

Astronomer Dan

(this is the sixth part of an eight-week photography series)

Once again, I have a Cades Cove shot which was very lucky. By lucky here, think of it as spending enough time in the field. Good things happen then.

I was near a meadow with a line of trees along a creek. This young fellow walked out of the trees and crossed the meadow. He looked to be a yearling, not much over 100 lbs. I kept quiet, hoping he would come closer.

He did, and completely ignored me, which was good. He was nosing around this rotting log, and then started rooting. I was lucky enough to catch bits of log flying this time. Next week, Dan.



Interfaith Event Comes to Fentress County

It was four years ago this summer that the world held its collective breath when twelve members of a Thai youth soccer team and their coach were trapped by rising flood waters in the extensive Tham Luang cave network after entering it on June 23, 2018. It wasn't until early July that the boys were found, but shortly afterwards it became clear that their rescue would be extremely risky and dangerous. The world watched as a team of international cave diving experts led the mission to retrieve them, evacuating the boys one-by-one. The last of the group, the coach, successfully exited the cave on July 10. This is one example of the tremendous effort and resources that are willingly given to save the life of someone

who is in danger, because we believe that life is precious.

However, that belief does not extend to all people. Since 1973, millions of baby's lives have been lost to abortion. In response to the Supreme Court's Roe Vs. Wade decision that permitted this practice, beginning in 1987, the rural California sister towns of Yuba City-Marysville started their own life-saving effort, Life Chain. This annual observance is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. And while this summer that decision was overturned, it allows each state's legislature to decide on the matter.

Sunday, October 2nd

will mark the 35th annual National Life Chain, with events held across the U.S. and Canada. Christian led and church focused, Life Chain is interfaith and welcomes everyone who upholds human Life from conception to death. During the life chain, participants hold signs with pro-life scriptures and messages while spaced apart for mindful reflection and prayer. A local observance will also take place Sunday, October 2 in Jamestown, TN from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the sidewalk in front of the Historic Fentress County courthouse. For more information you may contact local Life Chain coordinator Steve Boutelle at 931-879-8188.

Fentress Courier Siren Testing

People of Fentress County, starting on the first Wednesday in October and the first of every month following, the Fentress County Emergency Management & Fire Department's will

be conducting tests on our weather sirens scattered throughout the county. We are doing this to be sure that all Fentress County residents can be properly warned in the event of a weather emergency, also to make sure the sirens are

still in proper working condition. We are sending out this notice to inform the people of Fentress County of our actions to keep from causing widespread panic and confusion. Thank you all and have a nice day.

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Clarkrange seniors explore college and career opportunities

On Tuesday, September 20, students from Clarkrange High School's senior class attended a college and career night organized by Communities in Schools of Tennessee Site Coordinator Misty York and Clarkrange High School Counselors, Kaye Bridges and Russell Beaty. Representatives from 14 institutions including East Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Roane State, Volunteer State, and several branches of the military engaged with students about future educational and career opportunities, including financial aid resources. The college and career night is just one of several initiatives Misty, Mrs. Bridges, and Mr. Beaty have planned for this year.

Misty is a Site Coordinator with Communities in Schools of Tennessee (CIS of Tennessee), an affiliate of the national organization working to ensure every student, regardless of race, zip code, or history of marginalization has what they need to succeed in school and beyond. Misty, who is based at Clarkrange High School, works to establish one-on-one relationships with students to help them navigate issues and move beyond barriers in the classroom, at home, and in the community. For example, she works with local service providers to help connect students and families with critical resources like food, clothing, housing, health-care, counseling, transportation, and more.

"I have been very fortunate to get to know so many students and families over the last few years, and I want to see them excel long after

they have graduated high school," said Misty. "We assist the students on finding their own path forward because it may not always be clear or easy to navigate. Many of our students face challenges when looking at postsecondary education and careers. The students and families may not have time, money, or transportation to tour campuses they are interested in."

"College and career night gave the students exposure to different routes they can pursue after high school," she added. "It brought together so many important resources and opportunities our students may not have otherwise had. It was a great first step as Mrs. Bridges, Mr. Beaty, and I continue to build a postsecondary education and career culture at Clarkrange."

Misty and CIS of Tennessee are in their fourth year of working with Clarkrange High School and 22 other rural high schools across the state. CIS of Tennessee site coordinators are placed in rural high schools through a pilot program developed in partnership with Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly. Last spring, the Tennessee General Assembly approved \$3 million for CIS of Tennessee to continue its pilot for two more years. In total, the pilot serves 11,500 students at 23 high schools across 15 rural counties.

For more information about CIS Tennessee, Clarkrange High School students and families can contact Misty at myork@cistn.org.

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