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Thursday, February 20, 2020 Time: 6pm-7:30pm at LCES Cafeteria and Gym

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Thanks to a generous donation, Lake City Elementary School students will receive a book for their birthday, or half birthdays for summer birthdays.



These third graders got to attend a BOOK TASTING.
They had a great time previewing books with their buddies and enjoyed a yummy treat.
Special thanks to Melissa Charles for the purchase of new books and for working with our teachers on creating incentives for students who meet their reading goals during the second semester in the book clubs.



ASAP of Anderson Hosts Stuffed Animal Drive for Juvenile Court Juvenile Court running low on stuffed toys to comfort children

Anderson County, TN, January 2020 — ASAP of Anderson is seeking stuffed animal donations for children involved in the Juvenile Court system. Stuffed animals are offered as a comfort item in a juvenile court setting for children who have been separated from their parents or guardians. The animals provide a sense of warmth and reassurance in a potentially stressful setting. Juvenile Court Judge Brian J. Hunt shared, "Coming to court can be frightening for children. Receiving a stuffed animal can alleviate anxiety and stress and lets children know they are in a safe place." ASAP of Anderson has partnered with Juvenile Court after learning their stuffed animal supply has been running low, as no child should have to go without a feeling of support during a hard time. "Children's faces light up when they go to the toy box to pick out a stuffed animal and we see the positive impact this brings every day in our court. We appreciate the public's generosity in this endeavor," says Judge Hunt.

ASAP is accepting lightly loved or new stuffed animals at the ASAP of Anderson building located at 131 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd, Clinton, TN 37716. Donations will be accepted now through the end of February.

To partner with ASAP of Anderson, learn more about their mission, or make a donation, go to www.ASAPofAnderson.org or call 865-457-3007. Follow ASAPofAnderson on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE FOR JUVENILE COURT

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH, STUFFED ANIMALS DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO:

ASAP OF ANDERSON 131 S. CHARLES G. SEIVERS BLVD CALL 865-457-3007 TO ORGANIZE DROPOFF



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

February 29 International Festival at Children's Museum of Oak Ridge

March 5-8 Pro Gravity Tour Windrock Bike Race

March 6-7 Southern Rock Racing Series Hillclimb at Windrock Park

March 12-15 Titan Off-Road Shamrock Shakedown

March 13-14 Luck of the Irish Stroll & Sale in Historic Downtown Clinton

March 28 Norris Lake Clean-up

March 28 Spring Wildflower Hike at Norris Dam State Park

April 3 Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia

April 4 Spring Wildflower Hike at Norris Dam State Park

April 16-18 WindrockPark Spring Shindig

April 17 Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia

April 25 4-Wheeling For a Cure at Windrock Park

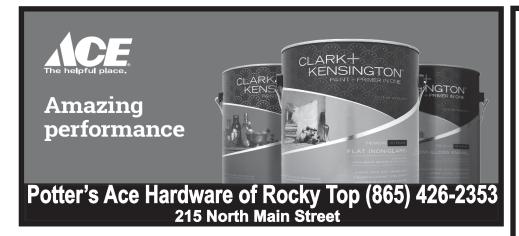
CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

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.rockytoptnchamber.com

Networking Coffee at Rocky Top Public Library Tuesday, February 11th, 8am-9:30am

Rocky Top Chamber Annual Dinner at Main Street Baptist Church in Rocky Top Thursday, February 27th, 6pm

Joint Networking Coffee with Anderson County Chamber at Rocky Top City Hall
Thursday, April 30th, 8am-9:30am

Joint Networking Coffee with Anderson County Chamber at Community Trust Bank in Clinton Thursday, May 7th, 8am-9:30am



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VOTE FOR ALLY OF THE YEAR

ASAP of Anderson's Ally of the Year is a fun, competitive race where members of the community who have been nominated by their peers compete to be named the Anderson County Ally of the Year.

To win, nominees must have the most votes.

ONE DOLLAR = ONE VOTE

VOTE UNTIL FEBRUARY 28th AT WWW.ASAPOFANDERSON.ORG

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Bring your project and finish it as you socialize with other women of similar interest. Don't have a project, help with one that will benefit others: Chemo and Infant Hats, Lap Robes for Shut-ins, Mats for the Homeless. The only skill you need is a big heart.

Everyone Welcome

1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month 4-6pm First Baptist Church of Rocky Top Fellowship Hall

Park in the lower parking lot and look for the sign on the door.



Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Auction

Thursday, February 27th, 2020 Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. | Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Gary Christian

Main Street Baptist Church Family Life Center 405 Fourth Street | Rocky Top, Tennessee

Ticket Price \$30.00 For Tickets: Contact a Board Member, visit www.rockytoptnchamber.com or call 865-426-9595

> Tickets may be purchased at Door. Cash or Check Only.

All proceeds from the Dinner & Auction go toward the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program.









Tennessee Quit Week February 3 –

(Health Department press release) The Tennessee Department of Health joins partners across the state in celebrating the fifth annual Tennessee Quit Week February 3-7, 2020. This year's theme is "Seeing 2020 Tobacco-Free," and the goal is to inspire Tennesseans to live healthier lives by taking advantage of the state's free resource, the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine to quit using tobacco products.

"In Tennessee, 31 lives are lost each day as a direct result of smoking," said Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. "In addition to these tragic early deaths, tobacco use costs our state upward of six billion dollars each year in lost productivity and health care costs, preventable losses that hurt the prosperity of our state and those who live and work here."

Tobacco use is a risk factor for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer and other chronic diseases. Tennessee Quit Week aims to increase partnerships across the public and private sectors to educate people on the harms of tobacco use and how Tennesseans can work together to help people improve their health and their lives by beating nicotine addiction.

Quitting is hard, but help is available! Tennesseans who use tobacco and are ready to quit can call the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or access web-based services at www.tnquitline.org for free coaching and nicotine replacement patches (if eligible). All services are free to Tennesseans and can double a tobacco user's chance of quitting successfully.

Pregnant women who smoke are encouraged to contact their local health department to learn about the Baby and Me − Tobacco Free[™] program. This program provides education and support to help pregnant women quit smoking, and participants can earn free diapers each month for up to one year. Learn more and find a location near you by visiting www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/baby-me-tobacco-free.html.

Find resources and learn how you can be part of Tennessee Quit Week 2020 at www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/tennessee-tobacco-program/ttp/tennessee-quitweek.html.

Tennessee Tree Day March 21st

(Tennessee Environmental Council press release) Tennessee residents are invited to beautify their properties and their communities by planting trees on Tennessee Tree Day, March 21, 2020. Trees are available to reserve for a \$2.49 donation or \$4.99 per tree depending on species now through March 1st or while supplies last.

Visit the event website at www.tectn.org/TennesseeTreeDay for a list of participating tree pick-up locations statewide. The event is organized by Tennessee Environmental Council in its effort to maintain a healthy tree canopy in communities across Tennessee. Native tree species available statewide will vary by pick-up location and may include: Bald Cypress, Elderberry, Northern Red Oak, Southern Red Oak, Bur Oak, Nuttall Oak, Pecan, Persimmon, Virginia Pine, Eastern White Pine, Loblolly Pine, Eastern Redbud, Red Mulberry, Staghorn Sumac, Sycamore, Tulip Poplar, Wild Plum, PawPaw, American Hazelnut, Buttonbush, and Indigo bush. Check local pick-up locations for tree species available in your area. All trees must be picked up on the dates and locations published on the event website. There are 115 volunteer-run tree pick-up locations set up across Tennessee. This event typically draws tens of thousands of volunteers who plant their trees at their homes, farms, businesses, neighborhoods and other locations of their choosing.

"We are thrilled each year to make trees available for the people of Tennessee to beautify their properties and participate in the largest community-tree-planting event in America," says Jeffrey Barrie, CEO of Tennessee Environmental Council. "The benefits to our families, our environment, and our communities are priceless, and last for generations, as Tennesseans watch their trees grow year after year," says Barrie. "The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry is proud to partner with the Tennessee Environmental Council in promoting the many benefits of planting trees through the Tennessee Tree Day event. Many of the trees that will be planted have been grown at our East Tennessee Nursery in Polk County and are specifically adapted to the Tennessee climate. Our trees help to provide clean water and wildlife habitat. We are very grateful to be a part of this annual event," says Heather Slayton, Assistant State Forester with Tennessee Division of Forestry. Tennessee Environmental Council's Tree Program was established in 2007 with a goal of planting one million native trees across the state to help repopulate trees lost to development and other causes and increase biodiversity. The organization has planted over 640,000 trees since 2007 fulfilling the mission to educate and advocate for the conservation and improvement of Tennessee's environment, communities, and public health. The event is sponsored by numerous funders and agencies, including the Memorial Foundation, the Tennessee Department of Forestry, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Core Development, Sharing Change, and TVA. A complete list of event sponsors is featured on the event website www.tectn.org/TennesseeTreeDay.

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ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Senior Game Day

Join us February 3rd @ 11am for a fun game of BINGO!



Adult Craft Day

Join us February 10th at noon for our monthly craft class. Drop by the library to see what exciting new creation is planned! Registration is required due to limited space.

If you are interested in doing crafts, the library offers a variety of different classes. Drop by the library and pick up a calendar to see what is being offered each month. Class requires prior registration and a small fee (for supplies) to participate.

Book Discussion Group

Join us on the last Monday of every month at 11am 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.





Children's Story-Time

Story-Time is provided every Friday at 4pm and Saturday at noon. There will not be a Story-Time on February 15th due to the library closing in

observance of President's Day.

<u>Read to a Dog!</u>



Ruff Reading with Ziggy is back! Come visit and read to Ziggy every Monday afternoon from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Why read to a dog? Because Ziggy is friendly, fuzzy and loves the attention of being read to! Gain confidence in your reading aloud skills and enjoy the

company of our fabulous Ruff Reading Buddy Ziggy!

Come join us for "Little Trees Painting Group" the first and last Monday of the month at noon. Bring your paints and canvas and enjoy the fun! No registration is required



LEGO Club

LEGO Club will meet February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. LEGOs are provided, no registration required. Bring your imagination and create your LEGO masterpiece to be displayed in the library!

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. Many 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!

February Closings

The library is closed the first Tuesday of every month until 1:00pm for a staff meeting.

The library will close at 6:00pm on February 14th and re-open at 9:30am on February 18th in observance of President's Day.

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

BOOKS & DVD'S

Adult Fiction:

Treason by Stuart Woods Moral Compass by Danielle Steel The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware The Girl Who Lived Twice by David Lagercrantz The End of the Magi by Patrick Carr The Bridge to Belle Island by Julie Klassen Hindsight by Iris Johansen The Teacher's Bride by Kathleen Fuller Forever Hidden by Tracie Peterson Listening to Love by Beth Wiseman Lost by James Patterson The Country Guesthouse by Robyn Carr The Vanishing by Jayne Ann Krentz Blood Truth by J. R. Ward

Nothing Ventured by Jeffrey Archer Non-Fiction:

Worship without Limits by Philip Renner What is Hypoglycemia Low Blood Sugar Symptoms by Milica Jovanovic

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Clean by Alejandro Junger Teaching Social Communication to Children with Autism by Brooke Ingersoll

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Principles by Ray Dalio The American Civil War: An English view by Viscount Wolseley

Southwest USA and National Parks by Donna Daily Imagine Heaven by John Burke

Assessing and Treating Anxiety Disorders in Young Children by Suneeta Monga The Book of Beasties A to Z Guide by Sarah Seidelmann

Microsoft Office 2019 by Joe Habraken Gray's Anatomy II by Henry Gray Pallet Craft by Emma Basden Embryology and Birth Defects by Jimmy Taylor

Adult Paperbacks:

All Fired Up by Lori Foster

A Christmas Home by Marta Perry Audio Cds:

A Curve in the Road by Julianne Maclean My Life as a Rat by Joyce Carol Oates The Lost Letters of William Woolf by Helen Cullen Lost Sisters by Holly Black

Not the duke's Darling by Elizabeth Hoyt

Young Adult Fiction: Black Enough by Various Authors **Juvenile Non-Fiction:**

The A to Z Book of Wildflowers by Michael Earney

Butterfly or Moth by Tamra Orr Write On.... Dinosaurs by Franklin Watts Seal or Sea Lion by Tamra Orr

Let's Fly Helicopters by Wendy Lanier Structural Wonders of the World Statue of Liberty by Jennifer Hurtig

Frog or Toad by Tamra Orr Porpoise or Dolphin by Tamra Orr Butterflies by Julie Murray Animal Skins by Mary Holland

The Forest in the Trees by Connie McLennan Explore Colonial America by Verna Fisher

Scout Moore Junior Ranger Yellowstone by Theresa Howell I Want to be a Firefighter by Dan Liebman

30-Minute Chemistry Projects by Anna Leigh The Pyramid by Claude Delafosse Arctic Butterflies by Mia Pelletier Beastly Puzzles by Rachel Poliquin About Amphibians by Cathryn Sill

Animal Control Officers by Erika Manley Blue Shark by Jenna Gleisner Whale Shark by Jenna Gleisner

Tiger Shark by Jenna Gleinser Mako Shark by Jenna Gleisner Great White Shark by Jenna Gleisner

Children's Easy: LEGO City Fire Truck to the Rescue! By Sonia Sander A to Z from the Hart by Terri Lynn Hart

Emergency! Rescue Team by A.D. Largie Daniel Meets the New Neighbors by Becky Friedman Dear Komodo Dragon by Nancy Kelly Allen Daniel Tiger's Treasury of Stories by Alexander Cassel

Henry the Boy by Molly Felder Tinky the Tyrannosaur by Chris Rohaley The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle by Beatrix Potter

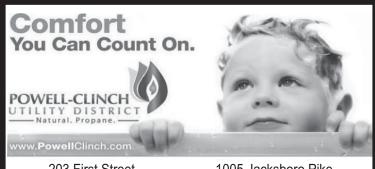
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2019-2020 School Year Calendar

February 17	Presidents' Day (District Closed)
March 19	3 rd Grading Period Ends (51 days)
March 20	In-service (NO school for Students)
March 23-27	Spring Break (Schools Closed)
April 10	Good Friday (District Closed)
April 13	In-service (NO school for Students)
May 15	Graduation for Clinch River Community School
May 17	Graduation for ACHS & CHS
May 22	Last Day for Students (Abbreviated Day - No Buses)
	(89 days) (179 Year Total)
May 25	Memorial Day (District Closed)

Note: Students will be dismissed 90 minutes early each Wednesday

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Free Tax Return Preparation Rocky Top Public Library

We will start scheduling appointments beginning January 27th. To make an appointment you may call the library @ 865-426-6762.

Trained volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly for which you may qualify. In addition to **FREE** tax return preparation assistance, the **Rocky Top Public Library** site also offers free electronic filing (e-filing).

Items you need to bring to the VITA Site to have your tax returns prepared:

Proof of identification • Health Insurance information • Current year's tax package if you received one • Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration • Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return •

Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers

Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099) • A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available

• Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit •

Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number) •

To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

It is extremely important that each person use the correct Social Security Number (SSN).

The most accurate information is usually located on your original Social Security card.

Lake City Elementary Students of the Month

The following students were chosen by their teacher as Student of the Month for their positive attitudes.

Preschool:

Ms. Brandi - Jasper Grosser
Ms. Joy - Lilliandil Lehman
Ms. Teresa - Jaxson Perkins

Kindergarten:

Ms. Stiles - Brylen Tackett

Ms. Daniel - Jacob Martin

Ms. Caldwell - Garrett Shepherd



First Grade:

Ms. Hicks - Alyvia Phillips

Ms. Bullock - Elizabeth Nicholson

Ms. Lowe - Tinsley Johnson



Second Grade:

Ms. Chesney - Duane Neeley
Ms. LaForty - Sophia Carroll
Ms. Phillips - Coltyn Taylor



Third Grade:

Ms. Moore - Cayson Knight

Ms. Strickland - Bentley Seiber

Mr. Vowell - Taber Jernigan



Fourth Grade:

Ms. Elkins - Cindle Justice

Ms. Crowder - Andrew Brittle

Ms. Meredith - Ella Clark

Mr. Williams - Jackson Brown (not pictured)



Fifth Grade:

Ms. Prewitt - Stella Farrow Ms. Vance - Isaiah York Ms. Doughty - Sam Horton





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