

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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## Bobby Osborne and Rocky Top Express to Headline Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival

Bobby Osborne and Rocky Top X-Press will headline the First Annual Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival sponsored by Merle 96.7 FM. The festival will be held on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the George Templin Memorial Athletic Field located at 214 North Main Street, Rocky Top, Tennessee.



"Mr. Osborne contacted us because the Osborne Brothers were the first to perform and record "Rocky Top" and he wanted to be the first to perform the song in our newly named town of Rocky Top, Tennessee", said Mike Lovely, Mayor of Rocky Top. "As a result of his interest, we decided to have a festival featuring some of the top groups in bluegrass."

Bobby Osborne and his band Rocky Top X-Press will be joined by other well known groups including Lonesome River Band, Blue Highway, Junior Sisk and Rambler's Choice, The Boxcars, and the 2014 International Bluegrass Music Association Emerging Artist of the Year, Flatt Lonesome.

This two day event will also feature arts and crafts as well as food vendors. Spaces for vendors are still available and may be reserved by calling the Anderson County Tourism Council at 1-800-524-3602. The fee for arts and crafts booths are \$50 and \$100 for food vendors. Vendors are required to be set up for both days.

Out of respect for our food vendors, backpacks and coolers will not be allowed in the festival area. Free parking for the event will be in designated areas and shuttles will be provided to the festival area. Maps for parking areas are available online at [www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com). Gates will open at 4 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com) or in person at the WYSH AM Studios in Clinton, Rocky Top City Hall and Mark's Pharmacy in Rocky Top. Prices are \$25 plus tax for Friday, \$35 plus tax for Saturday, or \$50 plus tax for a two day pass and children under 10 years of age are free.

Lodging options include campgrounds, hotels, cabins, and condos. Some lodging facilities are offering discount packages and some will have shuttle service to the festival area. For a complete list of lodging options and their offers, visit [www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.rockytopbluegrassfestival.com) and click on lodging or call 1-800-524-3602.

For a complete list and schedule of entertainers as well as other information, visit [rockytopbluegrassfestival.com](http://rockytopbluegrassfestival.com).

Proceeds from the Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival will benefit the Coal Creek Miners Museum building fund, the North Anderson County Boys and Girls Club, and the soon to be renamed Rocky Top Elementary and Middle Schools.

The First Annual Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival is sponsored by Merle 96.7 FM, WDVX 89.9 FM, the City of Rocky Top, the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, and the Anderson County Tourism Council. Contact: Stephanie Wells, Anderson County Tourism Council [info@yallcome.org](mailto:info@yallcome.org) mobile: 865-659-8687 office: 865-457-4547

## Annual Wildflower Hikes

We all know spring is on its way when we walk into Lowe's and see flowers, watering hoses, and garden gnomes, etc. Another sign might be all those wildflowers blooming in your backyard.

For two Saturdays, one in March and one in April, Norris Dam State Park and TVA will be leading wildflower hikes. Park rangers and botanists will be talking about wildflowers, their medicinal purposes, importance, and edible plants.

For those of you who are botanists, photographers, hikers, or simply have cabin fever come out and view nature's pink, orange, yellow, and purple wildflowers! River Bluff Trail boasts approximately 30 different species of wildflowers! You may see Bloodroot, Dutchman's Breeches, Wild Columbine, Trout Lily, Little Brown Jug, Yellow and Red Trillium, Jack-in-the Pulpit, and many more.

River Bluff Trail follows the Clinch River. The lower section is fairly flat with a few steps. At the end it climbs the hillside and follows the ridge top back to the trailhead. It is 2.7 miles long and rated easy to moderate. The trailhead is located off Dabney Lane, off of US-441. Lower Clear Creek Trail follows Clear Creek; the hike is 2 miles and rated easy to moderate. The trailhead is located at the Rice Gristmill. As with all wildlife please be respectful of the beautiful wildflowers and do not pick them. Leave them for others to enjoy this year and years to come.

### Wildflower Hikes

**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.**

River Bluff Trail Hike; meet at the River Bluff Trail

**2:00 P.M.**

Lower Clear Creek Hike; meet at the Gristmill Parking Lot

**For more information please call the park office at (865) 426-7461**

## Coal Creek Miners Museum



The Coal Creek Miners Museum Board of Directors and volunteers and the City of Rocky Top have been working hard to obtain funding for the remodel of the new Coal Creek Miners Museum building. Before the holidays, they applied for an Appalachian

Resource Commission grant and applied to two other private foundations for funds. They are still waiting to hear whether or not they will receive any funding.

In the meantime, they are planning a Spring Cleaning at the future home of the Coal Creek Miners Museum.

"This will allow us to get the museum ready for the remodel and to see the extent of the work that needs to be done," said Tim Isbel, Chairperson of the Coal Creek Miners Museum Board of Directors. "The main reason we are seeking funds through grants and foundations because we need to install an elevator so the public can access the second floor."

"However, if we don't receive the grants, we want to be ready to do what we can," said Isbel.

If you would like to help, plan on meeting at future museum (former Bank of American building located next to city hall on main street) on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. We will work until around 12 noon. For more information, contact 865-659-2829 or email

[info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com](mailto:info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com)

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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@rockytoptnchamber.com](mailto:info@rockytoptnchamber.com).

### Chamber Networking Events

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](http://www.rockytoptnchamber.com).



## Join our Mission

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Join us Friday  
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## LIBRARY NEWS

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 March 9th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the class will be an Introduction to Laptop Computers.

On March 16th Intro to Microsoft Excel 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 March 30th 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](http://www.rockytoplibrary.com) or call 865-426-6762.

### Easter Party

In celebration of Spring the Rocky Top Public Library is hosting a Easter Party for the kids at 4:00 pm. We will have snacks, fun crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt!

### Closings

The Library will be closed April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

### Make It and Take It Burlap Bag Craft Class

Make sure to register for this one of a kind class!

The Rocky Top Public Library will be hosting the class at 1:00 pm on March 19<sup>th</sup>

To Register you can call 865-426-6762 or visit the Library.

Cost of the class will be \$8.00 per person.

The cost covers your burlap bag and all the supplies you need to personalize and decorate your bag.

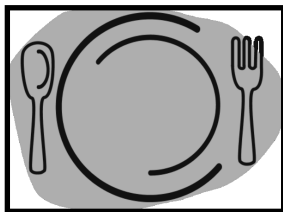
You do not need to bring your own supplies. We will provide everything you need to customize your bag. Hope to see you there!

### VITA ( Volunteer Income Tax Assistance )

April 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last day the Rocky Top Public Library VITA site will be open. This is a **Free** service we do for the community. You can either call to make an appointment at 865-426-6762, or visit the Library to set up your appointment.

## MOM TO MOM April 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Clear Branch Church would like to invite you to join us for an evening of fellowship and dinner for single moms and their children.



We will have free childcare and entertainment for the kids while you enjoy a nice dinner and adult conversation with fellow moms and ladies of the church.

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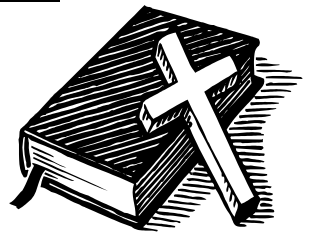
and enjoy your evening.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Touched By God



One of my favorite passages to preach is **Matthew 8:1-3**. This is the time in *Jesus'* ministry when He had just finished the famous "**Sermon On The Mount.**" *When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. (Matt. 8:1)*

In verse 2 of **Matthew 8** something very unusual happened, *Jesus* was approached by a leper. In that culture lepers did not approach. Lepers were the ultimate outcast. Leprosy was a dreaded disease. The condition rendered the body a mass of ulcers and decay. Being diagnosed with leprosy changed your life forever. The most common word used to describe a person suffering from this awful disease was "**unclean.**" You were rejected by family, friends and even the religious community.

Read what *Jesus* did to this **unclean outcast: Jesus put forth His hand and touched him. (Mt. 8:3)** I wonder how long it had been since someone had touched this man? Hugs, handshakes, and a pat on the back is common every day occurrence for most of us. It is possible that this man had not been touched by another person in years.

If you read that passage closely you will discover that *Jesus'* touch did not heal the leper. Matthew is careful to point out that *Jesus'* word, not **His** touch, cured the condition. "**I will; be thou clean.**" *And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

Just as *Jesus* touched the untouchables of the world, I believe **He** has called **His Church** to do the same. **(Luke 19:10)**

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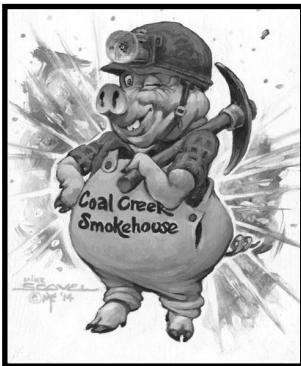
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## Appalachian Arts Craft Center

The Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Norris will hold its Spring Porch Sale starting Thursday, March 12, and running for about two weeks. The Porch Sale, held each spring and fall, features outdated stock, seconds, student crafts and unjuried work by members of the Craft Center. It's an excellent time to get great deals. This year there will also be homemade baked goods for sale.

Appalachian Arts Craft Center is offering the following April classes: Splint Reed Seat Weaving on 4/4, Raku Workshop on 4/11 & 4/12, Learn to Sew on 4/19, Preparing Your Book for Self Publication on 4/22, and Handcaning on 4/25 & 4/26.

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## VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED!

### Spring Cleanup Work Day Organized by Coal Creek Scholars Along Fraterville Miners Memorial Highway (Scheduled for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>)

Coal Creek Scholars are organizing the annual trash cleanup activity along Fraterville Miners Memorial Highway (i.e. Highway 116) from Briceville School to Joe Day Bridge. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon. We will meet at Briceville School at 9:00 am to organize into teams. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the team collecting the most trash. Details from past cleanup events can be found at <http://www.coalcreekaml.com/TrashDayLinkPage.htm>.

### Coal Creek Miners Museum Cleanup (Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>)

The Coal Creek Miners Museum board/volunteers and the City of Rocky Top have been applying for grants to fund the remodel of the new Coal Creek Miners Museum building. Before the holidays, they applied for an Appalachian Resource Commission grant and two other grants from private foundations. Meanwhile, a Spring Cleaning Day will be held at the future home of the museum. If you would like to help, plan on meeting at the future museum on April 11th at 9 a.m. We will work until noon. The museum cleaning will be the last community service opportunity for Coal Creek Scholars who are seniors at Anderson County High School to qualify for CCWF scholarships.

## Larry Foster Named the 2015 Anderson County Ally of the Year

The votes are in and the 2015 Anderson County Ally of the Year award goes to Larry Foster! Mr. Foster competed against other candidates who were nominated for their passion to create a healthy and productive Anderson County. Other candidates included Tom Byrge, Ronnie Fox, Tim Isbel, Robert Jones, and Bear Stephenson. Citizens were then able to "vote" for the candidate or candidates of their choice by making a donation to Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County. Each dollar counted as one vote and in the end Mr. Foster came out on top. Following closely behind in second place was Robert Jones followed by Ronnie Fox in third place.

Each candidate conducted their own campaign, but all of the candidates were united by one goal: to use their leadership, influence and communication skills to raise funds to help prevent and reduce substance abuse in Anderson County. Over \$4,600 was raised during the one month campaign, all of which will stay in Anderson County to support ASAP's mission to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse in Anderson County by collaborating with community partners to implement effective intervention strategies.

Please congratulate Larry Foster and all of the candidates who did a great job for a great cause. To learn more about ASAP or to make a donation go to [www.ASAPofAnderson.org](http://www.ASAPofAnderson.org) or call 865-457-3007.



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# Wild Pigs, *Sus Scrofa*, Part II

By Ranger Lauren Baghetti, Ranger at Norris Dam State Park

This month's article is a continuation on wild pigs. Last month's article examined characteristics of wild pigs. They roam freely and are not raised by people. They have physical characteristics which mark them differently from domestic pigs; they are smaller and leaner, have longer snouts, coarse hair, their ears are small and pointed, they have massive heads, and males are easily identified by their sharp tusks. Wild pigs weigh anywhere from 75 to 250 pounds. They are omnivores, eating mast, corn, earthworms, insects, reptiles, bird eggs and ground birds, small rodents and mammals. Their behavior can be described as highly adaptable and survivalists, living in various habitats from Canada to Mexico. Wild pigs are non-native animals; they were first introduced in 1493 by Christopher Columbus and later by Hernando De Soto in 1539. This article will focus on why wild pigs are a problem, signs to look for, and management practices.

Why are wild pigs a problem? It is a multifaceted issue. As mentioned they are an invasive species; they originated from Europe and were brought to the United States. Wild pigs have adapted, survived, and their population has increased. While their habitat range has slowly expanded since their introduction, it has exploded across Tennessee and the United States since the late 1990's. They create several ecological, economic, and public health problems. Contributing factors include natural and human influences, high reproductive rate, low mortality rate, and adaptability.

Ecological damages are numerous; forest productivity, wildlife and natural habitats, water quality, soil erosion, and other invasive species are all affected. Wild pigs consume hard mast like acorns, hickory, and beech nuts as sources of food, thus leaving fewer to grow into trees. Hardwood seedlings and roots are also dug up and consumed. Extensive use of saplings and trees as scratching and scent posts can damage bark opening them to insects and pathogens. All of these decrease the number of trees in an area. Wild pigs also affect natural wildlife and habitats. They damage native plants by uprooting, trampling, and compact them which leads to a decrease in food, shelter, and protection for other wildlife. Deer, turkey, and quail must compete with wild pigs for food. They influence fauna population patterns; wild pigs are predators of eggs, newly hatched ground birds, salamanders, frogs, snakes, turtles, and small mammals. They also spread disease and parasites to wildlife.

Wild pigs also negatively impact water quality. They carry diseases which can spread by means of water. Fecal matter also ends up in water sources; some sources have fecal levels which are too high for health standards. Soil erosion is increased when wild pigs dig up roots which hold soil in place. Their wallows also create mud pits. Finally, wild pigs' habits increase areas which invasive species can survive. An area becomes disturbed when native plants and trees are uprooted; the newly opened and disrupted land is optimal growing space for invasive species to thrive. Invasive plants colonize more quickly than native plants, which mean they grow faster and push out native species.

Wild pigs also wreck agricultural havoc. Crop seeds and roots are dug up and consumed while young and mature crops are trampled. Timber is damaged when used for scratching and scent posts. Pastures can be ruined by mud wallows. In addition to damaging crops, wild pigs also cause damage to agriculture infrastructure, such as destroying fences, irrigation systems, ditches, and roads by means of using them for scratching and scent posts, rooting and digging, and trampling. Livestock is also negatively impacted. Wild pigs carry and can spread diseases which affect livestock. Sometimes they will prey on new born livestock, such as lambs, goats, and calves. As with agriculture fences wild pigs can destroy fencing which allows livestock to roam away from a farm.

Wild pigs affect public health; they carry 45 different parasites and diseases which affect wildlife, livestock, humans, and pets. These are contracted through body fluids. Please note that not all of the diseases they carry affect humans. Finally, they affect the economy. Destroyed agriculture crops and killed livestock means fewer to sell which means decreased profits for farmers. In addition to having fewer profits, they also have additional costs to replant crops and if required, repair or replace equipment. A conservative estimate of agriculture damages caused by wild pigs in the United States is \$1.5 billion per year. No doubt that will be felt in Tennessee as the state's economy is heavily based on agriculture.

It is quite obvious wild pigs are a problem. The impacts wild pigs have are destructive and vast. With there being several obstacles it is hard to combat the problem. Wild pigs are able to survive and adapt to various habitats; they roam and are transported to different areas which spreads and increases their range; they have high reproductive rates and low mortality rates; they cause extensive damages to the ecology, agriculture crops, livestock, and influence public health and economy; they are smart animals making it difficult to trap them. Each area mentioned influences another, compounding the problem.

There are extensive management plans addressing wild pigs involving numerous groups and individuals. Several local, state, and federal

agencies along with organizations and private individuals are working together to control wild pig populations and the expansion through various methods, including research, controlling population, targeting hunters, and educating people about wild pigs.

The first step to managing wild pigs is to identify if they are present in an area. There are several easy signs to look for. Wild pigs will root looking for roots, invertebrates, and other things to eat. Rooting upturns grass and ground covering revealing dirt. Also look for wallows and mud holes which pigs use to cool off and rid themselves of external parasites. Look for nests and beds which adult pigs use to protect their young from weather, predators, and to rest. Wild pigs will rub against trees, utility poles, fence posts, and other like posts to rid excess mud and parasites. Bark will be rubbed off at the height of a pig. Look for their tracks in mud and snow. Be aware wild pig tracks resemble those of deer; pig tracks are rounded at the tips of the hooves and wide spread dew claws. Finally, look for scat.

Efforts are being made to control the spread of wild pigs and damages. There is a difference between control and elimination. Control slows the spread of wild pigs while elimination is complete eradication of the species. Elimination is near impossible. Controlling population spread is a more realistic management approach. Population reduction also helps control damages.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, TWRA, is actively working to control the wild pig problem. Their goals are to eliminate the population where possible, and in areas where elimination is impossible, control the population spread. TWRA's plan in meeting their goals is comprised of five prongs. The first is to eliminate the status of wild pigs as wild game. They are no longer considered big game, and are now considered a nuisance animal. The second is to eliminate hunting. Hunting free ranging pigs is no longer permitted. Originally, hunting was allowed to control populations. However, it has been proven to be ineffective. Hunting did not decrease populations, but rather quite the opposite and increased them. It also expanded the range of wild pigs; people move wild pigs closer to them so they do not have to travel as far in order to hunt. This led to the illegalization of transporting wild pigs to other areas. By eliminating hunting it decreases the incentive to move wild pigs which in turns curbs range expansion. It should be noted that hunting is still allowed on specific wildlife management areas.

The third prong addresses private land owners and individuals. TWRA is increasing landowner control opportunities. Private individuals are still permitted to hunt on *their* private land. Private land owners and tenants can hunt wild pigs on their land *if* there is evidence of damages caused by wild pigs. Landowners are given tools to eliminate wild pigs. They must contact TWRA for an exemption which allows them to use methods that are typically illegal. Landowners have a one year exemption which allows them to hunt at night, use bait, and hunt year round.

TWRA is increasing law enforcement, the forth prong. They are tightening the abilities to illegally transport and release wild pigs by offering rewards to anyone who assists in the identification and prosecuted cases of illegally moving and releasing wild pigs. Finally, they are getting the word out and increasing public awareness. Expanding wild pig populations is a big problem and many are working together to address it. TWRA has partnered with local, state, and federal agencies as well as organizations and private citizens to address the problem. You do not have to be part of the partnership in order to help. Do not transport wild pigs. It is against the law and violators can be prosecuted and fined. If you know of any illegal activities contact and provide TWRA with information.

There are several methods to try and control the expanding wild pig population. They are hunting, trapping, and eliminating. Hunting is not a preferred method. It has shown to be ineffective and has the opposite effect by actually increasing populations. Trapping is fairly successful to control and eradicate. This leads to the third method, elimination. Trapping and elimination go hand-in-hand. Simply trapping and releasing wild pigs does not control the population. Wild pigs are smart animals. They are often wary of traps and it can take several weeks for them to adjust and trust the trap. If trapped and either escape or released they will rarely return to the trap or any other trap, making it impossible to catch again. Therefore, once trapped it is best to eliminate the pigs.

As the evidence clearly shows wild pigs cause a great deal of damage and their range is quickly spreading causing more damage. They wreak havoc in forests, pastures, and crop land; compete with native animals for food sources and make water sources undrinkable; and beyond the natural world wild pigs influence disease among people and affect the livelihood of many by destroying crops and preying on young livestock. It takes effort from everyone, but managing wild pigs, and other invasive species, is possible. Be on the lookout for signs of wild pigs. If you see any, take pictures and report your findings to the state park and TWRA.

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Cathy Lowden: [clowden@comcast.net](mailto:clowden@comcast.net) or 865-463-8541

## ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE

St. Mark United Methodist Church will be holding a rummage sale at the church on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The church is located at 252 N. Main Street. All proceeds to of the sale with go to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event to support cancer research, community service programs and advocacy efforts. For information call, 457-9320.

## BOJANGLES SUPPORTS RELAY FOR LIFE

Bojangles Restaurant in Clinton is partnering with the American Cancer Society to raise money for Relay For Life. On Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 20% of proceeds from all sales from 4:00 to 8:00 PM will go to the cause. The "Riley Mazingo" Relay For Life team is coordinating the event in honor of Riley who is a 6 year old 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 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 PM and running until midnight. For more information call Kelly Lenz at 457-1649 or visit: [www.relayforlife.org/eastandersontn](http://www.relayforlife.org/eastandersontn).

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