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## Windrock Park Spring Jamboree and More

Windrock Park will be hosting their 2014 Spring Jamboree in Oliver Springs April 24th through April 26th.

The Spring Jamboree includes competitions for ATVs and SxSs such as Guided Rides, ATV Rodeo, Poker Run, Drag Race, Mud Drag, Windrock Wide Open Race & Windrock Challenge Obstacle Course. Additional activities for participants include a corn hole tournaments, demo rides, a shooting range, and a Dash for Cash.



An array of vendors including Polaris, Arctic Cat, Yamaha, and Tactical Advantage Corp will be on hand displaying their latest products.

Included in this year's Spring Jamboree is the Polaris Experience Tour. Come check out Polaris on Vendor Row and take demo rides on the new fleet of Polaris machines. After your demo ride, check out the shooting range by Tactical Advantage Corp and test your marksmanship (for an additional fee) with a Full Auto MP5 9mm, Full Auto M4 .223, Full Auto Mac 10, Desert Eagle 50 cal, or Barrett 50 bmg along with their custom 1911's, bolt action .308, .22 cal pistols and rifles.

A one-time fee of \$10 covers participation in any and all events with the exception of the Poker Run. All proceeds from the Poker Run are donated to local volunteer rescue squads. Competitors/Participants in all events are required to have a valid Land Use Permit.

If you are just coming to watch, there are special spectator pricing.

Windrock Park will also host a Jeep Jamboree from April 9th to April 13th. This is a Jeep vehicle only event. There will be guided rides, a four wheel drive expo and other entertainment.

Dirty Bird Events will have their two day 50 K called War at Windrock a the park on April 12th and 13th. Runners will conquer steep climbs, rugged terrain and pass by breathtaking views, if they have any breath left. The race is routed directly through the wind farm, which is strictly off limits to the general public under normal circumstances.

Overly's Offroad and Rattle Rock Jeep Club will host their 2nd Annual fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on April 12th.

For information on all of these events, visit [www.windrockpark.com](http://www.windrockpark.com) or call Windrock Park at 865-435-3492.

## County Commission Representatives

The deadline to qualify to run for Anderson County Commission has passed and there are four candidates that will vying for your vote in the General Election on August 7, 2014. Herb (Herbie) Foust, Tim Isbel, Allen Loupe and Chris Phillips are the slate of candidates for County Commissioner in district four which includes Lake City, the Briceville area, the New River Area, the Dutch Valley Area, the Medford area and part of North Clinton.

Anderson County Commission seats are non-partisan positions so they do not have to participate in the primary election. Registered voters will choose commissioners on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Early voting for the general election is July 18<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

During the general election, voters will also decided all county offices, excluding the office of property assessor, including all judge positions, sheriff, mayor, register of deeds, etc.

However, the primary has to occur first to determine the republican and democratic candidates. The primary is on May 6, 2014. Early voting for the primary will be from Wednesday, April 16th through Thursday, May 1st.

The Early Voting Locations are the Clinton Community Center, the Midtown Community Center in Oak Ridge, and the County office at the Anderson Crossing Shopping Center in Norris. All three facilities will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. If you vote during early voting, you can vote at any of the three locations but if you wait and vote on May 6, you must vote at your district location.

If you are voting in the primary, you will want to pay special attention to the Chancellor, Mayor, Juvenile Court Judge and Sheriff race because those offices have more than one candidate in the primary race. The republican candidates for the Chancellor are Nichole "Nicki" Cantrell, Michael S. Farley and Phil Harber. The republican candidates for the County Mayor are Zach Bates and Terry Frank. The republican candidates for the Juvenile Court Judge are Victoria "Vickie" Bannach, Lauren Biloski and Brian Hunt. The democratic candidates for the Juvenile Court Judge are Michael Clement and David Dunkirk. The republican candidates for Sheriff are Anthony Lay and Randy A Myers.

For a complete list of candidates and election information, visit [www.acelect.com](http://www.acelect.com) or contact the Anderson County Election Commission at 865-457-6238.

If you are not a registered voter in Anderson County, you will not be able to vote in the primary. However, it is not too late to register to vote in the general election on August 7th. The deadline is July 8, 2014.

To register to vote in Anderson County you must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, a resident of Anderson County and you may not have been convicted of a felony.

If you have been convicted of a felony and have had your rights restored according to law, you may register to vote. You can download a Restoration of Voting Rights from online at [www.acelect.com](http://www.acelect.com).

If you will be 18 before the next election, you may register to vote prior to your birthday.

Registration applications hand delivered or postmarked on or before July 8, 2014 will be processed by the Anderson County Election Commission office and will be eligible to vote in the general election.



## Generosity Appreciated

By Tim Isbel

There have been four dinner and auction events in Lake City over the past three months that have raised over 20,000 for community organizations. The Medford Volunteer Fire Department had their annual chili supper and cake auction on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to raise money for their day to day operations.

Then the Lake City Chamber of Commerce had their annual dinner and auction on February 27<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for their scholarship program.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Coal Creek Miners Museum had their first chili supper and auction to raise funds to remodel their new home.

All three events were very well attended and a lot of money was raised at each event for some very good causes. All the money that was donated are investments in the community through scholarships, volunteer fire protection and remodeling of a cultural and historical attraction.

The generosity of the community is over whelming and the number of volunteer hours contributed to each of these organizations is greatly appreciated, which is evident by the number of people that came out to support these events and the organizations that sponsored them.

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## Send Us Your News

The Laker News is published by volunteers who are not always able to gather all of the news happening in Lake City. Therefore, we are asking for your help. If you are at an event, please take a picture and email it to the Laker News at [info@lakecitychambertn.com](mailto:info@lakecitychambertn.com) with the details of the event. Also, if you are involved in an organization or group that is planning an event in Lake City, please email or call the Laker News with the details. There is no event too big or too small to let us know about.

## Lake City Community Events and Meetings

April 8	Lake City Chamber Business After Hours at Rickard Ridge BBQ-4 to 6 p.m.
April 8	Lake City Court at City Hall at 7 p.m.
April 9-13	Jeep Jamboree at Windrock Park
April 10	Lake City Water Board Meeting at City Hall 9 a.m.
April 11	I Geek Superheroes at Lake City Public Library 3 to 5 p.m.
April 12	War at Windrock Two Day 50K
April 12	Swing Dancing at Norris Dam State Park
April 13-17	Gospel Meeting at Lake City Church of Christ
April 14-19	National Library Week
April 15	TAX DAY
April 15	I Geek Cooking at Lake City Public Library 4 to 5 p.m.
April 15	Coal Creek Miners Museum Board Meeting At 6 p.m.
April 15	Lake City Planning Commission at City Hall 7 p.m.
April 17	Lake City Council Meeting at City Hall 7 p.m.
April 21	Anderson County Commission Meeting Anderson County Courthouse, Room 312 9:30 p.m.
April 24-26	Windrock Park Jamboree
April 25	Sheep Sheering Day at Museum of Appalachia
April 27	Lake City Methodist Church Community Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
May	National Day of Prayer
May 2-3	10th Annual Clinch River Spring Antique Fair
May 10	Anderson County Emergency Preparedness Fair

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## Chamber Networking Event

The next Lake City Chamber of Commerce's Networking Event will be a business after hours hosted by Rickard Ridge BBQ located at the Cove Lake State Park from 4 to 6 p.m.



Back porch at Rickard Ridge BBQ

**Everyone is welcome.** This is a great opportunity for chamber members to network with other chamber members. If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend this event.

For more information about the Lake City Chamber, visit [www.LakeCityChamberTN.com](http://www.LakeCityChamberTN.com) or call 865-426-9595.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

The Lake City Public Library will have two "Get Your Geek On" events during the month of April. The "I Geek Superheroes!" Event will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Participants can dress up and come save the day at the Lake City Library. This event is for all children between pre-kindergarten and eighth grade.

The "I Geek Cooking!" event will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This program is just for kids! Learn to make your family & friends tasty treats. Registration is required for these two events. You can call 865-426-6762 to register.

End of tax season is upon us. The Lake City Public Library will continue the VITA program until April 15<sup>th</sup>

The Lake City Public Library will join libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, April 14<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup> which is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. The Lake City Library will be celebrating National Library Week with fun activities. For more information call 865-426-6762 or see the library's Web site at [www.lakecitylibrary.com](http://www.lakecitylibrary.com)

The Library will be closed Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> for the Easter holiday.

## Swing Dancing at the Park

Join the Knoxville Swing Dance Association for an evening of fun, laughter, and dancing at Norris Dam State Park in the Historic Tea Room on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Attendees can learn to swing dance starting at 7 p.m.

After the lesson, you can stay for the open dance and practice your new dance moves starting at 8 p.m.

If you are familiar with the dance, please come and join the beginners at 8 p.m. No partner required. This program is geared for adults. For more information please call the park office at 865-426-7471.

## Relay Ran for Briceville VFD

Four of the partners of the newly formed Rocky Top Manufacturing participated in the 2014 Covenant Health Knoxville Relay Marathon on March 30, 2014. The relay team consisted of Tim Isbel, Michael Lovely, Mark Smith and Michael Swisher.

They ran 26.2 miles in four hours and 53 minutes. The first leg was 6.3 miles, the second was 6.5 miles, the third leg was 7.5 miles, and final leg was 5.9 miles.

The team participated in the marathon to raise money for the Briceville Volunteer Fire Department. Donations can still be made at [shoprockytop.com](http://shoprockytop.com).



L to R: Tim Isbel, Mark Smith, Michael Lovely, Michael Swisher

## CHURCH NEWS

The Lake City United Methodist Church will be hosting FREE community dinner on Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a small food pantry available.

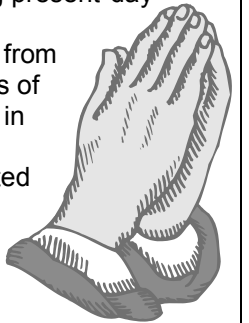
Lake City Church of Christ will be having a Gospel Meeting featuring Gary Knuckles on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. and at 5 p.m. and Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m.

## Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer, May 1<sup>st</sup>, will be observed in Anderson County again this year. The National Day of Prayer provides Americans an opportunity to come together to pray for matters concerning present-day America and the nation's future.

Anderson County's National Day of Prayer will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1st, on the front steps of the Anderson County Courthouse at 100 North Main Street in Clinton. The Courthouse will be open, but with limited staff during the ceremony. All Anderson County citizens are invited to attend the local ceremony.

Prayers will be offered for county officials, our national government, education, the U.S. military, community relationships, and church and family.



## Roane State Classes in Clinton

Roane State Community College has a Higher Education and Workforce Training Facility in Clinton located at 214 Nave Street, the old armory.

The Clinton Higher Education and Workforce Training Facility houses the college's one-year mechatronics certificate program. Mechatronics includes instruction in electronics, mechanics, computer science, robotics and process control.

Additionally, the college's Advanced Materials and Training Education Center (AMTEC) offers a 14 week non-credit training at the Clinton location that provides participants the 30-hour OSHA certification and certificates in basic plumbing, electrical, computer aided-drafting, quality assurance, etc. with capstone classes in composites and solar technology.

The Clinton facility will also host continuing healthcare education and industrial safety courses, customized training for local manufacturers and additional advanced manufacturing courses.

During the month of April, Word 2010, Excel 2010, Outlook 2010 and Access 2010 classes will be offered.

Student services such as enrollment and financial aid are *not* available at this location.

For information on Roane State's workforce programs, call (865) 354-3000, ext. 4764 or email [workforce@roanestate.edu](mailto:workforce@roanestate.edu).

For information about the courses at the Clinton Higher Education & Workforce Training Facility, please contact Sonya Parker at 865-481-2031 or [parkers@roanestate.edu](mailto:parkers@roanestate.edu) for Community Outreach and Professional Training and Elizabeth Hageman at 865-539-6904 or [hagemanea@roanestate.edu](mailto:hagemanea@roanestate.edu) for the Health & Safety classes.

Customized training is also available by calling 865-481-2031.



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## Norris Lake Clean Up Results

On March 22, 2014, over 100 volunteers picked up over 10 tons of trash from Norris Lake's shorelines in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger and Union counties.

"Collectively, we picked up 460 bags of trash that weighed an average of 40 pounds," said Julie Graham with the Union County Chamber of Commerce. "The majority of what we picked up were cans and bottles but we also properly disposed of over 100 tires, foam blocks, two televisions, a refrigerator door, a commode, a water heater, grills, chairs, patio chairs, tents and other camping gear and the most unique item this year was a sleeper sofa."

This was the third year that volunteers from the three counties surrounding Norris Lake, have come together for the cleanup effort.

"Last year, we picked up over 15 tons of trash so we have seen a decline in the amount of trash on the shoreline and islands, but we have many problem areas where there is a reoccurring dumping year after year," said Graham.



**Tires picked up from Norris Shorelines**

The event is organized through a partnership between the Anderson County Tourism Council, Campbell County Chamber of Commerce, Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce, Grainger County Chamber of Commerce, Leave No Trace, Norris Lake Marina Association, Plan East Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Union County Chamber of Commerce.

The partnership has been working on other environmental and safety issues concerning Norris Lake since 2012.

"While we appreciate all the volunteers that help with the cleanup efforts, our ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for the cleanups," said Stephanie Wells, Director of the Anderson County Tourism Council. "We want to raise public awareness about the problem and encourage people to properly dispose of their trash such as household garbage, tires, appliances, etc. We also want to make sure that when visitors come to the lake for the day or the weekend, that they are taking home all that they brought like bottles, cans, tents, food packaging, coolers, paper product, etc."

To help increase public awareness, volunteers from the Oak Grove cleanup decided to build a display with just a sample of items picked up along

the shores of Norris Lake and along Hwy 441 during the Five County Norris Lake Cleanup. The display represents over 40 bags of trash picked up in one day.

The display will be placed in Norris Dam State Park with some interpretive messages describing the length of time it will take for some items to decay and information on encouraging litter control. Jazmine Kennedy, a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger at the park this summer, plans to use the display in her programming efforts with kids.



**Jazmine Kennedy, Sandy Gragg and Johnny Pitt building display of trash**

The partnership volunteers are also displaying posters throughout all five counties and at the marinas on Norris Lake promoting the cleanups and encouraging lake users to properly dispose of their trash. The partnership purchased 27 signs and posted them at public launches on Norris Lake. The signs have phone numbers that people can call to report illegal dumping.

"Norris Lake consists of 800 miles of shoreline; we can't monitor it all," said Wells. "We think that the signs will encourage people who are boating on Norris to report the illegal dumping that they see."

The group has partnered with the Norris Lake Coast Guard Auxiliary to hand out information packets including a trash bag to boaters they encounter on the lake.

"Norris Lake is considered the cleanest lake in the TVA system, even with the dumping and trash issues" said E.L. Morton, Director of Campbell County Chamber of Commerce. "We want to do everything that we can to keep it the cleanest lake but we need help from the residents and the visitors."

If you are interested in volunteering with the cleanup efforts or the continuing public awareness campaign, visit [www.lakenorris.org](http://www.lakenorris.org), call toll free to 800-524-3602 or email [info@yallcome.org](mailto:info@yallcome.org).

The Norris Lake Project Team is a partnership with the Anderson County Tourism Council, Campbell County Chamber of Commerce, Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce, Grainger County Chamber of Commerce, Leave No Trace, Norris Lake Marina Association, Plan East Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Union County Chamber of Commerce.

### Wanted: Aspiring Authors

Are you interested in getting started with a writing project, dabbled in writing or would you like a published author to give you some input on your writing? There will be a workshop for you at Appalachian Arts Craft Center on April 22, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. called "First Line, First Page, First Chapter" with Kathleen Fearing.

Kathleen Fearing, a published writer and poet, will talk about writing techniques and tricks of the trade to get you motivated and to improve your writing. This will be an interactive class between the teacher and the students. Students are welcome to bring a piece of writing, but this is not necessary.

The registration deadline for the workshop is April 15, 2014. The cost, if paid by April 8<sup>th</sup> is \$20 for Craft Center Members and \$25 for nonmembers. After April 8, the cost increases to \$25 for members and \$30 for non members.

Other workshops at the center this month include "Introduction to Wet Felting" and "Learn to Sew, Part 2"

For more information about the workshops and the center, visit [www.appalachianarts.net](http://www.appalachianarts.net) or call 865-494-9854.

### Medic Needs Your Donation

The Medic Regional Blood Center is in desperate need of all blood types. If you are eligible to donate, here is a list of locations in Anderson County that will be having blood drive this month.

- April 15th at Books a Million in Oak Ridge from 11am to 6pm
- April 18th at National Fitness Center in Oak Ridge from 11am to 5pm
- April 25th at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge from 11am to 6pm
- April 28th at the Walmart in Clinton from 12 noon to 6pm



You can also always donate at the Medic Downtown facility located at 1601 Ailor Avenue in Knoxville and the Medic Farragut facility located at 11000 Kingston Pike. Both locations are open everyday. Please call or visit their website for specific hours and directions.

If you are not sure if you are eligible to donate, please visit [www.medicblood.com](http://www.medicblood.com) where you will find a page dedicated to eligibility information or call 865-524-3074.

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# Meet the Candidates

Voters will have two opportunities to get to know the candidates running for Anderson County Government offices before the primary election on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The League of Women Voters will sponsor a forum for candidates on Tuesday, April 8 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Pollard Auditorium located at 210 Badger Avenue in Oak Ridge. There is no cost to attend. For more information on the forum, call League Voter Service Director Doris Sklad at (865) 483-5239.



There will be a "Meet the Candidates" on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the A/B Room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center located at 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge.

The event is sponsored by the Democracy for East Tennessee (DFET). Citizens will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with the

candidates for the four contested offices, which are mayor, sheriff, chancellor and juvenile court judge.

Each candidate will have a table to display literature and campaign materials. Depending on the number of candidates participating, the event may begin with a chance for each candidate to speak for 2 to 3 minutes.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information on this event, contact Joan Cassens at 865-220-8900 or Tom Burns at 865-385-7063.

# Spring Rabies Clinics

The Anderson County Health Department's annual spring rabies clinics will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3 p.m. at Claxton, Norris, Dutch Valley, Fairview and Briceville Elementary Schools and May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andersonville, Lake City, Claxton and Norwood Elementary Schools and at Clinton High School.

Dogs and Cats can receive a one year vaccination for \$10 and a three-year vaccination for \$15. Please be prepared to pay with cash. All dogs need to be on leashes and cats need to be under control.

State law requires all dogs and cats over three months old to be vaccinated against rabies.

The clinics will be held rain or shine. For more information call 865-425-8736 or 865-425-8810.



# Plant Sale

The Clinch River Community School Plant Sale will be held from Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:20 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

There will be seven types of tomatoes, four kinds of peppers and a host of other vegetables including broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, okra, cucumbers, yellow squash and zucchini. Also available will be several types of bedding plants and hanging baskets. Ferns are available as of March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Clinch River Community School is located behind the Anderson County Career and Technical Center at 160 Maverick Circle in Clinton. Money raised from the plant sale will be used for

educational programs for Clinch River Community School students. For more information, call 865-457-7462 and ask for Ms. Hines.



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## What's Been Happening at the Park

By Ranger Lauren Baghetti, Ranger at Norris Dam State Park

While we typically have fewer visitors during winter, and this year was especially sparse. It has been a cold winter keeping many people inside. Behind the scenes however, the park was full of activity. As winter continues to hang around a few more days I thought I would take the opportunity to give an update of what has been happening around the park these last few months.

Maintenance has been busy in the cabins. They spent several months updating a deluxe cabin. Inside, they repaired leaking windows which will prevent the carpet from getting wet when it rains.



**Mark Mowery performing maintenance on one of the deluxe cabins at the park**

When they were done all the walls were painted and the headboards for the beds, lights, and old electrical outlets were replaced.

On pleasant days, the guys were outside. Old, rotten siding was replaced with hardy plank. A new front walkway and back porch were put in as well. After the snow and cold snaps, they were underneath cabins fixing water line breaks.

Housekeeping attended a three day training on customer service. They brainstormed ways we can improve the stay of cabin guests. They spent one day in the cabins adding and removing kitchen utensils, labeling shelves so it is easy to find items, and creating an inventory list so at a quick glance, guests know what is

in the cabin. They also spent several weeks deep cleaning the deluxe cabins and are in the process of opening the rustic cabins.

Our office staff has been all over the park. Earlier in the winter Wendy and Ranger Allison organized the Holiday Homecoming. They also spent a few days helping the maintenance crew renovating the deluxe cabin, hanging hardy plank siding and the daunting task of clean-up.

As new changes are made to the reservation system, the office staff keeps up with the updates to help customers when they have questions. Now that the weather is starting to warm up, you may find them outside familiarizing themselves with the trails and scenic views. If not on the trails or in the office, they are working in the flowerbeds and cleaning out the office gutters.

The rangers have been busy as well. We have all been removing

downed trees from the trails opening them up for hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. Ranger Mike has been researching and putting together several interpretive panels for Camp Kinchen, the site of CCC Camp 494, as well as four new programs on coal mining, wildflowers, and the CCC. He has also been building trail kiosks. Ranger Allison has worked on the park's recycling program, designing new bins and writing a management plan. She also created a management plan for the five flower beds in the park. This plan helps park staff by identifying what native flowers and grasses are planted, how to care for them, as well as other important information. They are also an important tool for the public as it serves as an interpretive program teaching what native flowers are in the area and how they are beneficial.

I have researched and identified invasive species in the park. They have been marked and a management plan developed to remove them later this summer. By removing these non-native and sprawling plants it opens up space for native trees to grow. I have also worked with ways we can improve customer service by updating cabin guest binders. The past few weeks and April have been and will be spent on this summer's Jr. Ranger Camp to be held in July. Park Manager Mark was seen picking up litter on the roadsides and lakeshore and building an interpretive display on litter. He has worked with the entire park staff on updating park facilities, making much needed repairs and ensuring they are in good condition for use. He has spent several days in Camp Kinchen unearthing building foundations.

Please come out to the park and take a hike, for a Sunday afternoon picnic, stay in the campground or cabins, and be sure to attend our interpretive programs. When you see any of the maintenance, housekeepers, office staff, or rangers, please say hello; we all like to visit.



**Ranger Mike Scott clearing fallen trees from trails**

## Sheep Shearing Day

In keeping with the traditions of Southern Appalachia, the Museum welcomes the warmth of spring with a renewal of the annual ritual of "Sheep Shearing", a day of hands-on activities surrounding the trimming of a winter's growth of heavy fleece from its flock of free-range sheep.



The Museum of Appalachia, a Smithsonian Affiliate, will host this annual practice in middle of its rolling fields, surrounded by its historical village, on Friday, April 25, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The woolly animals will be trimmed by Kentucky native John Cooper, an experienced shearer who takes time to explain the process to onlookers, demonstrating with vintage, hand-cranked and hand-held shears, powered by enthusiastic student participants.

In settlement days, Appalachian farmers sheared their sheep each spring to garner the wool, an important staple used in many ways. On Sheep Shearing Day at the Museum, craftsmen, trained in traditional arts, will provide informative programs on cleaning, carding, and spinning fleece into yarn and thread, using the same tools and

techniques as their ancestors. These talented demonstrators provide one-on-one opportunities in spinning, weaving and quilting, illustrating the many valuable ways the pioneers used their wool.

Enjoy the gentle sounds of porch picking musicians, join interactive dulcimer and old-time musical programs, designed to entertain and engage guests of any age, or watch additional artisans operate the historic sawmill and blacksmith shop. All demonstrations and programs fulfill the Museum's educational mission to preserve the past and pass along the Appalachian culture to future generations, by providing individuals with the up close and personal chance to see, smell and touch a little piece of history, creating lasting memories.

School groups, home-schooled students, and individual families are all invited to participate in the day's hands-on activities; student and group rates are available.

For more information, please visit [www.museumofappalachia.org](http://www.museumofappalachia.org) or call 865-494-7680.



## Free Radon Test Kits

In observance of Earth Day on April 22, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will distribute complimentary radon test kits at various events across the state. Throughout the month of April, the department will also educate Tennesseans about the dangers of radon exposure.

Attendees of Knoxville's Earth Fest on April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at World's Fair Park will receive a free kit.

Complimentary test kits will also be available online or through the radon hotline.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide these complimentary test kits for a limited time," TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau said. "A simple, do-it-yourself test with these kits can determine the presence of radon in the home and save lives."

Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. The EPA estimates that approximately 70 percent of Tennessee's population lives in high risk or moderate risk radon areas.

Nationally, about six percent of homes surveyed had elevated levels of radon. In contrast, 16 percent of Tennessee homes surveyed had elevated levels, and, in some counties, 33 to 75 percent of homes tested had elevated levels of radon.

"It is important to test your home since radon acts unpredictably," Martineau added. "It is a naturally occurring gas that can seep into homes through cracks and openings in the foundation and cannot be seen, tasted or smelled."

The outreach effort is supported by the American Lung Association, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and various local and county health departments.

For additional information about radon and to register for a complimentary test kit, visit [www.tn.gov/environment/sustainable-practices\\_radon-program.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/environment/sustainable-practices_radon-program.shtml) or contact the Tennessee Radon Program at 1-800-232-1139.

## Leadership Anderson County Accepting Applications

Leadership Anderson County, sponsored by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, has a limited number of openings for the 2015 class, scheduled May 2014 through March 2015. The course curriculum is designed to help develop and strengthen leadership skills, while simultaneously promoting the importance of community involvement.

Objectives of the program are to focus and expand the knowledge base of participants, provide a means for understanding local business dynamics and (their) impact on economic and community development, introduce business leaders and elected officials who influence the private and public sectors, create an environment that espouses the benefits of teamwork by challenging participants to work with other established leaders, engage participants in leadership skills training teaches individuals how to work with and influence others, and stimulate a desire to participate in boards, organizations and activities designed to improve the community.

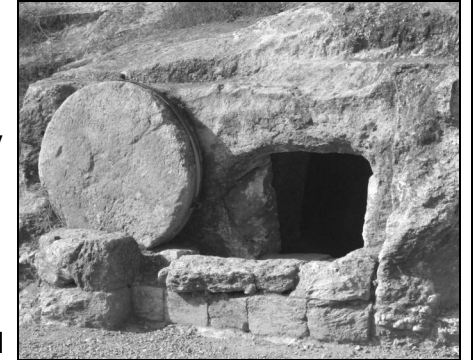
An Application may be downloaded at [www.andersoncounty.chamber.org](http://www.andersoncounty.chamber.org). To reserve your place in the program, please return your application and payment to the chamber by May 15. Please contact Chamber President Jackie Nichols, at 865-457-2559 for additional information.

## Pastor's Corner:

### The Easter Message

By Pastor Wayne Phillips, Main Street Baptist Church

Have you ever stopped to ponder the message of Easter? I bet you haven't. Since Easter happens once a year, I fear the holiday has become too familiar. So familiar that we fail to allow the message of Easter to penetrate our hearts. The message of Easter is unique. The Easter message is what sets Christianity apart from all other world religions. Easter is that moment in history that we Christians believe that *Jesus Christ* arose from His grave after a cruel death on The Cross.



Easter is an historic event. I believe that there was a day in history (approximately 2,000 years ago) when *Jesus Christ*, God's Only Son (John 3:16) literally arose from the dead. No other world religion makes such claim. All other religious leaders who have died are still dead. Christianity makes the outrageous claim that our Savior did die but, He did not stay dead. The Resurrection of Jesus is that historic event that we Christians base ALL of our eternal hope on.

Since Easter is a recorded moment in history, the Easter message must be told. Just like all other historical events. The message of Easter is not an INTUITIVE message. You can't go sit under a tree or in some library and think up the message of Easter. If your family and friends are to know the true message of Easter someone must tell them. They will never discover this wonderful truth on their own.

## Relay Registration Continues

It is not too late to register a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of East Anderson County. If you are interested in participating, visit [www.relayforlife.org/eastandersontn](http://www.relayforlife.org/eastandersontn) or call Kelly Lenz at 457-1649.

Former and current cancer patients, those who have lost a loved one to cancer, families, businesses, school groups, faith-based and civic organizations, and anyone wanting to make a difference in the fight against cancer are invited to take part in this exciting team event.

Relay for Life will take place from 5:00 PM on Saturday, April 26th until 5:00 AM on Sunday, April 27th in downtown Clinton on the streets around the courthouse.

Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers or sell food at their camp sites at the event.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. For cancer information 24 hours a day, call the ACS at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



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## Recipe: Carrot Cake

### Ingredients

2 cups all purpose flour  
 2 tsp. baking soda  
 2 tsp. baking powder  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 3 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
 4 eggs  
 1 1/4 cups oil  
 1 cup granulated white sugar  
 1 cup packed brown sugar  
 2 tsp. vanilla  
 3 cups grated carrots  
 1 cup nuts (pecans or walnuts)  
 optional

**Cream Cheese Frosting:**  
 8 ounces cream cheese,  
 softened  
 1/2 cup butter, softened  
 2 cups confectioners' sugar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 325°F. Prepare two 9" pans or one 12" cake pan or one 9"x 13" sheet pan by lining with parchment or wax paper. Mix together in a bowl together flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. In a bigger bowl, whisk together eggs, oil, sugars, and vanilla for about minute or so. Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture and mix for about 2 minutes more. Add the grated carrots. Then add nuts if desired. Pour batter in prepared cake pans and bake for approx. 45 to 50 minutes. Test for doneness by inserting a skewer, it should be dry when taken out. Cool then fill and frost with cream cheese frosting. Garnish with more nuts.

To make the cream cheese frosting: a bowl beat together cream cheese and butter until creamy. Add in icing sugar and beat for a minute. Add vanilla. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat for another minute.

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