

What on Earth

Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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White Oak Elementary Saved!

By DJ Coker

You may have heard of the turmoil that was happening with White Oak Elementary School. The School Board of Campbell County proposed transferring the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to Wynn Elementary School which for some students would be an extra 30 minutes of bus time. On Thursday June, 6, Campbell County had their regular School Board Finance Meeting and many parents (from both schools), teachers and community members attended this meeting; several people spoke about their concerns of this proposed change. Some concerns included: travel time, loss of jobs for the teachers, and the children.

On June, 11 the Campbell County School Board held their monthly meeting to discuss the fate of White Oak's 6,7, and 8th graders. Many parents, teachers, and community members attended the meeting. A proposal to keep the 6, 7, and 8th grades at White Oak without costing the School Board any money was sent to the school board and in the end the School Board voted not to move the students from White Oak to Wynn.

A special thank you is in order to Mr. Miller, Mr. Chadwell and all the parents, grandparents, teachers, and community members that attended these meetings and showed their support not only for the school but the students that attend the school.



"The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth. All things are connected... mankind did not weave the web of life; we are but one strand within it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves."

Chief Seattle circ. 1844

Saying Farwell to a Neighbor

By Morgan Pennington



About a year ago today I had just moved into the little guest house nestled on Woodland CLT on Roses Creek. My first experience moving up here and getting to meet folks was volunteering at the summer reading camp that woodland puts on for young kids at CCI, which I am lucky to end my time helping out with as well.

My time here has been filled with creating new lifelong friendships, getting more experience organizing in rural Appalachia, learning more about myself, and hopefully advancing the work of Woodland, SOCM, and the Tennessee Appalachian Community Economics (TNACE) group.

To build on the connections made from all of the conversations from door knocking and at the water utility, over the past few months our group has organized a series of community meetings to discuss how we can use this information within the community and our organizations. We have held three meetings so far in the communities of Eagan, White Oak, and Clairfield and our last event was a community cookout. Through these events we have had over 30 people engaged as either participants or volunteers. Popular themes that have emerged as part of these meetings so far have included: a need for community transportation, support for people struggling with addiction, more social events and things for young people to do, how to tap into the wealth from tourist passing through the community, new jobs, creating outdoor parks, and access to phone and internet towers. People also brought up organizing childcare, litter pick ups, support for the elderly, and addressing bullying within the community. We've also realized through the interviews and meetings that there is a great interest and need for social events that bring the community together and provide something to do. This project has brought in leadership from new residents within the Clearfork Valley that are now involved in planning and facilitating these community events and paving the way for next steps for how to use this information to better organize within the Clearfork Valley. We hope even more participants continue to become involved as the ideas and conversations develop more. When reflecting on my time during this year I can't believe the amount of people that I was able to meet and spend time with that welcomed me into their homes, and how much I was able to learn about this place and the people here. I think in a lot of ways my time here has affirmed how deep people care for each other, and how central community self reliance is to this place. Although I am moving out of the community (to Knoxville) I plan on continuing to be involved and come up as often as I can, and know that because of the friendships I have made that this will be my home away from home in many ways.

National Safety Awareness Month

Each week throughout National Safety Month in June is an opportunity to make a difference in your home, work, and community.

Identifying risks around the home or improving safety standards at home and in your community protects everyone. Whether we increase first aid and emergency awareness through drills or provide water safety tips for summer recreation, we're taking steps to provide a safer neighborhood.

HOW TO OBSERVE

Get involved!

Report repairs as they are needed

Hold drills at home to help children know what to do in the even of
fire

tornado

medical event

another natural disaster

Volunteer to participate in community emergency preparedness events

Put together a first aid kit

Take a CPR class

Teach someone to change a tire properly and safely

Learn about proper storage and disposal of medications

Take a defensive driving course

Learn how to identify fall hazards in a home

Visit the National Safety Council website (NSC.org) for tips and resources and use #NationalSafetyMonth to share on social media.

The National Safety Council promotes National Safety Month annually.



Works Cited

nationaldaycalendar.com/national-safety-month-june/

NSC.org

Obituaries

Our condolences go out to the family of

May 17,

Ms. Alzada Kemplen Terry; age 100 of Frakes, Kentucky

May 21,

Ms. Maudie E. Day; age 91 of Morley

“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. On Main St., In Jacksboro

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 at 11 am at CCI

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Asset Mapping Event at 4:30pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Reading Camp starts	11	12	13	14 Reading Camp ends	15
16	17	18	19	20 Reading Camp 10-3	21 TNACE at CCI at 12pm	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 Water Testing Day @ CCI @10am	28	What On Earth PO Box 81 Eagan TN 37730