

ROCKY TOP NEWS

PUBLISHED BY THE ROCKY TOP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FREE

JANUARY 2020

FREE

Happy New Year!

A Big Thank You to our 2019 Christmas Parade Judges

Ms. Cindy Boshears, Mr. Ray Varner and Mr. Russell Barker



Congratulations to the following winners in the 2019 Christmas Parade!

Floats:

- 1st - Clinch River Baptist Church
- 2nd - Southern Creek Lawn Care
- 3rd - Rocky Top Dentistry

Groups:

- 1st - Andersonville Bus Lines
- 2nd - Ultimate Tool and Dye

Best Tractor:

John Alvis

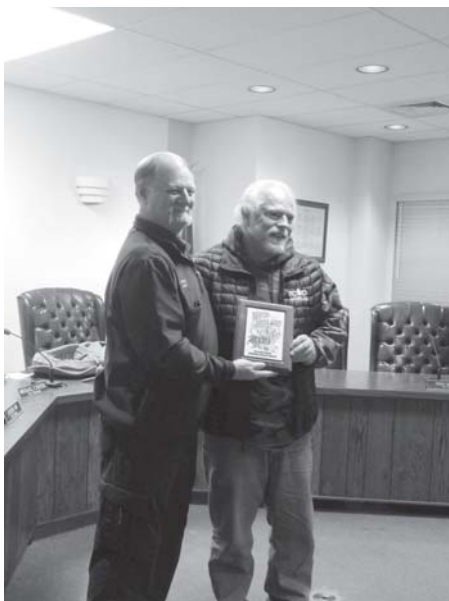
Hot Wheels:

- 1st - Harold Collins
- 2nd - Harold Mack
- 3rd - Mike Foust

Best ATV/UTV:

Sheridan and Theresa Seiber

Below are Winners who attended receiving their awards along with City Manager Michael Foster and Mayor Tim Sharp:



Pictured above is Mr. Rob Neil, President of Powell-Clinch Utility District accepting the 2019 Mayor's Award for all their involvement in our community!



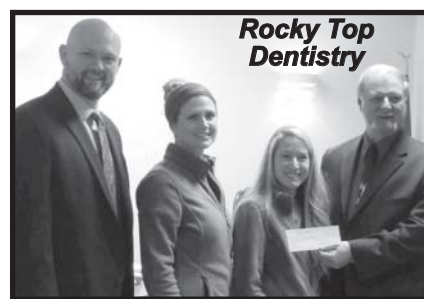
Pictured above is Mr. David Dew of Corner Drug accepting the 2019 Grand Marshal Award for all he and his family does in our community!



Clinch River Baptist Church



Southern Creek Lawn Care



Rocky Top Dentistry



Andersonville Bus Lines



Mr. Harold Collins



Mr. Harold Mack

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 20 MLK Prayer Breakfast at Green McAdoo Cultural Center
- March 28 Norris Lake Clean-Up
- April 3 Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia
- April 16-18 Windrock Spring Shindig
- April 17 Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia

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.



Amazing performance



Potter's Ace Hardware of Rocky Top (865) 426-2353
215 North Main Street

AACC Accepting Artist Applications

The Appalachian Arts Craft Center (AACC) is accepting applications for artists interested in selling their handmade arts and crafts at the Center. Interested artists should submit their completed application, three samples of their work, and a nonrefundable \$25 jurying fee by 5pm on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 for the jurying process.

Visit www.appalachianarts.net or the Center for an application. For additional information, call 865-494-9854. The AACC is a non-profit Center that has been promoting traditional artists and crafts in the East Tennessee area for 50 years. The Center is located at 2716 Andersonville Highway 61 near Norris, TN., one mile east of I-75 north at Exit 122.

Gary Cooper Insurance

801 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd.
Clinton, TN 37716
865-457-0637
www.garycooperinsurance.com



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

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 27th

Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce
Annual Dinner

More information to come soon.



Join our Mission
865-426-9595 • RockyTopTNChamber.com



ROCKY TOP TENNESSEE

This paper is published by the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce monthly and is free to the public.

Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 1054
Rocky Top, TN 37769
865-426-9595

rockytopchamber@gmail.com

Please submit events, content and ads by email.

Rocky Top News Advertising Rates

Newspaper Sponsorship-\$300.00

Includes a full page advertisement for one month of the advertiser's choosing based on availability (value \$125) and eleven months of business card size advertisement (value \$220). Total savings of \$45.00. Sponsorship also includes a article about the advertiser's business.

Rocky Top Chamber Member's Rates

Full Page.....	\$100.00
Half Page.....	\$50.00
Quarter Page.....	\$25.00
Business Card 3 1/2" x 2"....	\$10.00

Non-Rocky Top Chamber Member's Rates

Full Page.....	\$125.00
Half Page.....	\$75.00
Quarter Page.....	\$50.00
Business Card 3 1/2" x 2"....	\$20.00

Classified Advertisements available to \$5 per line

Contact the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce for multi-month discounts

I AM ONE

who will not provide alcohol to minors.

According to Tennessee's Social Host Liability Law, providing alcohol to minors is a crime - even in your own home.



www.ASAPofAnderson.org

This material was developed through a project funded by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office.

CRAFTING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



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.

**Congratulations
to Lake City Elementary's
2019-2020 Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Susan Polter!**

**Congratulations
to Lake City Middle's
2019-2020 Teacher of the Year
Mr. Andrew Harrison!**



NEW 2019 FORD ESCAPE SEL
\$25,956*
 OR **0% FINANCING**
UP TO 60 MONTHS WAC
 #T6019

NEW 2019 FORD F150 STX SUPERCREW
\$37,883*
 OR **0% FINANCING**
UP TO 72 MONTHS WAC
 #T6012

RAY VARNER
CLINTON, TENNESSEE

*After Ford Factory Rebate, Ford Credit Financing, and Special Ray Varner Discount.

865-457-0704 • rayvarnerford.com • I-75, Exit 122

2019 FORD FACTORY
CLOSEOUT SALE

TDEC offering free Radon test kits during “Radon Action Month”

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is offering free radon test kits for Tennesseans to test their homes in January.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee has proclaimed the month as “Radon Action Month.”

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, and it is the No. 1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

“We hope Tennesseans will take advantage of the offer of free test kits,” Dr. Kendra Abkowitz, director of the Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices at TDEC, said. “We want people to be aware of the potential for radon in their homes, that testing for it is free and easy, and that there are ways they can mitigate it if they find they have a radon problem.”

Radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally-occurring radioactive gas that threatens people’s health when it is trapped in confined spaces such as homes. It is produced by the breakdown of uranium in rocks and soils. The only way to know if it is in a home is to test for it.

For more information and to request a free test kit, visit <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/opsp-policy-and-sustainable-practices/community-programs-and-services/radon/get-a-free-test-kit0.html> or call 800-232-1139.

Radon does not generally present a health risk outdoors because it is diluted in the open air. Radon can, however, build up to dangerous levels inside a house. A house can act like a vacuum, drawing radon through foundation cracks and other openings. Radon may also be present in well water and can be released in a home when the water is used for showering and other household activity.

During January, the U.S. Surgeon General and the Environmental Protection Agency urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes for radon. The TDEC Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices manages the TN Radon program, a statewide awareness and education initiative, where the goal is to educate the public about the risk of radon exposure in indoor environments.

MEDIC

Regional Blood Center
 A Not-for-Profit Organization

MEDIC Regional Blood Center says it currently has a critical need for O Negative and O Positive blood types. All eligible O Negative and O Positive donors are encouraged to donate as soon as possible.

All donors receive a \$10 e-gift card to use at over 100 organizations. The cards are sent via email within 48 hours of donating. Donors also receive their choice of MEDIC shirt and a Texas Roadhouse coupon.

MEDIC has seen fewer donors during the holiday season while seeing a steady or increased usage of blood products.

As a reminder, the blood on the shelves now is what would be used in a trauma event and it takes three days for donated blood to be processed and ready for distribution.

You can visit any of MEDIC’s Donor Centers in Downtown Knoxville, Farragut, Athens or Crossville, or you can stop in at one of the agency’s mobile blood drives, a complete listing of which can be found, along with the addresses and hours of the fixed donor centers, at MEDIC’s website at www.medicblood.org

Public Notice

On January 16th, 2020 at 5:45 pm the City of Rocky Top will hold a public hearing at Rocky Top City Hall on Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map by rezoning Parcels 008M A 023.00, 008M A 023.01, 008M A 023.02 from C-1 (General Commercial) to C-2 (Tourist Commercial). City Council will meet 6:00 pm for a regular scheduled meeting to vote on the final reading of the Ordinance. Any interested citizens may view the proposed change at Rocky Top City Hall during business hours or attend the meeting.

you could be advertising here!!!

Reach 1,500 readers that live and work in Rocky Top and surrounding communities for as low as \$10 a month.
865-426-9595 / info@rockytoptnchamber.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
Facebook.com/RockyTopTennessee

ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

Senior Game Day

Join us January 6th @ 11am for a fun game of BINGO!



Adult / Teen Coloring Day



Join us the second Monday 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

Join us January 13th 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.

Read to a Dog!



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!

Little Trees Painting Group

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 January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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!

January 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 January 17th and re-open at 9:30am on January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

Adult Fiction:

Old bones by Douglas Preston
Twisted Twenty-Six by Janet Evanovich
Blue Moon by Lee Child
Kiss the Girls by Mary Higgins Clark
The World that We Knew by Alice Hoffman
Takes One to Know One by Susan Isaacs
Stitches In Time by Suzanne Woods Fisher
Before Dawn by Alana Terry
Beauty from Ashes by Alana Terry
Breath of Heaven by Alana Terry
Final Option by Clive Cussler
A Minute to Midnight by David Baldacci
The Rise of Magicks by Nora Roberts
Criss Cross by James Patterson
Code of Honor by Tom Clancy
What Comes My Way by Tracie Peterson
Trap Lane by Stella Cameron
Christmas in Winter Hill by Melody Carlson
Amish Front Porch Stories by Wanda Brunstetter
Angel Eyes by Robert Parker
The Confession Club by Elizabeth Berg
Noel Street by Richard Paul Evans
Smoke Screen by Terri Blackstock
Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris
Spy by Danielle Steel
Nine Elms by Robert Bryndza

Non-Fiction:

Your Battles Belong to the Lord by Joyce Meyer
Before and After by Judy Christie
Caves of the Highland by Larry E. Matthews
National Geographic Almanac 2020
Guilty by Reason of Insanity by David Limbaugh
The Storm-Tossed Family by Russell Moore
Mayflower Lives by Martyn Whittock
What Color is Your Parachute? 2020 by Richard Bolles
Ripley's Believe It or Not! Beyond the Bizarre! By Geoff Tibbals
The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2020 by Sarah Janssen

Adult Paperbacks:

Meant to be Yours by Susan Mallory
Fatal Threat by Valerie Hansen
Rules in Rescue by Nichole Severn
New Beginnings at Promise Lodge by Charlotte Hubbard
Finding Home Again by Brenda Jackson
Strawberry Hill by Catherine Anderson

Western Paperbacks:

Bullets Don't Argue by William Johnstone
A Jensen Family Christmas by William Johnstone
Yuma Prison Crashout by William Johnstone
Have Brides, Will Travel by William Johnstone
Kerrigans: A Texas Dynasty by William Johnstone
Bloody Trail of the Mountain Man by William Johnstone

Young Adult Fiction:

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
#Murdertrending by Gretchen McNeil
American Panda by Gloria Chao

Juvenile Fiction:

Ending the Last by Katherine Applegate
What's the Big Idea? by Annie Barrows
Herobrine Goes to School by Zack Zombie
Bathtime Battle by Shannon Hale
Path of the Diamond by Cube Kid
Crafting Alliances Cube Kid
From Seeds to Swords by Cube Kid
Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior by Cube Kid
Squanto's Journey by Joseph Bruchac

Juvenile Non-Fiction:

What Was D-Day by Patricia Demuth
Where's the Architect? From Pyramids to Skyscrapers by Susanne Rebscher
The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip by Joanna Cole
Animal Explorers Creatures of Ocean by Michael Leach
Animal Explorers Carnivores by Michael Leach
Animal Explorers Birds by Michael Leach
Insects and Minibeasts by Michael Leach
Omnivores and Herbivores by Michael Leach
Hockey by Jill Sherman
Working Animals by Julie Murray
Mammals by John Allan
Creepy Crawlers by John Allan
Birds by John Allan
Fish by John Allan
Plants by John Allan
Reptiles and Amphibians by John Allan
Tyrannosaurus Rex by Julie Murray
Triceratops by Julie Murray
Stegosaurus by Julie Murray
Oviraptor by Julie Murray
Brachiosaurus by Julie Murray
Archaeopteryx by Julie Murray
I See Wasps by Genevieve Nilsen
I See Moths by Genevieve Nilsen
I See Grasshoppers by Genevieve Nilsen
I See Caterpillars by Genevieve Nilsen
I See Beetles by Genevieve Nilsen
Acting Animals by Julie Murray
Crime-Fighting Animals by Julie Murray
Football Safety by Robert Cooper
Great Moments in NFL History by Robert Cooper
Mimic Octopuses by Meg Gaertner
History of gymnastics by Kenny Abdo
Winning the Vote for Women by Caryn Jenner
What Was the Berlin Wall? by Nico Medina

Children's Easy:

Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson
Winter is Here by Kevin Henkes
Our Police by Jack Levin
Look Out Below! By Michael steele
Fire in the forest! By Samantha Brooke
Firefighter Pete by Janes Dean
The Wheels on the Bus Wild Safari by Poke-a-Dot
Police Cars of the Go by Anne Spaight
How Big Could Your Pumpkin Grow by Wendell Min

Romac Self Storage

Monthly Storage Space Rental
Several Sizes 5 x 6 to 10 x 25

Competitive Pricing Office: 865-426-9634
Master Card | Visa accepted Cell: 865-386-3716

Located at 332 S. Main, Rocky Top

Comfort
You Can Count On.



203 First Street Rocky Top (865) 426-2822
1005 Jacksboro Pike LaFollette (423) 562-2795

Everyone is Welcome at

Main Street Baptist Church

215 4th Street, Rocky Top • 865-426-2499 • www.msbcrt.org

"Main Street Baptist Church strives to provide life-changing ministries for every member of the family. Through worship and discipleship training, we hope to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with the Rocky Top community. We also offer a Food Pantry (Tuesday 12-2pm) and the Rocky Top Recovery program (Thursday 7pm) for individuals or families of individuals with addiction issues."



Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.



Conserve Energy and Save Money by signing up for CUB's

\$mart \$witch Program

Get up to a \$75 Rebate and Save on Future Utility Bills



Limited to residential properties. Customers must own the residence. Limited to single electric water heaters with a 40 gallon tank or larger.

Call 865-457-9232 or visit www.clintonub.com for all the details about the program and to sign up

FASTER. BETTER. STRONGER.

Knoxville area's #1 choice for physical therapy, sports and work-injuries, senior care and more! Call today to schedule an appointment and get back to the life you love.

Clinton 865-457-1649 Knoxville 865-377-3176

North Knoxville 865-687-4537



coraphysicaltherapy.com



Anderson County Schools

Every Student, Every Day
2019-2020 School Year Calendar

January 20	Martin Luther King Day - In-service (NO school for Students)
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

Revised 10.16.18

State Releases County-By-County Unemployment Data

Unemployment dropped in more than one-third of Tennessee's 95 counties in November, according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

Rates decreased in 38 counties, remained the same in 24 counties, and unemployment increased in 33 counties during the month.

The new data shows there are 91 counties across the state with rates less than 5 percent and only four counties with rates greater than 5 percent.

"It's very encouraging to have so many counties with unemployment rates below 5 percent during November," said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. "As we moved closer to the busy holiday season, more Tennesseans were taking home paychecks, which is the ultimate goal."

Williamson County has the state's lowest unemployment rate at 2.2 percent. That figure is down 0.1 of a percentage point when compared to October.

Clay County experienced an increase in unemployment, giving the county the state's highest unemployment rate. Its rate jumped from 5.2 percent in October to 5.9 percent in November.

Hancock, Hardeman, and Bledsoe counties follow Clay County with rates of 5 percent. Locally, Anderson County saw a decrease of two-tenths of a percentage point between October and November, falling from 3.3% to 3.1% last month.

Rates stayed the same in Campbell County (at 4.2%), Knox County (2.6%), and in Roane County (3.5%) in that same time period, while unemployment ticked up slightly in both Morgan and Union Counties, which both went from 3.4% unemployment in October to 3.5% last month.

Statewide, seasonally adjusted unemployment was down 0.1 of a percentage point when compared to October, setting the November 2019 rate at 3.3 percent. The United States' unemployment rate for November is 3.5 percent, 0.1 of a percentage point lower than it was in October.



ActiveAndersonTN Funds Community Health Initiatives

Coalition offers grant support for healthy eating, physical activity & tobacco prevention efforts

Clinton, TN December 2019 — ActiveAndersonTN is a locally based coalition whose mission is to create and provide opportunities for local citizens to eat healthier, get more exercise, and stop or never begin using tobacco products. Members come from organizations around the county whose mission is to enhance healthier living. Since its inception in 2016, ActiveAndersonTN has helped with and provided many programs, events and projects and assisted with many activities including local road races, fitness classes for youngsters to seniors, and specialized programs for management of diabetes, chronic conditions and cooking classes on how to eat healthy on a limited income.

For the year 2019, Healthier TN Communities is providing a grant of \$2,000 for work ActiveAndersonTN has done since the beginning of the year. Organizations which have been instrumental in the success of ActiveAndersonTN since its inception in 2016 were invited to apply for part of or all of the money. The six entries were evaluated and scored by County Mayor Terry Frank and Charles Turner, Director of the Anderson County Health Department. By providing funds the Health Department has received from the Master Tobacco Settlement fund, which requires big tobacco companies to reimburse states for the cost of healthcare and other services to current and former tobacco users, as well as other funds received for health programming, Active Anderson was able to leverage the two funding streams to support the following initiatives:

- Oak Ridge Coordinated School Health: A vaping detector in the restroom of an Oak Ridge Middle School to prevent the use of tobacco products on school property by alerting staff when the vape or fumes from a burning tobacco product is present.
- Clinton City Schools Coordinated School Health: An evidence-based curriculum for Clinton City Schools which enhances children's sensory skills.
- ASAP, the local drug misuse prevention organization: Supplies and materials to enhance leadership skills for middle and high school students to teach their peers about tobacco and vaping misuse
- Grow Oak Ridge and the Winter Farmer's Market: technology to process the use of SNAP cards at the market. The Winter Farmer's Market offers special two dollars' worth of produce for every dollar spent using SNAP benefits.
- UT Extension Service of Anderson County: weight bearing exercise equipment for a free on-going fitness class for seniors to begin in Clinton in January 2020
- Emory Valley Dental Clinic: The purchase of a water bottle refill station to provide clean water to clients and employees at the County Clerk's office in Oak Ridge. Studies have shown that drinking more water cuts down on the consumption of sugary beverages, a major cause of obesity.

To partner with ActiveAndersonTN, learn more about their mission, or make a donation, go to www.activeandersontn.com.

How to Make a Snow Day Happen

Put a spoon under your pillow

Wear your pajamas inside out and backwards

Drop one ice cube in the toilet for every inch of snow you want

Shake a snow globe every time you walk past one

Eat ice cream the night before

Say your prayers

While these suggestions may not be a sure way to get snow you'll have fun giving them a try and who knows, they may just work!

How to Survive a Snow Day with your Kids

Send them outside for a snowball fight

Have a snowman making contest

Be stocked up on food

Blow the dust off the board games

Say your prayers

Have fun



Congratulations to Christopher Enix for graduating from the Governor's Academy for School Leadership. Chris would like to thank Jessica Saunders Conatser of Grand Oaks Elementary and Henry Baggett of Lake City Elementary for being his mentors through the academy.



18th 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 joined together to tell this year's fourth and fifth graders the importance of going to college. Scholars in attendance today included Kyle Leinart, Amy (Dugger) Crabtree, Ricky Bailey, Samantha Campbell, Anna Braden, Noah Lamb, Joshalyn Harmon, Benny Foster, Skylar Mzingo, Hannah Sellers, Sydney Campbell, Ethan Windham, and Sean Foster. Special thanks to Kyle Leinart for arranging a videoconference with Megan Dugger.

The theme of several of the students was to treasure their time at Briceville School. It is a special place like no other. Never take it for granted. They told them you might think you can't wait to get away from here, but once you leave, you long to return (even if it's just for a visit).

Many of our scholars told how with the help of their Coal Creek Scholarship, they left college or technical school with NO DEBT!

Since 2002, over \$500,000 has been invested in college scholarships to help 59 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.



Pictured Above:
Coal Creek Watershed Foundation President Barry Thacker, PE speaks to students. One of the facts he shared with them is that you can make up to a MILLION DOLLARS more in your lifetime if you receive a college or technical degree and USE IT!



Pictured Above:
Barry Thacker PE and Carol Moore with the Coal Creek Scholars

Fourth-quarter comeback sparks Tennessee win in TaxSlayer Gator Bowl



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — When Tennessee trailed Indiana by 13 points with five minutes left in the fourth quarter, most of the country probably reached for the remote. The game was over. If you've paid attention to this Tennessee football season, you know the game was just getting started.

Tennessee scored once with 4:51 remaining in the game, a jumbo set with linebacker Quavaris Crouch banging it in from 1-yard out. Then in one of the gutsier decisions of UT's season, Paxton Brooks kicked the onside kick. Eric Gray recovered the ball and then three plays later, ran the ball into the checkerboards for a 16-yard score. Two touchdowns in 30 seconds. The Vols beat Indiana, 23-22.

"Well, I'm kind of a go-for-it guy. I look at myself a little bit as a long shot. It hadn't been that long ago I was coaching high school ball, lining off the field, washing the uniforms and things like that, and now I'm the head coach at the University of Tennessee. If it looks like it's there, you might as well take it is the way I look at it. That's kind of the way we coach, you know, rather get them before they get us," Pruitt said after the game.

Per ESPN Stats & Info, FBS teams trailing by at least 13 points in the final 5 minutes of the fourth quarter this season were 0-471: now those teams are 1-471.

Gray made a name for himself in this game, running for 86 yards and a touchdown plus hauling in two receptions for 34 yards. Gray took home the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl MVP.

Of course, Tennessee was in this position for a reason, an inability to score touchdowns in the red zone in the first half and two turnovers put the Vols in the hole to begin with. Quarterback Jarrett Guarantano threw two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

"You really don't find out a whole lot about yourself or a team until you face adversity. And we've faced a lot this year. A lot of it was self-inflicting, but still, it is what it is," Pruitt said.

Guarantano was replaced by quarterback Brian Maurer for a drive. The freshman led the Vols down the field for a field goal, but nearly threw another interception along the way. What comes next for Tennessee at the quarterback position will be hard to say, but that's a worry for another day.

For the seniors, it's quite a way to end their time on Rocky Top. Jauan Jennings, who was suspended for the first half, was emotional after the game.

Jennings added two catches for 27 yards in this contest. Here's where he finishes in the Tennessee receiving record book:

- Touchdown catches: No. 5 (18)
- Receptions: No. 5 (146)
- Receiving Yards: No. 4 (2,153)

Tennessee will start the 2020 season with a home game against Charlotte on Sep. 5.