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Happy New Year!

17th Annual Coal Creek Scholars Day



The Coal Creek Scholars program began in 2002 as a dream for an unbroken circle where Briceville students can participate in K-12 community service projects to celebrate their heritage and qualify for college scholarships. In return, they agree to inspire Briceville fourth and fifth graders to continue that tradition.

The unbroken circle was on display today when thirteen college students or graduates from Briceville told this year's fourth and fifth graders the importance of going to college during the 17th annual Coal Creek Scholars Day event. Scholars in attendance today included Amy (Dugger) Crabtree, Jonathan Towe, Emily Patton, Megan Dugger, April (Byrge) Hicks, Chad Whittaker, Samantha Campbell, Peyton Jenkins, Anna Braden, Noah Lamb, Joshalyn Harmon, Benny Foster, and Nathan Cox.

Today's special guest star was Tom Braden, who was principal of Briceville School when the Scholars program began and when most of the current Scholars attended Briceville Elementary School. After hearing their success stories, Tom told them how he is "bursting with pride."

April Byrge Hicks told how she left Briceville to attend college to get Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in environmental education, which enabled her to go as far away as Alaska to work, but she always yearned to come home. She recently fulfilled that dream by getting a job with Girls, Inc. at Briceville School.

Amy Dugger Crabtree told how she is able to manage a career and family as a result of the mutual respect she has with her boss. When she had her son Chance, Amy went to her boss and asked if an arrangement could be worked out to enable her to work part-time in her job as a therapist, so she could spend more time with her family. Her boss went to bat for her due to the trust and respect they share to make it happen. Her daughter Addison joined us today!

Jonathan Towe described how he was not a model student at Briceville Elementary School, but grew up fast afterwards. He is now in his fourth year of medical school, and has applied for residency at UT Medical Center.

Megan Dugger told how she is completing her Master of Arts Degree in German at UT, with plans to complete a Doctor of Philosophy degree to qualify her to teach German at UT. When she succeeds, Megan will become our first Coal Creek Scholar PhD.

Emily Patton told how life has a way of throwing you a curve, but that's no excuse for losing sight of your goal to finish college. Having to take time off from college makes you appreciate the advantages of life with a college degree. She is now well on her way to earning a degree in nursing.

Scholars gave Briceville students a taste of life on campuses from across the region—Anna Braden and Samantha Campbell at Roane State, Benny Foster and Peyton Jenkins at UT's College of Engineering, Joshalyn Harmon at UT's College of Arts and Sciences, Chadd Whitaker at Pellissippi State, and Noah Lamb at East Tennessee State University.

Nearly \$500,000 has been invested in college scholarships to help 52 Coal Creek Scholars from Briceville go to college. Coal Creek Scholars are current and future nurses, engineers, doctors, teachers, therapists, scientists, lawyers, business leaders, business owners, as well as medical/computer/artistic specialists.



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

January 12 Norris Dam 12K Challenge
February 23 International Festival at Children's Museum of Oak Ridge
March 8-9 Southern Rock Racing Series Hillclimb at Windrock Park

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March 8-10 Tennessee National at Windrock Bike Park

March 14-17 Titan Off-Road Shamrock Shakedown at Windrock Park
March 15-16 Luck of the Irish Stroll & Sale in Downtown Clinton

March 30 5 County Norris Lake Clean-Up

April 11-12 Sheep Shearing Day

April 13 4-Wheeling For a Cure at Windrock Park

April 25-27 Windrock Park Spring Shindig

April 26 Celebration of the Young Child at Children's Museum of Oak Ridge

April 26 Market Night in Downtown Clinton

May 3-4 15th Annual Clinch River Spring Antique Fair
May 13-19 Great Smoky Mountain Trail Ride at Windrock Park

May 17 Market Night in Downtown Clinton
May24-September 6 Wing Night at Sequoyah Marina
May 25-September 7 Sundown Saturdays at Stardust Marina

June 7-8 Smoky Mountain Antique Engine & Tractor Festival

June 7-8 Secret City Festival

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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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

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

Tuesday, March 12th, 8:00am-9:30am - Networking Coffee Rocky Top Public Library



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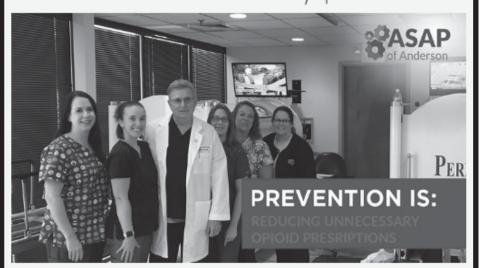
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2018-2019 School Year Calendar

	2010 2017 School 7eal Calendal
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 <i>(Abbreviated Day - No Buses)</i> (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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Josiah Downs Raelyn Kite **Laura Graves Luke Wilson**

N D E R G A R Т E N



Zoey Higgs, Sydney Harris, Kyndal Daugherty

S T G R A



Gabby Green, Hunter Newberry, Ally Johnson (Not Pictured)



Liam Wright, Emmily Wells, Waylon King, Abba Coleman

3 R D G R E



Katelynn Disney, Brooklyn Benjamen, Evie Warwick, **Olivia Wrede (Not Pictured)**

4 G R A E



Zoi-Beth Lindsay, Sarah Garbes, Ansley Wilbanks



Abby Wells, Eli Johnson, Jesse Vowell

and BE KIND to each other.



ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

<u>Senior Game Day</u>

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



LEGO Club - All Ages
LEGO Club will be on January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 28th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We provide the LEGOS and you provide the imagination! Build you create The LEGO Club 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!

<u> Adult / Teen Coloring Day</u>

Join us the second Tuesday of every month at 11am for a fun and relaxing hour of coloring. Coloring pages and supplies will be provided or you may bring your own.



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 January they will meet January 7th & 28th at noonm. 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 11am for Book Discussion Group. Bring a book you are currently reading or have read and share with others in 1the 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 11am to 12pm (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 is every Friday at 4pm and every Saturday at noon.



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



Read to a Dog!

Each Monday from 3pm to 4pm 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!

January Closings

The library will be closed Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

BOOKS & DV

Adult Fiction:

Baby Teeth by Zoje Stage Master of His Fate by Barbara Taylor Bradford You Don't Own Me by Mary Higgins Clark
A Season of Grace by Lauraine Snelling
Sea of Greed by Clive Cussler
Tony's Wife by Adriana Trigiani
A Seat by the Hearth by Amy Clipston Night of Miracles by Elizabeth Berg Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci The Bride of Ivy Green by Julie Klassen A Horse for Elsie by Linda Byler Before We Were Strangers by Brenda Novak Snowfall on Lighthouse Lane by JoAnn Ross The Man She Married by Cathy Lamb Target: Alex Cross by James Patterson

Large Print Fiction:

Lark! The Herald Angels Sing by Donna Andrews Non-Fiction:

The Younger Next Year Back Book by Chris Crowley Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Songwriting by Cliff Stone Whales by Kelsey Oseid

Dinosaur, A Photicular Book by Dan Kainen

Audio Cds:

Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien Send Down the Rain by Charles Martin
The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer
A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult
Cottage by the Sea by Debbie Macomber The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian
Clock Dance by Anne Tyler
An Unwanted Guest by Shari Lapena Tailspin by Sandra Brown In His Father's Footsteps by Danielle Steel

Paperback:

Leopard's Run by Christine Feehan Driven to Distraction by Lori Foster Just Plain Murder by Laura Bradford

Westerns:
Die by the Gun by William Johnstone
The Black Hills by William Johnstone
Torture of the Mountain Man by William Johnstone
The Range Detectives by William Johnstone
Preacher's Rage by William Johnstone

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Juvenile:

Hug a Tree, Geronimo by Geronimo Stilton
The Cheese Experiment by Geronimo Stilton
The Secret Invention by Thea Stilton
Dance Challenge by Thea Stilton
Mouselets in Danger by Thea Stilton
The Missing Diary by Thea Stilton
Drama at Mouseford by Thea Stilton

Liploashed by Day Pilkey Unleashed by Dav Pilkey A Tale of Two Kitties by Dav Pilkey Lord of the Fleas by Dav Pilkey

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey
Dog Man and Cat Kid by Dav Pilkey
Operation: Secret Recipe by Geronimo Stilton
The Chocolate Chase by Geronimo Stilton
The Phantom Bandit by Geronimo Stilton
Storm of Lightning by Richard Paul Evans

Large Print Juvenile Fiction:
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Juvenile Non-fiction:

Draw Really Cool Stuff, Six Books in One by Doug Dubosque From Milk to Ice Cream by Stacy Taus- Bolstad From Wax to Crayon by Robin Nelson Moonlight Crab Count by Dr. Neeti Bathala Planets and Stars by Claudia Martin

Children's Easy:
The Goodnight Train Rolls On by June Sobel
Archie and the Bear by Louise Zanni I Spy, I Love You by Jean Marzolla
Snail and Slug by denys Cazet
The Snowy Nap by Jan Brett
Gingerbread Christmas by Jan Brett
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Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin
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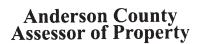
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State audit: Zero findings in Anderson property assessor's office

CLINTON--The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Property Assessments recently completed its annual comprehensive audit for the Anderson County Property Assessor's office

The office did not receive any findings in the annual audit, Anderson County Property Assessor John K. Alley Jr. said.

"It's a big deal for our office to have an inclusive state audit that reflects zero deficiencies in our records and processes" Alley said. "Having correct information and processes in place starting the reappraisal is paramount in securing a fair and accurate reappraisal. The clean audit report is a testament of the hard work and dedication of my employees as well as continued support from our County Commission," the property assessor said.

The annual audit looked at multiple records and processes within the office of the Anderson County Property Assessor, including sales verifications recordings, county map maintenance, proper exemption recordings, mobile home parks, proration values, administrative procedures as well as all greenbelt rollback calculations.

Alley said he thinks the real estate market has recovered more in 2018 than any other time since the housing recession in 2007. Sales have increased in 2018, along with new construction permits, which I feel is a stronger indication that the housing market is healthy and on a solid path to recovery."

The property assessor's office will soon begin calculating figures and statistics for the upcoming 2020 reappraisal.

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For more information, call John K. Alley Jr., (865) 457-6219

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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 •

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Rocky Top Christmas Parade

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce and City of Rocky Top would like to thank the following for judging the entries in the parade this year:

Mr. Brent Galloway, Mr. E.L. Morton and Mrs. Regina Copeland.

We appreciate your time so very much!





Mayor Tim Sharp presenting Mr. Mark Morgan of Norris Dam State Park with the Mayor's Award for the 2018 Rocky Top Christmas Parade.



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