

What On Earth

Is Happening in the Clearfork Valley

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Optimistic Upcycling

On a warm afternoon in the later part of May, I sat outside under an umbrella talking to a friend. I was asking her questions about an article I wanted to write. The article was supposed to be about Upcycling and how she got started. But, as I sit there and talk, I knew in my head that it would probably be more about her and what got her to that point in her life.

Her name is April, she is 38, and she is a single mother raising 5 kids, 4 dogs, a couple of cats, and her vegetables and flowers. I got to know April when her youngest children went to pre-school with my oldest child. I started thinking of her as a friend when her house burned down, and she became my neighbor. She was working at the nursing home at the time when her shoulder started hurting so badly she could hardly lift anything with it. That is when she was put on medical leave and had surgery to repair the damage. As she was starting to think about going back to work she was in a car wreck that messed up her other shoulder.



So, to say the least, she needed some kind of income. She went to a local craft fair that Woodland Community Land Trust hosted, and that is where she came up with the idea of making things to sell. She makes button bracelets, twine bottles, rugs, and aprons out of old shirts and ties. She also makes a few things for her children like clothes and bags. While I was there, one of her daughters came out and asked me if I wanted some baby clothes, and I probably would have taken them, but they were all girl's clothes, and I have a boy. April started looking at the baby clothes, and stated she could use those to make something else. All I could see them used for in my head was making diaper wipes; that is as talented as I get.

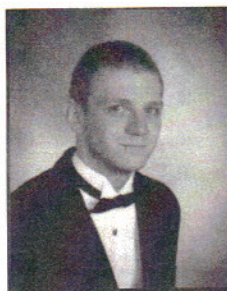
Not 10 minutes later her other daughter came out with a bag that had a handle coming off and asked her mom to fix it. April just grinned and took it to repair. I don't know what April did before she moved to this valley, but I do know that she is an important part of life here now. Local talent like this is popping up all over the place, and I do consider what she does and what others are doing as Art. Let's remember these kinds of people when we do shopping for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. You will be getting something unique and special while helping others do what they love and also being able to take care of their families.

Upcycling is the process of converting waste materials or useless products into new materials or products of better quality or for better environmental value.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upcycling>

-Candace Horn

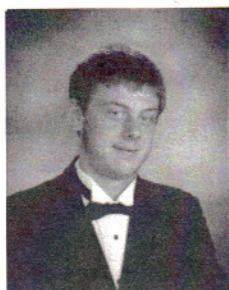
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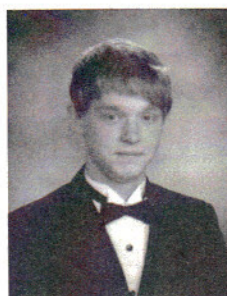
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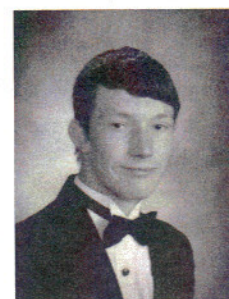
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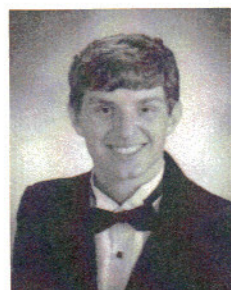
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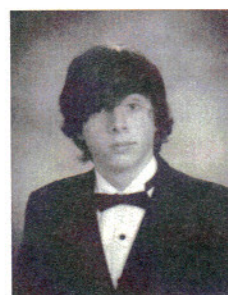
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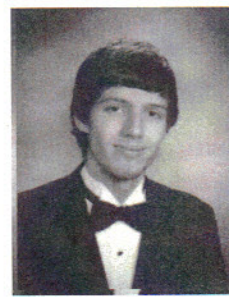
Dakota Monday



Alyssa Osborne



Dakota Pennington



Matthew Phillips



Allie Rutherford

We sincerely apologize for omitting these Jellico High School graduates from the May issue of What on Earth. Congratulations to all of you, and we wish you the best of luck for your bright futures!

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Sports & Arts Camp for K-10th Grade

Dates: June 22nd, 23rd, 25th, & 26th

Time: 1:00-3:30 PM

Location: Clearfork Community Institute

SNACKS, PRIZES, & LOTS OF FUN!!!

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COMMUNITY COOKOUT

COME FOR GREAT FOOD AND FUN!

Date: June 25th

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Clearfork Community Institute

Please bring a dish to share; Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks, & Watermelon will be provided.

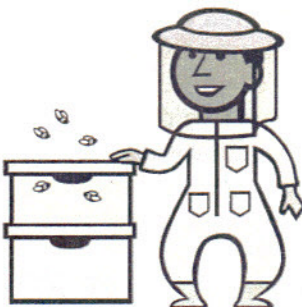
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FREE BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

Join us as Martin Trowbridge demonstrates how to start and maintain honey bees. We will meet at the Clearfork Community Institute, then visit Vickie Terry's place for the workshop. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

June 20th at 2:00 PM at CCI



EXTREME PIZZA PARTY

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Location: Rose Ridge

Please contact Vickie Terry for more information at 437-3240





FIREWORKS

The Eastridge's will be putting on fireworks on July 4th for Independence Day. Fireworks will begin at 10:00 p.m.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Wacky Wednesday is from 1:00-4:00 PM every Wednesday starting July 1st. Come for fun reading activities at CCI with Sharon Petro. A big thank you goes to Books to Children who donated 200 books for this program.



Clairfield Volunteer Fire Department had rescue training for their new volunteers. All participants passed the test, and we would like to say congratulations to each of them. The participants were Nathaniel Gulley, Timothy Hatfield, Robert Hurst, and Dewayne Marlow.

Community Calendar

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fonde Baptist: June 22nd-26th; 9:00-11:00 AM

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

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

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

CLEARFORK UTILITY BOARD MEETING

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center.

CLAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: meets on the 2nd Monday of the month..

They need volunteers, need to be 18 years of age.

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.

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