# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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# Happy New Year!

## CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS NIGHT

Below are a few pictures from the Christmas Parade Awards at Rocky Top City Hall on December 15th. Mayor Michael Lovely and Rocky Top Chamber President Maria Hooks presented the winners with their awards.



Rocky Top Worship receiving their award for 2nd Place - Float Category



Powell-Clinch Utility District receiving their award for 3rd Place - Float Category



Sleepy-Eyed John's Music & Clogging receiving their award for 1st Place - Group Category



William Jones receiving his award for 2nd Place - Group Category



Hobert Tudor receiving his award for 1st Place - Antique Car Category



Walter Phillips receiving his award for 1st Place - Hot Rod Category



Michael Foust receiving his award for 2nd Place - Hot Rod Category



Aaron Treadway and his great grandson, Logan Luttrell receiving their award for 1st Place - Tractor Category

### **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 info@rockytoptnchamber.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

January 14 Norris Dam 12K Challenge at 11am

The 12K race starts and finishes at the Park Headquarters

of Norris Dam State Park.

## JANUARY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

January 16 Martin Luther King Day (No School For Students)

## CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

Water Board Meeting 2nd City Court 2nd

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 a.m. 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
City Council Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

## **MLK Prayer Breakfast**

Monday, January 16, 2017 Green McAdoo Cultural Center 101 School Street Clinton, TN 37716



In observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday, the Green McAdoo Cultural Organization and its Board Members will be hosting a prayer breakfast on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Green McAdoo Recreation Center.

This event will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and the prayer service beginning at 9:00.

The community is invited and there is no charge. If you have questions, please contact the Center at 865-463-6500.

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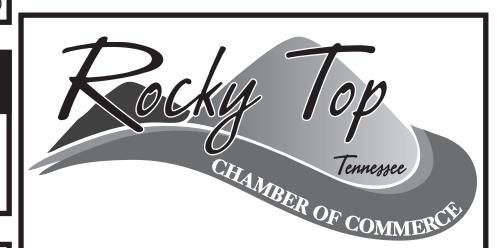
## Chamber Networking

The Next Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Networking Event will be at Sun Trust Bank in Rocky Top, Tuesday, February 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. 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

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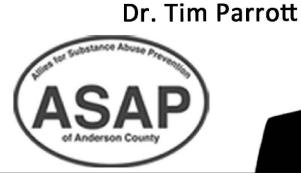
## ANDERSON COUNTY ALLY OF THE YEAR

Donate in support of your candidate by voting at

www.ASAPofAnderson.org or calling 865-457-3007. Voting ends at 5pm January 27th!

## 2017 Candidates:

Dr. Jim Axmacher Dr. Bruce Borchers Allen Handley Chief Kenny Morgan





Reader Submission

## Santa Came Early

It's Christmas time, a time of goodwill and gifts. I have had the best gift that anyone could receive. I owed a large debt and God put into some wonderful guys heart to pay that debt for me. I admit I thought it was a mistake, I figured out that it was true. They say I have more friends than I knew of. Well, here is what I believe. God put that into your heart, to pay that debt for me and through tears I thanked him for all of you. I hope you will have the blessing that you gave me. Merry Christmas and blessed days ahead for you all! I Love You, Thanks, Margie Thanks also for Powell Clinch Utility District (Rocky Top Branch).

They to are wonderful people.

Merry Christmas guys.

## FIRST HIKE OF THE NEW YEAR AT NORRIS DAM STATE PARK



Norris Dam State Park brought in 2017 with a FIRST HIKE at 12:01 AM! 41 participated in the rainy hike that started at the Tea Room, walking down to the dam, then back along Lakeside Trail to the cabin area, and then returning to the Tea Room where a fire and refreshments were enjoyed. This was the third year in a row for some of the hikers. Everyone seemed to enjoy the alternative to "watching the ball drop" and are looking forward to 2018.

Monthly hikes will be scheduled or just call the park office and come walk a trail with a Ranger.

# Free Tax Return Preparation Rocky Top Public Library

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
- 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
- Current year's tax package if you received one
- 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.

SITE OPEN February 2, 2017 thru April 15, 2017

We will start scheduling appointments beginning Thursday, February 2nd. To make an appointment you may call the library @ 865-426- 6762.

## LCES STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



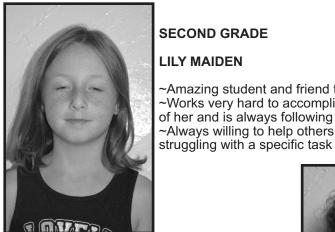
#### **KINDERGARTEN ALYSSA PHILLIPS**

- ~An excellent listener with self-control ~Follows the teachers first directions
- ~Is kind to others



~Hard worker, always does her best ~Has a positive attitude and is very polite and respectful ~Is very helpful and kind to all of her classmates





#### SECOND GRADE **LILY MAIDEN**

~Amazing student and friend to all ~Works very hard to accomplish what is expected of her and is always following the rules ~Always willing to help others who may be



~Always respectful and helpful ~Very kind to her classmates ~Displays self-control and perseverance





#### **FOURTH GRADE GAVIN HIGGS**

- ~Always puts forth great effort
- ~Never gives up
- ~Always willing to go the extra mile and help others out



~Always does her best and exhibits self-control in supervised and unsupervised situations ~Well-liked by her peers and kind to others ~Makes good choices and works hard



## **JANUARY CLASSES AT** APPALACHIAN ARTS CRAFT CENTER IN NORRIS

Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Norris will be offering the following classes in January: Landscape Painting with Sherry Smith, Dichroic Pendant with Donna Gryder, Pottery on the Wheel with Sandra McEntire, Handbuilding with Judy Brater, and Nuno Felted Scarf with Tone Haugen-Cogburn. For additional information call 865-494-9854 or visit www.applachianarts.net.

LANDSCAPE PAINTING, with Sherry Smith, Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2 & 9, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Have you ever wanted to paint a beautiful landscape, but didn't think you could? Everyone can learn to paint! In these classes, we will explore the skills needed to create beautiful paintings. We will look at composition, value, prospective, use of color, and the effect of light on the overall painting. Each week we will complete a "paint along" canvas to define our skills and then work on a painting of your choice. Be looking for scenes you enjoy and make digital pictures for your reference photos. During this part of the class, you will work at your own pace with individual help from the instructor. Earlybird Cost: \$110 members, \$120 nonmembers. After December 22: \$120/\$130. Supply fees payable to instructor first day of class: \$30 (this includes paint and brushes used in class, and canvases) Materials list of items to bring to class available at registration. Registration deadline: December 29

**DICHROIC PENDANT WORKSHOP**, with Donna Gryder, Saturday, January 14, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Nothing says fusing like the bling of dichroic glass. Here's your chance to experience the sparkles and colors that only dichroic glass can offer. Each participant will make their own wearable masterpieces, in the form of up to 4 glass pendants, using a variety of fusible glass. Basic glass fusing information will be discussed. Pendants will be designed, cut and pieced together during class. The firing of the pendants will take place during the next few days, away from the Center. Silver plated and gold plated bails will be available for attachment prior to delivery or will come with the pendants along with instructions for attachment - this will be at the participant's choice. Pendants will be available for pick up at the Center on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Age 16 and older. Earlybird Cost: \$45 members, \$55 nonmembers. After January 2: \$55/\$65. Materials fee: \$50 paid to instructor at beginning of class. Registration deadline: January 7

POTTERY ON THE WHEEL, with Sandra McEntire, Monday, January 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bring a lunch each day. This will be a class that will concentrate on and review the four basics of wheel work: centering, opening, pulling up, and trimming. It will give the student more confidence in the throwing process. There will be four classes. Some wheel ability helpful but not required. Cost: \$100 members, \$110 nonmembers, plus studio fees as needed. Registration deadline: January 16

**FEATURED TENNESSEE ARTIST WORKSHOP! HANDBUILDING WORKSHOP**, with Judy Brater, Two Fridays, January 27 and March 3, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Judy Brater will be teaching a class that shows how to alter bowls and vases by adding coils, and how to texture them using a variety of pottery stamps and tools. Bring three leather hard formed bowls, any size or shape and one vase shaped vessel. Also bring any texturing tools, towels, extra clay needed for coils and altering forms. March 3 will be glazing day! Glazes included. This workshop is funded in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission and the East Tennessee Foundation. Earlybird Cost: \$60 members, \$70 nonmembers. After January 13, Cost: \$70/\$80. Clay will be available for purchase for those who need it. Firing fees will apply to any clay not purchased at the Center. Registration deadline January 19. Judy Brater began her chosen vocation in ceramic arts in 1972. Her formal education includes a BFA from the University of Cincinnati where she majored in ceramics and painting. Her prior art influence began at an early age on a family farm where her Grandmother, a painter and quilter, and her Mother, also a quilter guided her and provided the positive energy and art education which became a priority in her life. Judy exhibits in fine craft festivals, and is represented in select fine craft galleries. Judy's life changed in an instant, when in 2009, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She feels the diagnosis provided the opportunity to focus and examine artistic priorities. Her ceramic pieces are most important to her when it gives pleasure to others. She knows the power in art and healing.

NUNO FELTED SCARF WORKSHOP, with Tone Haugen-Cogburn, Saturday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See how silk fabric and wool rowing merge to make a colorful nuno felted scarf. Soap, water, bubblewrap and your two hands are simple tools you will use for this wet felting technique. All levels are welcome, though some physical stamina is needed, as you will be on your feet most of the time. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes that can get wet. Earlybird Cost: \$70 for Craft Center members, \$80 nonmembers. After January 14, Cost: \$80/\$90. Included materials are everything you need to make a silk and wool scarf. Supplies to bring to class are: Bubblewrap (the one with the small bubbles, about 12" - 14" wide by 8 feet long – can be bought at Dollar Store, Walmart, etc.), 2 towels and lunch. Registration deadline: January 21 Haugen-Cogburn was born and raised in Norway, but has lived in Tennessee since 1987. She has over 20 years of experience in traditional and contemporary quilt design and teaches experimental techniques nationally and internationally. Pictorial and architectural elements are her favorites. Tone has exhibited all over the world and finds lots of inspiration from her travels.

#### IBRARY NEWS & EVENT NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

#### Adult / Teen Coloring Day

Monday, January 23rd 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.





#### **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.

#### **Book Discussion Group**

Join us for Book Discussion Group on January 30th at 10:00 a.m. 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.



#### Senior Game Day

Join us on Monday, January 30th at 11:00 a.m. for a game of Dominos, Yahtzee or your favorite card game. Games are provided by the library.



#### **Children's Story Time**

Story Time is provided every 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.

All Rocky Top Public Library events are free and open to the public.

#### COOK'S WORSHOP: WARMING SOUPS AND STEWS

What's the perfect and delicious food to eat during the cold wintery season? Soup, of course! Join Camille Watson, Holistic Nutrition/Health Coach as she shows you how to prepare and taste three healthy and wholesome soups. You'll go home with recipes and the knowledge to serve your family of bit of love in a bowl.

The class is being offered at Clinton Physical Therapy Center on Saturday, January 21st from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Pre-registration and payment is required by calling 457-8237 or contacting Camille at Camille@camillewatson.com. The cost of the class is \$54. Attendees are asked to proceed through the Clinton Physical Therapy Center parking lot to the driveway at the far end of the lot to access the upper parking lot. The facility is located at 1921 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd in Clinton.

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The Novice by Taran Matharu

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Crooked Kingdom/ A sequel to Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo When by Victoria Laurie

All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven The Amateurs by Sara Shepard Alive by Chandler Baker

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The Best Job Ever by Sam Garton
One Noisy Night by M. Christina Butler Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown Scooby Doo in Monkey See, Monkey Doo by Howard Lee Super Rover's Space Adventure by Tish Rabe Maisy Goes on a Sleepover by Lucy Cousins Big Fish, Little Fish by Christy Webster

Aaron is Cool by P.D. Eastman I Am Batman by Delphine Finnegan Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton Apples, Apples by Victoria Kann

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey! By Lucille Colandro Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp Nate the Great Where are You? By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

#### Westerns:

Brutal Night of the Mountain Man by William Johnstone **Large Print Fiction:** 

The Mistletoe Promise by Richard Paul Evans Every Breath You Take by M.K. Gilroy An Island Christmas by Nancy Thayer Love Comes Home by Ann Gabhart Crazy Little Thing Called Love Beth Vogt Bloody Point by Linda White The Cavendon Luck by Barbara Taylor Bradford

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Dark Road Home by Elizabeth Ludwig Silver Bells by Deborah Raney

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Bertie's Guide to Life and Mothers by Alexander McCall Smith A Robertson Family Christmas by Kay Robertson

> Rumor has it by Tami Hoag Biography:

All the Gallant Men: an American Sailor's Firsthand account of Pearl Harbor by **Donald Stratton** 

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865-340-3269 or info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com.

### COME LEARN ABOUT GETTING BETTER SLEEP \_

Are you having trouble sleeping? If so, then join us for the "Vibrant Health Studio Session" on Monday, January 23rd. Camille Watson, Holistic Health Coach, will be presenting "Counting Sheep: A Primer on Sleep" at 11:45 AM and again at 6:00 PM. The session will last 90 minutes. Camille will share how putting good habits into practice will help your sleep.



Pre-registration and payment is required by calling 457-8237 or contacting Camille at Camille@camillewatson.com. The cost of the session is \$54, but discounts are available for registration for multiple events. Attendees are asked to proceed through the Clinton Physical Therapy Center parking lot to the driveway at the far end of the lot to access the upper parking lot. The facility is located at 1921 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd in Clinton.

#### **UNITED & STRONG: 3 DAY COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TRAINING**

This inspirational event runs from Thursday evening to Saturday evening. Meals will be provided as part of the ticket price.

Below, you can purchase a ticket for the workshop only, or the workshop and lodging combined. If you choose the second option, you will stay at a hotel a short walk or drive from the entrance to the Haley Farm.

Costs:

Lodging, meals, and workshop provided for \$150. Commuter rate of \$75 includes workshop and meals.

When: Thu, Feb 9, 2017 – Sat, Feb 11, 2017

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#### **CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A FEW NEW PROGRAMS!**

This January the Clinton Public Library will be hosting two helpful new programs. The first program, *How to Avoid Scammers* will be a workshop presented by Michael Ousley, a financial planner from Edward Jones. He will discuss how to prevent fraud and how to outsmart common scams. This program will be on Tuesday the tenth of January at 5:30 p.m.

The second program, *Estate Planning* will be a workshop hosted by the Friends of the Library and presented by Daniel Goodge from the Law Firm of Cantrell, Goodge, and Associates. He will be speaking on Tuesday, January 31st at 5:30 p.m. about estate planning and its importance. His presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Also new to the Clinton Public Library is the *Anime Club*, starting January 27th at 4:00 p.m. This program will happen on every 4th Friday of the month from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Teens ages 1 3-19 are invited to come and watch a chosen anime, eat Japanese themed snacks, and create art for an online Anime Club Artist Alley on the Clinton Public Library website. All attendees under the age of 18 must have a permission form signed by their parent or guardian.

For more information about our programs or events, please contact Kelsie Herrell by email at public\_relations@clintonpubliclibrary.org or Meg Harrison at director@clintonpubliclibrary.org



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