class. Forever looking for something to read with characters I could relate to, I was excited to be a part of the class and I was not disappointed. One of the selections for that class was "The Hawk's Done Gone" a short story by Mildred Haun. From **that** class the students started the Appalachian Literature Class Alumni book club that is still active today. Every year a new list is created and then each month a new book is discussed. Many members of the book club continue to support the Festival.

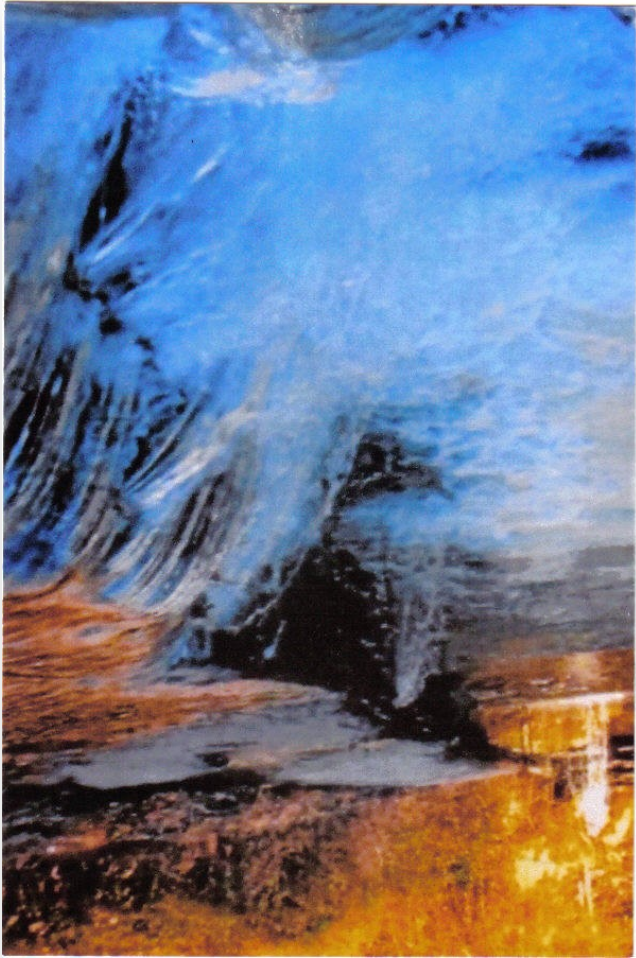
This year I was able to attend three events at the festival. Appalatin' is a group made up of musicians from Appalachia and Latin America. Their music was simply amazing. One of the musicians made an instrument from 1' PVC pipe. He said it was from "My Home Sweet Home Depot". Kelly Saderholm, who has roots in Duff, Tn. gave a very interesting talk about Appalachian Folklore, including personal accounts of witch encounters, folk tales, folk wisdom and the legend of BELL CLIFF in Campbell County, Tn. "A Changing World: An Analysis of Tom T. and Dixie Hall's 'One of those Days (When I miss Lester Flatt)'" by Craig B. Owens brought back memories. How many of us remember sitting down to watch LESTER FLATT and EARL SCRUGGS on a Sunday night? Do people realize what an influence they had on American music, even today? In conclusion, The Mildred Haun Festival is well worth planning ahead for one or both days. It is a great way to celebrate our mountain heritage.

Clairfield Community Distribution



Commodities will no longer be distributed in Clairfield.. Please encourage those from Clairfield to come to the Tazewell distribution. One person can pick up for themselves and two others, but will need proof of eligibility for each household. Also certain organizations can work out something to pick up for their clients.

According to Veronica Stephens Program Manager it is due to budget cuts In program, rising cost, and decrease in participation in that area. **Call (865) 705-8437 for further information.**



A Time of Reflection

Photo & Story by Gary L. Garrett

As I sit here on the bank near the confluence of **Straight Creek** (One of Tennessee's Exceptional Waters) and Rock Creek of the **Clearfork of the Cumberland** in what was once called **Black Diamond** or Marion near **Clairfield, Tennessee** mulling over so many injustices (as I have done many times over the past 45 years) and listening to the sounds of the water rushing, flowing, bubbling, across the rocks, then quickly falling, pounding, roaring in the pool of water below before slowly meandering downstream I am reminded of a Bible verse: **"The voice of the Lord is upon the waters."** And I hear peace, then I realize that I am at peace; just one of the few moments that I have had in many months.

As I listen to the mighty sound or power of the rushing water, I am in awe of the unimaginable power that **God** has and ask myself, **"Why doesn't God change things?"** Then I quickly realize for whatever reason whether out of a lack of knowledge, understanding, fear, laziness, a lack of vision or disobedience that **WE as believers, humans, as HIS VOICE..... FAIL TO BE THE CHANGE.**

As I slowly walk away I hear the faint sound of singing birds and a katydid playing his song now rising above the now fading sound of the water and I am thankful for this time of Reflection.

Black Diamond Falls, better known as the **"Old Baptizing Hole"** near **Clairfield, Tennessee**, was taken after one week of slow steady rain.



Pineapple Pound Cake

1 c. margarine	3 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla	1 c. milk
1/2 c. shortening	1/2 tsp. salt
3 c. plain flour	1 T. baking powder
5 eggs	1 can crushed pineapple



Cream together shortening and margarine. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift together flour and baking powder and add alternately with milk, vanilla and crushed pineapple. Beat well. Pour into greased and floured tube or Bundt pan. Bake at 325* for 1 1/2 hours or until done. Pour on the following while cake is hot leaving cake in pan.

Blend together:

- 1/4 c. margarine
- 1 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 1 c. crushed pineapple, drained.

THANKS MARY TERRY OSBORNE

FOR THIS

RECIPE!



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

IRS Warning about Phone Scams

Recently people in the community have reported receiving threatening telephone calls from the IRS, stating that they are being sued. The IRS was contacted about the matter and the following information was given. Taxpayers should know that their first contact with the IRS will not be a telephone call, but through official correspondence sent through the mail. A big red flag for these scams are angry, threatening calls from people who say they are from the IRS and urging for immediate payment, this is not how the IRS operates. If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an *issue*.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes then call and report the incident to **TIGTA at 1.800.366.4484**.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

For more information or to report a scam, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

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OBITUARIES

Ms. Lillie Jewel Hatfield McCloud

**Age 63 of Eagan, Tennessee passed away Saturday
February 07, 2015 at her home.**

She was born April 04, 1951 in Valley Creek.

Officiating: Dennis "Cotton" Pittman

Burial: in the Hatfield Cemetery (Valley Creek)

Harp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jessie R. Morris

**Age 69 of Clairfield, Tennessee passed away Saturday
February 21, 2015 at the Jellico Community Hospital.**

She was born January 28, 1946 in Jellico, Tennessee.

Officiating: Rev. Johnny Partin

Burial: Morris Family Cemetery (Roses Creek)

Harp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kenneth (Matt) Mazingo

**Age 32 of Anthras Tennessee passed away earlier this week.
Arrangements have not been made.**

Mr. Clarence E. Hackler (Buddy)

**Age 52 of Clairfield, Tennessee passed away Wednesday February
25th, 2015. He was born August 9th, 1962**

Officiating: Rev. Cecil Johnson & Lonnie Lyke

Creech Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

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Music Jam

The **Music Jam** is still going on every month on the 2nd Friday at 6:30. **Join us** bring a instrument, sit back, relax and have a good time.



Community Calendar

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.

CLEARFOEK UTILITY BOARD MEETING

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center.

CLAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT meets on the 2nd Monday of the month..

They need volunteers, need to be 18 years of age.

The Early Steps Program

through **White Oak Elementary School** works on building developmental skills needed for school readiness.

If you are interested in learning more about the program please contact : **Sheila Smith at 423-784-6690** between 8am and 4pm.



HOOP HOUSE WORKSHOP

Want to get an early start on your vegetables.....Socialize with neighbors and have a good time. Want to discover a variety of ways to build hoop houses..... Then JOIN US!

WHERE: CLEARFORK COMMUNITY INSTITUTE

WHEN: FEBRUARY 26TH

TIME: 1pm-5pm



For more information call CCI 784-0095
Refreshments and Door Prizes

The Hoop House

workshop scheduled for
February 26

at CCI has been

rescheduled

till

March 16, 2015.

Participants with Birdhouses made during the TWRA workshop

