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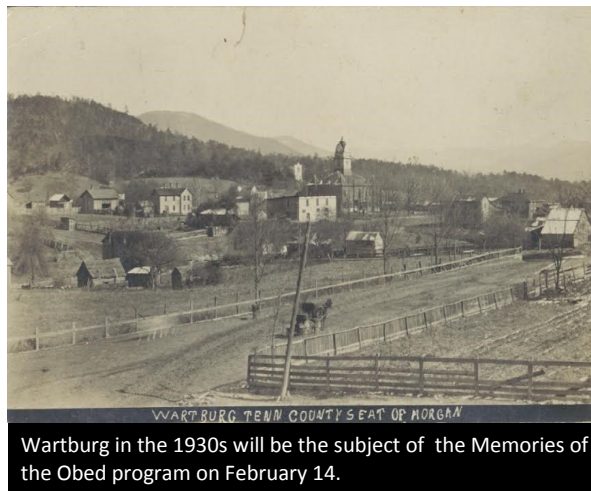
**Calling All Crafters & Musicians!** We need you to make the 15th annual Spring Planting & Music Festival the best one yet. Traditional arts and crafts demonstrations as well as music will be featured on April 25th. For more information on selling your craft and/or music items, contact Letitia Neal at (423) 569-2404, ext. 267.

**More Jobs!** Life guards, Visitor Use Assistants, and Biological Science Technicians positions are currently available. Check out [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) for more information.

**Valentine Crafts for Kids.** Rangers will host a very special craft program on Saturday, February 14. Children will be treated to a brief presentation and have the opportunity to make their own Valentine's Day cards. This free program will begin at 11:00 a.m. (ET) in the Bandy Creek Visitor Center and is wheelchair accessible.

### **Bear Program at the Crossville-Cumberland Visitor Center.**

NPS Ranger Mary Grimm and Tennessee Wildlife Biologist Casey Mullen will discuss the reintroduction of bears on the plateau, living with bears, and new regulations for bear hunting season (outside of the park boundaries). This free, 45 minute program begins at 2 pm (CT) on Saturday, February 28 and is wheelchair accessible.



Wartburg in the 1930s will be the subject of the Memories of the Obed program on February 14.

## Obed Wild and Scenic River

**Conservation Group Purchases Land for Preservation at Obed.** Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning recently purchased 114 acres within the boundaries of the Obed using a grant from the State of Tennessee. A 90 acre tract is located on the Obed River above the mouth of Daddys Creek, and a 24 acre tract is located on Clear Creek below Barnett Bridge. Both parcels contain prime examples of the remarkable resources that Obed was established to preserve.

**Memories of the Obed Features George Dagley, Jr.,** a World War II veteran. His father was mayor of Morgan County during the 1930s. Mr. Dagley will share his childhood adventures at Potters Falls and his experiences during wartime on Saturday, February 14th at 2pm (ET) in the Obed Visitor Center. This program is wheelchair accessible.

**Monthly Healthy Hike with a Ranger is Saturday, February 14 at 10 am (ET).** Meet at Rock Creek Campground.

**Volunteer Opportunity.** Join us on Saturday, February 21 for a trail workday to improve the Cumberland Trail. Contact the Visitor Center for more information.

## Free Camping for Presidents Day Weekend

This is a great opportunity to experience the serenity of camping during the winter as well as behold the grand landscapes of our parks while the leaves are off the trees. Three nights of free camping are available at Big South Fork's Alum Ford and Obed's Rock Creek Campgrounds, as well as free backcountry permits.

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
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