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Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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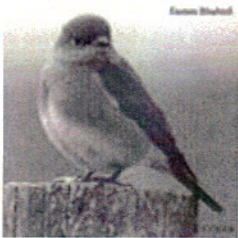
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New Year, New Beginning

Marie Webster

"Look at what you want to change, gather a few people who believe in it like you do, and start moving forward. It's important to remember that you don't always need a destination. Sometimes, you just have to make forward motion. And you absolutely can."
~Debby Ryan <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/d/debbyryan625000.html#MtfCStmhW19kU0DC.99>



A Shout out to Matt Cameron who did a wonderful job January 19th when he visited CCI and gave a presentation on Eastern Bluebirds, and helped locals build a birdhouse.

Matt was able to answer my questions about the land TWRA has begin to manage in Claiborne county.

Great job Matt ! We had a great time, can't wait for the next workshop.

If you missed and want to know more you can contact Matt at **423.522.2473**.



Bonner Program The Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation

Since the Bonner Scholars Program was piloted at Berea College in 1990-91, the Foundation has worked with colleges and universities to support students to attend college and to be active and involved in community service while in school. In the first few years, an initial group of schools were identified to participate in this service-based schol-

arship program. The Bonner Scholars Program now operates on 24 campuses and supports 1,500 students annually to be actively involved in community service and social justice issues. Each school supports a director and a coordinator who oversee the general operations of the Bonner Program and has between 30 and 100 Bonner Scholars.

The Bonner Program is designed to transform not only the students who are directly supported by the program, but also the campus and community in which they serve and learn, and provide leadership to a nation searching for ways to value and include young people in meaningful acts of citizenship. The goals of the program are identified in four areas: students, community, and campus, and higher education. For more information visit their webpage at: <http://bonnernetwork.pbworks.com/w/page/13112067/Bonner%20Program>

As the present Director at Clearfork Community Institute I wish to send many THANKS to the Bonner Foundation for the partnership and support they have given us for many years., The Appalachian Community Foundation has also been a faithful partner and lent their support to many of our programs, and the Indigenous Environmental Network and Western Mining Action Network for their support . I would also like to give a special Thanks to the many who gave donations of time, money or their great knowledge. Marie Webster

What is FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. To be considered for federal financial aid, you must complete and submit a FAFSA. **How to apply for FAFSA?** Go to webpage : <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need: Your Social Security Number, Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen), your most recent tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. Bank statements and records of investments Records of untaxed income (if applicable) A Federal Student Aid PIN to sign electronically. (If you do not already have one, visit www.pin.ed.gov to obtain one.)

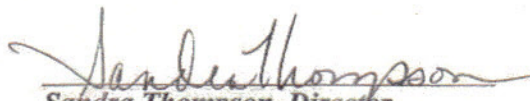
If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).

What if I don't think I qualify for assistance? Even if you think your family earns too much, or too little, students are encouraged to complete and submit a FAFSA. Filing is free, and unless you apply, you'll never know how much assistance you may be eligible to receive. **What if I am not sure if I am going to go to college in the fall?** You still need to file in case you change your mind, even if you do not use it this fall it also covers the spring term as well. **What if we haven't filed our taxes yet? Should we still complete a FAFSA?** Yes. You can estimate your income, and then make any necessary adjustments later, once you receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). **I submitted my FAFSA what next?** Your SAR will include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC determines your eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant, and the college uses the EFC to assess your eligibility for other federal and nonfederal student aid. You should contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend to find out if there are additional requirements for receiving financial aid and to learn more about the process of applying for aid at that college. For more detailed information go to: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Congratulations you are now ready to apply.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE

We have reviewed the information submitted to this office concerning the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, budget for the Clearfork Utility District and it appears that projected revenues will be sufficient to meet anticipated cash expenditures for the fiscal year.


Sandra Thompson, Director
Office of State and Local Finance
January 5, 2015

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A closer Look at Bridges

by Gary L. Garrett

(Part Three) In a series of articles written about bridges, roads and gates.

Eagan Residents comments about the DAM of a Bridge

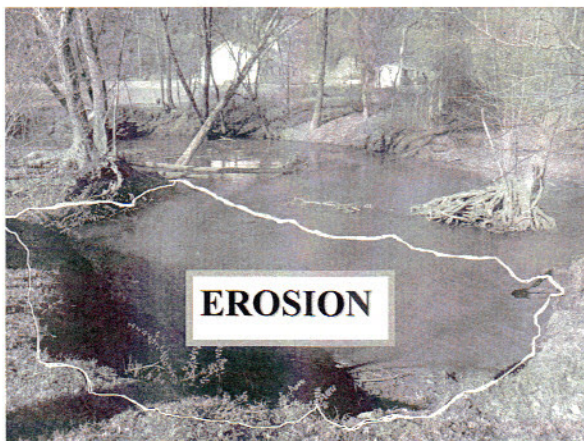
Mary Osborne stated: “When I think that there is going to be a lot of rain I park the school bus that I drive for the county near Dilly Lane, that way I can walk across the railroad trestle when the bridge is flooded. If someone were to get seriously hurt or sick an ambulance could get down into Eagan by Rock Creek but probably couldn’t get back up and out. I guess they could carry the sick or injured across the trestle if they had to. There’s only one way out when the bridge is flooded and that’s up the Log Mountain Road that leads into Rock Creek. It’s about 10 miles long and seems like it takes forever to get around it and if the water is across the road at the silo thanks to the dam of a bridge that exists there one would have to back up a mile and TRY to take the Leach Mountain road through Valley Creek to reach highway 90 which takes about an hour which is about 20 miles. There are no signs on this road so you could strip pit.”



Marie Cirillo, long time community advocate/educator, and previous director of the Clearfork Community Institute stated: “The stream channel has shifted to the left over the years and has caused the erosion of a lot of the institute’s property and recently the stream channel below the bridge area has shifted to the right which in time will cause problems for the church and the residents living on that side on the stream channel as well. The institute has very expensive geothermal units close to the river and these could shift or be damaged if the erosion continues. A good bridge is of the utmost importance for any community to function. We need a better bridge in order to have a better community and a better quality of life.”

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Special Inspection May 08, 2014

TDOT’S Inspection states that there is “**NO APPARENT SHIFT IN THE STREAM CHANNEL.**” When anyone stands in the middle of the Eagan Bridge looking downstream it is obvious that the stream channel **has shifted** to the far left. And this shift has caused some serious property damage and this shift will NO doubt cause more damage as it has also shifted far right below the bridge area. Also under Channel and Bank Stability conditions they failed to answer whether there were steep bank conditions present downstream or upstream and it is obvious that there is downstream.



Do the residents of Eagan need a new bridge or a new road?

TDOT’s inspection of the stream channel: under Stream Channel Data & Conditions statesthat there is no shift in the stream channel and under Channel and Bank Stability conditions failed to answer if there were steep bank failures upstream or downstream. It’s Obvious that both stream channel shift and steep bank conditions exist downstream from the bridge. How would these, if corrected, effect the sufficiency score of the dam of a bridge At Eagan? Also shouldn’t detour length and safety be an important factors in determining the Sufficiency rating in bridges?

Please continue to send me your comments to CCI at P. O. Box 80 Eagan, Tennessee or call. Thanks, I look forward to hearing from you.

Community Calendar

Commissioner Meeting's

Claiborne County: 3rd Monday of the month in large courtroom located Main Street in Tazewell at 6:30 p.m.

Campbell County : Regular Business meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month.

CLEARFOEK UTIKITY BOARD MEETING

CHANGED TO: every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m.

Model Valley : Is Having a Book Sale.

When Febuary 2nd.

Parent Resource Center: Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Early Steps Program

through **White Oak Elementary School** works on building developmental skills needed for school readiness. If you are interested in learning more about the program please contact : **Sheila Smith at 423-784-6690** between 8am and 4pm.

Fonde Christian Academy

What: Pizza Sale to benefit the School.

When: Call in orders NOW until February 2nd

Where: Pick up Pizza's February 6th

Time: 3pm -6pm

Cost. \$9.00 each

A winter scene, Clairfield TN January 26, 2015. Send in one of your favorite photos to be shown here.

