



## Lotterdale Cove, Notchy Creek, And Toqua Campgrounds

Tellico Lake

### Local Events

- New Midland Plaza Fall Arts & Crafts Fair Sept 11-12, Alcoa
- 24th Annual Cherokee Fall Festival, Sept 12-13 10am-5pm, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore
- Townsend Fall Heritage Festival Sept 25-26, Visitors Center, Townsend
- Nawger Nob Arts & Crafts Fair, Sept 25-26, Townsend
- Railroad Days, Sept 26, Little River Railroad Museum, Townsend
- Blue Ribbon County Fair, Sept 26, Heritage Center, Townsend
- Smoky Mountain Wood Carvers Festival, Oct 3-4, Heritage Center, Townsend
- Maryville College Harvest Craft Festival, Oct 17, 9am-3:30pm, Clayton Center for the Arts, Maryville
- 18th Century Trade Faire, Oct. 17-18, 10 am-5pm—Fort Loudoun, Vonore
- Quilters Road Show, Nov 7, Heritage Center, Townsend
- Garrison Weekend, Nov 7-8, Fort Loudoun, Vonore
- 18th Century Christmas, Dec 5, Fort Loudoun, Vonore

## *TRDA Begins Campground Newsletter*

Hello, Campers!

TRDA hopes the 2015 season at your favorite campground is the best one yet. To enhance your enjoyment of our campgrounds we are developing a newsletter to help you share your summer fun with your fellow campers. If you have any interesting stories you would like to share, please send them to us. The newsletter will appear 2-3 times each year and we would like to feature things like new camper and/or long-time camper profiles; that big fish you caught (or the one that got away); your favorite

recipe; or a special birthday, anniversary, or event you celebrated while camping with us.

We would also like to see your pictures. If you have a photo of your summer fun to share, please send it as well.

Finally, if you have any hints/tips to make camping an easier, more efficient experience or a favorite camping recipe, please feel free to share.

This newsletter is all about you and your camping experience at Lotterdale Cove, Notchy Creek,

or Toqua. Please feel free to submit story ideas even if they are not mentioned here.

To submit ideas for the newsletter contact Michelle Jenkins at 423-884-6868, 865-673-8599, or [mjenkins@tds.net](mailto:mjenkins@tds.net).



## *Meet the Managers...*

Many of you may be familiar with our campground Managers, however others may not know them quite as well. For our first edition we wanted to profile our Managers because we can not provide excellent service to you without their

continued support.

We appreciate all the hard work and dedication they bring to each campground to make your camping experience the best it can be.

Our Managers are:

Donna White, Lotterdale Cove

Susie Queener, Toqua

Sandy VanHoose, Notchy Creek

El Matthews, Lotterdale Cove and Toqua

Jean Matlock, Notchy Creek

## Donna White, Lotterdale Cove



*Donna White, Manager  
Lotterdale Cove Campground*

Donna White is in her ninth year managing Lotterdale Cove Campground. She came to Lotterdale after working 22 years at Levi's then in the Finance Department of Wendy's corporate office. Donna shared that when husband Chuck was offered a maintenance position with TRDA he was told TRDA was looking for a couple to live at and manage Lotterdale. They decided to accept the position and have been here ever since. Laughing, Donna said it was somewhat of a culture shock to change from wearing high-heels and nylons to wearing

boots and jeans to work.

Donna is originally from Michigan, but had family ties in Tennessee. Her mother was born here, but moved with Donna's grandparents to Michigan to find work. When her grandparents retired, they returned to Tennessee and Donna has many fond memories of visiting them and decided to make her home here as well.

Donna and Chuck have been married 16 years and have five children Casey, Amanda, Tony, Jackie, and Jessica. They also have six grandchildren, two boys and

four girls ranging in age from 3 to 18 years old. Donna enjoys being out in nature and gardening. One of her favorite things to do is to take long walks on the trails around the campground. She also hopes to be able to travel someday.

When you see Donna or Chuck around the area, be sure to say hello.



*Chuck White, TRDA Maintenance*

## Sandy VanHoose, Notchy Creek

Sandy VanHoose moved to Tennessee from Ohio, with husband Randall, over 20 years ago. Not long after arriving in Tennessee, Sandy discovered Notchy Creek Campground and has been Manager there for 22 years. Before moving to Tennessee, Sandy worked in the Children's Department at Sears and was the Assistant Manager of an Elbe Shoe store. Randall has been a pastor for 45 years and is currently pastoring Mountain View Church of God in Maryville. In October Sandy and Randall will be celebrating 50 years of marriage. Congratulations!!!

Sandy and Randall have three children Ronda, Tracy, and Randy; six grand-

children, four boys and two girls, ranging in ages from 16 to 25; and four great-grandchildren, two boys and two girls from 4 months to 6 years of age. She describes herself as an avid reader and also enjoys quilting, embroidery, and crochet. Her favorite thing to do on her days off is to jump on a Harley trike and go for a long ride with Randall.

When asked what her favorite thing about managing the campground is, she immediately said getting to know a variety of people. She described enjoying developing relationships with long-time campers such as Ray and Mary Ellen Russell, and getting to know occasional and one-time campers as well. Sandy has

had guests at Notchy Creek from as far away as France, Germany, and Russia. Some of these guests did not speak any English and Sandy had to communicate with them through gestures and smiles. Sandy says she has reached a point in her career where she is seeing the children of past seasonal campers return with their own families as seasonal campers.

For many years there was an annual fish fry in October. However, over the last few years that tradition has lapsed. If anyone is interested in renewing the tradition, please let Sandy know and planning can begin.



*Sandy VanHoose, Manager,  
Notchy Creek Campground*

## Susie Queener, Toqua

Susie Queener has been managing Toqua Campground for the past two years. Before that she was an Assistant Manager for five years. Susie has also worked in the insurance industry cleaning fire and water damage from homes and also at the Daily Times as a route manager. She is originally from Greenback where she played basketball and softball at Greenback High School.

Susie and husband, Charlie, have been married for four years. She has three children, Jessica, Leah, and Matthew. Her children have blessed her with five granddaughters, including one set of twins, ranging in age from 5 years to 9 months. Susie is eagerly awaiting the arrival of

her sixth granddaughter in December.

When asked what she enjoys most about her position, her face immediately lights up as she talks about the children who visit Toqua. She said her favorite thing is watching their happiness and fun. In light of that, here are some upcoming activities at Toqua:



Susie Queener, Manager Toqua Campground

### September 5

*Potluck Dinner at the Council House, 4 pm* – Bring a dish to share and your lawn chair.

*Parade*—Following dinner, parade of golf carts, bicycles, cars, etc. Decorate your favorite transportation and join the parade. There will be a prize for the best decorations!

*Kids Camp at the Council House* – after dinner and the parade kids are welcome to bring their tent and camp out with Susie at the Council House. We will have snacks and an activity. See Susie for activity details.

### October 24

*Hayride, Trick-or-Treat, and Wiener Roast* – A hayride for smaller children will be held before dark and will not be a scary event. The hayride will visit participating campers for trick-or-treating. Older children may participate in the early hayride/trick-or-treat, but we ask that they not try to scare the younger children. A second “haunted” hayride will occur after dark for older/braver children. Campers, if you would like to participate in trick-or-treat visits from the children, please either leave your outside light burning or see Joni to get a lighted bag. The evening will conclude with a wiener and marshmallow

## El Matthews, Lotterdale Cove and Toqua

El Matthews began her career with TRDA in 2008 as Manager of Toqua Campground where she stayed until 2012. At that time she decided a change was in order and left the campground to work for a time at Rubbermaid. She returned as Assistant Manager of both Toqua and Lotterdale Cove and

now works two days per week in each area. Before joining TRDA she worked at First National Bank

in Lenoir City, but left there to care for her daughter Alyssa.

El is originally from Englewood and attended Central High School. She moved first to Loudon then to Greenback. El has many interests such as gardening, swimming, and cooking, but expressed a love for photography, deer hunting, and Tennessee football. The most important aspect of El's life is her family. She and David Brooks enjoy spending time with El's daughter Alyssa who is 13, and David's daughter Patsy who is 17. This coming school year Alyssa will cheerlead for Greenback Middle School. Meanwhile, Patsy keeps busy

participating in Civil War reenactments.

El

says her favorite part of working at the campgrounds is meeting new and interesting people from all over the country. Recently she booked a group from Kailua, Hawaii! She also enjoys talking with and getting to know all of the seasonal and occasional campers. Stop by the camp store and say hi the next time you have a chance.



El Matthews, Assistant Manager, Toqua and Lotterdale Cove



David Brooks, TRDA Maintenance



## Tellico Lake Campgrounds

Tellico Reservoir Development Agency

*Lotterdale Cove Campground*  
17177 East Coast Tellico Parkway  
Greenback, TN 37742  
For Reservations call (865) 856-7284

*Notchy Creek Campground*  
1235 Corntassel Road  
Vonore, TN 37885  
For Reservations call (423) 884-6280

*Toqua Campground*  
1315 Highway 360  
Vonore, TN 37885  
For Reservations call (423) 884-3317

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

August	September	November
Shannon Smith 15	Larry Lawson 7	Kenslee Hodges 9
Brian Burchfield 18	Susan Arwood 10	Christy Russell 10
Eric Stigen 27	Stephanie Jenkins 13	Sydney Parsly 12
Richard Kissell 28	Brooke Stigen 14	Mike Hodges 13
Nancy Kissell 29	Brian Joslin 17	
Madison Huskin 31	Jean Matlock 19	
	Andy Meredieth 21	
	Susie Queener 21	
		<b>Anniversaries</b>
		<b>October</b>
		Sandy & Randall
		VanHoose 30 (50 years)

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The perfect camping experience is waiting for you and your family!

We apologize if we missed your birthday or anniversary. If you would like your birthday/anniversary included in, or removed from, our list, please let your Campground Manager know or contact Michelle Jenkins at 423-884-6878, 865-673-8599, or [mjenkins@tds.net](mailto:mjenkins@tds.net).

## Jean Matlock, Notchy Creek



Jean Matlock, Assistant Manager,  
Notchy Creek Campground

Jean Matlock began camping at Notchy Creek shortly after it opened and became a seasonal camper in 1993. She enjoyed Notchy Creek and camping so much that 9 years ago she became the Assistant Manager. Jean and husband Don continue to be seasonal campers, and are the second longest seasonal campers at Notchy Creek. Before coming to Notchy Creek, Jean worked at Walland Elementary School as a library assistant, substitute teacher and bus driver for approximately 30 years. Don is

retired from Kerns Bakery.

Jean and Don have been married 54 years and have two children, Wesley and Vanessa. Wesley and Vanessa have given Jean and Don four grandchildren, 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson. The grandchildren range in ages from 9 to 28 years old.

Jean and Don love to camp and go to gospel singings. Her favorite local gospel groups are Twice Born and the Foothills Quartet. Jean most enjoys spending time with her chil-

dren and grandchildren, and that time is even better when they can camp together.

Jean says her favorite thing about working at Notchy Creek is meeting and getting to know interesting people. She also enjoys occasionally seeing former students from Walland Elementary who now come to Notchy Creek with their own families. She enjoys learning where they have gone in their lives and meeting their families.