

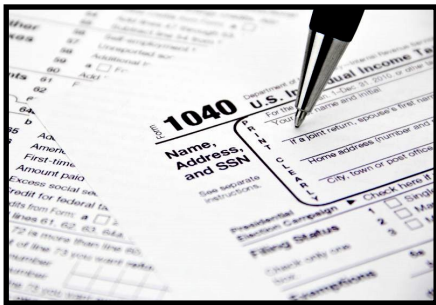
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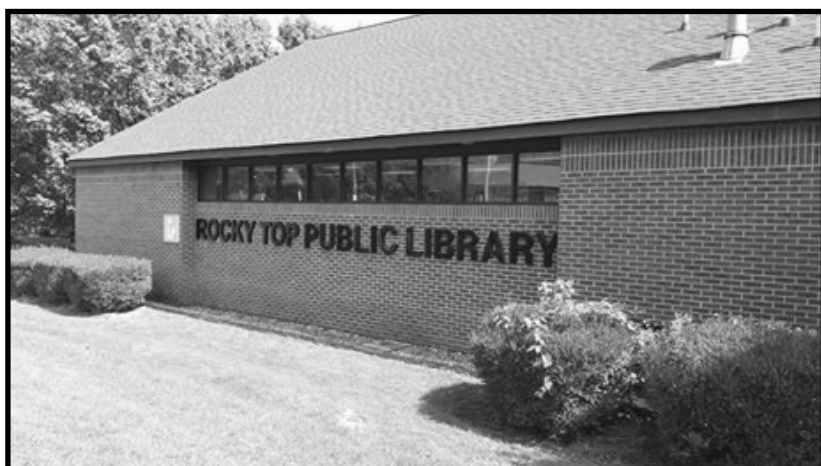
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cancer survivor. We are hoping for a great turnout in honor of this brave little girl. Come meet Riley and help support all people who benefit from the preventative work, patient support programs, research and advocacy funded by the American Cancer Society. Bojangles is located on Charles Seivers Boulevard at the Clinton/Norris Exit of interstate 75. The public is also invited to attend the Relay For Life event in downtown Clinton on Saturday, April 25th starting at 2:00 PM and running until midnight. For more information call Kelly Lenz at 457-1649 or visit: www.relayforlife.org/eastandersontn.

American Heart Month



February is widely known for Valentines Day, chocolate candies and flowers. However, it is also the national American Heart Month. Cardiovascular disease is the number 1 killer of both genders according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Coronary artery disease and strokes are the most common forms of cardiovascular disease in our society. Risk factors that

increase your likelihood of cardiovascular disease include a positive family history, elevated cholesterol, sedentary lifestyle, associated diseases such as diabetes and cigarette smoking. Males are also more likely to have cardiovascular disease than females. It is felt that living a healthier lifestyle may decrease your likelihood of developing cardiovascular disease and improve your health if you have this disease.

Your primary care physician can make recommendations regarding a heart healthy lifestyle. Heart Attacks, Strokes and Cardiac Arrest are all emergency cardiac situations. Common warning signs for heart attacks include chest discomfort, nausea, discomfort in other areas of the upper body, and shortness of breath. Strokes are another form of cardiovascular diseases. Symptoms of stroke include facial drooping, weakness of an arm or leg, or changes in speech. Lastly should these conditions occur emergency evaluation is imperative.

Send Us Your News

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

Guide Mike Bone Speaks On Fishing the Clinch & Holston

Professional guide Mike Bone will speak on fishing the Clinch and Holston rivers at a free, public meeting of the Clinch River Chapter, Trout Unlimited, on Thursday, Feb. 12. The program will start at 7 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Francis Episcopal Church, 158 W. Norris Road, Norris.



Bone says he started his professional fly fishing career as a cane rod builder, graduated to fly shop flunkie and guide in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, built his first wooden driftboat on his front porch and began guiding fly fishers on the Clinch near his home in Andersonville.

"With the help of some very good friends I was fortunate enough to have pioneered some of the floats and methods now considered standard on many of our rivers," he says. "It's been a great ride so far, and I'm looking forward to the next two decades and the adventures they hold."

"In the off season, only about eight weeks here in Tennessee, I raise, train and cuss bird dogs Fly fishing and grouse hunting seem to go hand in hand, and I practice catch and release most of the time with both!"

Clinch River Chapter TU works to preserve and protect the Clinch River tailwater and its watershed through conservation projects and through education of children and adults in aquatic natural resources. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month in the parish hall at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Norris, except when outdoor activities are scheduled. For more information, visit crctu.org.

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The next Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce's Networking Event will be a Coffee hosted by Rocky Top Public Library on March 10, 2015 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.



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 Rocky Top Chamber, visit www.rockytoptnchamber.com.



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The Rocky Top Public Library will be hosting a series of FREE Laptop Computer Classes. You must pre-register for the class and there are only six computers available in the lab.

On February 9th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the class will be an Introduction to Laptop Computers.

On February 10th Intro to Microsoft Word from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Rocky Top Public Library will also host a Free Basic Desktop Computer Classes every Tuesday at 11:00am.– 12 noon.



The library's children story times will be on Fridays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays at 12 noon. The adult book discussion will be on February 23th at 10 a.m.

All of the Rocky Top Public Library's events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.rockytoplibrary.com or call 865-426-6762.

Valentines Day Party

Please be sweet and come on over for our Valentines Day Party at the Rocky Top Public Library. We'll have sweets and treats, drinks and more on February 13th at 4:00.



Closings

The Library will be closed from the 14th -16th in observance of President's Day.

Chamber Annual Dinner

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce will have their Annual Dinner and Auction on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Main Street Baptist Church's Family Life Center. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the auction will start at approximately 7 p.m. after the presentation by the guest speaker.

The cost is \$20 and all proceeds will go to fund the Rocky Top Chamber's scholarship program. The Rocky Top Chamber will be offering two scholarships to qualifying Anderson County High School students that attended Lake City Middle School.

"This will be a great opportunity for chamber members and community members to enjoy an evening of entertainment, socializing, and helping a worthy cause," said Maria Hooks, Rocky Top Chamber President. "Everyone is welcome." Tickets can be reserved by calling the Rocky Top Chamber at 865-426-9595 or emailing info@rockytopchamber.com.

Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival

Get your tickets now for the Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival, April 24-25 in Rocky Top, Tennessee! 2 days of pickin', singin' and dancin'. Performers scheduled for the event include Flatt Lonesome, Blue Highway, Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice, Blue Moon Rising, The Boxcars, Steve Gulley and New Pinnacle, The Lonesome River Band and Bobby Osborne and Rocky Top X-Press. Ticket prices for the event range from \$25-\$50. For more information, visit www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com.



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PASTOR'S CORNER

The God Who Loved Me

Valentine's Day is Feb. 14. (*Guys this is your minder*) On this special day we go to great lengths to let a significant other know how much we love them. Cards, candy, flowers and maybe even a night out on the town in an effort to show how much your Valentine means to you. I think when we show our love for others in a special way we are acting like our loving God.



John 3:16 tells us that **God so loved the world**. Most people know that the word **John** used for **love** is the **Greek Word agape**. **Agape love** is less affection and more decision. **Agape love** is **God making a deliberate choice** to love us. **He** loves us all the same amount. Junk yard wrecks and showroom models share equal space in **God's garage**.

Do you ever wonder why **God** loves you? The answer is simple. **God** loves you because **He** chose to love you. **God** wasn't attracted to you and didn't chose you because you were big or important, the fact is there was almost nothing to you. (**Deut. 7:7-8**) But **God** made a decision in **His** mind (*agape*) to love us. Your goodness can't win **His** love. Your badness can't lose **His** love. But you can resist **His** love. **God loves us all regardless of what we have done**. I pray that during this Valentine season you would be aware of **God's** love for you.

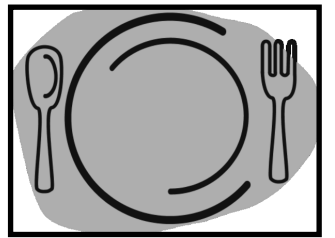
In His Service,

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John 3:16

Clear Branch Church will be hosting a dinner on March 7 @ 6:00pm all single mothers invited. Please contact Karen McCoy Shubert for more information. 865-426-2398, 865-776-2386 or email karensuemccoy@comcast.net

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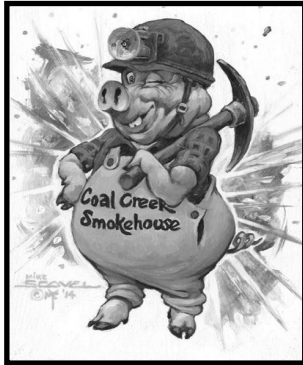
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 learning some cool new crafts. Meet Craft Center artists and
 members who will be assisting participants in making several
 different Valentine themed crafts. This annual event is for all ages!
 Try all the crafts or stick with one – or just enjoy the chocolate
 (including a chocolate fountain!) and camaraderie at the Center – all
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 31 but register early to save your spot.

KALEIDOSCOPE MAGIC with *Bob Grimac*, Monday, February
 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This class will be held on Presidents Day,
 which is a holiday for most schools. The class is open to students
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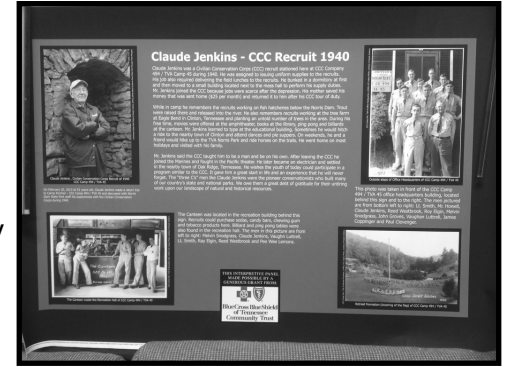
Norris Dam State Park receives Excellence Award



Norris Dam State Park receives Excellence in Interpretation award at 2015 Park Management meeting.

Pictured are Director of Operations Mike Robertson, Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill, Norris Dam State Park Manager Mark Morgan, TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau and East TN Area Manager Robin Wooten.

Claude Jenkins, a “CCC boy” from 1940 here at Camp DeWitt Kinchen returned for another visit with family to tell his story of living and working away from home. In great detail, Mr. Jenkins was able to relate humorous stories of what it was like to be at Camp Kinchen. Mr. Jenkins passed away summer 2014, but prior to his death, Ranger Mike Scott produced an interpretive panel telling Mr. Jenkins’ story...as he had told us and provided the photos for the panel. Claude was very proud to view the panel when he visited along with family.

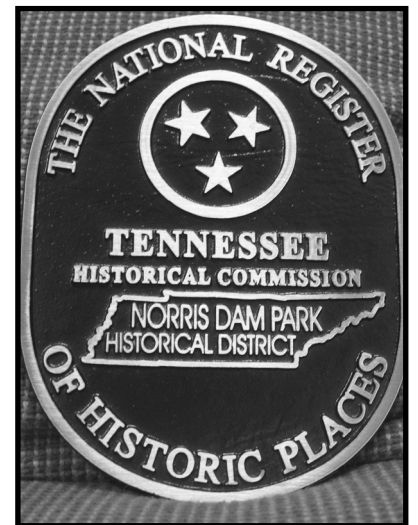


The renovation of Camp DeWitt Kinchen has been a work in progress for about 5 years now. Five large work crew days were conducted 2014 for maintenance and upkeep as well as continued excavating of the camps ditch lines and foundation areas. The fight against invasive river cane has been successful with the help of Iris funds and relentless attack of cutters. Two new interpretive panels were added telling the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps, bringing the total number of panels to 9 in this area. All funding for these panels received from a generous grant from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Community Trust Fund. The summer SIR staff conducted tours of the camp as well as the area is easily self- guided.



A call from a family in Texas requesting help in locating a family cemetery close to or within the boundaries of Norris Dam State Park led us to an area just south of Camp Kinchen. The Longmire farm was a five generation home place and farm that was totally taken from the family by the development of TVA-Norris Dam. The small almost forgotten cemetery was overgrown and damaged by fallen pine trees. With some help from park maintenance Mark Mowery, the area was cleared and a sign posted prior to the families arrival. In return, the family members provided park staff the opportunity to video them tell their family story and received photos of the Longmire descendants. Answers to questions we have never understood came forth during this interview that help us tell our story of park development in 1936.

In October, the East Cabin area was added to the National Historic Registry. Included in the designation was the Tea Room and 19 Vacation Cabins, all constructed by the CCC in 1933-35 era. A capital project was also started this year to provide much needed structural improvements to the cabins along with some cosmetic exterior work. When completed in June 2015, the cabins will be able to remain open year around..



Two large interpretive themed events are still conducted each year. “Pickin in the Park” is a one night local musicians “jam session” in the area of the Tea Room. Good music in a comfortable atmosphere with food available to sit around with your neighbors and enjoy some time in YOUR State Park. Over 300 guests enjoyed the evening. Office Administrative Assistant Wendy Madden organizes this evening.

Holiday Homecoming is in December .This event has been at Norris Dam for 12 years, 600 in attendance 2014. Ranger Allison Humble leads this event..

Ranger Lauren Baghetti will start in 2015, her third year of monthly stories to the local newspapers. The Norris Bulletin and Rocky Top News publish her stories of park history and events. In addition, she conducts a hike the first Saturday of every month. All the trails have been covered and she starts over in 2015. This is also published weekly/monthly/social media.

Ranger Baghetti finished leading her second year of Junior Ranger Camp in 2014 and plans are being made for 2015.Call if interested !

Park Museum Curator Michael Mlekodaj at the Lenoir Museum oversees a group of musicians each Sunday that come to keep historical music alive. Locals come to enjoy listening and pick up a guitar occasionally to join in the music. This program has been in place for over 20 years. Norris Resident Ann Deatheridge was the founder of this popular event.

The Coal Creek Wars. The mining disasters. Each are opportunities for further interpretation. New programs have been produced and presented on the Coal Mining history of just 5 miles away. The changing of the town’s name to Rocky Top and where that will go in the future remains to be seen here at Norris Dam State Park.

Wild Pigs, Sus Scrofa, Part I

By Ranger Lauren Baghetti, Ranger at Norris Dam State Park

When people talk of non-native and invasive species many times they are talking about plants, but it can also be in reference to animals. One such non-native, invasive, and problematic animal is the wild pig. While wild pigs have not been seen in the park they are not too far away, and if left unchecked, they might be soon. So what is a wild pig? Why are they a problem? What are signs to look for if they are present? Is anything being done about them? These questions will be answered in a two article series. The first will address what a wild pig is, physical characteristics, eating habits, behavior, as well as a brief history, and range. The second part will discuss in greater depth how wild pigs are a nuisance, impacts and damages they cause, signs of their presence, as well as management practices that are in place to control wild pigs.

First, the differences between wild and domestic pigs must be examined. Wild pigs are free roaming while domestic pigs are raised. Wild hogs, feral pigs, Eurasian wild boar, and hybrids have similar ecological damages and therefore, for the purposes of the two articles, are all considered wild pigs. In addition to how the different species are raised, there are physical differences as well.

Wild pigs are smaller and leaner than domestic pigs, have longer snouts, coarse hair, and the tails are straight with tufts of hair. Their ears are smaller and pointed, they have massive heads, and heavy shoulders which thin down to smaller hips. Wild pigs are typically black and/or brown in color, although other colors such as white/tan can be present, with solid, stripes, and spotted patterns. They weigh anywhere from 75 to 250 pounds, with males being larger than females. Measuring from the nose to the end of the flesh tail the average adult pig is 50 to 75 inches. Males have canines/husks which can grow to more than four inches. Husks become very sharp caused by friction between the upper and lower canines.



Wild pigs are omnivores, eating primarily greens. They consume mast, including acorns, hickory and beech nuts, seedlings of hardwoods, as well as corn and peanuts. They also eat earthworms, insects, reptiles, bird eggs and ground birds, small rodents and mammals. To find food sources wild pigs root and graze. They are opportunistic eaters, meaning they eat what and when food is available. Wild pigs eat 3 to 5% of their body weight each day. To put this into perspective a 75 pound pig can eat 2 ¼ to 3 ¾ pounds of food each day; a 100 pound pig can eat 3 to 5 pounds; and a 200 pound pig can eat 7 ½ to 12 ½ pounds of food each day.

Their behavior can be described as highly adaptable and survivalist; they live in many various habitats. Wild pigs are found from Canadian prairies to deserts in Mexico. In order to survive they need access to water, food, and protection. They sexually mature at an early age, at six to ten months and are very prolific. On average, one sow can have two litters each year. A litter can have 3 to 8 piglets with an average of 6. So it is quite possible one sow can have 12 piglets each year; their

offspring would then be able to reproduce the very next year. With a high reproductive rate the population grows faster than it can be controlled.

To compound the problem, there is a low mortality rate among wild pigs. They have few predators. Some documentation does show black bear, mountain lion, and alligator as predators. The largest and most impacting contributor to mortality is people by car collisions, trapping, and hunting being the most significant cause. Even at this, hunting makes very little impact on the wild pig population. Currently little is known about diseases that affect wild pigs.

A brief history of how wild pigs were introduced to America must be mentioned in order to understand their inhabiting territory. Wild pigs can be traced back to Christopher Columbus and his expedition to the new world. In 1493 Columbus brought eight domestic pigs from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean and then to the main land. In 1539 Spanish conquistador Hernando De Soto began exploring Florida and had 13 sows. A year later, he entered Southern Appalachia, more specifically western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. At this point he had over 300 swine. Europeans favored pigs because they could adapt and survive in new surroundings, they reproduced quickly providing a constant source of food, and they were left to range freely. One hundred years later English explorer Gabriel Arthur documented hunting swine in Southern Appalachia. Cherokee began raising pigs in the early 1700's. During the antebellum era, sheep, cattle, and pigs were driven over the Appalachian Mountains to east coast traders. In the late 1890's and early 1900's Eurasia Wild Boar was introduced by wealthy sportsmen to hunt. There are few populations of purebred Eurasia Wild Boar today; most have bred with wild pigs, creating a hybrid species.

Since their introduction wild pig populations have expanded, by both natural and human influences. European explorers and early settlers allowed pigs to roam freely, which led to some roaming off. Pigs escape pens and wonder off as well. People have influenced expansion by transporting them to areas which previously did not have a wild pig population. When hunting season for pigs was created the population exploded. Many hunters did not want to travel to hunt pigs, so pigs were trapped, transported, and released to new areas, which led to a rapid expansion of areas that pigs now populate.

Wild pigs were introduced in the southeast and for decades it remained the epicenter. In 1988 wild pig populations were found in approximately 15 states, ranging from California to the southeast. In one decade populations began to spread and are now in at least 45 states, ranging from California to the southeast, from Florida to as far north as North Dakota and Michigan.

A similar pattern was occurring in Tennessee. In 1950, Tennessee had two areas with wild pig populations, the Smoky Mountains including Sevier, Blount, and Monroe Counties, and the Cumberland Plateau including Morgan, Cumberland, Scott, and Fentress Counties. During this time hunting was only allowed in designated areas. By 1999 populations expanded to 15 counties. In 1999 TWRA authorized a state wide, year round, no limit pig season in attempt to control the expanding population. By 2011, just 12 years later, wild pigs were found across the state. In 60 years the number of counties wild pigs were found in went from 7 to over 60.

It is quite obvious that wild pigs are survivalists, travelers, and quickly becoming a problem. The next article will delve into why they are nuisances, damages and impacts they have, as well as management plans for wild hogs.

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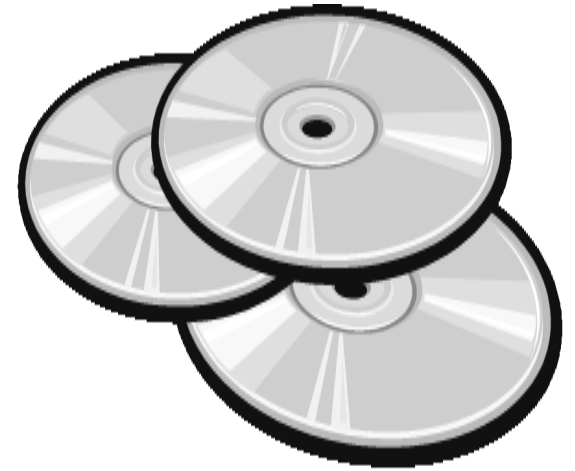
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