

What On Earth

Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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Volunteers Making a Difference

By Gary L. Garrett

The **Clearfork Community Institute** received a very nice letter from **Homer Jones**, a **Vietnam Veteran**. Homer and his son in law, **Charley Walden**, are responsible for sprucing up some of the grave stones at the **Fonde-Pruden Cemetery**. They sprayed on an acid, then brushed and sprayed water to rinse them off. Some of the stones are absolutely beautiful. His friend, **J. C. Jones**, a subscriber to the news letter, whose grandfather, **Isham Jones** and grandmother, **Maggie Luttrell Jones** are buried in the cemetery as well, gave Homer a copy and he read the article in last months' edition, "**Sprucing Up!**"

In his letter Homer states that his mother, **Hazel Lee Carr**, who married his father, **Hugh Willie Jones**, was born in the coal camp of **Fonde** in 1916 and that he also has a lot of cousins that were born there as well. His great grandmother was **Vienny Partin** from **Frakes or Chenoa** whose brother was **James Partin** born 1860. He states in his letter that his grandfather, **James Henry Carr**, had eleven kids and he put all of them out to work at an early age. His grandfather Carr bought a farm in **Bethlehem** in **Campbell County** and stayed in a boarding house in **Fonde**, Kentucky and would walk (like many others) across the mountain near Fonde to **Powell Valley**. He states that one time his grandfather bought a cow and rode it from the valley to Fonde. He has some family buried in the cemetery. Half uncles: **Pat Carr**, who died in **West Virginia** as a result of a mine explosion and **A. B. Carr**, who died as result of slate falling on him. Vienny's brother **Glover Partin** and his mother's uncle **Grover Partin** are buried there as well.

Homer also states, "That a lot of history lays in the Fonde-Pruden Cemetery", which is so very true. I personally wanted to thank **Homer** and **Charley** for investing some of their time, money and energy in to helping preserve a very important part of **OUR local history**. **Thank you for making a difference!**

Please note that contributions to the Fonde-Pruden Cemetery can be sent to 448 Rock Creek Ridge Road, Clairfield, Tennessee, 37715.

Internet

By Candace Horn

How is your internet service? Well ours here at CCI is slow, unreliable, and cost a fortune. So we took some first steps to see if there is anything we could do to change it. While doing research we came across something called publicly owned internet and one example of that is in Morristown, TN through their utilities systems they offer up to 2GB. Why is fiber optic idea for us? I know a lot of people who say that they would try college online if they had the internet capability to do it, also small businesses could benefit from it, people who make crafts in their homes could take advantage of the market it would open up. It would open doors for anyone willing to do a little work. We met and had lunch with Mayor E.L. Morton of Campbell County to tell him our thoughts and to see if he would jump on board, It was a very successful meeting he agrees that to be at an economic advantage we need fiber optics run through our valley. What can you do? Talk to your Utilities board tell them we are ready to move at the speed everyone around us are moving. Come on folks lets don't get left behind again stand up let your voices be heard. We may live in a small community but if we come together we could be heard over these mountains we all call home. To learn more about Fiber Optics contact Candace Horn. candace1324@yahoo.com



Citizens Water Monitoring Training

We (TN ACE) are beginning a Citizens Water Monitoring Project in the Clearfork Valley. We want to test for the following; conductivity, ph, total dissolved solids and temperature (below is a brief definition);

- Conductivity- the degree to which a specified material conducts electricity
- PH- used to specify the acidity or alkalinity of an aqueous solution
- Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) - is a measure of the combined content of all inorganic and organic substances contained in a liquid
- Temperature- a measure of the warmth or coldness of an object or substance

We will be using conductivity and ph meters to perform the tests. There will be an equipment library, where you will be able to check out the meters (unless you have your own). The library will be located at Clearfork Community Institute.

There will be no formal timeframe to perform the tests. If you are going out for a hike or fishing, etc. just come check out a meter and return it later.

We will be recording the results online at The Appalachian Community Enforcement (ACE) Project database.

We will provide training on the use of the meters and the database on October 10, 2015 at 10:00 am, which will be held at the Clearfork Community Institute (CCI). It will be a hands on training (we will be testing in a nearby waterway) so please dress accordingly. Lunch will be provided.

We ask that you call 1-423-784-0095 and RSVP by October 5, 2015. We look forward to seeing you.



What in the World?

BY Gary Garrett

I've been asked the above question many times in the last several months as I've talked with different folks that have noticed the dramatic change in the small, old building that was once known as the **snack bar**. They all want to know, "What in the world is it going to be?" Energetic, **Sharon Petro**, has been the storm in bringing about the change. Her vision was to create a space where kids can come to pick up a book or be read to. **Tree House Books for Kids** is a place where kids are given an opportunity to pick-up a book and discover their world thru reading and other activities such as music, puppet shows, games and storytelling. Sharon is very active with the **Children's Reading Foundation**. Sharon's husband **Ron** helped with the electrical work, her sister **Mary Anne Bourland** and friend, **Darlene Partin**, helped with painting and design. **Walter Washam** helped with the carpentry work, **Donnie Lowe** helped with painting as well. A student from **Union College** helped by painting the tree on one side of the building. **Sandy Badger**, her sister in law, helped by sorting and organizing the books. Pictured above is **Carl Lambdin** adding the finishing touches to the sign. Book donations are welcome. Sharon states, "You never know how one book can change a child's life forever. Drop by, pick up a book and check it out!"





Here Comes Fall

By Melenia Hatfield

September 23 was the first day of fall 2015, and what a beautiful day it was; and with the fall comes all kinds of fun holidays, haunted houses, fall festivals, and decorations everywhere! There is so much fun in decorating for the holidays and whether scary or cute the kids thrive on it all. It never ceases to amaze me how much money and time people put into their holiday decorations, inside and out. And I always think wow I am going to do that next year, but I never seem to have the creativity or resources for the things that I like, so I found a couple of things that looked relatively simple, and didn't break the bank that are still so cute and make a world of difference to the look of your home:

Witch's Cauldron Craft

Make the Halloween craft: Choose sticker or die-cut letters in a style or size to your liking and hot-glue to a plastic bucket. Pull apart some polyfill and drape inside and to the side of the bucket to imitate bubbly witch's brew

Outdoor Pumpkin with Maple Leaf Design

Decorate your doorstep with a pumpkin designed to fit any sophisticated Halloween or Thanksgiving decor. Trace a maple leaf onto the pumpkin, then use a linoleum cutter or potter's ribbon tool to scrape out the design of the leaf. Be careful not to cut completely through to keep your design fresh

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Car Show / Craft Sale

October 17 12:00

Eagan School

General Admission: FREE
\$10 entrance fee
(per car/ table rental)
Trophies will be awarded
See you there!



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.

CLEARFORK 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.

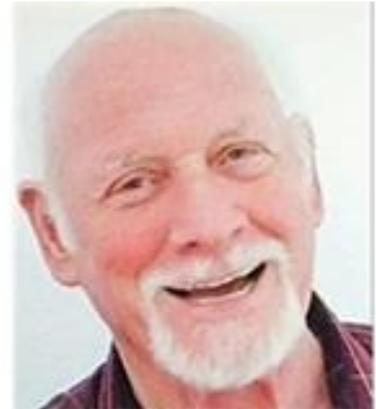
CLAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: meets on the 1st Monday of the month.

Clairfield Fall Festival: October 2 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Fonde Fall Festival: October 3 10:00 am to 3:00pm

Our Sincere condolences for our President Gail Huddleston for the loss of her husband Charles, Who believed you never go wrong when helping others.

Rest in Peace Charles you will be missed.



We cling to our own point of view, as though everything depended on it. Yet our opinions have no permanence; like autumn and winter, they gradually pass away. Zhuangzi

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