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Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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Dear Readers!

Please accept our sincere apologies for the absence of the February Newsletter, and the lateness of the March issue. Due to several extreme conditions we were unable to publish and deliver. There were some interesting stories submitted for the February edition, if you are interested in receiving a hard copy please email me, mariecci2015@gmail.com, or you can read it on our webpage at www.clearforkcommunityinstitute.com under the WOE tab. CCI is looking for volunteers interested in helping with the newsletter, if interested in writing a column or just a one time story contact Marie Webster at 423-784-0095 or email me at the above address.



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SPRING

It is finally here, what everyone has been waiting on, and ready for. Spring is not just when new life burst forth all around us, but a time to lay the past to rest and to start life anew. We at CCI look forward to a new year, and what it might offer with excitement, and anticipation that we might make the world a little better in our part of the world, and we challenge each of you to do the same.

One thing that you as citizens can do to help thousands of citizens across the state of Tennessee is to get on board the fight for Affordable Healthcare.

.Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey needs to hear from you now. He has the ability to bring Insure Tennessee to the floor of the Senate for a full vote, but he will only do so if he hears from all of us.

His number is: 615-741-4524.



Join us for our
Annual Earth day Celebration.

April 18th 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Good Food, good music

Games, raffles, door prizes
and more.

Attention:

Students looking for volunteer opportunities, community service hours, or just want to invest in your community contact CCI, or a Board member. We would be more than glad to have you and we are always looking for those interested in helping shape a healthy productive community.

Welcome Aboard

CCI wants to welcome its newest Board of Directors: **Sharon Petro, Ralph Teague and Walter Washam who are joining Gail Huddleston, Edna Eastridge and Marian Collette** to CCI's board. May we all shine forth under your leadership.

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"Don't let what people say deter you. Great men have always proved others wrong and made a place for themselves in history!"

Spring Break in the Mountains

We want to Thank everyone who participated in our Spring Break in the Mountains program this year. The community members who welcomed them and open up their hearts to new friendships, and the students from Roanoke, Berea, Notre Dame and Auburn University, you all are amazing. We are super glad that we got the spend a week with each of you. It was a very productive month, we accomplished a lot, but more important old friendships were renewed and new friends were made. Thank you guys and come back soon!!! **Marie Webster and staff at CCI**



Over spring break, a group of seven other Roanoke College students and I took part in an Alternative Break trip to Eagan Tennessee. With the help of the Clearfork Community Institute (CCI), Claire Brooks and Mackay Pierce were able to successfully organize this seven day trip. Carol Judy, a leading member of the community, and Marie Webster, the current director of CCI, welcomed us into the community Saturday evening. They invited people of all ages and from all backgrounds to come speak with us about the community and it's variety of issues as well as it's variety of perks.

Claire and Mackay worked to organize this trip in a very thoughtful manner. Each morning we would have "morning circle" following breakfast. Here we would talk about what we were planning to do that day and why that work needs to be done. After morning circle, we would get to work. Each evening, we took about an hour before settling down to go to bed to discuss the day. During these evening reflection times, we were able to openly discuss our thoughts and apply some concrete meaning to what we had seen or heard during the day. This reflection time also offered a great way to bond with one another; reflection often ended with a lot of laughter and jokes between the eight of us.

One of best parts of the trip was the development of relationships with community members. It was amazing to slowly start to understand and appreciate the unique Appalachian culture one can find in Eagan. Being able to relax and go with the flow is one part of the culture at CCI our group grew to appreciate. The ability to relax was not rooted in laziness or disorganization, instead, it was rooted in the value they place in relationships and being able to have time to just speak with one another and share ideas. As Carol Judy said one day during the week, "If it was only the work, we would be done by now. But, it is the relationships we need to worry about."

This trip was a life changing experience for all of us who were part of it. We were given the opportunity to further investigate an issue. This investigation allowed for us to expand our understanding of this multifaceted issue – which is the first step to making a real change. If given the option to do it all over again, I know all eight of us would jump at the opportunity. Megan O'Neill (Roanoke College)

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Genealogy, Family History, Ancestry, Roots....

By: Sharon Petro

Bonnie Page deserves a tremendous amount of credit for putting together several excellent books about our area; Pruden As We Remember It, Speedwell Through 200 Years, and of course my favorite, Clearfork and More. Published in 1985, it was the first time I ever saw a census record. I found my grandparents. In the back of the book is a partial listing of the 1930 Campbell County census. "Dave and Dora Marlow.....". This peaked my interest in genealogy so when I saw an announcement in the Claiborne Progress asking residents for their stories, I started gathering information so that I could get in my two cents worth. Well imagine my disappointment when the book, The People's History of Claiborne County 1801-1988, came out and Clairfield was left off the map! No matter, my story was included. In fact it was the only one in the book from Clairfield. Just a little family history and a spattering of information about our neck of the woods. Here is a condensed version of that story.

Lawrence Marlow

John and Rosa Bell Marlow of Primroy had ten children, two of which I knew: my grandpa Dave and my great aunt Mossie. Dave (1900-1965) married Dora Lee Terry (1908-1979) and Mossie married Abe Terry who was Dora's brother. After Dave and Dora were married they settled in Tackett Creek across Cumberland Mountain from Powell Valley. An oil well now marks the place where their house once stood. Two children were born there: Ida Mae, who died in infancy and Lawrence Edmund (1932), my father.



Around 1941 they moved to Straight Creek where their daughter Rosie Lee was born. Some of their neighbors were Betty Taylor, Dave and Pearl Sharp, Jarve and Bell Davis, Henry and Mary Thomas, and Bob and Jane Thomas.

Lawrence Marlow married Roxie Ann Osborne, the second of six daughters born to Brownloe and Hattie Partin Osborne. Brownloe was the son of Lee and Lucinda Siler Osborne of Primroy. Hattie's parents were Bith and Luverna Henderson Partin of Henderson Settlement. In 1955 they moved from Eagen, Tennessee to Sidney, Ohio. Roxie, having married Lawrence by this time, remained in Straight Creek with daughters Sharon and Mary Ann. They later moved down the road to a camp house where two more children were born: Lawrence Jr. and Linda Lou.

Like his father and grandfather who worked the log woods, Lawrence never worked in a coal mine and never owned any land as far as I know. However, he did raise his children in the Appalachian mountain tradition. He instilled in them a great sense of pride and a deep appreciation for nature.

When the mines began closing many people moved away, but with his skills as a truck driver and mechanic Lawrence was able to stay in the Clearfork Valley and raise his family. Although we have no legal claim to the land, it is ours in the sense that we of the brave and spirited people who settled it. I salute my ancestors and those of my own generation who chose to stay in order that the Appalachian way of life may continue.

In particular, I salute my father, Lawrence Marlow, who is still working to support himself. Over the years when work was slow or even non-existent, he always managed to struggle through. When others left the area he refused, always hopeful that things would get better. Like those before him, he enjoys the simple life these mountains afford; the serenity and solitude of an early morning drive through Valley Creek or the evening melody of the frogs along the creek bank.

Things have changed some since I wrote this in 1988; Daddy and Mommy have both passed away. The oil well is gone. I have moved back home. Back home, what a sweet sound.

The 1940 census is now available. Ancestry.com has a one month free deal going on, check it out. You can check out my family tree at sharonmarlow54. I also have the book "The People's History of Claiborne County 1801-1988" if anyone would like to see it. There are many other books available. If interested in sharing genealogical information with me call me. My ancestry names are Marlow/Osborne/Terry/Partin/Siler/Henderson. Happy Hunting!

Obituaries

Ms. Mary Pittman Byrd

Age 63 of Tackett Creek (Clairfield), Tennessee passed away Sunday, March 08, 2015 at the Jellico Community Hospital. She was born February 20, 1952 in Harlan, Kentucky

Officiating: Rev. Tom Ayers

Burial: Douglas Cemetery in the Wooldridge Community

In lieu of flowers the family ask donations be made to the Harp Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Harp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Roy Henderson

Age 78, of Clairfield, TN passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Beech Tree Manor in Jellico, TN. He was born August 7, 1936 in Fonde, KY

Officiating Rev. Cecil Johnson.

Burial: Green Hills Memorial Gardens.

Creech Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements.

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.

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