

TELL-E-GRAM

FEBRUARY 19, 2019



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

The ground is officially broken! On the morning of February 13th, we held ceremonies to celebrate the beginning of construction on our new Toqua clubhouse and Kahite community center. The rain and clouds were replaced by sunshine, and we are thrilled to report a fantastic turnout; hundreds of Villagers arrived eager to commemorate this special, long-awaited occasion.

You can't always get what you want But if you try sometimes you might find You get what you need -Rolling Stones

This was the mantra POA Board President Bruce Johnson repeated during his ceremonious speeches at both Toqua and Kahite. We have wanted a new clubhouse for 12 years, and we've wanted to replace the temporary Kahite annex with a permanent facility for nearly 10 years. After a decade, we finally proved that we not only wanted these facilities, but we needed them in order to keep pace with the remarkable growth we've experienced. We are committed to ensuring Tellico Village continues on a path of growth and progression, while remaining the vibrant, beautiful home we all love and enjoy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Tellico Village Property Owners' Association, thank you to everyone who has played a role in making these

POA MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

February 20, 1:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Top Floor Yacht Club February 21, 9 a.m., ACC, POA Conference Room February 28, 9:30 a.m., Long Range, POA Conference Room

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projects possible. The countless hours, dedicated effort, and unwavering support you've given over the years kept these projects moving forward. We're excited to announce the Kahite community center is expected to be completed on July 26th, and the expected completion date for the Toqua clubhouse is November 25th.



Pictured from left to right: Chuck James, Toqua committee member | Winston Blazer, POA General Manager | Tom Lee, Toqua committee member | Jeanne Fancher, Toqua committee member | Bruce Johnson, POA Board President | Sam Hammett, United Community Bank



Pictured from left to right: Winston Blazer, POA General Manager | Ryan Kulke, Merit Construction | Bruce Johnson, POA Board President | Carla Johnson, POA Board member | Tom McPhee, Kahite committee member | Marianne Covert, Kahite committee member

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Toqua: Demolition of the old clubhouse is complete. The pad is ready for grading and footers, but the weather is currently delaying further progress.



Kahite: The pad has been cleared and grading is 80% complete. The rainy weather will bring progress to a standstill after today.

FINANCE COMMITEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Advisory Committee met on February 15, 2019.

First, the minutes from January 18, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Report on Current Activities: Parker Owen

- The groundbreaking ceremonies for the Toqua clubhouse and Kahite community center were well attended and well received. Kahite is expected to be completed on July 26th, and Toqua's expected completion date is November 25, 2019.
- The TVPOA Audit committee and the Coulter & Justus, P.C. Audit team met on February 14th to review the engagement letter and auditor communications, and to discuss the purpose and conduct of the audit. Field work will begin within the first two weeks of April, with a final reporting planned for the May Board meeting. During that meeting, it was decided that Steve Schneider will serve as committee chair, Bob Coates as vice-chair, and Rick Blough as secretary.
- Rebid of TVPOA insurance policies is underway. We are asking each of our three agencies, TIS, Scott, and Athens, to shop our coverage among various carriers to determine best recommended value. Insurance on the Toqua clubhouse has been cancelled. Until construction is completed, the building company is carrying insurance on the construction.

Financial Report: Parker Owen

For the month of January, the net revenue is above the budgeted amount, while expenses have fallen below budget. To name a few categories that were discussed, recreation revenue is \$6K above budget thanks to 17 new family memberships, while Dock and RV revenue is \$7K behind due to relinquished docks and delinquent payments. Maintenance expenses are \$45K below budget, but water and sewer expenses have risen \$27K above budget due to the cost of supply. Even with the many variables, the POA's year-to-date budget is in excellent standing.

Master Meter Software Upgrade: This project will update obsolete water meter reading equipment and software. While originally budgeted as a software expense, it was determined that the equipment and software should be treated as one combined project and capitalized.

Budgeted amount: \$11,000Request amount: \$11,500

Because the project will be within 10% of the approved budget and within the General Manager's approval authority, no further approval action is required.

Lastly, the committee elected Linda Bailey as the FAC representative to the February 20th Board meeting.

LIONS EXPAND LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PILL CONTAINERS

Based on feedback from Matthew 26, the Ohio organization that collects and distributes used pill containers worldwide, the list of acceptable containers has been expanded. In addition to the brown, screw-cap containers previously listed, virtually any plastic container used to store medical type products, vitamins, OTC drugs, etc., is now acceptable.

As in the past, the labels and contents must be removed, and the cap or screw lid included. The photo shows examples of three generic types that are accepted, though there are larger-and smaller-sized containers in a variety of colors that are also acceptable.



The Lions continue to accept used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Glasses should not be damaged and not be in cases. Hearing aids can be in cases and can also be donated with batteries. The simplest way to package any of the three items is in plastic grocery store bags.

There are two places in which these donations can be deposited. The first is in the large drive-up container at the rear of the Welcome Center. Access can be gained by driving around the right side to the old bank drive-up area. The deposit container is located on the center island. The other location where donations can be made is at the Gary Stuart Edward Jones office in Chota Center, opposite the TVCC offices. This can only be accessed during business hours, so the Welcome Center location is likely more convenient and is the preferred drop-off point.

The Tellico Village Lions Club appreciates the support from Villagers in this collection operation. Keep up the good work!

TELLICO PLAYERS

Tickets are on sale now for Neil Simon's *The Dinner Party*!

Reserved seats at \$21 for the farce/drama *The Dinner Party* by Neil Simon are on sale on the Tellico Community Players website: www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org. (Click on tickets to purchase.)

Dates for this first Players performance of 2019 are Thursday, February 21st – Saturday, February 23rd, and Thursday February 28th – Sunday March 3rd. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m., except for the matinee on Sunday, March 3rd, which begins at 1:30 p.m.

In this hilarious story directed by Steve Mayberry, five people are invited to dine at a first-rate restaurant in Paris. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tossed together in a private dining room, they have a sneaking suspicion that this unorthodox dinner party will forever change their lives. It is eventually revealed that the guests at this dinner were once married and divorced from one another!

Neil Simon, who was married five times, drew upon his own experiences to create the thematic materials for this farce-turned drama.

The cast includes:

Sauni Rinehart as Yvonne Fouchet, Len Willis as Andre Bouville, Sue Aukerman as Mariette Levieux, James Fisher as Claude Pichon, Steve Allen as Albert Donay, and Marlyce-Jean Dezzutti as Gabrielle Buonocelli.

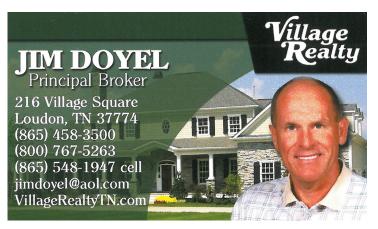
Steve Allen also is producing. Sponsored by Dr. Timothy Gardner, DPM.

SHOP TV



Jim Davis, a full time professional Real Estate Principal Broker/Owner, is pleased to provide buyers and sellers with a tremendous knowledge of Tellico Village and the surrounding Tellico Lake communities. He has earned many performance awards from the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors and was recently inducted into the RE/MAX International Hall of Fame. Jim and his wife Ali are Tellico Village residents. Jim currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Tellico Community Playhouse and is Chairman of the Loudon County Election Commission. To view the Remax website, visit www.remaxtellico4u.com. To reach Jim directly, call 865-408-1616 or 865-414-3601. You may also reach him via email at RemaxTellico@gmail.com.

Jim Doyel moved to Tennessee in 1985 as a member of the first Tellico Village sales team working for Cooper Communities. Jim has 38 years of real estate experience and has GRI and CRS designations from the National Association of Realtors. Jim is the principal broker & owner of Village Realty. Jim and his wife, Karen, live in Lenoir City, TN., about 10 miles from the Village Realty office. Visit Village Realty's website at villagerealtytn. com. To reach Jim directly, call 865-548-1947 or email



TV UNIVERSITY IS NOW OPEN FOR 2019!

Class details and registration links can be found on the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org under the Spring 2019 tab in the menu bar.

The Life and Times of General Winfield Scott: America in the Early 1800s: February 22, March 1 & 8 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Chota Rec Center room D)

Villager Jackie Curtiss is back with another selection of history through her unique style of storytelling. If you've attended a class with Jackie before, you know you are in for a treat. General Scott was one of the youngest generals ever in the War of 1812, led the Trail of Tears, took the US Army to victory in the Mexican-American War, and was still head of the army at the start of the Civil War. Along the way, he also ran for President.

Navigating Conflict Successfully: March 12th / 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Chota Rec Center room D)

This class is presented by Villager Nikki Calvano, JD, MS - Strategic Leadership. Do you engage in groups where there are people who always raise conflicting ideas, experiences, and preferences? This session will be helpful for anyone who plays a leadership role in any type of organization, whether it's a Tellico Village organization, a community project, a church, or a professional or special interest group of any kind. Here's your chance to learn techniques and gain insights into identifying conflict and guiding others to use conflict in a constructive way.

Just Punishment: A Look At Incarceration and its Purpose in the Criminal Justice System: March 13th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Chota Rec Center room D)

Dr. Regina Benedict, Criminal Justice Professor at Maryville College, provides an overview of the following: justifications of punishment and how they relate to current practices within adult corrections, incarceration as a gendered experience by comparing male and female inmates and facilities, inmate subcultures and coping during incarceration and the prevalence of drugs and addiction within prisons, and current practices of rehabilitation. Please make this class known to your neighbors, church friends, and those who do any type of ministry or social program with incarcerated people.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

TELLICO VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Medicare 101: February 19, 2019 / 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Library Conference Room)

Presenter is Bruce Landis from Providence Advisors Group. To register, call the TV Public Library at 865-458-5199. There is no fee for this presentation.

Medicare's Greatest Weakness: Extended Care: February 20, 2019 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Library Conference Room)

Presenter is Bruce Landis from Providence Advisors Group. To register, call the TV Public Library at 865-458-5199. There is no fee for this presentation.

Friday Author Series: March 1, 2019 / 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Library Conference Room)

Join us to meet local author Barbara Miller. "I Love Birds" is a children's book of colorful illustrations and descriptions designed for children ages 1–5 years old. It also comes with a game section called Name the Birds. You can purchase the book at this event. There is no charge to attend. Call 865-458-5199 to register.

April 2019 Library Book Sale:

Drop off dates: February 3 – April 14, 2019

Drop off Locations: Chota Recreation Center, Tellico Village Welcome Center, Tellico Village Wellness Center, The Public Library of Tellico Village.

We are collecting the following items: hardcover books, paperback books, puzzles, cookbooks, children's books, games, DVDs, and CDs.

TV HIKERS

Honey Creek Loop at Big South Fork

Distance: 5.6 miles Elevation Gain: 500 feet

Rating: Difficult **Driving Time:** 2 hours **Leader:** Ken Van Swearingen | 815-245-0247 | ken.vans918@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 20th

Depart at 8:00 a.m. from Lakeside Realty parking lot

It's only a 5.6-mile trail on paper, but the hike is an adventure. I isn't a typical walk through the woods or big elevation gain – yet everything about the primitive feeling Honey Creek Loop hike brings fun, including the many names of the different landmarks along the way. Around each corner lies landmarks such as Echo Rock, Boulder House Falls, or Ice Castle Falls, and an enormous rock



house called "The Great Room." There will be large boulders to climb over and some to go through, along with a "lookout tower" to climb, plus multiple creek crossings. Located at the south end of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Honey Creek Loop trail is one of the park's most rugged and challenging trails, but this trail offers a little something for everyone. Although it is only 5.6 miles, hiking time will approach 5 hours due to the beautiful scenery, creek crossings, and boulder climbs. Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Bring water and a trail lunch. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Carpooling is recommended; passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas.

Image is from Honey Creek hike, May 2018.

Photos from 2018 hikes are posted in TellicoLife Circle. To view, visit the TV Hikers page at https://www.tellicolife.org/.

TV SOLO CLUB

TV Solo Club will meet Wednesday, February 20th on the top floor of the Yacht Club at 5:00 p.m. Join us for dinner following the meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue Heron. Sign up is open for upcoming events in February and March. Dues are \$15.00 for 2019.

RUMMIKUB

Come join us in a friendly game of Rummikub strategy while meeting new friends on February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Chota Rec Center. Feel free to bring your own game. Want to learn to play? We are happy to teach you! For more information, call 657-9052.

TV COMPUTER USERS CLUB

Mac Users Special Interest Group Meeting:

Do you use an Apple computer? The February meeting of the Mac Users SIG (Special Interest Group) will be held Monday, February 25th, 3 p.m. at Chota Rec Center, room D. For more information, please visit our website at www.tvcuc.org.

Meet with First Level Support:

Having trouble with your PC or Mac system? The February session of Meet with FLS (First Level Support) will convene Tuesday, February 26th, 3:15 p.m. at Chota Rec Center, room D. For more information, please visit our website at www.tvcuc.org.

TVCUC General Meeting:

Interested in cutting the cord? The next general meeting of the Computer Users Club will be Wednesday, March 6th, 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center at the Community Church at Tellico Village. (Note: This meeting is postponed one day from our normal meeting schedule.) Feature topic is Cutting the Cord Part III. For more information, please visit our website at www.tvcuc.org.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Tellico Men's Senior Softball League - New Player Meeting

Join us Tuesday, February 26th at Chota Rec. Center at 1:30 p.m.

- Open to all men 55 and over (by December 31st, 2019) residing in Loudon County and surrounding communities
- Slow pitch, 7-inning, 8-game season in the spring and 8 games in the fall
- Cost to play \$50 (includes both seasons) pays for field rental, bats, balls, etc.
- Games are played at Loudon Municipal Park off Hwy 72 (about 1 mile east of I-75)
- Games are scheduled on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. beginning March 19th

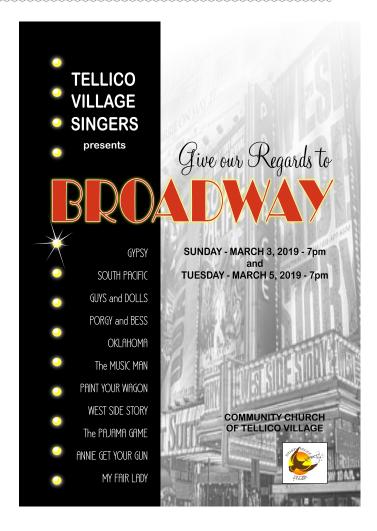
THYME FOR HERBS

You're invited to attend the next general meeting of Thyme for Herbs on Thursday, February 28th at 9:00 a.m. at the Chota Recreation Center. Our guest speaker is Neal Denton, who will cover topics relating to spring gardening in East Tennessee. Neal is the Director and Extension Agent with The University of Tennessee Extension in Knox County. He is responsible for agriculture and horticultural programming and education, as well as administrative and personnel management in the Knox County office. Neal currently appears on three horticultural programs weekly; two on Live at Five and one on the Morning Show for WBIR Channel 10, the NBC affiliate in Knoxville. Neal is also working on four 30-minute shows each year called *Out in the Yard*, which gives viewers a look at landscapes in poor condition and the improvements made throughout the year.

TV SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

Give Our Regards to Broadway is the theme of the Spring 2019 concert by the Tellico Village Singers and the Tellico Voices. As part of the Fine Arts Concert Series of the Community Church at Tellico Village, the Singers and Voices will perform on Sunday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church. The performances will include old Broadway classics with songs you will recognize; among the many classic pieces will be songs from My Fair Lady, The Music Man, and Oklahoma.

The March 3rd performance is sold out, but tickets for Tuesday night (March 5th) are still available at the Community Church office for \$10.



2019 LADIES LINKSTERS GOLF ORIENTATION MEETING

The Tellico Village Ladies Linksters Golf Association League will hold its orientation and registration meeting on March 6th at the Yacht Club from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Our league emphasizes fun while playing golf! Whether you are a beginner or looking to improve your knowledge and experience, we are the league for you. We play nine holes every Tuesday morning, rotating between all three golf courses in the Village. Please note: no established handicap is required to join our league. Golf professional Adam Jacob will discuss the "Team Lady Linksters," how to use Chelsea, new golf rules, and the schedule for the upcoming season.

If you can't attend the meeting, please pick up a registration form at any of the pro shops and mail your completed registration form and \$15 check made payable to Lady Linksters C/O Lisa Tucker.

The season will begin with a scramble at 9:00 a.m. on April 2nd at Toqua Golf Course.

NEW VILLAGERS

The New Villagers Club holds a social on the first Thursday of every month at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The next social will be Thursday, March 7th at 4:30 p.m. New members should arrive promptly at 4:00 p.m. Please note: no event sign ups will be accepted before 4:30 p.m. Visit the New Villagers Club website for more information: www.telliconewvillagers.com.

TV LIONS CHILI / SOUP DINNER

You can't yet hear the sounds of plates rattling, vegetables being sliced, ground beef simmering, or the myriad of other noises that accompany preparations for this event – but you will hear them in the near future. They will be emanating from the Christian Life Center of Tellico Community Church in the wee hours of March 12, 2019.

This dinner is the first of five annual fundraising events presented by the Tellico Village Lions. The proceeds support the many community service activities the Lions carry out each year. The key to the success of this and other events is support from Village residents. That annual support translates into almost \$40,000, every cent of which is returned to the community by efforts of the club's 56 members. These efforts include health fairs at the Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City and the Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville, vision screening in county schools from nursery and pre-school to grade 12, and cash donations to countless service organizations in the Village, the county, east Tennessee and in a few cases, the nation.

Preparation is overseen by Lion Mario Catani assisted by Lion Larry Stickler preparing the chili, chicken noodle soup and the antipasto by Lion spouse Linda Stickler, Mayfield ice cream served by POA Chair and Lion Bruce Johnson, and bread and beverages served by other Lions and their spouses. In addition to a great menu, the evening provides a great opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors.

Tickets are currently on sale, priced at \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door. They can be obtained from any Lion, Sloan's Hardware, Village Salon or United Community Bank. If you don't know a Lion or the locations are not convenient, please contact Lion Marcia Higby at 865-458-9356 or marcia42@sbcglobal.net.



Lion Doris Catani serving the great antipasto at the 2018 event



A portion of the crowd enjoying dinner and socializing with friends

TV KIWANIS

Tellico Village Kiwanis Club will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. This special event will be in lieu of the regular meeting on March 19th. The guest speaker will be the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Governor Russ Williamson. All Tellico Village Kiwanians are invited to join participate in this memorable event. Reservations are required by March 14th. For more information or to register, please contact Beth Mouse at 865-712-9189 or bethmouse1950@gmail.com.

CHARITY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Tellico Lake Rotary Club is pleased to announce it will be holding its annual Charity Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the beautiful Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Tellico Village.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be former SEC Commissioner, Roy Kramer. Roy was appointed Commissioner in 1990 and served for 12 years. During his time with the SEC, the conference won 81 national championships – the most ever in a decade by the league. He oversaw the distribution of a then-league record, \$95.7 million to its member institutions for 2001 – 2002. Kramer also negotiated multi-sport national television packages with CBS and ESPN, featuring football and men's and women's basketball through the 2008 – 2009 season. Because of his influence, the Men's and Women's SEC Athlete of the Year Award is presented annually as the Roy F. Kramer Award.



Roy is a dynamic speaker with great stories to share and is well-loved by all who have worked with him. Even in his retirement years, current SEC coaches and athletic directors continue to seek his advice and counsel. This will be a rare opportunity to meet and hear from one of the college sports pioneers who helped elevate the SEC conference to what it is today.

Come be a part of this exciting event where we honor our charities and scholarship winners and hold our famous silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale February 18th. Tickets must be purchased in advance from any Tellico Lake Rotary Club member, the First Baptist Church office 865-408-0110, or United Community Bank. You may also call John or Sue Everson at 423-884-3369 to reserve your tickets. Please make checks payable to Tellico Lake Rotary Foundation.

Do you have announcements for the Tell-E-Gram? Would you like to be added to the distribution list? Email Amanda Parks at aparks@tvpoa.org.





The first organization/information meeting for the post's proposed Auxiliary will be at 8PM on Wednesday, February 20th, in the Yacht Club

Are you looking to give back to your community and help support those that have served our country?

To be a member you must:

Be a citizen of the United States or a U,S, National and be at least 16 years old.

You need to be a Husband or Wife, Widower or Widow, Father or Mother, Grandfather or Grandmother, Son or Daughter, Grandson or Granddaugher, or Brother/Sister of the person that has received a campaign medal for service: have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea: or received hostle fire or imminlent danger pay.

For information Call Jim Jorgensen - 865-458-2792







Tellico Village Yacht Club Buflalo Frace Antique Dinner ^{February} 28, 2019 6:30PM

Cocktail Greeting: Buffalo Trace Old Fashioned Tubndo Sinde Synd Orage Billers Availle Billers Lusado Matachio Orany, Llened Crarge

PLATED APPETIZER TRIO:

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FIRST COURSE:

Ripe Pear and mixed greens salad with bourbon-pornegranate vinaignette and candled pecan

ENTREE:

Clive oil, trists both, and boutbon mannated obstred tenderloin, Luvardo sweet-hot barbedue and smoked formate beamaise, blou cheese potatoes, reasted seasonal vegetables.

Old Rip Van Winkle 10 year & Pappy Van Winkle's Family Beserve 15 year

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Broche, vanila custard, onnamon ibourbon sauce, vanila beanice cream

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Very limited seating, for reservations call: 86,5-2,58-4,36,3

3225 Per Person

"All inclusive of Tax and Gratuities"



Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show

When

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

10 AM to 1 PM Doors open at 10 to shop and socialize

Where

The Yacht Club 100 Sequoyah Rd Loudon, TN 37774 865-458-4363

Guest Charity Baker

March desserts are provided by Marcia Engel and are \$3 each. Proceeds benefit MCFA Monroe County Friends of Animals

Can't stay for the luncheon?

Come from 10-11 to shop our vendors and pick up some delicious desserts to take home and enjoy.



Fashions

Christopher & Banks

Vendors

Alicia's Crafts • American Commissary LLC
Premier Jewelry • Sadie's
Wood Crafts by Stan Sech

Table Centerpieces

Alicia's Crafts

Music

Peggy Bastien

March Menu

Eggplant Parmesan w/ Side Salad

No Substitutions Please

Tickets \$15 each

Purchase at the Yacht Club, at the preceding Luncheon, HOA or New Villagers Socials.

Deadline for purchase is Feb 27th.



MARCH 17TH

FEATURING DJ STEVE LOTS OF IRISH MUSIC, FOOD, DANCING & IRISH BEER

DOORS OPEN @ 5:00 CELEBRATION STARTS @ 6:00

CASH BAR

IRISH MENU INCLUDES:
HOUSE SALAD,
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE,
COLCANNON, IRISH BANGERS
& DESSERT

BEST DRESSED CONTEST

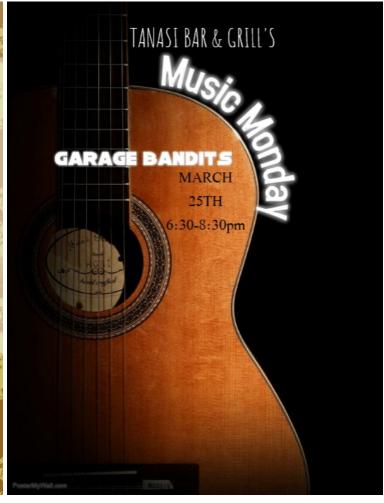


\$20 PER TICKET {









PET OF THE WEEK



Buster is an adorable 2-year-old mixed breed dog who weighs about 30 pounds. He has the wiry coat of a terrier, big floppy ears like a corgi, soulful brown Labrador Retriever eyes and a long, constantly wagging tail. He is energetic, friendly with everyone, and not animal aggressive. Buster would do best in a home with older children who match his energy level and can run and play with him. He is looking forward to becoming part of a family.

Come and see Buster and his furry friends at the Monroe County Animal Shelter (MCAS), located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart). It is open Tuesday – Friday from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday and Monday. All animals adopted are spayed or neutered, have age appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped (with registration). Call 423-442-1015 for more information.

Please remember animals' true personalities may not show through immediately in the shelter environment. Take time to pet them while still in their kennel and let them get used to you for a few moments before taking him/her for a walk.

Would you consider becoming a foster for puppies, kittens or adult dogs and cats? Some just need a break from shelter life, some are awaiting their turn on a rescue transport, and some just need some love. If you feel that you cannot adopt at this time, think about a short- or long-term foster situation. Call the shelter to find out more information. It's a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

MCAS operates a monthly food pantry to help pet families in Monroe County. Our supplies are low, and we are reaching out to the community for help. Any donations of canned or dry food for puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats is needed and will be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter during operating hours. (The shelter is closed on Sunday and Monday.) Food City in Vonore also has a donation barrel by the customer service desk/self-check out area. We thank you for your kindness and support.

Have you seen the MCFA Thrift Store at its new location? Stop in at 3949 Highway 411 in Madisonville, across from Kentucky Fried Chicken. Store hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. New merchandise arrives daily! Donations are greatly appreciated and are accepted Wednesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. All proceeds go to helping the homeless animals of Monroe County. Worker volunteers are always in high demand. For up-to-date sale information, like us on Facebook (Thrift Store of MCFA) or call 423-420-3423.