

TELL-E-GRAM

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019



GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Tellico Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA) Board of Directors chartered the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) by a unanimous vote in March 2019. The GAC has been tasked with researching the workings of governmental entities, utilities and other organizations and to quantify what impact they have on life in Tellico Village. The GAC will also compile information and data about the positive impacts that the Village and its residents have on these external organizations and the surrounding communities. With that information in-hand, the GAC will act as a liaison with external organizations and advocate on behalf of the Village. They will be an important information resource for elected and appointed officials and commissions, as well as TVPOA members. Additionally, they will be a leader in community advocacy and get-out-the-vote efforts.

The GAC had their first meeting in mid-July and have been spending their time getting organized by identifying and prioritizing issues. The GAC will begin communicating with Tellico Village POA members to inform them on the issues and develop programs to encourage their active participation as Village advocates who can help influence actions affecting Tellico Village today and in the future.

The members of the Committee are Susan Kirk, Chair, John Baucom, Vice

POA MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

September 4, 9 a.m. – PSAC, POA Conference Room September 5, 9 a.m. – ACC, POA Conference Room September 6, 9 a.m. – CAC, POA Conference Room September 10, 1:30 p.m. – Board Workshop, POA Conference Room September 11, 2 p.m. – Having Your Say*, POA Conference Room September 12, 10 a.m. - RAC, Wellness Center

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Chair, John Bordelon, Ray Byers, Ed Grollemond, Annette Schmidt, and Dennis Stanczuk.

More information on the GAC can be found on the POA website here. Specific questions for the GAC can be sent to truthbetold@tvpoa.org.

2019 BOARD ELECTION

REMINDER: This Friday, September 6th, is the last day to submit your application!

Three seats are available for 2019's POA Board of Directors election. For a detailed look at the election calendar, please click <u>here</u>.

September 6: Last day to submit application for candidacy

November 3: Election officially opens online and by paper ballot

November 21: Polls close at noon

November 22: Election results revealed at 2 p.m. Election Committee sends results to the Board of Directors

December 18: Announcement of new Board members at the December Board meeting

US 411 & NILES FERRY ROAD

A request for a spot safety study at 411 & Niles Ferry Road intersection has been requested and is fully supported by our Representative Lowell Russell. This is in regard to potentially installing a traffic light at that intersection. To view the official correspondence, please click here.

LOCK TOURS

Once again, Fort Loudoun will be offering lock tours. The following are dates and times of tours:

Tuesday, Oct 8th, at 8:30am

Tuesday, Oct 8th, at 10:30am

Wednesday, Oct 9th, at 8:30am

Wednesday, Oct 9th, at 1:30pm

Please register at The Welcome Center from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please bring the following items with you to fill out the paperwork and secure your spot:

Legal Name/Driver's License and State Date of Birth Last 4 digits of SS# Date/Time of Proposed Visit

Phone Number

Spots will fill quickly. If you wish to bring a friend, please have their information or bring them with you at time of registration.

ADOPT-A-CLASS

Adopt-a-Class has several exciting openings for classroom volunteers at Steekee Elementary School. This school is a short distance south of Tellico Village, off Hwy 72. Adopt-a-Class has an established volunteer program at Steekee, and new volunteers will be welcomed. Here are the requests:

Grade 4 Math: 2 – 3 p.m. any day

Grade 4 Science/Social Studies: 10 – 12 a.m. any day

Grade 4 Language Arts

Grade 5 Math

Math Intervention: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday 8 – 10 a.m.

Interested Villagers may contact Karen Hamerslag at adopt.a.class.tn@gmail.com or text 352-219-1046. Please include your name, email, phone number, and preferred volunteer opportunities. More information about the program is available upon request.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: TOQUA CLUBHOUSE

The photos below show the newly installed bar cabinets and the installation progress of ceiling tiles. This week, crews will be installing kitchen equipment, laying tile in restrooms, continuing mill work in the dining room, and forming the east side of the building for final concrete pour.

Stay up to date with the ongoing construction! Click here for the progress at Toqua Clubhouse.



Toqua Clubhouse



Toqua Clubhouse

SHOP TV

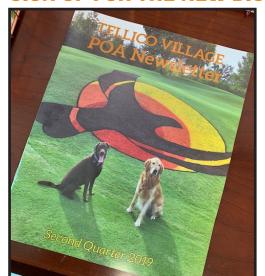
We'd like to extend a special welome to all of the new members of the Tellico Village Business Alliance for the 2019-2020 year. In the upcoming weeks, we will feature two members of TVBA. A complete list of TVBA members are listed on the POA website. The 2019-2020 TVBA Directory has been delivered to all households in the Village and are also available at the Welcome Center.

The newest members of the Tellico Village Business Alliance are:

Beans & Cream - Village Square
The Big Cheese - Village Square
Benchmark Physical Therapy - Village Square
Larry's Mama's Grits - Village Square
Marathon Gas Station - Village Square
Chota Community Health - Vonore
Oh My Boutique - Vonore
Tellico Bay Animal Hospital - Vonore

Vonore Quick Lube – Vonore
Vonore Drug – Vonore
Kat-Mac's Cakes – Vonore
The Corner Creamery & Coffee – Lakeside Plaza
Little Italy – Lakeside Plaza
Lakeside Rentals – Chota Center
Holly Matalon Massage
Shawalter Roofing

SIGN UP FOR THE NEW DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

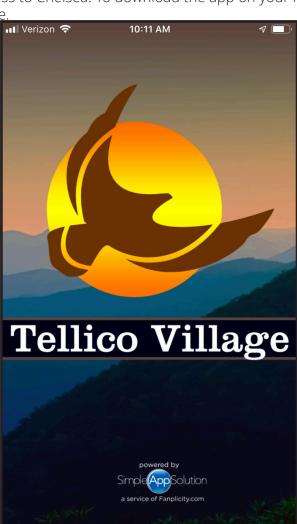


The 2019 2nd Quarter POA Newsletter has been delivered to all Tellico Village mailboxes! If you'd like to help the POA save money next quarter and receive your newsletter faster, consider signing up to receive it digitally.

To receive your quarterly POA Newsletter straight to your email inbox, please <u>click here</u> to subscribe or email Amanda Parks as aparks@tvpoa. org with your name, email address, and street address.

TELLICO VILLAGE APP

Did you know Tellico Village has an app for your smartphone or tablet? It's a great resource to locate information quickly, and golfers may especially find it useful to book tee times with convenient, on-the-go access to Chelsea. To download the app on your iPhone or Android device, search "Tellico Village" in the app store





YACHT CLUB SUNDAY BRUNCH

Don't forget about Sunday brunch at the Yacht Club's Blue Heron! Brunch is offered each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a variety of brunch options, such as omelets, steak & eggs, salads, and sandwiches. The bar is also open to serve delicious Bloody Marys or mimosas!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

TV STARGAZERS

The Tellico Village Stargazers will meet on Wednesday, September 4th in Chota Recreation Center room D at 7 p.m. The program will be "A Prelude to the New Villager Evening with the Stars." Chris Garner will present a look at the night sky as it will be on October 1st and information about the visible planets, constellations, and stars. Villagers who are planning to attend the star party would benefit from this preview of what is to come. For more information, please call Mary Garner at 865-408-0337.

NEW VILLAGERS

The New Villagers club holds a social on the first Thursday of every month at the Yacht Club. The next social will be Thursday, September 5th at 4:30 p.m. New members should arrive promptly at 4:00 p.m. and make every effort to register online before the meeting. For more information, visit the New Villagers website at www.telliconewvillagers.com.

BEGINNING TAI CHI

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA will offer a beginner Tai Chi class on Thursdays at 10:30 beginning September 5th. The class will be held in the Wellness Center, though you do not need to be a Recreation member to attend. This four-month class covers a 108-move set.

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese internal martial art that is widely known for its health benefits. These include increased flexibility and strength, improved balance, and a calmer mind. Tai Chi can be practiced by people of all ages and physical abilities.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA is a tax-exempt, charitable organization whose accredited volunteer instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Taoist Tai Chi® arts. For more information, contact Julie LaFrance at lafranceje@yahoo.com or 865-242-0563 or visit www.taoisttaichi.org.

GARDEN CLUB

The Tellico Village Garden Club will begin their new program year on Thursday, September 5th at 12:30 at the Yacht Club. New members are welcome; dues will be collected by check for \$15. Our September speaker is Kelly Smith Trimble, author, magazine writer and editor and currently digital editor/director for HGTV. Her topic will be "Think Beyond The Row" when planning and planting your vegetable garden.

WOODWORKERS CLUB

The Tellico Village Woodworkers Club will hold their monthly general meeting on September 5th at 7:15 p.m. on the top floor of the Yacht Club. This month's program will feature John Winter, who will discuss "Scenery in Wood." The public is welcome to attend. For more information, go to www.tvwoodworkers.com.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, September 6th: Returning by request is Michael Grant, author of **Manhattan**, the sequel to **In the Time of Famine**, about a family fleeing to a chaotic new world. The presentation will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a book signing. There is no charge for this event.

Tuesday, September 10th & Friday, September 13th; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Part One - Legal Aspects of Native American Removals

Part Two - The Actual Removals

Please call The Public Library at Tellico Village at 865-458-5199 to reserve a seat for this free event.

MUDDY BOOTS

Date: Monday, September 9th (Rain date: September 16th)

Destination: Stinging Fork Falls & Twin Rocks near Spring City, TN

Length of Hike: 1.5 + 2.2 miles **Elevation Gain:** ~200 and ~300 feet **Rating:** Moderate, with challenges

Time: 8:00 a.m. – No registration, just show up!

Location: Departing from Chota Center parking lot, across from the gas station

Distance/Drive Time: Approximately 53 miles; 1 hour, 17 minutes

Hike Leader: Phil Brenner

Hike Description: These two hikes are rated moderate due to their short distance but present challenging trail conditions. Stinging Fork Falls (1.5 miles) makes its way to a pretty waterfall. The Twin Rocks hike, (2.2 miles) is a loop hike to a set of twin rock towers. Reaching the top requires a short rock scramble, then up a caged wooden ladder to reach the top of the first tower. A short wooden foot bridge connects to the other tower.

Lunch: Pack a lunch for on the trail.

Be Prepared: These trails are rugged in spots, rocky, with downed trees and possibly muddy, so hiking boots and poles are required. Short sections of the trails are somewhat steep and there will be some trees across the trails to get over or under. We suggest you bring an extra pair of shoes and place hiking boots in a trash bag to keep the driver's car clean. In the event of a medical situation during a hike, please wear your name tag and bring a photo ID and medical insurance cards.

Muddy Boots Coordinators:

Phil Brenner: phil.brenner@hotmail.com | 703-774-4778 Kevin Fusco: velkfabfour@gmail.com | 561-213-0449

CRUISING CLUB

Tellico Cruising (Boating) Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wedesday, September 11th at the Yacht Club. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. with the meeting following immediately at 6 p.m. The club includes all types of boats: pontoons, bow riders, wake boats, cruisers, and all motorized craft. Anyone with any percentage of boat ownership is eligible for membership. Come check us out and learn about all the fun we have while boating! For questions, contact Commander Pat Ezell at 513-257-5279.

FISHING CLUB

The Tellico Village Fishing Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 11th from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Pete Young at 865-458-1527 or visit www.tellicovillagefishinggroup.com.

TELLICO RIDERS

On Thursday, September 12th, the Tellico Riders will conduct their monthly meeting at the Yacht Club. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. in the Yacht Club bar, followed by a meeting on the 3rd floor at 6 p.m. If you own a motorcycle, ride in East Tennessee, or would like to meet those that do, come join us. Following the meeting, consider joining us for dinner at the Blue Heron. If you desire to have dinner, we recommend you place your dinner order during the social hour; tell them you're with the Tellico Riders. For additional information, please contact Carl Bye, Director Telllico Riders, at crbyejr@gmail.com.

HIKING CLUB

Date: Friday, September 13th

Destination: Laurel Falls to Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (shuttle)

Distance: 8.1 miles **Rating:** Moderate **Drive Time:** 1.5 hours

Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Lakeside Real Estate parking lot

Elevation Gain: 2000 feet

Leader: Tom Ringenbach | 865-201-9014 | tommamier@gmail.com

Hike Descripion: This is a shuttle hike. We will drop off a couple of cars at Metcalf Bottoms, then proceed to

Laurel Falls Trail where we will begin the hike. We will ascend a little over 2000 feet using the Laurel Falls Trail and the Little Greenbrier Trail, then descend using the Little Brier Gap Trail and the Metcalf Bottoms Trail to the Metcalf Bottoms picnic area. We will pass Laurel Falls, an overlook of Wears Valley, the Walker Sisters Home, and the Little Greenbrier School.

TELLICO ROADRUNNERS

Please join the Tellico Roadrunners RV Club on September 17th for their general meeting and the social beginning at 7 p.m. at the Yacht Club. General club business will be discussed as well as sharing information on recent and upcoming RV rallies. Visitors are welcome.

CALIFORNIA CLUB

The annual California Club picnic will be held on September 19th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tugaloo Pavilion. Please join us for an afternoon of fun, door prizes, trivia, and a gift exchange!

Please bring the flowing items:

a beverage of your choice, a dish to share, a gift to exchange (\$5 or less) and \$5 per person for the rental of the pavilion and paper goods.

Please feel free to bring a folding chair for your comfort. Looking forward to seeing our old friends and meeting new Tellico residents from California. Please RSVP by September 13th to the California Club on NextDoor.com or by emailing Nancy Campbell at nsc5458@gmail.com.

ART GUILD

On Thursday, September 19th, the Art Guild of Tellico Village will have the privilege of presenting entrepreneurial and international jewelry designer, Yunjo Lee, as our featured speaker. She attended Pratt institute and has a Bachelor of Arts in Painting and Fine Arts. Yunjo Lee is a conceptual and entrepreneurial mind-set jewelry designer based in New York. She worked with world-renowned names including Tiffany & Co., Michael Kors, Paloma Picasso and Frank Gehry. She has established a reputation for designing coveted and iconic jewelry collections for global luxury brands. Most recently, she held a role of Design Director for the fine jewelry brand M. Monroe heading up designers, product marketing and development. Yunjo was also invited for special collaboration with Swiss brand Bucherer to create new designs. She has media presence both in U.S and Europe.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Top floor of the Yacht Club. Refreshments: Light refreshments and beverages will be served before the presentation.

Cherokee Fall Festival

September 7 & 8, 2019

10 a.m. -5 p.m. both days at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum







28th Annual Cherokee Fall Festival

"Cherokee Folklore, Legends, and Traditions"

Living History Demonstrations

Native American Dancing, Storytelling & Flute Playing

Warriors of the Ani-Kituhwa

Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors

Native American Food & Drink

Tennessee State Parks Birds of Prey Program

Civil War Battle Re--enactment & Encampment

Adult & Kid's Blow Gun Competition

Bill Landry Book Signing Sunday 11-1

Cherokee Elementary Art Display

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum Cherokee Fall Festival Info

423-884-6246

Cost: Adults \$10 each, \$5 Students 12-18, 12 & under free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday



Are you at risk for falls?

Join us for a **complimentary** fall prevention seminar for seniors and caregivers at BenchMark Physical Therapy!

Zach Gerber, PT, DPT, OCS, ATC, CSCS, will give tips and tricks, including a complimentary screening to evaluate strength, balance and mobility to determine low, medium or high risk for falls.

WHERE: BenchMark Physical Therapy in Tellico Village 226 Village Square Drive • Loudon, TN 37774

WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

RSVP: Email zgerber@benchmarkpt.com







MODERN WESTERN SQUARE DANCE

Caller

Little T Squares Starting Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at: War Memorial Building 103 North B Street Lenoir City, TN



Steve Kopman

\$6 per class First class FREE

"Come As You Are"

Dance to a variety of music including today's Pop Hits, Country, and Broadway Classics

Call/Text Manuela 865-227-6825 or Wendy 865-765-4107

Come have fun, challenge yourself, and enjoy a new activity

ABOUT BOATING SAFELY

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Tellico Lake Flotilla 12-2 8-Hour Safe Boating Course

September 17 & 19, 2019 WHEN:

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. @ day

WHERE: Tellico Village Yacht Club

(top floor meeting room)



*Couples/families who share course materials may attend for only \$10 per additional

This eight hour course will cover all the topics necessary to make you a knowledgeable and safe boater, including navigation, boating emergencies, knot tying and TN laws and regulations. An official U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Certificate will be issued to all attendees who successfully complete this class. Visit our Public Education web page for a full description of this class. A certific TWRA monitor will administer the state test to those born after January 1, 1989.

SPACE IS LIMITED

PLEASE CALL EARLY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

•Call: Carolyn McDermott@ 865-458-1959 /email: carmactn@charter.net

•Mike Colacone @ 352-804-8257 / email mc195@aol.com



LITTLE ITALY OF TELLICO **FESTIVAL & LOW COUNTRY** SHRIMP BOIL DINNER SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 at the Tugaloo Pavilion

Join us for a fun afternoon! Vendors Displaying Arts, Crafts, Jewelry, Wood Items, Baked Goods & More **Tellico Village Vintage Vehicles** 3:00PM - 6:00PM ** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC *** MUSIC ***

DINNER: 4:00PM-6:00PM & 6:00PM-8:00PM

Low Country Shrimp Boil Dinner:

Shrimp, Adouille Sausage, Red Potatoes & Corn on Cob w/garlic and spices

Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya & Rice Dinner

Dinners served with Potato Salad or Cole Slaw, Corn Bread and Dessert

BYOB - Tea, Soft Drinks & Water Included **NO To-Go Boxes**

\$29.95 Per Person plus tax

PRE-PURCHASE tickets at: Mama's Grits, in the Village Square or Little Italy, Lakeside Plaza (Tickets limited and non-refundable) NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT FESTIVAL OR DINNER

5% of ticket sales to benefit Tellico Village Fire Dept.

Parking space is limited. Car Pooling advisable. Shuttle service available from Mama's Grits parking lot to the Tugaloo Park and Pavilion and return courtesy of TLC.





Saturday, Sept 21st

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Welcome Center 202 Chota Rd. Loudon, TN



NO set price to wash your vehicle. We ask only for donations to fund our many projects.



Rain Date: Sept. 28th Same Time, Same Place

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SEPTEMBER RECREATION NEWS



Labor Day Hours

All Recreation department facilities will be closing early on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. We will close at 5 p.m. and there will be NO fitness classes held at any of our facilities.

Hours of Operation Change

Beginning Friday, September 6th, Chota Recreation Center will begin closing at 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays instead of 7 p.m.

Patriot Paddle

Join Recreation Director Simon Bradbury on Wednesday, September 11th for a casual, sunrise paddle in the cove. Call Chota Recreation Center at 458-6779 to reserve a kayak or paddleboard. Numbers are limited. The group will depart the Tugaloo Pavilion at roughly 7:30 a.m. This paddle trip will last 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Lake Fitness Opportunities with Jean Clesen for Recreation Members

If you are confident on a paddleboard, join Jean Clesen Fridays at 9 a.m. for a fitness class featuring intervals of cardio, balance, resistance training, and stretch with a backdrop of Tellico Lake. This class is **NOT** intended for beginners and requires the use of a life jacket. All equipment is provided. Signups are required by calling Chota Recreation Center at 458-6779. Limited space is available.

There is another opportunity to join Jean Clesen in the Kahite neighborhood. Bring your own board and come down to the corner of Ama Trail and Golanvyi Trail for Paddleboard Fitness on Thursdays at 8 a.m. This class involves intervals of cardio, balance, resistance training, and stretch. Participants must be able to safely operate



a paddleboard without assistance. This is **NOT** a class for beginners. You must provide your own equipment. Life jackets are required.

For those of you who would like to experiment with a paddleboard, join Jean Clesean on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. for Paddleboard 101. This small beginner's group meets at Tugaloo Beach. All equipment is provided. Life jackets are required. Call Chota Recreation Center at 458-6779 to sign up.

There is Still Time

There is still time to soak up some of that summer sun. Outdoor water exercise classes continue at Chota and Kahite into September. They will extend as late into the month as the weather permits. Chota classes with Mikki Barr are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Join Joann in Kahite on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15 a.m.



Sunrise Yoga Series Continues at the Yacht Club

Join Recreation Director Simon Bradbury on Thursdays at 7 a.m. for our new Sunrise Yoga Series. These classes are held at the Yacht Club and are free to all property owners and their guests.

Basic Hatha Yoga Continues in Kahite

Basic Hatha Yoga with Coral Johnston will be held outside near the Kahite tennis courts Fridays at 8 a.m. Come expand your mind and body while enjoying the breathtaking horizon. Bring an open mind and a yoga mat. Should rainy weather hit, classes will be held inside the new Kahite Community Center at 10:30 a.m.

Same Great Class...New Great Time!!!

Join Linda Michalko for Aqua Action. Now on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Swim with Kim: Training and Tips

Join Kim Wiebe, our very own swim instructor, during her new "floor training" time. Kim will be present on the pool deck every Wednesday morning from 7 a.m. to 8 am. to answer any water-related questions you might have. Talk to her about safety, stroke techniques, workout ideas, how to use equipment, etc. This service is free to all Recreation members.

Weight Equipment Orientations

Orientations on the proper use of cardiovascular and weight equipment will be provided at 2 p.m. on the following days:

Tuesday, September 24th at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 11th at 2 p.m.



Floor Training

Join one of our amazing floor trainers on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you have any questions about how to start your fitness journey, our fabulous floors trainers are a great place to start. This service is available to Recreation members at no additional charge!

Personal Trainers

If you are looking for a little more assistance, don't forget to ask for the personal trainer contact list at the Wellness Center front desk.

REC 101

Join Lindsey Allison on September 10th for REC 101 in the Wellness Center conference room at 12:30 p.m. Learn everything you need to know about being a member of the Recreation Department and more.

FREE Injury Assessments with Tennessee Orthopedic Clinic

Would you like to receive free on-site injury assessments at the Wellness Center? Believe it or not, this service is available every week. Did we mention you don't have to be a member of the Recreation Department? Join Matt Schaller, a licensed athletic trainer from Tennessee Orthopedic Clinic, on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Massage Therapist

Check out local massage therapist, Emily Hayes, with FlexxFitness on Thursdays in September. She will be offering free sample massages between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.



Available Pavilion Dates are Filling up Fast

Are you interested in booking the Kahite Pavilion or Tugaloo Beach Pavilion? Contact Larissa Lownsdale at Chota Recreation Center (458-6779) to book your event today. A \$50 reservation fee will apply.

PET OF THE WEEK:

Beau is a medium-size Australian Shepherd mix with a huge grin. He is about 3 years old but still has a puppy personality. Beau is housebroken and can be crated if you are home, however he will bark if he is crated with no one home. He is fully grown at 37 pounds and has a beautiful full black/white merle colored coat. He is a healthy and happy boy who is looking for someone to love him. Come visit him at the shelter located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart) and is open Tuesday – Friday from 11 – 4:30 and Saturdays from 11 – 2.

The Monroe County Animal Shelter and it's partner organizations are responsible for the intake, care, and adoption of dogs and cats within Monroe County. On an average week, the shelter takes in about 34 animals. You can view photos and information about the animals on its website: www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org. After a little while, if the animal has not been adopted, it is often transferred to a shelter in another area. Volunteers drive as far away as New York and as close as Georgia



to help the dogs and cats find a forever home. Because they are sent to more densely populated areas, their chance for adoption is increased. We are so thankful to have partnered with these other groups.

The shelter also helps reunite pets who have become lost. Residents know to check with the shelter to try to locate their loved one. We have a chip reader which stores the pets contact information. 1-2 pets each week are happily reunited with their families. We strongly urges all pet owners to have a chip implanted in their pet. For only \$10, the shelter will microchip your pet. You never know when you and your pet will become separated.

The Monroe County Animal Shelter also works with Second Chance Pals, an organization started by the Monroe County Friends of Animals (MCFA), who saw the need to call attention to the plight of older shelter pets, who are in the shelter due to no fault of their own; perhaps their owner has died with no one to care for them, a family has suffered a job loss, or some other unforeseen circumstance. The rewards of adopting and/or fostering an adult dog or cat out of the shelter can be hugely rewarding and life changing. If you aren't able to foster, please consider making a donation toward the medical care and fostering expenses that the program incurs.

The Monroe County Animal Shelter is located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart) and is open Tuesday – Friday from 11 – 4:30 and Saturdays from 11 – 2. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday and Monday. Call 423-442-1015 and check out all available pets on our website at www. monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org. TN Monroe County Animal Shelter is the official Facebook page for the Monroe County Animal Shelter.

All animals adopted are spayed or neutered, wormed, have age appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped with registration. Cats are litter box trained. \$50 adoption fee over 1 year old, \$60 under 1 year old.