

Next Meeting
October 25th at
The Rose
Center
in Morristown

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While any time is a great time to be in Dixie, fall in these hills has no equal. The familiar humidity departs, leaving strikingly clear skies in its wake. It is also a season for getting in touch with our regional past. My family was privileged to take part in an apple butter making event. Friends and family gathered around the fire heated copper kettle made a scene which could have been from the previous century. That evening found us at another gathering featuring hay rides, pumpkin carving for the children and, as almost any Southern event, lots of excellent food. Amazingly, children were entertained for a full day without the involvement of any electronic devices. Is that legal? The upcoming Mountain Makins is an opportunity for you and your family and friends to have a similar experience. Enjoy!

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins

Mountain Makins & October Meeting

33rd Annual
Mountain Makins Festival
October 25th and 26th.
Rose Center
Morristown, TN

Our October Camp Meeting will be at the close of the Festival on Saturday night. We hope to see you there.

We just checked out the Rose Center Web Site and found a lot of information about this years festival.

<http://www.rosecenter.org/newsletter.html#mmakinsfestival>



Following are some of the highlights.

New to the festival this year is the 1st Annual Mountain Makins 8K Run/Walk. Run or walk the 5 miles of scenic city streets. All registered participants will receive free Saturday admission to the festival and pre-registered participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

More than a dozen demonstrators of traditional skills will be at work throughout the weekend. Among the demonstrations will be woodcarving,

a blacksmith, broom making,



basket weaving, hide tanning, apple butter making, quilting, and more. New to the festival this year will be the Clinch Valley Beekeepers with an educational observation hive and delicious honey for sale. For your entertainment Doug Seals will bring his moonshine still and tell the tales of the bootleggers. The Sons of the Confederate Veterans (*that's us*) and the Sons of the Revolution will form a Civil War display that is sure to intrigue history buffs.

This year will also include nine dazzling Appalachian Storytellers on both Saturday and Sunday. The storytellers for this year's festival are the best ever! Located next to Country Store, sit, get comfortable and enjoy an endless variety of Appalachian legends and stories that will tickle your funny bone, inspire, and entertain your entire family. Regions Bank sponsors the "Storytelling Tent".

An exciting attraction to the festival is our "Authors Corner" featuring works from regional writers. Located on Prater Hall stage, various authors will be available for book signing and answering questions about their varied selections. Professional Santa Claus, Cliff Snider, will appear in his Santa

attire and will have his book available explaining his transformation from "playing" Santa into "becoming" Santa. Sam Venable, a columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel, will also be offering his collection of books. Other authors will be offering something for all interests including Appalachian novels, Civil War, Southern nonfiction, humor, poetry, romantic comedy, guides to gardening and much more.

Special activities are planned for the children at Mountain Makins. Thanks to our new sponsor, *Community National Bank*, Jackson Street will be filled with inflatable games. The Obstacle Course is a 35-foot long obstacle course, the 18' slide provides dual climb and slide areas, and the Dora Dino Bounce is great for little ones. A rock-climbing wall is sure to be a challenge for all ages. The much loved Children's Games and Crafts area will be located across from Country Store. Carnival games and craft projects suitable for a variety of ages will be offered as well as face painting, pumpkin decorating, and much more. Pony rides and horse and buggy rides will be going up and down West Second North Street.



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Our October
Monthly Meeting is
scheduled for
6:00 P.M.
October 25th 2008
at The Rose Center
in Morristown

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Our November  
Monthly Meeting is  
scheduled for  
6:00 P.M.  
November 22nd  
2008 at  
The Rose Center  
in Morristown

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Thanks to all who
helped with the Yard
Sale. Another \$440
was raised for the
camp. Every little
bit helps.

A Father's Advice to His Son

The following is a letter written by General Robert E. Lee, while on the battlefield, to his son. Every word is that of a Christian, a patriot, a hero, who, knowing his duty, did it, believing in a principle, subscribe to it. The sentiment, as expressed in the letter, is worthy of imitation by every young American, and fathers and mothers would place invaluable advice before their sons if they would frame the letter and hang it in their sons' room. It is as follows:

You must study to be frank with the world. Frankness is the child of honesty and courage. Say just what you mean to do, on every occasion, and take it for granted that you mean to do right. If a friend asks a favor, you should grant it, if it is reasonable; if not, tell him plainly why you cannot; you would wrong him and wrong yourself by equivocation of any kind.

Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or keep one; the man who requires you to do so is dearly purchased at the sacrifice. Deal kindly but firmly with all your classmates; you will find it the policy which wears best. Above all, do not appear to others what you are not.

If you have any fault to find with any one, tell him, not others, of what you complain; there is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing

before a man's face and another behind his back.

We should live, act, and say nothing to the injury of any one. It is not only for the best as a matter of principle, but it is the path of peace and honor.

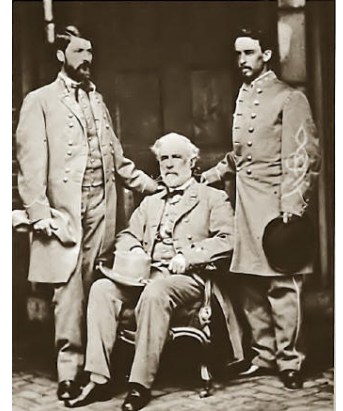
In regard to duty, let me, in conclusion of this hasty letter, inform you that nearly a hundred years ago there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness -- still known as "the dark day" -- a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished, as if by an eclipse.

The Legislature of Connecticut was in session, and as its members saw the unexpected and unaccountable darkness coming on, they shared in general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the last day -- the day of judgment -- had come. Some one, in the consternation of the hour, moved an adjournment.

Then there arose an old Puritan legislator, Davenport, of Stamford, and said that, if the last day had come, he desired to be found at his place doing his duty, and therefore moved that candles be brought in, so that the House could proceed with its duty.

There was quietness in that man's mind, the quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness to obey present duty. Duty, then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all

things like the old Puritan. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less. Never let your mother or me wear one gray hair for any lack of duty on your part.



Robert E. Lee (seated) is pictured shortly after the War. On the left of the picture is his son, General George Washington Custis Lee, and on the right is his chief of staff, Colonel Walter H. Taylor

Thanks to Bill Henderson for this article. Keep em coming Bill. We appreciate the stories.

Re-enactments 2008

OCTOBER
25-26 Leatherwood, Kentucky

NOVEMBER
1-2 Bluff City, Tennessee
8-9 Fort Dickerson, Tennessee

For more information, please contact General Forrest
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