

What On Earth

Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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Drawing on the Abilities and Insight of Local Residents

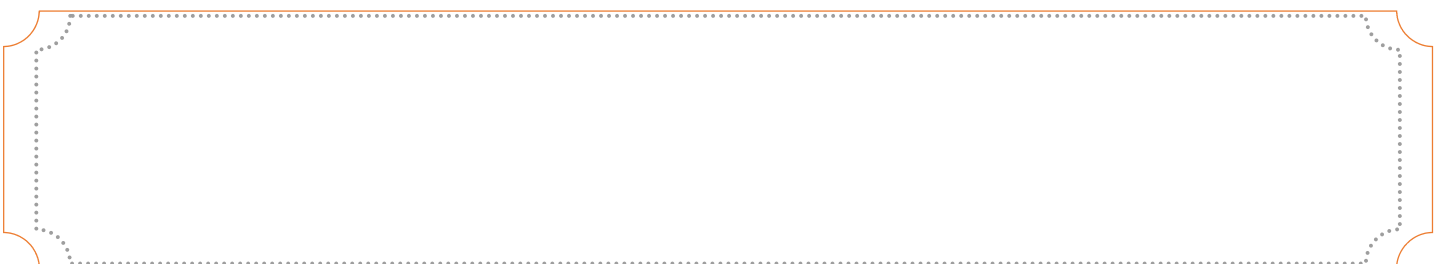
For too many years the focus on this area is on everything that's wrong: from the school system to drugs and crime, what we see is the biggest problem in this community is caused by perception more than reality. When something negative happens here it is widely spread by local gossip or social media showing there is more evidence of "social breakdown," whereas the same thing occurring in another place would be thought of as "an unfortunate event" and quickly forgotten. Even the people who live here have come to feel negative about where they live and helpless to do anything to change things.

Yet, even in the most economically and socially challenged communities, there are a lot of good things going on—shared dreams, community assets, and ways that people come together. These are the building blocks to make things better. That is why the Woodland Community Land Trust along with the TN Appalachian Community Economic (TNACE) group will be conducting a survey by going door knocking, setting up at local events and area stores, instead of looking at the problems but to start with looking at the assets that exist in a community, rather than just looking at what's wrong. We want to solicit the opinions of everyone, including youth and senior citizens of what is good. We want to show there are many skills, talents and desires within our community with hopes to spark future conversations that can build on these strengths and make us glad that we live here.

If you would like more information, have questions or would like to volunteer please call 784-5304.

Welcome to the Community

Morgan Pennington just moved from North Alabama to the Clearfork Valley to join us for the year as an Appalachian Transition Fellow, a program through the Highlander Center that aims to engage in economic transition projects in Central Appalachia. Morgan will be working in the Clearfork Valley with the Woodland Community Land Trust and Statewide (SOCM) Organizing for Community eMpowerment on a project to map community assets, skills, and resources in the valley as well as researching land ownership, specifically ownership of Abandoned Mine Lands and potential economic projects for them.



2018 Camp Clearfork

St. Stephens Episcopal Church and the Woodland Community Land Trust celebrated the end of the season for Camp Clearfork by taking the youth to KY Splash. We have had the pleasure of spending three years with many of the same youth, watching them grow and begin to take on new personalities. We also had some new kids that we had the privilege of spending time with and learning their names, many times by saying it over and over by telling them to walk and not run, in return they would turn their head, smile at you and continue on.

This summer the kids spent time improving their reading skills, learning more about science with hands on experiments, petting owls and even snakes, learning to tell a male snake from a female, (wouldn't recommend it though), breaking geodes, and giving them so many new opportunities. We cannot thank St. Stephens enough for their commitment, their love and compassion they show and the desire to make each year an experience these kids will always remember and carry with them. What a blessings these three years has been.



Candidate Meet and Greet

On Tuesday July 25, 2018 over 60 people attended a Candidate Meet and Greet in Eagan, TN hosted by Woodland Community Land Trust and Clearfork Community Institute. Candidates were given 3 to 5 minutes to introduce themselves and why they are running. Afterwards everyone had time to mingle and have conversations over refreshments. We would like to thank everyone that helped make the evening a success; the volunteers that helped set up and clean up after, the candidates that brought a dessert for the dessert auction and everyone that attended.

Claiborne County

Joe Brooks-County Mayor

Jackie Rosenbaum- Circuit Court Clerk

Big Melvin Daniels- County Mayor

James Acuff- House of Representatives

Randall Smith- County Mayor

Bobby Brooks- County Sheriff

RSVPD but unable to attend

Crystal McNealy Creekmore- School Board 5th district

Tyler King- County Commissioner 5th district

Jack Lynch- County Mayor

Clyde Vincent-County Mayor

Christy Mabry-County Mayor

Campbell County

Robert Hicks- County Commissioner 5th district

Lauren Wright-School Board 5th district

June Turner- Register of Deeds

Carl Douglas- County Commissioner 5th District

Steve Rutherford-County Commissioner 5th district

Samuel Tackett-Constable 5th district

Ralph Davis-County Commissioner 5th District

Mike Freeman -County Mayor

Cassandra Mitchell- House of Representatives



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Obituaries

Our condolences go out to the family of

Ragnar Niklaus Hall June 28, 2018

L.B. Morris SR (74) Duff

January 16, 1944 to July 3, 2018

Harvetta Bolton Coker (72) Lafollette

May 18, 1946 to July 17, 2018

Pauline Dilbeck (82) Duff

December 16, 1935 to July 23, 2018

Johnny Ralph Powers (66) Clairfield

May 30, 1952 to July 26, 2018

Jane Argylee Kellogg (77) Jellico

May 5, 1941 to July 31, 2018

“Gone from our sight but never from our hearts”

Community Calendar

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

Claiborne County: 3rd Monday of the month in large court-room 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 6:00p.m

CLAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: meets on the 1st Monday of the month.

SENIOR Crafts Second and Fourth Monday of the month

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Eating Smart	8 First half day of school Claiborne County	9 First half day of school Campbell County	10	11
12	13	14 ETHRA LiHeap Model Valley 10am	15	16	17 TNACE 12 @CCI	18
19	20	21	22	23 Water Testing @ CCI 10am	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Eagan TN 37730	
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