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- 1st - Walter Phillips
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- 1st - Jeff McCracken
- 2nd - Brooke Bearden

Please make plans to attend

Awards Night at City Hall in Rocky Top,
Thursday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m.

LCES Presents "A Christmas Carol"

Please join the staff and students of Lake City Elementary School for a performance of A Christmas Carol at 6:00 on Monday, December 17th. You will enjoy the production by third, fourth, and fifth graders.

FRIENDS of Norris Dam State Park make donation to the Rocky Top Library

FRIENDS of Norris Dam State Park made a donation to the Rocky Top Public Library. \$2,000 was raised by the yearly firewood Literacy Project. Presenting the check on behalf of the FRIENDS group was Annie Morgan.

"I am so grateful for the generous donation to the Rocky Top Public Library. We always have more needs than money. This will help us purchase resources for our STE[A]M homeschool program, our two Storytime's we provide each week and a Summer Reading program which only this year expanded to two months! We also do a yearly tour with every 1st grade class at Lake City Elementary School providing them with a First Library Visit coloring book and crayons. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will be used to expand literacy for the community." - Norma Day



Pictured L-R Carrie Roberts, Library Assistant, Teal Barber, Library Assistant, Annie Morgan, FRIENDS group, Norma Day, Library Director, Ann Stone, Chair of RTPL Friends of the Library

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
& Happy New Year

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Rocky Top News is published by volunteers who are not always able to gather all of the news happenings in Rocky Top. Therefore, we are asking for your help. If you are at an event, please take a picture and email it to the Rocky Top News at rockytopchamber@gmail.com with the details of the event. Also, if you are involved in an organization or group that is planning an event in Rocky Top, please email or call the Rocky Top News with the details. There is no event too big or too small to let us know about.

AREA EVENTS IN AND AROUND ROCKY TOP COMMUNITY

December 1- February 23	Winter Farmers Market in Oak Ridge
December 15	Clinton Christmas Parade at 6pm
January 1	New Year Hike at Norris Dam State Park
March 8-9	Southern Rock Racing Series Hillclimb at Windrock Park
March 8-9	Tennessee National at Windrock Bike Park
March 14-17	Titan Off-Road Shamrock Shakedown at Windrock Park
April 11-12	Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia

Thank You!

We had a wonderful turnout at the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30th. Thank you so much to those who helped make the night possible and thank you to those in our community who came out and joined us!

CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

City Court	2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 a.m.
Downtown Growth Committee	2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	3rd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.



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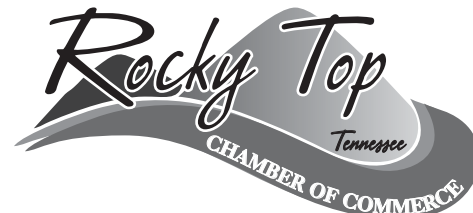
Chamber Networking

Below are our currently scheduled 2018 Networking Coffee's. We will update this list as more are scheduled. All coffee's are from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise. This is a great opportunity for Chamber members to network with other Chamber members. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend any these events. For more information about the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, visit www.rockytopchamber.com

Tuesday, December 11th, 8:00am-9:30am - Networking Coffee with AC Chamber, Roane County Chamber & Oak Ridge Chamber
 Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge

Thursday, January 31st, 4:30pm-6:00pm - Networking Coffee with Anderson County Chamber
 Clinton Physical Therapy

Tuesday, February 12th, 8:00am-9:30am - Networking Coffee with Anderson County Chamber
 Hampton Inn in Clinton



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2018-2019 School Year Calendar

August 1	Student Registration (Abbreviated Day - No Buses)
August 2	In-service (NO school for Students)
August 3	Classes begin - Wednesday Schedule
September 3	Labor Day (District Closed)
October 4	1 st Grading Period Ends (45 days)
October 5	In-service (NO school for Students)
October 8-12	Fall Break (Schools Closed)
November 6	In-service (NO school for Students)
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break (District Closed)
December 21	Semester Ends (Abbreviated Day - No Buses) (91 days)
Dec. 24 - Jan. 4	Winter Break (Schools Closed)
January 7	In-service (NO school for Students)
January 8	Classes Resume
January 21	Martin Luther King Day - In-service (NO school for Students)
February 18	Presidents' Day (District Closed)
March 14	3 rd Grading Period Ends (46 days)
March 15	In-service (NO school for Students)
March 18-22	Spring Break (Schools Closed)
April 19	Good Friday (District Closed)
April 22	In-service (NO school for Students)
May 13	In-service (NO school for Students)
May 17	Graduation for Clinch River Community School
May 19	Graduation for ACHS & CHS
May 24	Last Day for Students (Abbreviated Day - No Buses) (88 days) (179 Year Total)
May 27	Memorial Day (District Closed)

Note: Students will be dismissed 90 minutes early each Wednesday.

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LCES Students of the Month

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Kirsten Riffey, Jayden Riffey, Torrie Buffalo & Jayden Phipps

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Morgan Hatmaker, Emilee Braden, Emma Watson



Lake City Elementary School Library hosted a Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 1-9. The theme this year was an "Enchanted Forest," filled with gnomes, unicorns and lively trees. The students love the thrill of new books available for purchase, which in turn, puts new books in our school. Thanks to the purchase of so many patrons, our school raised \$4815.56 worth of new books and equipment for the library and our classrooms. Thank you to the many people who chose to donate books to their children's classrooms, also. During the fair, we raised money to help make sure every student gets a book, using a contest of Unicorns vs. Dragons. Friends donated \$143.24 to ensure this happened. Unicorns got the most votes. It was a very successful fundraiser! Thanks so much to those who participated!

ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Senior Game Day

Join us the first Monday of every month at 11:00 a.m. for a fun game of BINGO!



LEGO Club - All Ages

LEGO Club will be on December 4th, 11th and 18th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We provide the LEGOS and you provide the imagination! Build your creations and we'll display them in the library until our next LEGO Club Meeting. The LEGO Club meets every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. No registration is required.

We also have received a set of "Brain Blox". Brain Blox are wooden building planks. They are all-natural, educational, STEM-inspired and do not require magnets or connectors of any kind: only balance, friction and your amazing brain!

Adult / Teen Coloring Day

Join us on Monday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. for a fun and relaxing hour of coloring. Coffee, coloring pages and supplies will be provided or you may bring your own. There will be a coloring contest each month! Winners will be chosen by library patrons. You can also vote for your favorite picture on our facebook page! The one with the most votes will receive a prize! Monthly winners will be eligible to participate in our December Grand Prize coloring contest!



Adult Craft Day

If you are interested in doing crafts, we offer a variety of different classes. Drop by the library and pick up a calendar to see what is being offered each month.

Happy Little Trees

The painting craft class has been so popular that the students have decided to gather together to create more masterpieces! For the month of December they will meet December 3rd & 31st at 12:00 p.m. Everyone that attends must bring their own supplies. If you are interested in acrylic painting and would like to join them, bring your paints and canvas!

Book Discussion Group

Join us on the last Monday of every month at 11:00 a.m. for Book Discussion Group. Bring a book you are currently reading or have read and share with others in the group. This is a great way to be introduced to new authors you may not have read.



Free Computer Classes

Rocky Top Public Library provides Basic Desktop Computer Classes every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. (except the first Tuesday of the month) If you are a senior or are new to computer use, then this is the class for you!



Children's Story Time

Story Time for the month of December will be Friday, December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th at 12:00 p.m. (there will not be a story time on Saturday, December 22nd due to the library closing for the Christmas holiday.



Friends of Rocky Top Public Library

If you appreciate the library and the many programs that are provided and would like to have a part in them, join the Friends of the Rocky Top Public Library. The Friends Group is instrumental in providing for the various needs of the library. All of the children's programs are made possible by the Friends Group as well. The Friends of the Rocky Top Public Library are a great asset to our community! If you would like to be part of this great group of people, pick up a brochure today at the circulation desk! Ask about the "perks" that you would receive by joining the Friends Group as well!



Read to a Dog!

Each Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ruff Reading Buddy Ziggy will be at the library! Why read to a dog? Because a dog is friendly, fuzzy and loves the attention of being read to! Gain confidence in your reading aloud skill and enjoy the company of our fabulous Ruff

*Reading Buddy Ziggy! Ziggy will not be at the library on December 24th due to the library closing for the Christmas holiday.

December Closings

The library will be closing at 6:00 p.m. December 21st and re-opening on Thursday, December 27th at 9:30 a.m. in observance of the Christmas holiday.

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

NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

Adult Fiction:

Season of Wonder by Raeanne Thayne
The Reckoning by John Grisham
Dark Sacred Night by Michael Connelly
Bright Young Dead by Jessica Fellowes
Past Tense by Lee Child
Vendetta by Iris Johansen
Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak
The Light Before Day by Suzanne Woods Fisher
Her Fear by Shelley Shepard Gray
Seasons of Storms by Andrzej Sapkowski
Legacy of Mercy by Lynn Austin
Elevation by Stephen King
The Christmas Remedy by Cindy Woodsmall
The Sound of Distant Thunder by Jan Drexler
City of Lies by Sam Hawke
Look Alive Twenty-Five by Janet Evanovich
Fire and Blood by George Martin
Oath of Office by Tom Clancy
Beauchamp Hall by Danielle Steel
The Noel Stranger by Richard Paul Evans

Non-Fiction:

What Your ADHD Child Wishes You Knew by Dr. Sharon Saline
Gardening Under Lights by Leslie Halleck
The Old Farmer's Almanac 2019
What Color is Your Parachute? 2019 by Richard Bolles
Women Who Were Sexually Abused as Children by Teresa Gil
Mayo Clinic Guide to a Healthy Pregnancy
The Beginner's Guide to Dehydrating Food by Teresa Marrone
Low-Mess Crafts for Kids by Debbie Chapman
Killing the SS by Bill O'Reilly

Paperback:

Not Quite Over You by Susan Mallery
The Christmas Wishing Tree by Emily March
Love In Catalina Cove by Brenda Jackson
His Promise by Shelley Shepard Gray
Wyoming Legend by Diana Palmer

Westerns:

A High Sierra Christmas by William Johnstone
Behind the Iron by William Johnstone

Juvenile:

Holes by Louis Sachar

Juvenile Non-fiction:

Trace Your Hand & Draw Farm Animals by Maite Balart
Trace Your Hand & Draw Wild Animals by Maite Balart
Animal Planet Animals on the Move by Dorteia DePrisco
Animal Planet Wild Animals by Laaren Brown
Healing Plants by Karen Kinney
Photosynthesis by Karen Kinney
Airplanes by Jenny Fretland
Poisonous Plants by Mari Schuh
Meat-Eating Plants by Mari Schuh
Speedboats by Joann Mattern
Prickly Plants by Mari Schuh
Pollinating Plants by Karen Kenney
Energy by Rebecca Pettiford
Temperature by Carolyn Bernhardt
Sound by Carolyn Bernhardt
Matter by Carolyn Bernhardt
Gravity by Rebecca Pettiford
Light by Rebecca Bernhardt
Magnetism by Rebecca Bernhardt
What Is Science? by Rebecca Dotlich
Art Stamping Using Everyday Objects by Bernadette Cuxart
DIY Box Creations by Courtney Sanchez
Animal Planet Polar Animals by Laaren Brown
Animal Planet Ocean Animals by Laaren Brown
Math in Nature by Nancy Dickman
Math in Space by Nancy Dickman
Math in Science by Nancy Dickman
The Biggest Engineering Failures by Connie Colwell Miller
Science Starters Electricity by Rebecca Pettiford
Ultimate Slime by Alyssa Jagan
Master Math Measure Up by Anjana Chatterjee
Fingerprint Draw On the Farm by Maite Balart

Children's Easy:

Thankful Tonight by Katherine Yundt
Hooray for Thanksgiving by Priddy Books
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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.



ASAP Youth Ambassadors Educate School Faculty on Dangers of Teen Vaping

ORHS Youth Ambassadors talk with Jefferson and Robertsville Middles Schools on Teen Vaping
Anderson County, TN, November 2018 – Teen vaping use has steadily increased over the past several years and has been declared an epidemic by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Scott Gottlieb. The 2018 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) indicates a 78 percent increase in e-cigarette use among high school students and a 48 percent increase among middle school students. States and counties across the country are seeing similar trends, including here in Anderson County. As part of their plan to prevent teen vaping, the FDA announced last week they are limiting the sale of sweet-flavored e-cigarettes to help decrease incentive for youth to use the products. The FDA is banning the sale of all e-cigarette flavors other than tobacco, mint, and menthol in convenience stores and gas stations. 1 As a result, Juul Labs, who manufactures one of the most popular vaping devices, announced it will stop sales of certain flavored pods in more than 90,000 stores and will require additional age verification measures for online sales.

The ASAP Youth Ambassadors Coalition (or YAC) decided to focus on vaping awareness and education as their number one priority for this school year. ASAP of Anderson works with youth in Anderson County High School, Clinton High School, and Oak Ridge High School on substance misuse prevention. Youth Ambassadors are doing what their part to increase awareness of the harmful effects of nicotine and chemical compounds in vaping products and educate school faculty on how to identify vaping devices and use in the classroom and throughout the school day. Oak Ridge High School Ambassadors recently gave presentations to leadership faculty at Jefferson Middle School and Robertsville Middle School and will provide education and a video presentation to Oak Ridge High School faculty members as well. Clinton and Anderson County Ambassadors are working on setting up similar presentations to faculty in their high schools.

In addition, ASAP of Anderson will have our yearly Strategic Planning Meeting on December 3rd 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at United Way of Anderson County. At this strategic meeting, ASAP follows the Strategic Prevention Framework, an evidence-based planning process for preventing substance use and misuse. The effectiveness of the framework relies on a clear understanding of community needs and involves community members in all stages of the planning process. At the meeting, coalition members will look at substance misuse plaguing Anderson County and develop strategies for addressing these issues, including evidence-based strategies to prevent and reduce teen e-cigarette use in our community.

ASAP partners with Anderson County Schools and Oak Ridge Schools to provide the ASAP Youth Ambassadors program. For more information about the ambassador program or how you can get involved, contact ASAP of Anderson at 865-457-3007 or visit www.ASAPofAnderson.org. Follow ASAPofAnderson on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.





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A new recipe book of home favorites contributed by local community residents will be available at the Coal Creek Miners Museum at 201 S. Main Street in mid November. Over 150 submissions were included with a variety of appetizers, main dishes, breads, vegetable/side dishes, and desserts. A great Holiday gift or addition to your cookbook collection, all proceeds go to the Coal Creek Miners Museum (a 501c3 non-profit organization). Call the Museum at 865.340.3269 to reserve a copy or stop by Monday through Saturday from 10AM to 4PM to purchase for \$10 per book.

Submitted Story By Rocky Top Visitor

The day after Veteran's Day my wife and I were returning from a visit with family in Marietta, Georgia to our home in Burlington, Kentucky. As we were coming up the mountain from Knoxville on I-75 something punctured our tire. So, we made an unscheduled visit to Rocky Top, Tennessee. What began as an "Oh no!" moment became an experience that filled us with admiration, gratitude, humility and pride... all because of two men we met in Rocky Top.

When we exited I-75 and pulled into the Advance Auto Parts parking lot it began to drizzle. Once inside the store we discovered Advance doesn't sell tires. But Eddie Isaacs came out to look at our flat. Then he got into action. He pulled his vehicle next to ours and used his own equipment to inflate our tire so that we could drive a little way down the street. Meanwhile, his assistant in the store called ahead to the nearest tire store and told them we would be there soon. By this time Eddie was soaked with rain. I asked him what I owed him. He said, "No charge." He gave me directions to Lake City Tire Shop and we departed quickly before all the air could leak out of the damaged tire.

When we pulled up to the tire shop they were waiting for us. The garage door raised right on cue. We pulled in and immediately Dwayne Huddleston and his crew were ready to go to work. It was like pulling into pit row at the Indianapolis 500. The bad tire was off in a flash and Dwayne found the un-repairable puncture. He disposed of that tire and began the hunt for a replacement. He didn't have one in his shop because our tires are an unusual size. So, he called around to his suppliers and competitors. The tire would have to be ordered. Dwayne asked how far we were going and, knowing tires as he does, said that it should not be a problem to drive on our compact spare, "as long as you don't drive it too hard." Dwayne's crew unloaded the luggage from our SUV, put on the spare, returned the luggage and, just like Eddie, said, "No charge."

We pulled out of the garage and were on our way home. As we went through Rocky Top, we passed the Coal Creek Miners Museum. That's what gave us an idea.

Compassionate and generous people don't happen in a vacuum. They come from family or community or church or school or something. We don't know what motivated Eddie Isaacs or Dwayne Huddleston. But we are very glad they were brought up to be the kind of men that their community can be proud of. Since Dwayne and Eddie declined payment, we thought we would show our appreciation to the Rocky Top community by making a donation to their museum.

We will always remember our unscheduled visit to Rocky Top, Tennessee, where Eddie and Dwayne volunteered themselves, their own resources, and called on their business connections including their competitors to help two strangers in distress.

It makes a person grateful and proud to know there are communities like Rocky Top where the best qualities of the United States of America are fostered and preserved.

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