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**EMPLOYEES RECENTLY HONORED**

The Parks & Recreation Commission recently recognized two employees with service awards. Waylon Majors was honored for his ten years of service with the Parks & Rec Maintenance Department. Also recognized was Receptionist, Tisha Welshan, for her ten years of service in the Administrative Office.



Waylon Majors received his Ten Year Award check from Vice-Chairman, Frank Cameron at the March Commission meeting.



Tisha Welshan received her Ten Year Award check from Chairman, Andy White at the April Commission meeting.

**SWIMMING POOLS WILL OPEN SOON**

Springbrook Pool in Alcoa and John Sevier Pool in Maryville will open on Friday, May 18. Season pool passes are now on sale at the Parks & Rec Office. Prices for individual and family passes, hours of operation and other information can be found by clicking on [www.parksrec.com](http://www.parksrec.com).

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING GAMES A BIG SUCCESS**

In spite of a one-day postponement due to rain, the Special Olympics Track & Field Games held April 19 at Heritage High School was a great event with 299 athletes participating. This is the largest event of the Area 15 Special Olympics yearly event schedule. Appreciation goes to the more than 250 volunteers who represented 18 businesses, 5 civic organizations, 1 church, Maryville College; and the employees of Maryville, Alcoa, Blount County and Parks & Rec. Thanks also to the members of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Heritage High School for their continued support. A special recognition was given to WVLT- Channel 8 Sports Director, Rick Russo, for his twenty years of volunteering as the emcee of the games' opening ceremony. Shown above right, he was presented the award by athletes, Robin Fitzgerald and Gene Morton.



**21st ANNUAL KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS THIS SATURDAY**



**Kiwanis**

The Alcoa Kiwanis Foundation pancake fund raising breakfast which helps support Special Olympics will be held April 28, 7:00 AM - 12 NOON at Alcoa High School. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Children under age 6 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased at the Parks & Rec Office now through Friday. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Each ticket also entitles the person to a one-time 20% discount at the Maryville IHOP Restaurant. This Kiwanis event is also sponsored by the Daily Times, Parks & Rec and the IHOP Restaurant which will provide the pancakes. Don't miss this important and tasty opportunity to help support Special Olympics and other Kiwanis projects.

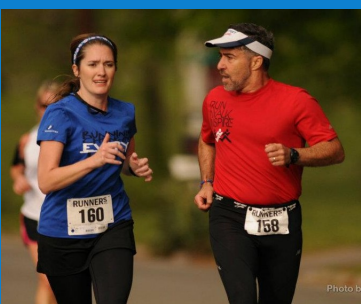
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**ROAD RACE HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE**

The Spring Sprint Road Race held April 14 in Alcoa had the largest attendance in race history. 452 people of all ages converged at Springbrook Park to join the 5K Race & Fun Run/Walk. This race kicks-off the "Healthy Blount Triple Crown of Running". The other two events of the Triple Crown are the Scholars Run held in August and the Reindeer Run held in December. To be eligible for the Triple Crown cash awards and special memento, participants must compete in all three races.



Parks & Recreation Running Instructor, Shahin Hadian gives encouragement to a road race participant.



For a group of young runners it is an exciting moment to cross the Spring Sprint finish line.

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