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Spring is here

Spring in East Tennessee is one of the most beautiful times of year to get outside. You might venture out for those golf games, fishing trips or romantic weekends to reconnect. Or you could check out two rock festivals in a small town or see your neighbors' latest display of artistic talent. We are grateful for the opportunity to bring you some of the highlights of the beautiful Tellico Village community! We are thankful for all of our readers and contributors.

In this issue, you will find features on the 2025 Tellico Village Art Guild Art Show, fishing in the Tellico area, Rock the Country and much more! There is also a listing of some area events to assist you in planning that next adventure.

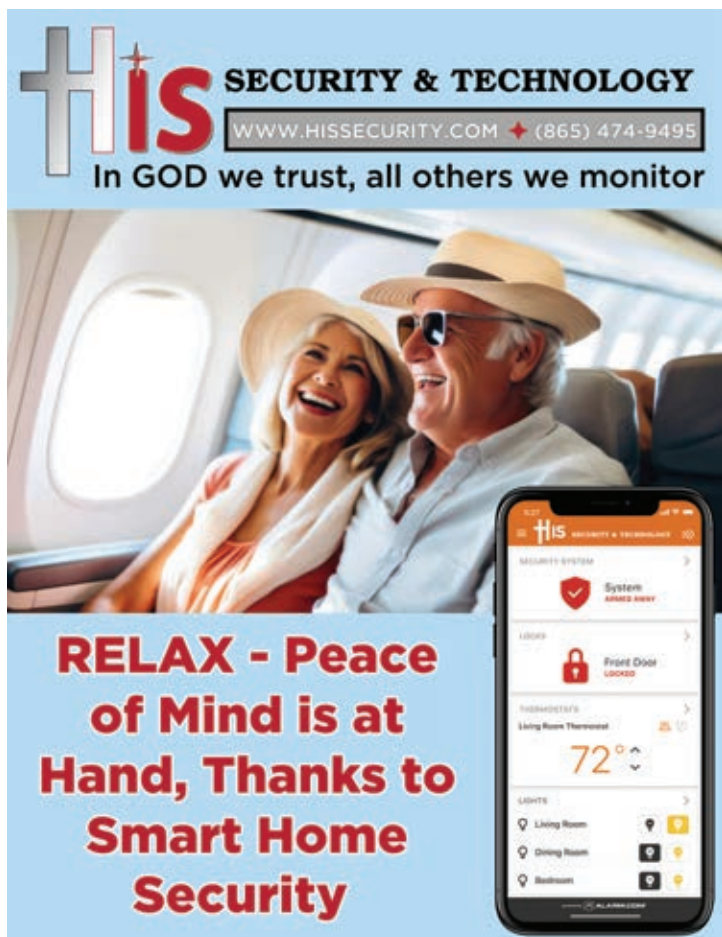
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Artistic talent

on full display this April

A cornucopia of artistic talents will be on full display April 25-27 when The Art Guild of Tellico Village hosts its annual Art Show.

The organization boasts more than 200 members, all of whom are eligible to apply for the show, which will be held in Community Church of Tellico Village and has been a staple of the community for more than 20 years.

The artists whose works are chosen are also asked to volunteer the weekend of the event.

AGTV President Donna Hart, who is in her fourth year of Guild membership, said Art Show entries are vast.

“We have all kinds of art, from water color to 3D, jewelry, pottery, photography — it’s just a broad range.”

Hart said the art styles are truly reflective of “of the wide range of talent we have in Tellico Village,” while noting current Guild members also hail from surrounding cities and counties.

“We have professional artists from all over the world, along with those who are brand new to art,” she added.

Judy Lavoie of Tellico Plains has been among the AGTV Art Show artists since 2018, and, in addition to submitting pieces, she is working on publicity/marketing of the show, plans to work the sales desk, and will be among artists demonstrating her craft.

“This show is really very well done, all by volunteers,” said Lavoie. “They do a wonderful job. It is a very professional show, and is beautifully presented.”

Hart said AGTV member Marcia Shelly will again be in charge of hanging the 2D submissions.

“She does a beautiful flow of color, and it is just a treat to see the art she arranges,” she noted. “It takes great skill to hang art, and the way it is presented is a further expression of the artists.”

In addition to the numerous Guild members, Hart said the show brings in hundreds of art enthusiasts.

“I believe we had over 1,000 who came out last year,” she said.

Dr. Carl Gombert, Maryville College art professor and

“We have professional artists from all over the world, along with those who are brand new to art,”

~ Donna Hart, AGTV President



The 2025 Art Guild, 411

What: 2025 Art Guild of Tellico Village Art Show

Who: Open to all 200+ members of the Art Guild of Tellico Village

Application deadline: March 23

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 25; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 26; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27

Awards: 3 awards for Best in Show and People's Choice Award will be presented at 3:30 Sunday, April 27

Where: Community Church of Tellico Village Community Center, 130 Chota Center, Loudon

Cost: \$25 to enter

For more information: Visit

www.tellicoartguild.com/2025-art-show-info-for-artists/

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Art Guild: Artist Spotlight

Lavoie, art is her life long passion

Art Guild of Tellico Valley member Judy Lavoie has been an artist for as long as she can remember.

“Really, I have done art my whole life,” she said.

Lavoie’s abilities garnered her first award at age seven for a crayon drawing, “The Calico Cat.” Building on that encouragement, Lavoie has gone on to win numerous accolades for her talents, including the Award of Excellence in the open division of the 11th annual exhibition of the International Scratchboard Society, being named 2019 Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage Artist for the Great Smoky Mountains, and even winning many People’s Choice awards since she began participating in the AGTV Art Show in 2018.

“You always hope your work will attract someone’s eye,” she said modestly. “Art is subjective and you never know what someone will find attractive.”

The New England native and Tellico Plains resident of 21 years, enjoys working with a variety of mediums, from watercolor and acrylic, to “scratchboard art,” which she will be demonstrating this year during each day of the the April 25-27 AGTV Art Show.

Scratchboard art is defined as a type of engraving where the artists “scratches off” ink to reveal a white or colored layer beneath.

“I love creating scratchboard art and people are intrigued with these paintings because they are so unique,” Lavoie said, noting one of those scratchboard pieces, “Anna’s Fairy Duster,” won a “People’s Choice Award” during the 2023

AGTV Art Show.

Lavoie said she enjoys being a member of the Art Guild, and is excited to be making a presentation about scratchboarding during the group’s regular meeting in March.

“The Art Guild is a dynamic organization,” she said. “People move to Tellico Village to be active, and I am grateful for so many opportunities to share common interests with fellow artists.”

She previously taught art in public schools, and was a professional graphic artist before retirement.

Lavoie has been married to her high school sweetheart, Rick, since 1976, and she credits his support, encouragement, and “pragmatic criticism” for helping mold her into the artist she is today.

For more information, visit judylavoieart.com.



Freeman, a master of several mediums

Freeman is a successful artist who has mastered several mediums, but her grandfather wasn’t sure she could make it in her chosen field.

“He tried to talk me out of it, and told me I needed to do something to plan for a different career,” recalled the Lenoir City resident.

However, her grandfather turned out to be wrong about not only his granddaughter but also another famous artist.

“When he came back from WWII, he worked for TVA, and hitchhiked from Lenoir City to Memphis where he trained Elvis Presley as an electrician,” she related.

When Elvis instead followed his musical career path and appeared on Ed Sullivan, Freeman notes, “he said Elvis would never make it, but he turned out to be wrong, just like he did about me.

“He did live to see me be successful,” she added. “I have always known it was what I’m supposed to do. It’s my God-given talent. Deep down inside of me, as soon as I could hold a crayon, I always knew what I was supposed to do.”

That talent took her first to Savannah College of Art & Design after graduating from Farragut High School in 1990, then to the University of Tennessee, where she obtained her Master of Fine Arts Degree.



She began her career working with The Symphony Showcase Homes and Parade of Homes, painting murals and custom finishes, and has since completed “countless residential and commercial projects” in a variety of scales and sizes.

“I love being creative,” Freeman said. “My work is very much my passion, and I enjoy using it to transform homes and businesses into functional, as well as aesthetically beautiful spaces.”

This will be her second year participating in the Art Guild of Tellico Village’s Art Show, and she said one aspect she enjoys “is meeting the other artists, and seeing their work. I really love being around these people — it’s been a really good experience.”

Perdue plans to submit work she has completed in knife painting.

“It is a way to layer color, and it is really beautiful,” she said. “I have taught some classes in the technique, too.”

After living in West Knoxville for most of her life, Freeman moved to Lenoir City about three years ago, after finding a 1940s-built home, known locally as “the old Wampler house,” which she is renovating and restoring.

“I really like living here,” she said. “It’s an easier way of living and offers a slower pace of life.”

For more information about her work, visit Christian Freeman Creations on Facebook and Instagram.



Maple Lane Farms is going to Rock

Some of the biggest names in music are coming to Greenback for “Rock the Country”

Kid Rock headlines a two day rock/country outdoor music festival, “Rock the Country,” April 25-26 at Greenback’s Maple Lane Farms.

It is the second stop of a 10-city tour that kicks off April 4 and 5 in Livingston, Louisiana, and continues in smaller venues across the nation through the end of June.

Billed on its official web site as “a festival for ‘We the People,’” “Rock the Country” is described as an event encompassing “10 small towns, 10 massive shows.”

Representatives of Maple Lane Farms shared some background information via email about the interest concert producers have had in the venue.

“The owner of Maple Lane Farms, Bob Schmidt, was approached by Luke Bryan’s organization to host the Luke Bryan Farm Tour in 2014,” they shared. “Luke Bryan returned again to perform his Farm Tour concert in 2015 and 2016. Although Bob Schmidt passed away unexpectedly in 2016, the Schmidt family has faithfully continued the tradition of hosting the Maple Lane Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch each October.

“This year will be the 27th consecutive Corn Maze Fall festival. Our farm has become very well known and is an annual tradition for many families. Children who visited the farm in their younger years are now returning as adults with their own children.

“Guests of the farm describe the picturesque mountain views, the beautiful farmland, the 10-acre corn maze and hayrides to the pumpkin fields as simply magical!

“We could not be happier about the direct and indirect economic impact this will have on our neighbors, local businesses, and the community we love!”

Information about the concert, including tickets/parking/camping can be found at www.RockTheCountry.com. The website also includes a FAQ section. Kid Rock

performs Saturday only, along with, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Gavin Adcock, Mark Chesnutt, Little Texas, Hudson Westbrook and Aframan.

Friday’s performers are: Nickelback, Aaron Lewis And The Stateliners, Ella Langley, Shenandoah, Sammy Kershaw, Logan Crosby

Sets from Dee Jay Silver will take place both days.

Purchase options for the two-day event include single general admission tickets for either or both days, camping site rentals, hotel packages and parking passes, all on rockthecountry.com/knoxville-tn/.

Single day ticket prices start at \$117.51 for Friday, April 25 and \$140.79 for Saturday, April 26, while tickets for both days start at \$190.47. Parking passes begin at \$40.91 and car and tent camping options start at \$315.57 for three nights. RV Camping with and without hookups are also available.

“Rock The Country is more than just a festival,” notes the web site. “It’s a gathering for the true heart of America ... where hardworking, God-fearing patriots unite under the open sky, celebrating the freedom we hold dear and the power of live music to connect us all.

“With every note that fills the air, every raised glass, and every shout of excitement, we create memories that honor the spirit of ‘We The People.’”

For more information, email info@rockthecountry.com

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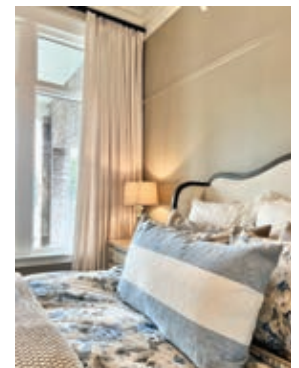


“You know, even after two decades designing custom window treatments, I’ve discovered that no two projects are ever the same,” says Jamie Kidd, founder and co-owner of Blinds & More E. TN. “I love what I do, but I also love the fact that no project is ever what you expect. Embracing the unexpected is truly the beauty of design.”

Blinds & More E. TN is a true multi-generational family business specializing in “All Things Window.” From soft window treatments - which include draperies, roman shades, cornices and valances - to your functional window treatments such as blinds, shutters, roller and cellular shades, Blinds & More has all your window treatment needs covered. Everyone in the family has a role in the process, from initial meeting to project completion. Jamie meets with the client for the initial design consultation. Robbie, her husband and co-owner, oversees the company’s commercial and outdoor projects, and Del, their oldest son - who recently joined them after 10 years of service in the Air Force - oversees installation of all projects. Together, exceptional service is the family standard.

In a recent conversation with Jamie, she recounted one of her favorite projects out in Rarity Bay that took her company in some unexpected directions. “We were brought in to address a privacy issue,” she says. “These days, newer larger homes are often situated in close proximity to each other and feature expansive windows, which was the case there. We started the project by designing and installing motorized shades throughout the home that provided the client with the privacy and light control she needed.”

With initial privacy and light control concerns addressed, this



“opened the door” to soft treatment needs in other rooms of the home. The client’s beautiful master bedroom suite needed not only some additional privacy but also a finishing touch that functional window treatments alone could not achieve. “Sometimes you just need to add soft elements to a room to create that extra warmth and sophistication that many of my clients are looking for today.” So, elegant draperies were designed and installed providing both the privacy and sophistication the client desired. Once the draperies were installed, one of Jamie’s favorite design opportunities arose, Custom Bedding. “The custom bedding, in this instance, duvet cover, pillow shams and decorative pillows were the finishing touches, or lipstick as I jokingly tell my clients, for an already gorgeous room” Jamie says.

But the project didn’t end there. Now pleased with the master bedroom, the client moved to the kitchen and dining room, where Jamie again encountered large, tall and unusually wide windows. With the motorized roller shades already addressing privacy and light control, both areas needed a “bit of softening,” as Jamie puts it. “We further refined our previous design by installing custom valances over our motorized shades in the kitchen and extra-long draperies in the dining room. Both areas required an unusual degree of precision and craftsmanship. Fortunately, we collaborate with a local workroom that handles all of our custom soft treatments. This partnership ensures a personal touch, as everything is locally made, and definitely contributes to the envisioned final design. This project and the client will always be one of my favorites. We all worked together and very hard to make the clients vision come to life.” Jamie said.

“So, can window treatments be unexpected and get tricky? Absolutely. Can the process get complicated? Absolutely, but we are blessed to work with many lovely homeowners who trust us with their homes and trust we will make the process as seamless as possible. We promise to get the job done right and are always ready to promptly respond to any client needs, even the unexpected ones.”

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Women in Business Profile

Janette Saroka,

mother, business owner

Of all the jobs in the world, “mom” was always Janette Saroka’s top choice.

“It’s really all I ever wanted to do,” said the feisty and effervescent mother of Aiden, 23, and Savana, 21. “I was really good at it, and miss it so much — I can’t wait for grandbabies!”

Stepping in as surrogates in the meantime are the four area Tune Up — The Manly Salon franchise stores Janette owns with her husband, Frank.

“We are just about 30 minutes from each of them, which is perfect,” said the Farragut resident of the Lenoir City, Alcoa, Hardin Valley and Karns locales. “If an emergency should arise, we can be right there.”

Five years on, the couple are looking to expand to a fifth location as soon as they figure out where.

“Things are going really well,” Janette said. “We have been expanding where we knew we already had clients — we opened Alcoa in 2023, and that location is really growing — it will be like Turkey Creek.”

“Right now, we have more clients than we know what to do with,” she added. “Our big struggle is what everyone is currently facing — staffing.”

Who they do have caters to a clientele not typically used to such services.

“Men aren’t used to being pampered, but once they come in and see what offer, they come back,” she observed of the unique franchise, which provides typical barber services, along with beard trims, facials, pedicures, waxing services and manicures, as well as a full service bar, video games, big screen TVs and even shuffleboard.

“We have a big Harley group that comes in once a month for pedicures, and a boating community that comes in regularly



too,” she noted. “We appeal to military folks, young professionals, and everyday people too. Once they know about us, the guys see us as a ‘getaway,’ and come flooding to us.”

The couple bought into the Texas-based franchise after spending much of their then 20-year union apart.

“Frank was working in sales, and was on the road every week,” Janette recalled. “We had a great life but we never really saw each other. As we got closer to our 20-year anniversary, we started thinking about doing something together.”

The Sarokas attended expos and even hired a franchise consultant to find the right fit.

“We were looking at what was out there, and what our area might need,” she said. “We initially thought a brewery might be the way to go, then we talked to some owners who said we would be working until 2 a.m. every day, and, yet again, never see each other.”

When they heard about Tune Up, and prepared to visit their first one, Janette said Frank encouraged his effervescent wife to “be calm and don’t make a scene.”

“Frank opened the door for me, and it was like the ‘Price is Right,’” Janette recalled with a laugh. “I was running right in with my arms outstretched as soon as I saw the drinks being poured.”

A friendly barber helped seal the deal after attending to Frank.

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“She came up to me, asked me to smell the product she had used on him and shared it with me too,” said Janette. “She not only took care of him, but she engaged with me, she was selling, and it was all right up our alley.”

From that point on, she was sold.

“I love all of it, the man pampering, the atmosphere — everything!”

Enthusiastic in all she does, Frank observes that Janette “loves to work hard, and loves to play hard,” which has been truly borne out in their shared business venture.

The couple opened their first store in 2020 in Hardin Valley, and have worked hard to make each location unique in part, “by decorating the walls in each of the salons [with] mostly junk from our (now) 25 years of marriage!” Janette shared. “You can find our very first piece of artwork we bought in 1999 in our Hardin Valley salon, along with Aiden’s first fish he caught at Melton Hill Dam when he was



seven, various license plates from our past, and so much more!

“Both sets of our parents have been more than happy to clean out their attics and contribute each time we open another salon!” she added. “Our clients love to participate and have contributed car grills, wheels, farm tools, military flags, custom made wooden pieces of art and deer heads!”

“You name it, we’ve got it hanging up!”

Each store is unique, too, in that during the build out, they wrote “scriptures and prayers all over the inside and floors of each salon,” she said. “We write prayers for the community, clients, our builders, our plumber/electrician/HVAC/etc., and our future employees.

“It’s something special that blesses people when they enter each Tune Up without them even knowing.”

Beyond the walls of their stores, each community is important, too.

“Each of our stores is hyper local to the communities they serve,” she said. “We have taken an active role to engage these communities and partner with them, various chambers of commerce, other small businesses, non-profits, and the local schools.

“When we’re not lovin’ on people, we love to clean up the land,” she continued enthusiastically. “Call us trashy, but picking up litter is one of our favorite community services!”

The couple’s relationship has continued to flourish over the last few years. “It’s so nice to wake up together, and go to bed together,” she notes. “We are very lucky in that we can work together, and still love each other.

“We are very fortunate.”

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• Blackberry Farm | 1471 W. Millers Cove Road, Walland

Blackberry Farm sits on 4,200 acres at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, providing a picturesque backdrop and tranquil respite for guests of all ages. A nationally recognized luxury resort, Blackberry Farm has earned a variety of accolades over the last 80 years, most recently being named to the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List as one of the best hotels in the world.

The resort offers 68 guest accommodations, including historic rooms, estate rooms, suites, cottages and multi-bedroom houses, and countless opportunities for guests to make their stay unique. From curated spa treatments to renowned cuisine, Blackberry Farm promises unforgettable adventures and world-class hospitality. For more information, visit blackberryfarm.com.

• Blackberry Mountain | 1507 E. Millers Cove Road, Walland

Blackberry Farm's sister property, Blackberry Mountain provides a one-of-a-kind experience for those looking for a deeper connection with nature. The resort, which infuses wellness with outdoor adventure, offers more than 30 miles of private trails along with an array of classes such as yoga and guided journaling.

A pond, floating dock and two water slides are also onsite, giving guests the opportunity to kayak or paddle board in an idyllic mountain setting. A variety of lodging options are available as well, from cozy cottages to secluded treehouses and even full-sized homes. For more information, visit blackberrymountain.com.

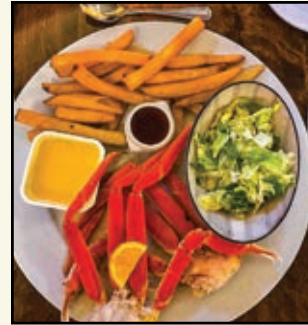
• Cherokee Outdoor Resort | 102 Sequoyah Resort Drive, Vonore

Formerly Sequoyah Landing, Cherokee Outdoor Resort features cabin rentals and a full-service marina on Tellico Lake, offering a relaxing getaway with unobstructed views of the Great Smoky Mountains. In addition to cabins, guests can elevate their stay with a boat rental and fully experience the area's natural beauty.

Camping facilities, a water park and restaurant are also onsite to provide a family-friendly vacation option and memorable escape. For more information, visit cherokeeoutdoorresort.com.

• Dancing Bear Lodge & Appalachian Bistro | 7140 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend

Dancing Bear Lodge provides a serene retreat nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. The lodge, which spans



38 beautifully wooded acres, features 28 Appalachian-inspired accommodations, including cabins, villas and cottages, as well as riverfront options. An award-winning restaurant, Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro, is also onsite, offering farm-to-table culinary creations that highlight the flavors of the region.

The Townsend area offers access to various outdoor activities, such as hiking trails, tubing, and scenic drives. Cades Cove and Tuckaleechee Caverns are also nearby, allowing guests to truly immerse themselves in the Appalachian culture. For more information, visit dancingbearlodge.com.

• Fontana Village Resort | 300 Woods Road, Fontana Dam, N.C.

Fontana Village Resort serves as a year-round destination for those seeking a unique mountain escape. The resort, situated within the Nantahala National Forest, offers a diverse variety of accommodations, including lodge rooms, cabins and even a campground along Cheoah Lake that's suitable for both RV and tent campers.

With its proximity to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Fontana Village Resort provides access to numerous hiking and mountain biking trails for guests of all skill levels. Pontoon boats, kayaks, and paddle boards are also available for guests to explore Fontana Lake. Various dining options, a pool, lazy river, 18-hole disc golf course and a mini-golf course are onsite as well. For more information, visit fontanavillage.com.

• Historic Tapoco Lodge | 14981 Tapoco Road, Robbinsville, N.C.

The Historic Tapoco Lodge, established in 1930, is a renowned mountain retreat that spans about 120 acres within the Nantahala National Forest. Positioned along the Cheoah River, the lodge is an ideal destination for both outdoor enthusiasts and those looking for a peaceful respite away from the chaos of life.

Tapoco offers elegantly furnished lodge rooms and pet-friendly cabin rooms, as well as an onsite tavern and the restored Tapoco Tin Can Theater. Guests can also explore miles of private trails, play a game of tennis or curl up around a cozy bonfire. For more information, visit tapoco.com.

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Escapes

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• Lakeview at Fontana |

171 Lakeview Lodge Drive, Bryson City, N.C.

Lakeview at Fontana is an adults-only retreat that encourages guests to unplug from the distractions of daily life and reconnect with nature. Known for its open-air treetop soaking cabanas, the resort provides the perfect setting for total relaxation, complete with breathtaking mountain vistas and panoramic views of Fontana Lake.

Guests can enjoy minimalistic yet rejuvenating accommodations, onsite massage treatments and an outdoor lounge. A 2.5-mile hiking trail is also on the property, allowing guests to explore the natural beauty of mountains and fully experience all the area has to offer. For more information, visit lakeviewatfontana.com.

• Tennessee National Marina Resort Village |

8301 Tennessee National Drive, Loudon

Tennessee National's Stay'N'Play Rental Cottages combine seclusion and convenience to offer a luxurious experience, with picturesque views of Watts Bar Lake. Guests receive access to a variety of resort-style amenities, including use of the gated community's driving range, pickleball courts and Greg Norman-designed golf course – one of the top courses in Tennessee.

Pontoon and golf cart rentals are also available, along with onsite dining options. Designed to comfortably accommodate up to 12 guests, these cottages are perfect for family gatherings or group retreats. For more information, visit tennesseernational.com.

• The Lodge at Tellico |

9436 New Highway 68, Tellico Plains

The Lodge at Tellico provides a charming cabin-style lodging experience, less than a mile from the Cherokee National Forest and the beginning of Cherokee Skyway. To suit diverse preferences, the lodge offers a variety of different room options, ranging from basic to premier. Guests can enjoy a slew of onsite amenities, including a communal pavilion, game room, fitness center, hot tub, laundry facility and a daily continental breakfast.

Those looking to explore the area can also explore a plethora of hiking trails, enjoy fishing in the Tellico River, drive along scenic roads and kayak the Ocoee River. For more information, visit lodgeattellico.com.

• Windy Hill Farm and Preserve |

1180 Poplar Springs-Blair Bend Road, Loudon

Situated on 650 acres, Windy Hill Farm and Preserve is an all-inclusive resort and preserve that provides luxurious accommodations and a variety of outdoor activities along the Tennessee River. The resort features several lodging options, including spacious cabins with mountain views and a cozy guest lodge.

Guests can enjoy a farm-to-table dining experience at Windy Hill's onsite restaurant and participate in activities such as hiking, kayaking and fishing. Personalized guided quail hunting experiences, wellness retreats and culinary events are also held regularly, providing a perfect blend of tranquility and enrichment. For more information, visit windyhillfarmtn.com.

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Lazy Acres

7502 Jackson Bend Rd | Lenoir City, TN 37772
(865) 986-3539 | lazyacres-rvpark.com

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Lotterdale Cove

17177 East Coast Tellico Parkway | Greenback, TN 37742
(865) 776-0720

tellicolakecampgrounds.com/index.php/lotterdale-cove/

Lotterdale Cove Campground offers both wooded and lakefront sites, with 90 RV sites and three tent sites. Head out on the water with their accessible boat ramp, enjoy the day fishing or stay and relax at their swimming beach. In the evening, sit back and relish in spectacular sunsets right from your campsite. Onsite they offer a mini-convenience store, bathhouses, and free Wi-Fi.

Melton Hill Dam

201 Campground Rd | Lenoir City, TN 37771
(865) 986-8329 OR (865) 632-3791

gocampntennessee.com/melton-hill-dam-campground/

Melton Hill Dam Campground is upstream of Melton Hill Dam on the south bank and has a 10-15% slope with three rows tiered up the hillside. It features swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing areas. Each of these areas are easily accessible from any campsite within the campground.

Immediately adjacent to the campground is a public boat ramp, day use, picnic and swim area. An overlook is located on the outskirts with picnic tables and benches. There are four pavilions, two are located in the day use and two at the overlook. Pavilions may be reserved for a nominal fee; when not reserved, they are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Notchy Creek Campground

1235 Corntassel Rd | Vonore, TN 37885 | (423) 884-6280
tellicolakecampgrounds.com/index.php/notchy-creek-campground/

This charming campground features 50 RV sites and 3 Primitive Tent sites in both wooded areas and lakefront. Each RV site offers electric and water hookups. There is a dump station on site. There are 2 bath houses, a beach with designated swimming area, and a security gate entrance for all guests. There is an easy-to-access boat ramp at the public launch next to the campground along with boat slips for rent at the campground. The campground store is stocked with many convenience items.

Soaring Eagle

3152 Buttermilk Rd W | Lenoir City, TN 37771
(865) 376-9017 | campatsoaringeagle.com

Soaring Eagle Campground serves campers with a welcoming, clean and convenient family campground open year round.

The Campground was originally built in the late 70's. The park today is totally rebuilt with new wiring and pedestals for 90% of the sites. The Laundry, Bath House, and General Store were also remodeled and now boast central heat and air, plus endless hot water. Other amenities include free WiFi for most campsites, multiple picnic areas, and salt water swimming pool.

Toqua Campground

1315 Highway 360 | Vonore, TN 37885 | (423) 884-3317
tellicolakecampgrounds.com/index.php/toqua-campground/

Enjoy a resort-like feel with all 102 RV campsites offering electric, water, and sewer hookups. Behind the security gate entrance, this campground features premium lakefront RV sites as well as cozy interior RV sites with beautiful lake and mountain views. For those seeking lodging, Toqua Campground offers 4 Lakefront Primitive Cabins and the Toqua Lake House featuring a spectacular view of Tellico Lake. All guests have access to 4 Bath houses, a beach with designated swimming area, and a playground including volleyball and basketball. Guests with boats may use the launch area and reserve a boat slip for easy use of Tellico Lake during your stay. At the campground store, you'll find many convenience items you may need or want during your stay. And here you can take advantage of information on the rental of kayaks.

Watts Bar Lake Jellystone Park Camp Resort

10250 Corporate Park Dr | Loudon, TN 37774
(865) 284-9644 | wattsbarlakejellystonepark.com

Watts Bar Lake Jellystone Park™ spans 74 acres of rolling countryside. Bring an RV or reserve a spacious campsite or cozy cabin. Enjoy the multi-level splash park, two sparkling pools, and exciting activities and themed events. Bring your furry friends along; the campground is pet-friendly.

Yarberry

4825 Yarberry Rd | Lenoir City, TN 37772 | (865) 986-3993
gocampntennessee.com/yarberry-campground/

Yarberry is located on the shores of Fort Loudoun Lake, providing stunning views from just about every site. Level sites accommodate the largest RVs and are also perfect for tents. All sites have 50/30 amp service and water. The two bath houses are air conditioned and heated for year-round comfort. "Honey Wagon" service offered in addition to the easily accessible dump station. Each campsite provides a picnic table and fire ring. Yarberry also has a wide range of rental watercraft, from pontoons to paddleboards. The day use area has a sandy beach, as well as picnic tables and grills.



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"East Tennessee is a great area to fish," said Capt. William "Billy" Clabough, an avid angler and local fishing guide. "You can catch just about anywhere."

In Melton Hill Lake, for example, fishermen can find musky, striped bass and crappie, while the Clinch River is a haven for trout. Clabough said that catfish can also be caught in most large waterways, including Tellico Lake.

"There are plenty of opportunities to fish in Tellico Lake," he said, noting popular species like walleye, crappie and smallmouth bass. "There is also catfish and the rare lake trout."

Cody Fischer, owner of Tellico Outfitters, 109 Scott St. in downtown Tellico Plains, added that Monroe County's Tellico River is another prime fishing destination, especially for smallmouth bass and trout.

"For wade fishing, the Tellico River offers easy access and is ideal for beginner trout anglers and fly fisherman since it is heavily stocked in the spring and summer months," he said.

The serene pastime, however, can still be enjoyed throughout the year, thanks to East Tennessee's mild climate.

"Fishing is year-round in Tennessee, but the best months are usually the transitional seasons – spring (late March, April, May) and fall (October, November)," said Fischer. "Winter trout fishing is also excellent on the Tellico River."

Local fishing excursions and events

For those interested in trying their hand at fishing, there are numerous local fishing guide services aimed at helping beginners get better acquainted with the sport.

Clabough, for instance, launched the Tennessee River Valley Fishing Guide Service six years ago, primarily focusing on Watts or Lake. He also chronicles his fishing adventures on his YouTube channel: Captain Billy.

"My trips are about 4 hours, taking up to 3 people at a time fishing," he said. "I bring all the gear, as well."

For fly-fishing, Tellico Outfitters' full guide service offers four and eight-hour trips on the Tellico River and other



Capt. William "Billy" Clabough, an avid angler and local fishing guide.

Tellico Outfitters provides prime fishing destinations especially for smallmouth bass and trout.



streams in the area. Fischer said the fly shop provides all of the gear and instruction for the day.

"If you're already a fly fisherman and want to bring your favorite fly rod, you're welcome to do so, but if you're brand new to the sport and don't have your own gear, we have you covered," he said, noting that excursions are easily customizable. "Trips are based off of the client's schedule, so the client picks the day and the time that's right for them."

While the idea of picking up a fly rod for the first time can be intimidating, Fischer said that the basics can be learned pretty quickly.

"We have knowledgeable guides who are great teachers and will make sure you have the best instruction and proper technique," he said. "Fly-fishing is a very rewarding sport that puts you in some of the most beautiful mountain streams in the state, and we encourage everyone to give it a try."

In addition to fishing excursions, there are also many local fishing events held throughout the area. The Tellico Village Fishing Club, for example, regularly hosts fishing tournaments, outings and workshops for property owners of Tellico Village, WindRiver and Rarity Bay.

The annual Tellico Troutfest will also be held May 2-3 in Tellico Plains. Fischer said the event will showcase top vendors in the fishing industry and offer seminars on trout fishing.

"It's a great event for the whole family and a celebration for what the area is known for," he said.



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LOUDON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS



Business after Hours

A great time was had by all in attendance at the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce February Business after Hours hosted by BCI – Buckeye Corrugated, Inc., in Loudon. Those attending learned more about the history of BCI and the products they make. Thank you to BCI for being such wonderful hosts!



Power to Promote Networking Lunch

Thank you to El Senor Rancho Mexican Restaurant, 149 Kelsey Lane, Ste. 108, Lenoir City, for hosting the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Power to Promote Networking Lunch. Great food and great connections were had by those in attendance. Our Power to Promote Networking Luncheons are a great way to network with other Chamber members and support a local Chamber member restaurant. Our next Power to Promote Networking Lunch will be on Friday, May 9th, 11:30 am, hosted by Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 11287 Parkside Drive, Knoxville.

UPCOMING LOUDON EVENTS

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Houses & Hope

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 | 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

To be held at Hilltop Hideaway site off Carding Machine Rd and the 72 in Loudon. Right up the road from Big Red Car Wash, 1269 Carding Machine Rd, Loudon, TN 37774.

Please join us for an inspiring gathering dedicated to creating affordable homes and brighter futures. Lunch will be available starting at 11:30.

Watts Bar Lake Jellystone Park Rock the Country Weekend

Friday, April 25, 2025 | 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Watts Bar Lake Jellystone Park
 10250 Corporate Park Drive | Loudon, TN, 37774

Get ready to rock your getaway at Watts Bar Lake Jellystone Campground—where the vibes are loud, the views are epic, and the good times roll!

Annual Chamber Gala - Run for the Roses II - A Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Tellico Village Yacht Club
 100 Sequoyah Rd. | Loudon, TN 37774

Wear your Derby finest, and join us for great food, great networking, and the main event - The Kentucky Derby!

Wines & Cheeses & Chocolates, Oh My!

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 | 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

The Venue at Lenoir City
 7690 Creekwood Park Boulevard | Lenoir City, TN, 37772

Join us for the return of this popular tasting event, featuring a wide variety of decadent chocolate desserts & candies, a dazzling charcuterie spread, and wine & beer at the open bar.

TELLICO VILLAGE HOA events.

3/26/2025 • Wednesday • 2:00pm
Bunco
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

3/28/2025 • Friday • 10:00am
**Shangri-la Therapeutic Academy
of Riding (S.T.A.R) Tour**
11800 US-11, Lenoir City, Tennessee

4/4/2025 • Friday • 2:00pm
**River Forecasting Center
HOA Tech Talk**
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

4/6/2025 • Sunday • 1:30pm
Women's Softball vs Miss State
Sherry Parker-Lee Stadium
2323 Stephensen Drive, Knoxville, TN

4/8/2025 • Tuesday
9:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm
**Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
Veteran Canine Training
Center Tour**
8380 Fairview Road
Lenoir City, TN 37772

4/8/2025 • Tuesday • 5:00pm
Social at the Yacht Club
100 Sequoyah Rd., Loudon, TN 37774

4/15/2025 • Tuesday • 1:00pm
Candle Making and Coffee
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

4/15/2025 • Tuesday • 8:00pm
**Knoxville Jazz Orchestra
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Bijou Theatre
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SINGO
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

4/23/2025 • Wednesday • 2:00pm
Bunco
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

4/27/2025 • Sunday • 2:00pm
The Play That Goes Wrong
Clarence Brown Theatre
1714 Andy Holt Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee 37916

4/29/2025 • Tuesday • 7:00pm
Jake Leg Stompers
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

4/30/2025 • Wednesday • 2:00pm
Tastings with Tree and Vine
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

4/30/2025 • Wednesday • 7:00pm
Trivia
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN 37774

5/3/2025 • Saturday • 5:30pm
Derby Day at Toqua
200 Toqua Club Way, Loudon, TN

All HOA activity events require registration* through
www.TellicoLife.org.

**In order to register, you must be a member of the HOA. Not currently a Member?
You can sign up to become a member on www.TellicoLife.org as well.*

Art Show

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award-winning artist, has been asked to serve as juror to select three awards of excellence for 2-Dimensional Art, 3-Dimensional Art and Photography, and guests are invited to vote for the “People’s Choice” award.

Winners will receive gift certificates from Jerry’s Artarama in Knoxville.

A complete listing of specifications and requirements for submitted art can be found on the organization’s web site, <https://www.tellicoartguild.com/2025-art-show-info-for-artists/> Artwork Requirements, but some include:

- All artwork must be original, family-friendly and created within the last five years;
- Cannot be AI generated;
- Artists may submit up to four pieces of 2D and up to 5 pieces of 3D art;
- Pieces may be listed for sale;
- All 2D art must be framed;
- All 3D artwork must balance and stand alone; and
- Depending on space, AGTV might limit the total number of entries per artist.

Submission deadline is March 23.

The Art Show offers free admission, and in addition to the show itself, each day will feature art demonstrations from Guild members.

About AGTV

Mary Lee Wilkerson “who initially taught watercolor classes at her dining room table,” founded the Art Guild of Tellico Vil-



lage in May 1997, according to the AGTV web site. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and “has an educational mission, supporting and encouraging creativity and appreciation of the visual arts through activities,” which includes guest artists, classes and monthly meetings.

Since its founding, AGTV has grown from several dozen to its current membership of more than 200. It meets monthly in Blue Heron Yacht Club and offers classes regularly in Chota Recreation Center.

“We are a community of artists who enjoy learning how to do new things, while also getting better at what we do,” said Hart, who herself enjoys Plein (outdoor) Art during the spring and summer months, and said she primarily works in water colors.

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TV Network.....	(865) 657-6278
TV Public Library	(865) 458-5199
TV Welcome Center	(865) 458-7061
TV Phone Directory	amanda.kimbrell@news-herald.net (send email for updates)
Public Works Department.....	(865) 458-4522
STAYinTV Requests.....	(865) 458-7084
The Neighborhood Assisted Living	(865) 408-0211
Premier Residences	(865) 408-4583
Our Place Adult Day Center	(865) 657-7222
Yacht Club	(865) 458-4363

Tellico Village Recreation Centers

Chelsea Golf Reservations	tellico.chelseareservations.com
Chota Recreation Center	(865) 458-6779
Kahite Activity Center	(423) 884-6353
Kahite Pro Shop.....	(423) 884-6108
Tanasi Pro Shop	(865) 458-4707
Toqua Pro Shop.....	(865) 458-6546
Wellness Center.....	(865) 458-7070

Tellico Village Area Restaurants

Blue Heron at the Yacht Club.....	(865) 458-4363
Kahite Pub and Grill	(423) 884-2159
Little Italy	(865) 657-6224
Lorenzo's Mexican Grill.....	(865) 458-4655
Tanasi Bar and Grill.....	(865) 458-9392
Thai Bistro	(865) 657-6440
Toqua Cafe.....	(865) 458-1330
Subway at Marathon.....	(865) 458-8011

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Loudon County Sheriff's Office.....	(865) 986-4823
Monroe County Sheriff's Office.....	(423) 442-3911
Loudon Local security, non-emergency (solicitors, hunting on common property, etc.)	(865) 458-9081
Citizens Observer Patrol (COPs)	(865) 458-5193
Monroe County Sheriff's Office.....	(423) 442-4357
Monroe Local security, non-emergency (solicitors, hunting on common property, etc.)	(423) 442-3911

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Towboatus FortLoudon Tellico Wattsbar	(865) 414-1626
Boat Police Region 4.....	(865) 322-0900

Fire Departments

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department.....	(865) 458-5733
Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department.....	(423) 442-2074

Hospitals

Fort Loudoun Medical Center	(865) 271-6000
550 Fort Loudoun Medical Center Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772	
Parkwest Medical Center.....	(865) 373-1000
9352 Park West Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37923	
Turkey Creek Medical Center	(865) 218-7011
10820 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934	
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1901 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919	
Physicans Regional Medical Center	(865) 545-8000
900 E. Oak Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917	
Tennova Riverside	(865) 632-5011
137 Blount Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920	
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1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN	
Sweetwater Hospital.....	(865) 213-8200
304 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN	
Blount Memorial Hospital.....	(865) 983-7211
907 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN	
NHC Farragut, 120 Cavett Hill Lane, Knoxville, TN	(865) 777-4000
Blount Memorial Occupational Health Center at Tellico West 110 Deer Crossing, Vonore, TN	(423) 884-1921

Churches

Community Church at Tellico Village.....	(865) 458-1516
130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774	
www.tellicochurch.com	
First Baptist Church of Tellico Village.....	(865) 408-0110
205 Chota Road, Loudon, TN 37774	
www.fbctellicovillage.org	
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church.....	(865) 816-4756
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