

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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## New Business Open In Rocky Top

Those looking for an antique touch or vintage designed furniture can find it at *In Its Time, Antiques and Vintage Design* who celebrated their Grand Opening on July 1, 2017.

*In Its Time* is located at 808 North Main Street, Rocky Top, Tennessee. They will have vintage designed furniture by Donna Phillips, her daughter, Brittney Phillips and her daughter-in-law, Jessica Phillips along with various antiques.

*In Its Time* has a great mixture of new and old as well as vintage, and primitive to attract every one of every age.

Donna's husband, Mike Phillips, purchased the store for her because he knew how much she loved doing vintage furniture. Donna said her husband is very supportive and is a great asset in her life and in THEIR business and she wants to thank him for giving her the opportunity to do what she loves.

Brittney, Jessica and Donna have been doing vintage style pieces for several years at various antique shows and have been very blessed to be as successful as they are. Donna said she is happy to say that Brittney and Jessica will be an important part of *In Its Time* and they look forward to sharing their journey with you all. Donna's husband, Mike and her son, Ryan are their behind the scene support group and they couldn't do it without them.

There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce on July 13th, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They would love to have everyone join them in the celebration.



## Love The Clinch River? Sign Up For The Big Clinch River Cleanup

Registration is open now for everyone who wants to help with the fifth annual Big Clinch River Cleanup on Saturday, July 22nd. It starts at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at the scenic Museum of Appalachia, 2819 Andersonville Highway, Norris. The cleanup will wrap up about 2:00 p.m.

Everyone who enjoys the river, from anglers to kayakers to wildlife watchers, is invited to help remove litter from the Clinch and its banks. The community wide cleanup is an expansion of annual pickups run for many years by members of the Clinch River Chapter, Trout Unlimited, which hosts the event. Last year, 110 volunteers from 34 ZIP codes gathered tires and trash from the river.

Volunteers work in a variety of ways:

- \* Above the water line, workers walk along riverside roads and through parking areas, gathering trash.
- \* Volunteers wearing waders patrol for litter in shallow water.
- \* In kayaks and canoes, volunteers work to clean shorelines and shallow water where there is no public access by road.
- \* In powerboats, volunteers haul tires and other large items from the depths.

Support for all the teams is supplied by volunteering emergency medical people, ham radio operators, tire disposal professionals and workers with trucks who collect and dispose of filled trash bags.

This year, the first 100 volunteers to register will qualify for a free full breakfast at the picturesque museum (expenses of the meal are supported by a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority). To sign up, please visit <http://crctu.org> and click on Big Cleanup Registration. For more information, contact Rusty Hallett at [hallettrusty@gmail.com](mailto:hallettrusty@gmail.com) or (859) 227-1227, or Dave Easter at [deaster660@gmail.com](mailto:deaster660@gmail.com) or (859) 608-7090. The event will be held rain or shine (in case of severe weather, the breakfast will be held but volunteers will stay on shore).

Clinch River Chapter TU works to preserve and protect the Clinch River tailwater and its watershed through conservation projects and through education of children and adults in aquatic natural resources. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month in the parish hall at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Norris, except when outdoor activities are scheduled. For more information, visit <http://crctu.org>.



*Big Cleanup volunteers in canoes and kayaks prepare to launch into an early morning mist on the Clinch River. (FH Oates photo)*

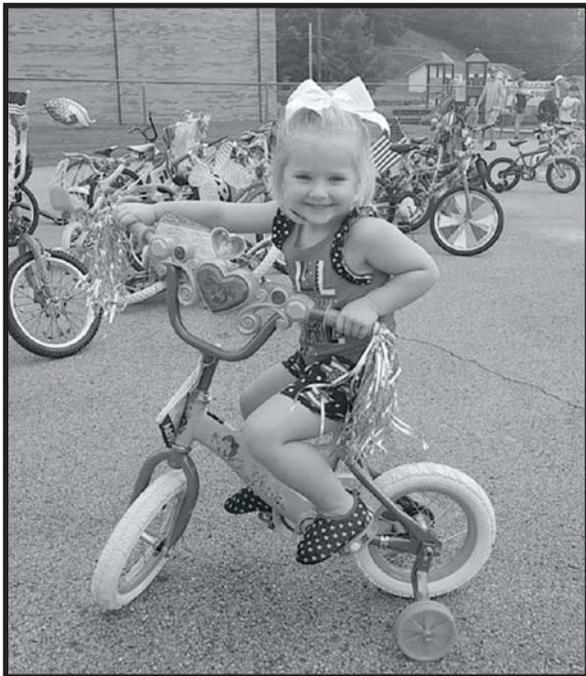
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## AREA EVENTS IN AND AROUND ROCKY TOP COMMUNITY

July 17-22	Anderson County Fair
July 22	Christmas in July in Downtown Clinton
July 22	Smokin' For a Cause At Stardust Marina

## Congratulations to Addisyn who is the winner of a brand new bicycle!!!



She won the bicycle from the raffle ticket she was given for registering for the 4th of July Kids Parade!!! Addisyn is the daughter of Cody and Shelby Phillips, new big sister to Braydey Phillips, all from Rocky Top, and the granddaughter of Clifford & Marika Bray of Briceville

## Chamber Networking

The next Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Networking Event will be at Powell Clinch Utility District in Rocky Top, Tuesday, July 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, this is a joint coffee along with Campbell County Chamber and Anderson County Chamber. This is a great opportunity for Chamber members to network with other Chamber members. If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend this event. For more information about the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.rockytopchamber.com](http://www.rockytopchamber.com)



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## CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

City Court	2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 a.m.
Planning Commission	3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

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# Coal Creek History Comes to Life for Briceville School 4th & 5th Graders — Honoring the Miners of Fraterville on the 115th Anniversary of the Explosion

May 19th, 1902, started out like most days in the coal fields of East Tennessee. Wives of Fraterville miners such as Edith McKamey, Serepta Sharp, Mary Adkins, Ellen Vowell, and Josie Harmon fixed breakfast to get their husbands off to work and their children off to school or work. Catherine Dezern's husband had died in a logging accident a decade earlier, but she fixed a hot breakfast for her three unmarried sons, Carl, Samuel, and George—her daughters-in-law Minnie and Lula did likewise for her sons John and David.

While most of the Fraterville miners started the day with their families that morning, 32 of them ate at boarding houses or fended for themselves. They were itinerant workers, who traveled from mine to mine to get short-term work.

All those lives changed at 7:20 that morning, when the Great Fraterville Mine exploded. Rescue crews searched valiantly for survivors, but none were found. It was the worst disaster in the history of mining in the South where 216 men and boys died on May 19, 1902. Many of them were veterans of the Coal Creek War in which miners had fought the Tennessee National Guard to abolish convict leasing in Tennessee.



*Briceville Students stand where the entrance to the Fraterville Mine was located at time of May 19th, 1902*



*Briceville students learn about the Fraterville itinerant miners where all 32 of them are buried where their unidentified bodies were brought by train from the mine*

Students from Briceville's fourth and fifth grade classes learned about them on their 17th-annual history field trip, which started at the make-shift cemetery where Fraterville itinerant miners were buried adjacent to the old Fraterville railroad spur. Stories about the Fraterville miners were told by living historian David R. Thomas, the Welsh miner/engineer who was born in Carmarthen, South Wales in 1839.

Mr. Thomas told how he came to Coal Creek after the American Civil War as part of a contingent of Welsh miners who developed a coal mine to fuel the mills of the Knoxville Iron Company. He lost his job to convict labor in 1877, but found work in the Fraterville Mine where he later became an apprentice to engineer C. G. Popp, which qualified him for his job as an engineer with the Provident Insurance Company.

At the abandoned Fraterville Mine portal, students heard how Major E. C. Camp opened the Fraterville Mine in 1870 and it had the reputation of being one of the safest mines in the state. The name of the mine and surrounding town means, "Village of Brothers." Major Camp recruited experienced miners and encouraged them to bring their friends and relatives to work in the mine with them.

Thomas told how he was on the rescue crew that found where 26 miners had barricaded themselves into a room of the mine awaiting rescue, but had suffocated before help arrived. Ten of those miners wrote farewell letters to their families before suffocating. All the letters had two common topics—God and family—which tells you all you need to know about life's priorities in 1902.



**LC Little League Football & Cheer sign-ups will be July 14th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. & July 15th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Rocky Top Community Center. Ages 5-11**



# Summer Reading Program at Rocky Top Public Library

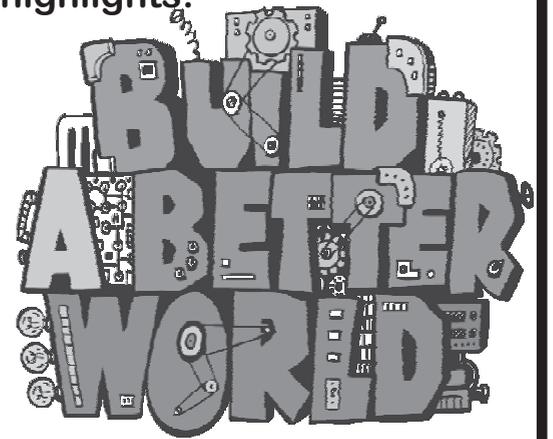
Summer Reading 2017 was a great success! We appreciate Randy Martin for teaching bird house building and inspiring the kids into further wood working projects. Also, a special thank you to Ron Lighty and friends for entertaining us with his puppets and balloon expertise. Congratulations to all the adults and children who participated this year! We hope everyone had a great time and will join us again next year! Check out our Facebook page for more Summer Reading highlights!



Age B-3 Top Readers



Age B-3 Group Picture



Age 4-9 & Teen Top Readers



Age 4-9 & Teen Group Picture



Nan Lynch Reading with Cookie Monster & Elmo



Randy Martin Teaching the Kids how to Build a Bird House



Ventriloquist Ron Lighty with Jason & Company



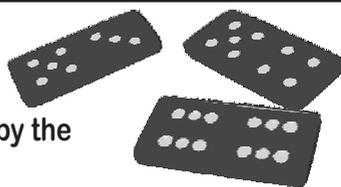
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AND THEIR STAFF  
FOR A GREAT  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!**

# LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

# NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

## Senior Game Day

Join us on Monday, July 10th and 31st at 11:00 a.m. for a game of Dominos, Yahtzee or your favorite card game. Games are provided by the library.



## LEGO Club - All Ages

LEGO Club will be on July 11th, 18th, 20th and 25th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. LEGO Club is for children to allow their imaginations to run wild! We appreciate everyone who donated LEGO's or money for us to purchase Lego's to help begin our children's LEGO Club! Stop by the library and see the wonderful LEGO creations the children made!

## Adult / Teen Coloring Day

Monday, July 17th at 11:00 a.m., join us for a fun and relaxing hour of coloring. Coloring pages and supplies will be provided or you may bring your own.



## Adult Craft Day

Join us Monday, July 24th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will be having an Adult and Senior Art and Painting Class. Come and join us and discover your inner artist!

## Book Discussion Group

Join us on the last Monday of every month (Monday, July 31st) at 10:00 a.m. for Book Discussion Group. Bring a book you are currently reading or have read to share with others in the group. This is a great way to be introduced to new authors you may not have read. A lite breakfast will be served.



## Free Computer Classes

Rocky Top Public Library provides Basic Desktop Computer Classes every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a great class if you are a beginner, senior citizen or just need a refresher course.



## Children's Story Time

Story Time for the month of July will be Friday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 p.m. A story, craft and snack will be provided for children of all ages.



## Friends of Rocky Top Public Library

Join the Friends of the Rocky Top Public Library. Become more involved in your community! Pick up a brochure today at the circulation desk!

All Rocky Top Public Library events are free (unless specified) and open to the public.

### Audio Cds:

The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck  
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All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda  
Same Beach Next Year by Dorothea Frank

### Adult Fiction:

Nighthawk by Clive Cussler  
Gwendy's Button Box by Stephen King  
White Fur by Jardine Libaire  
Trajectory by Richard Russo  
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Camino Island by John Grisham  
Love Story by Karen Kingsbury  
Come Sundown by Nora Roberts  
The Beloved Hope Chest by Amy Clipston  
Plain Murder by Emma Miller  
Amish Brides by Jennifer Beckstrand  
Naomi's Hope by Jan Drexler  
Under a Summer Sky by Melody Carlson  
Two Lost Boys by L.F. Robertson  
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate  
Catching the Wind by Melanie Dobson  
Do Not Become Alarmed by Maile Meloy  
The Rain Sparrow by Linda Goodnight  
The Duchess by Danielle Steel  
Matchup by Lee Child  
Murder Games by James Patterson  
The Ultimatum by Karen Robards  
Use of Force by Brad Thor  
The Silent Corner by Dean Koontz  
Seven Stones to Stand or Fall by Diana Gabaldon  
Dangerous Minds by Janet Evanovich  
Point of Contact by Tom Clancy  
Bread of Angels by Tessa Afshar  
The Highway by C.J. Box

### Non-Fiction:

Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies by David Fisher  
Galaxy S5 the Missing Manual by Preston Gralla  
Tennessee Personal Injury 2017 Edition by Steve Karr  
The Chamberlain Key by Timothy Smith  
Add a Pinch by Robyn Stone

### Adult Paperback:

Miriam's Heart and Stranded by Emma Miller and Debby Guisti  
Anna's Gift by Emma Miller  
Return to Huckleberry Hill by Jennifer Beckstrand  
Daughters of the Bride by Susan Mallery  
Blood Vow by J.R. Ward  
A Cold Creek Secret by RaeAnne Thayne  
Beyond Reason by Kat Martin  
Sweet Tomorrows by Debbie Macomber

### Young Adult Fiction:

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green  
Alex and Eliza by Melissa De La Cruz  
Crazy House by James Patterson  
Walk the Edge by Katie McGarry  
Textrovert by Lindsey Summers  
Once and for All by Sarah Dessen  
The Beautiful Lost by Luanne Rice  
Long Way Home (the Thunder Road Series) by Katie McGarry

### Juvenile Fiction:

The City on Ember by Jeanne DuPrau  
Journey to the Orange Islands by Tracey West  
Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire Books 1, 2 and 3 by Hidenori Kusaka  
Loot, How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson  
Dragon's Green by Scarlett Thomas  
Orphan Train Girl by Christina Baker Kline  
The Emperor's Riddle by Kat Zhang  
Pottymouth and Stoopid by James Patterson

### Children's Easy:

Chester Raccoon and A Pocketful of Kisses by Audrey Penn  
Hattie and Hudson by Chris Van Dusen  
Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast by Josh Funk  
God Loves Daddy and Me by Bonnie Jensen  
The Fix It Man by Susan Hood  
Sloppy Wants a Hug by Sean Julian  
Hold Your Temper, Tiger by Carol Roth  
Henry Loves Hills by Patrick Brennan  
Bulldozer Helps Out by Candace Fleming  
Little Red Riding Hood by Ed Bryan  
The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark by Ken Geist  
Olivia the Spy by Ian Falconer  
Chester Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully by Audrey Penn  
My Little Fox by Rick Chrustowski  
Firefighter Duckies by Frank Dormer  
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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Coal Creek Miners Museum, located at 201 South Main Street in Rocky Top, is offering volunteer opportunities for staffing the Museum. Education and training will be given on the unique history and culture of our community. If you are interested in the history of Coal Creek, enjoy working with the public and can commit to several hours during the week, please contact Sandee Sharp Savarese at 865-340-3269 or info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com.



**Anderson County Library Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 20th, 2017**  
**@ 4:00 p.m.**  
**Norris Public Library**

## Appalachian Arts Craft Center's OPEN HOUSE IN JULY

Stop by Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Norris for an Open House on Tuesday, July 11 and Wednesday, July 12th from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. The weavers meet on Tuesday (10:00 am - 2:00 pm) and the quilters meet on Wednesday (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Both groups enjoy visitors! Kathy Fearing will be at the Center for a book signing on Tuesday from 10:00 am to noon and Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. There will also be a silent auction for our fund raising efforts to get a much needed new roof. Visit the shop and studios, enjoy some refreshments, and learn what the Center offers the community. For additional information, call 865-494-9854 or visit appalachianarts.net



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# Proper Medicine Disposal Bin Update

Walgreens Pharmacy in Oak Ridge now has a permanent medication disposal bin to serve the community. Five permanent disposal bins already exist throughout Anderson County at local police departments. Medication disposal has been a collaborative community effort and citizens have taken advantage of the service.

Since 2010, ASAP of Anderson County, along with Oak Ridge Police Department, Clinton Police Department, Oliver Springs Police Department, Rocky Top Police Department, and Norris Police Department have worked together to provide this service. Since its inception, more than 6,500 pounds of medication have been disposed through Operation Rx. All agencies are excited that Walgreens in Oak Ridge is now a participating partner, focused on enhancing access to proper medication disposal.

Chief James Akagi of ORPD said “having a second disposal bin at Walgreens will help immensely in reducing the burden on the department, as it offers another opportunity for residents of Oak Ridge to responsibly dispose of their unused medication.” ORPD hopes having a second bin located in Oak Ridge will take some of the traffic from their bin. In recent months, the bin has been temporarily locked due to max capacity. They have been accumulating unwanted medicine in their bin faster than the mechanism for it being destroyed allows.

The medication disposal bin at Walgreens is located at 1229 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The bin stands inside the store in the pharmacy section: Walgreens Pharmacy is open 24/7. Pharmacy manager Saad Aqqad encourages community members to properly and safely dispose of their unused medication and monitor the medication in their home.

Medications approved for disposal include prescription medications (schedule II-V controlled and non-controlled substances) as well as over-the-counter medications. Manager Aqqad said, “we hope to reduce access to prescription drugs by helping our community dispose of their medication safely.” Safe disposal of your medicines properly will ensure that they will not be stolen from your garbage, will not enter our environment, and eliminates the potential for abuse and overdoses at home.

ASAP commends Walgreens Pharmacy for their local prevention efforts, as well as our local Police Departments for their dedication maintaining medicine disposal bins.

For questions about proper medication disposal or to learn more about ASAP, please visit [www.ASAPofAnderson.org](http://www.ASAPofAnderson.org) or call 865-457- 3007.



Walgreens Pharmacy Manager Saad Aqqad (right), Allyson Neal (left), and Mattie Lamancy (middle), stand next to Walgreens' safe medication disposal bin inside the store.

## Free Event Teaches Women The Basics Of Fly Fishing



Dan Moneymaker shows how to tie a trout fly during a Women on the Water event on the Clinch River. (FH Oates photo)

NORRIS—Women on the Water, a free special event for women who want to learn fly fishing, will be Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., hosted by the Clinch River Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The women's event, partly funded by a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority, is part of the celebration of National Public Lands Day. It will take place at Miller Island Public Access Area on the Clinch.

Participants will receive instruction in fly casting, fly tying, knot tying, water safety and the insects eaten by trout; from noon to 3:00 p.m., women will wade the river and fish with volunteer guides. It's all free, lunch will be included and fishing equipment will be available for students who don't have their own.

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required to ensure plentiful supplies of food and gear — to sign up, contact Melissa Maples-Harrell at [tleo2008@live.com](mailto:tleo2008@live.com) or (865) 804-5491.

The Clinch River Chapter's mission is to conserve and protect the Clinch River tailwater trout fishery and its watershed, through conservation projects and through education of children and adults in aquatic natural resources.