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# TCWP Newsletter

## BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST

### The Second Annual Holiday BONFIRE

*Thursday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.*

New This Year Includes the TCWP Annual Meeting with Brief Business Meeting will be held 6:30

Oak Ridge Unitarian Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Bonfire/Party will last 'til 9:30

Bring a dish, if you wish! Bring a bottle, if you think you oughta!

## 1. OAK RIDGE NEWS

### 1A. EMDF Approved

The long-feared approval for the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility on Bear Creek is now official. As outlined in previous TCWP Newsletter issues, the Department of Energy's EMDF proposal and UCOR's fact sheets lacked critical information, including basic details like whether the site is suitable for the landfill, what kind of toxic, hazardous, and radioactive waste will be disposed of at the landfill, and how discharges into nearby waterways will be monitored and treated.

With Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation staffers approval, the EMDF will proceed as outlined. A small portion of the dump site will be built and put into use. The experimental site will be monitored as to water issues and contamination of Bear Creek.

The Department of Energy has not followed the guidelines of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), under which the hazardous waste dump is treated. There was inadequate information about the dump's scope and performance, and now that some of that information is finally available on the Record of Decision, the public has no avenue for meaningful public participation. This is so wrong!

## 2. NATIONAL

### 2A. EPA Glyphosate Decision to Be Revisited

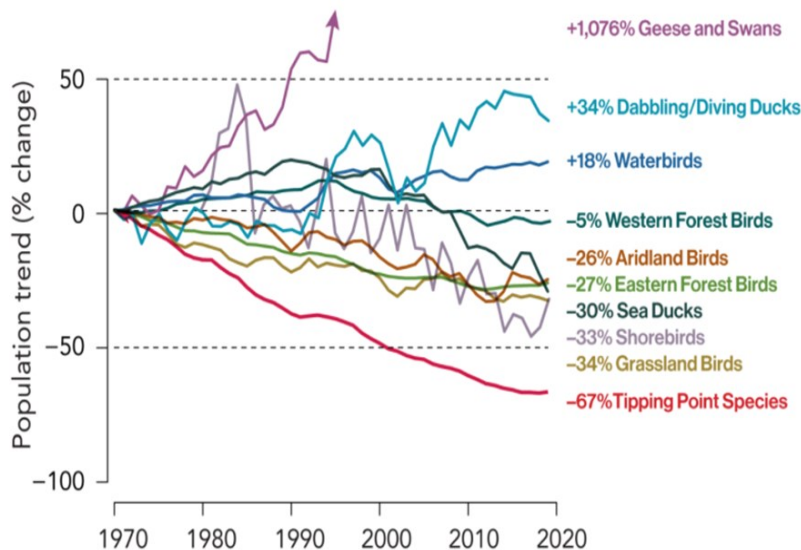
Under the previous administration, the Environmental Protection Agency issued an interim decision that allowed the continued use of glyphosate, also known by the brand name Roundup. Conservation and health groups led by the National Resources Defense Council sued, stating the EPA had not adequately addressed the risks of cancer and environmental damage. The EPA's own draft evaluation in 2020 found that 93% of endangered species are likely harmed by glyphosate, most notably monarch butterflies. The continued use of the herbicide also disproportionately impacts the poor and people of color who make up the majority of farmworkers.

In May 2021, the EPA in response to its own evaluation requested remand of the ecological portion of the decision. In June 2022, the U.S. Court of Appeals vacated the human health portion of the interim decision while also granting the remand of the ecological portion. The court imposed an October 1, 2022 deadline to issue a new ecological portion. In September 2022, the EPA announced it was withdrawing the interim decision entirely and that it would conduct a new review of glyphosate's effects, especially on the environment; however, it was unable to meet the court's deadline.

The review is ongoing and will likely take a couple of years to complete. Unfortunately, the chemical can still be used during the EPA review. *Russ Manning*

"EPA Must Re-Assess the Risks of Glyphosate: 3 Things to Know," NRDC, June 23, 2022, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/lucas-rhoads/epa-must-re-assess-risks-glyphosate-3-things-know> "Glyphosate," EPA, <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/glyphosate>

### 2B. Birds Declining Everywhere Except Wetlands



North American Bird Conservation Initiative. The State of the Birds, United States of America, 2022. StateoftheBirds.org

#### TCWP Board Meetings

The Officers and Directors of Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning meet the third Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to call, email, or attend a Board meeting to raise issues that TCWP needs to address. We welcome your input. See inside front page for contact information.

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A new report released in October from the U.S. North American Bird Conservation Initiative shows a dramatic decline in most bird species in the U.S. and Canada. In the last 50 years, three billion birds have disappeared, translating to one in four breeding pairs lost over that time period. The greatest decline is in grassland birds, especially in the eastern Great Plains because of habitat loss, tree and shrub encroachment, and use of pesticides. Perhaps more startling, the NABCI report identified 70 “tipping point” species that have lost two-thirds of their populations and are likely to lose another 50% in the next 50 years without intervention. These include such species as greater sage grouse, prairie warbler, and evening grosbeak.

But it’s not all bad news. Waterbirds, including geese, swans, and ducks, have shown a dramatic increase due to a focus on wetland conservation for several decades. This success demonstrates that conservation does work to improve water quality and preserve habitat. The report recommends scaling up such conservation efforts to protect other species that are still in decline. *Russ Manning*

Read the full report: <https://www.stateofthebirds.org/2022/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/state-of-the-birds-2022-spreads.pdf>

## 2C. Appalachian Regional Commission Funds Econ Diversification in Coal Towns

The Appalachian Regional Commission is granting \$47 million across 181 counties that have been affected by job losses in the coal industry. The money is intended to create jobs, expand skills training and attracting investments in agriculture, food, and tourism.

One is heartened by the ARC’s acknowledgement of the disappearing coal industry and its efforts to revitalize mountain communities’ economies.

# 3. TCWP NEWS

## 3A. Upcoming Activities

### TCWP’s Guidelines for Activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, TCWP will be conducting its activities following CDC guidelines:

- We ask that you not participate if you are sick or were recently exposed to someone who is.
- We ask that unvaccinated participants practice social distancing, maintain at least 6 feet of separation between themselves and other unvaccinated participants.
- We ask that unvaccinated participants continue to wear a mask especially when social distancing is not possible.
- We will organize activities into group of 20 or fewer.
- We recommend that you bring hand sanitizer or other ways to wash your hands.
- We recommend that everyone bring their own water, lunch, snacks, and sunscreen.
- We recommend caravanning for unvaccinated participants, rather than carpooling.
- Keep in mind that restrooms may be unavailable at activity locations.
- Activities are subject to change or cancellation as we monitor and react to local, state, and federal data and guidelines.

Thank you for your patience while we work through ways to serve our community.

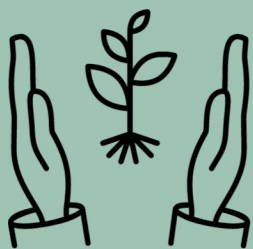
**[NOTE: Times listed for all events are Eastern time unless specified otherwise.]**



## Keep Community Shares and TCWP in Mind for Charitable Payroll Deductions

It's the season to finalize payroll deductions for next year. If you're already contributing to TCWP, thanks!! Please consider renewing that support for next year.

When Community Shares is an option at your workplace, you can make charitable contributions to any of the 30 odd Community Shares members. TCWP is an option!! Our organization number for the Combined Federal Campaign is 77429.



*Support  
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*by donating,*

*joining, or*

*renewing*

*your membership*

*at tcwp.org*

### TCWP Holiday Party/Annual Meeting – Thursday, December 8

TCWP will again this year host its annual holiday party outdoors, around a bonfire. Join us beginning at 6 p.m. December 8 at the fire pit/pavilion at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike. Light snacks will be available, or partygoers who would like to are welcome to bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share. At 6:30 we will hold a brief business meeting to elect TCWP officers and board members for 2023; following that, festivities will resume. We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship to kick off the holiday season!

### Whites Creek Workday - Saturday, January 14

TCWP will sponsor a day of trail maintenance work at Whites Creek Small Wild Area in Rhea County at 10 a.m. January 14 as part of our ongoing stewardship activities for this TVA Small Wild Area trail. The trail loops onto land that TCWP purchased from Bowater several years ago, thanks to the generous support of our members.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring work gloves, loppers, and small bow saws or folding saws. Some hand tools will be available at the event. Please be sure to bring clothing appropriate for weather conditions, water, snacks, and/or a lunch.

Participants can meet for carpooling or caravanning in Oak Ridge at the Gold's Gym/Books-A-Million parking lot in Oak Ridge (at the end close to S. Illinois Avenue, near Salsarita's). We'll leave Oak Ridge at 9 a.m., or volunteers can join the crew at the trailhead at 10 a.m.

We plan to spend three or four hours at the site, but volunteers may come and go as they wish. If the weather is uncooperative—excessive rain, or snow and ice—we will reschedule for the following Saturday. For additional information, contact Jimmy Groton at 865-805-9908 or at [groton87@comcast.net](mailto:groton87@comcast.net).

### Alley Ford Workday – Saturday, February 11

A day of trail work and hiking will take place on the 2.5-mile section of the Cumberland Trail at the Obed Wild and Scenic River between Nemo Picnic Area and Alley Ford adopted by TCWP in 1998. Participants should dress appropriately for winter weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring work gloves, loppers, small bow saws or folding saws, shovels and grubbing tools, as well as a lunch and plenty of water. Cumberland Trail State Park personnel will provide some tools that will be available at the event.

Participants can meet for carpooling in Oak Ridge at the Gold's Gym/Books-A-Million parking lot (meet at the end close to S. Illinois Avenue, near Salsarita's) in time to leave Oak Ridge at 9 a.m. Eastern, or can join the crew at Nemo Picnic Area or Rock Creek Campground at 10 a.m. We expect to return to the trailhead by around 3 p.m. (NOTE: If the weather is uncooperative—excessive rain or snow and ice—we will reschedule for the following Saturday.)

Participants will need to sign a National Park Service volunteer form (parent's or guardian's signature required for minors). Forms can be requested in advance from TCWP, or NPS representatives will have forms available at the event.

For additional information, contact Jimmy Groton at 865-805-9908 or at [groton87@comcast.net](mailto:groton87@comcast.net).

## 3B. Recent Events

### **Mural of America Program with Stephen Alvarez – Tuesday, September 20**

National Geographic photographer Stephen Alvarez, creator of the Ancient Art Archive, discussed the Mural of America project in a September 20 Zoom program cosponsored by TCWP and the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society.

Alvarez said his interest in ancient art grew out of his lifelong fascination with caves. He later became interested in who had been in a cave before him, and when they began doing art. leading him to do a National Geographic story on the archeology of art. He said he began the Ancient Art Archive “to help people have the experience of standing in front of ancient art – and because the art is at risk, for a variety of reasons. The Archive exists to save the art while we can.” The Mural of America, through 3-D modeling, explores ten North American cultural landmarks that combine art and place, with storytelling based on the images.

Alvarez, who lives in Sewanee, spent some time discussing one of those landmarks: Devilstep Hollow at Head of Sequatchie near Grandview, TN, and its cave art from the Mississippian era , about 1,000 years old. He encouraged his audience to go to the site, where visitors can walk to the edge of the sinkhole. The cave is closed, but the art can be viewed through a 3-D virtual reality experience that’s part of the Mural of America. He and his associates have also built educational materials for use in Grundy County schools, a series of guided exercises on their Chromebooks “to tell them more about what’s in the place where they live, and about how to tell stories through images.”

The Ancient Art Archive is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. On their website, <https://www.ancientartarchive.org/>, visitors can donate and/or learn more about The Mural of America. “Our work is still in progress on most of the sites,” Alvarez said, “but the Devilstep Hollow Cave site work is complete and ready for you to experience.” *Carol Grametbauer*

### **National Public Lands Day – Saturday, September 24**

Once again TCWP celebrated National Public Lands Day (NPLD) at TVA’s Worthington Cemetery Ecological Study Area on Melton Hill Reservoir in Oak Ridge. NPLD is an annual event that focuses on both user enjoyment and celebrating volunteer conservation efforts on public lands. As in years past, TCWP partnered with TVA for a day of celebration, education, and stewardship about the unique history of the Worthington family, the native plants and habitats in the study area, and the invasive exotic plants that also grow there. This year was especially wonderful since COVID concerns have limited our interaction with TVA for the past couple of years.

In the spirit of NPLD, we continued our work to remove the exotic invasive plants and trash and to restore the native cedar barren. This year 17 people helped with the NPLD event. We began the activities with an interpretive walk highlighting the unique historic and natural resources at the ESA. This year was especially fun because we had one kid who really got into it, making wreaths from Japanese honeysuckle and Chinese wisteria.

Unfortunately we were unable to resume our efforts to eradicate Dahurian buckthorn, a highly invasive shrub/small tree discovered growing at the Worthington tract by botanists Larry Pounds and David Nestor. This past July a severe thunderstorm knocked down several large trees that blocked most of the trails around the study area, including the access points to the area where the invasive buckthorns are growing.

At the completion of our work, TCWP provided a pizza lunch for all volunteers. We got a lot accomplished this year and everybody had a really great time. *Jimmy Groton*

### **Microplastics in the Tennessee River : An Update – Thursday, September 29**

Earlier this fall, Martin Knoll spoke at our first in person program since early 2020. About 40 people attended Sponsored by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society and TCWP, the program was a follow-up to a program Dr. Knoll presented in 2019 on the concentration and types of microplastics in the Tennessee and Rhine rivers.

Microplastic particles are seemingly everywhere including most environments on Earth and inside humans' lungs and bloodstreams. Dr. Knoll highlighted alarming discoveries of microplastics in extreme areas. He urges that research be undertaken to understand fully the side effects of microplastics in humans.

#### **Norris Watershed Hike – Saturday, October 8**

Fourteen people came out on a cool morning to hike out of the Norris Municipal Watershed. There was some nice fall leaf color, but it was far from peak. We encountered several other users as we traversed out Lakeview Trail along Norris Reservoir and wound up on the new Homestead Trail in Norris Dam State Park.

Parts of the trail were dusty from the prolonged dry spell we were experiencing, but we didn't have to worry about mud. It was a very pleasant day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the beautiful forest and the new friends they met. *Joe Feeman*

#### **Three Bends Appreciation Event – Sunday, October 16**

Last month, about 40 people gathered at the Freels Bend Cabin where we learned about the history of the Freels family and their farming. With the cosponsorship of the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Committee, Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation, and TCWP, the event featured historic information from Mick Wiest and members of the Freels family; ecological importance of the area from Virginia Dale; and ways to learn more about the issues from Sandra Goss.

#### **Pellissippi Blueway Paddling Trip and Trash Pickup – Saturday, October 22**

Seven participants, including two middle school students, braved the early morning cold to participate in a paddle trip and check out a new direction upstream from previous float trips along the Pellissippi Blueway. With two canoes and three kayaks, the group put in at the Oak Ridge Marina boat ramp. The two students discovered several large dead carp floating by the boat ramp, which was a little disconcerting. However, no other dead fish were seen, so the conclusion for now is that they were tossed out after a fishing trip and not killed by pollution.

The group paddled across to the other side and headed upstream to explore a few quiet inlets in a region designated an "Undeveloped Recreation Area" by TVA. These areas are available for camping for paddlers making a multi-day excursion along the Blueway. We saw several birds, including an osprey and a blue heron, and a few smaller types. The morning sun was bright and air temperature warmed quickly and was quite pleasant. Beautiful fall colors were all around to enjoy.

The Melton Hill Lake water level was surprisingly high, despite a very dry fall. This made for difficult trash collecting conditions, and surprisingly little trash was seen. About two bags of trash total were collected. The group continued paddling upstream across from Calhoun's, where several practicing rowers were on the Worthington Cemetery Small Wild Area inlet. Only a few bottles and cans were collected. Then we paddled on over to the train trestle and did find trash along the cliff area on one side, as well a graffiti. The paddlers easily returned back to the boat ramp, enjoying a pleasant day. *Tim Bigelow*

#### **Fall Cedar Barren Cleanup/Weed Wrangle® – Saturday, November 5**

Fifteen volunteers, including several newcomers to TCWP events, participated in the Fall Cedar Barren Cleanup. It was a very lovely and warm fall day, with gusty winds that blew more colorful leaves to the ground and whipped up the fallen leaves in swirls.

After a safety talk and nice introduction to the Oak Ridge Cedar Barrens by Jimmy Groton and Larry Pounds, workers got started and did quite a bit of work in several areas. The entrance area was cleared of a pile of invasive bush honeysuckle and privet, and some burning bush, Arthraxon, Microstegium, and some of the English ivy were pulled up. In the "ellipse," several bags of invasives were collected, including some lespedeza. Several of the faded flowers appear to be reseeding for next year, including a milkweed.

Along the trail connecting to the “triangle,” volunteers cut down three leaning dead pine trees and cleared two waterbars that were designed to minimize trail erosion. Although lately conditions have been dry, during heavy rain earlier the waterbars appeared to be helping quite a bit in slowing down and reducing waterflow down the trail. Also in the triangle area, it appears some of larger anthills have disappeared since being treated. Two fallen fence slats that were affected by an anthill next to their posts have been reset. Much of the surrounding woods are heavily infested with bush honeysuckle. A weed trimmer was used to cut some of it to slow the spread. Treatment of the re-sprouts will be tried next spring.

Extensive work on restoring the eroding trail to the front fence has been accomplished. Fill dirt has been spread, and some of the no-longer-needed waterbars pulled up. The path tread is being smoothed to accommodate wheelchair access in the future.

When the work was completed, the workforce enjoyed a pizza lunch and perfect weather for a picnic, with almost no wind.

*Tim Bigelow*

### **3C: Former TCWP Executive Director Sandra Edwards Has Passed**

Sandra Edwards, TCWP’s former Executive Director and longtime environmental and citizen rights’ advocate, passed away peacefully at her Oak Ridge home in September. Sandra became Director in early 1984, just in time to represent TCWP in multiple hearings held on fluctuating state coal surface mine regulatory positions. When Tennessee rescinded state regulatory control to the federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM) later that same year, Sandra’s focus shifted to increasing contact with new federal regulators to ensure appropriate oversight of mine permitting and reclamation as well as furthering progress on the Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition protecting Flat Fork Creek watershed in Morgan County (encompassing Frozen Head SP) and signed by Bill Russell, TCWP President. Seeing the TCWP need for continued and reliable legal counsel to advance the Petition, Sandra successfully applied for funding support from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation. With collaboration of concerned citizens and the environmental community, Sandra helped guide the Petition to the most protective outcome: the entire Petition area was eventually designated as unsuitable for all surface coal mining (and became one of the first Petitions in the nation to achieve this level of protection).

Liane Russell always considered TCWP fortunate to have an Executive Director of Sandra’s ability and training, and was delighted with Sandra’s technical understanding of issues as well as the graceful and informed manner in which she presented material in hearings and before regulators.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church (POB 6106, Oak Ridge, TN 37831) or the Parkinson Foundation at Vanderbilt University. *Annetta Watson*

### **3D. Good-bye, Dear Alice Xiques**

Long time TCWP member and life-long hiker Alice Xiques finished her hike of more than 95 years on Earth last month. Alice grew up in China until WWII started, when she and her family were held in Hong Kong until a prisoner exchange was effected.

For years, this writer and Alice rode together to TCWP Annual Meetings, with enjoyable conversation and interesting stories. Her cheerfulness and down-to-earth attitude made for a good companion.

Alice is survived by her sister, Burney Medard of Pessac, France, and her children Peter (Lisa) Xiques of Knoxville, Marie (Al) Fox of Seymour, Donald (Rachel) Xiques of Knoxville, and Betsy (Steve) Bolint of Mankato, Minnesota, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Friends of the Smokies, Conservation Fisheries Inc., or Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning.



### 3E. Lee Russell Inducted into Southern Appalachian Whitewater Hall of Fame

TCWP founding member and long-time Newsletter Editor Lee Russell was posthumously inducted into the Southern Appalachian Whitewater Hall of Fame earlier this month in Asheville. Thank to long-time TCWP member and previous Southern Appalachian Whitewater Hall of Fame inductee Steve Scarborough, Lee was nominated for her work that conserved the Obed and Big South Fork of the Cumberland River.

Steve's nomination was moving and pure Steve:

*Liane Brauch "Lee" Russell (August 27, 1923 – July 20, 2019)*

*The Obed River, The Emory River and the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River all have one thing in common, the tireless efforts of Lee and Bill Russell, the TCWP, and the TSRA working over decades to preserve the greater watersheds that most paddlers take for granted today.*

*Lee Russell was a scientist and activist on every front. It's difficult to separate Lee from her husband, Bill, and the organization they organized in 1966, TN Citizens for Wilderness Planning. After Bill Russell passed away, Lee continued the work that preserves many of the streams we paddle today. Bill and Lee canoed nearly all of the better-known streams of the Cumberland Plateau, fell in love with them and dedicated a large portion of their later lives to river conservation and environmental issues. It might be easier to consider them all together since TCWP has its fingerprints on nearly every river conservation effort in the Southeast over the last 55 years. TCWP continues to get good things done in riparian land acquisition and conservation.*

*Here's the short version from her Wikipedia page (Liane Russell - Wikipedia):*

*"Russell was...a conservationist working for protection of wilderness and national lands and rivers. In 1966 she helped to organize the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP). In 1976 TCWP helped to obtain protection of the 125,000-acre Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and obtain National Wild and Scenic River designation for the Obed River. In 1992 Russell received the National Parks Conservation Association's (NPCA's) Marjory Stoneman Douglas award."*

*Lee Russell was awarded the "River Hero" award from TN Clean Water Network. The award was presented by Senator Lamar Alexander at a sold-out banquet in Knoxville. Lee was a tiny woman with a huge presence. At the Award ceremony, she thanked Lamar and listed several things he had been helpful with, pointed out some things he could have been more helpful with and asked his support for a course of action she laid out for the future of environmental protection in Tennessee. It was a spectacular performance which Lamar applauded with the rest of us.*

*Most TN paddlers don't know about or appreciate the work of those that went before. They don't know that there could have been a "Lake Nemo" instead of the Emory – Obed Wild and Scenic Rivers. They don't know that there could have been rampant development and still more dams and lakes instead of the Big South Fork Wildlife Management Area and the spectacular canyons of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland and its many tributaries. They should be made aware of Lee Russell, Bill and the TCWP and support the good work they still do.*

*There is an overlook at Lily Bridge on Clear Creek, the put in for the main Emory Obed whitewater run. The spectacular views looking downstream are nearly all protected land (some work is left to do), the entire river left for miles is protected as a result of Lee, Bill and the TCWP organization, which has purchased and held the lands until the political climate was right and the money in place to transfer the lands to federal ownership.*

*On a personal basis, I met Bill and Lee at a TCWP meeting in their home late in the last century. The energy in the room was amazing, not just your normal group of do-gooder wannabes, but a power packed group who knew how to get things done. The list of TCWP accomplishments is astounding and can be admired at [www.TCWP.org](http://www.TCWP.org). There is a ton of info there, including several articles, written by Lee, documenting this or that project and the political astuteness needed to move mountains and stop dams. The good work continues.*



*If I have a beef with the paddling community it is that they sometimes forget where the water comes from and how important its health is to all of us. How can you paddle through a whitewater rapid and not think about the life under your boat? How can you not see the interconnectedness of healthy forests, greenways, stormwater drainage, diversity of mussels and fish species and the sport we all love? I don't know exactly how it should be handled but Lee Russell, Bill and the TCWP have that all seeing awareness and I celebrate them, my River Heroes and nomination for the Hall of Fame.*

Steve, thanks for the compliments to TCWP and this recognition of Lee.

### 3F. Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee Nominees 2023

Below is a list of Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee members that we will vote on during our Holiday Party/ Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 8 at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church.

#### Officers:

PRESIDENT: Mark Bevelhimer  
VICE PRESIDENT: Michele Thornton  
SECRETARY: Carol Grametbauer  
TREASURER: Tim Bigelow

#### Nominating Committee:

Johnny Cosgrove  
Christopher DeRolph  
Marion Burger

#### Directors:

Michelle Campanis  
Margaret Cumberland  
Kirk Eddlemon  
Jimmy Groton  
Matt Peterson  
Larry Pounds  
Linda Triolo



TCWP (Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning) is dedicated to achieving and perpetuating protection of natural lands and waters by means of public ownership, legislation, or cooperation of the private sector. While our first focus is on the Cumberland and Appalachian regions of Tennessee, our efforts may extend to the rest of the state and the nation. TCWP's strength lies in researching information pertinent to an issue, informing and educating our membership and the public, interacting with groups having similar objectives, and working through the legislative, administrative, and judicial branches of government on the federal, state, and local levels.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 8 – TCWP Holiday Party/Annual Meeting
- January 14 – Whites Creek Workday
- February 11 – Alley Ford Workday

**These events are subject to cancellation. Call ahead to verify the event will occur.**