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NORRIS DAM STATE PARK UPDATES & RENOVATIONS



Exciting Spring events are unfolding at Norris Dam State Park this Spring and at the top of the list is a NEW PLAYGROUND! Actually two new playground sets! Shown is the area around Shelter #2 on the East side of the park.

The second playset is almost finished with installation down the hill around Shelter #1. These playsets were targeted for installation over a year ago.....we are glad to have them available now for our visitors. These will be finished not a month to soon, as a huge red oak tree was taken down in a storm in January that totally crushed the swings over by the Tea Room. Replacements for the swing set is being planned.

New renovated horseshoe pits are finished by the Tea Room. If you would like another pit somewhere in the park, track down Ranger Brett and challenge him to a game.

The interior park office has received some major upgrades to lighting and some fresh paint. Work completed by the office staff! Our craft room, long known as a meeting room in the pool area, has received some upgrades including a kitchen, bathroom and new tables/chairs.

The Rice Grist Mill will receive some long overdue tender loving care in April to get the operation back running as well as some exterior building maintenance.

The Lenoir Museum received new carpet and some window upgrades.

Our maintenance shop received some energy efficiency upgrades and some new paint with funds from our Office of Sustainability.

The Tea Room also had funding for new lighting and HVAC work. Our trails grant is still out there waiting for a start date.

Complicated funding always seems to delay major start dates, but it is coming!

There is much more happening so come on out and enjoy YOUR STATE PARK!

Warm temperatures may bring the wildflowers out earlier than usual. The guided walks are scheduled for later in March and April.

STUDENTS GET THE FACTS ON DRUGS AND WIN FREE CHICKEN



Victoria Seiber, the Chick-fil-A Cow, and Alexis Roy at Clinton High School for the ASAP Ambassador's National Drug and Alcohol IQ Challenge.

CLINTON, TN – The ASAP Ambassadors Youth Coalition from Anderson County, Clinton and Oak Ridge High Schools celebrated National Drug and Alcohol Facts week last week. Aimed to increase their peers' awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, the event was organized by the student-led group. Students from the three high schools tested their knowledge on drugs and drug abuse by taking the 2017 National Drug & Alcohol IQ Challenge during their school's lunch periods. Student contestants answered questions in a buzzer style trivia game related to mental health, marijuana and other drugs.

With the support of Project AWARE and Chick-fil- A the event was a crowd-pleasing success, but most importantly, students gained valuable knowledge. "This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about the harmful effects of drugs on a young developing brain and to discuss potential underlying mental health illnesses" stated Kim Guinn, Anderson County School's Project AWARE Director. There is no single factor that determines whether a person will become addicted to drugs but national drug use surveys indicate some children are already abusing drugs by age 12 or 13. Drug use decreases when drugs are perceived harmful. Guinn stated that awareness and prevention are the best strategies for intervention.

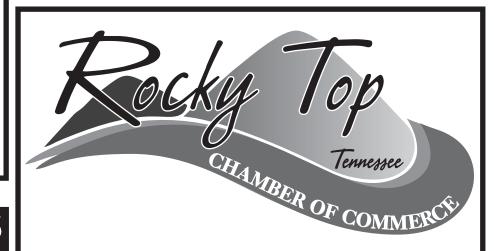
Manshi Patel, ASAP Ambassador from Oak Ridge High School stated, "It was shocking how many people got the easy questions wrong! I'm so glad we did this." At the conclusion of the event, each student contestant received a Chick-fil-A food item gift card for their participation and drug prevention resources were made available at the schools. Throughout the week, each school also featured posters promoting facts from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. For more information about substance abuse prevention efforts in Anderson County visit www.ASAPofAnderson.org or call 865-457-3007.

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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 www.rockytoptnchamber.com





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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

March 8-12 Pro Gravity Tour Bike Race @ Windrock

- March 11-12 Cardinal Invitational Regatta on Melton Hill Lake
- March 16-30 Appalachian Arts Craft Center Annual Spring Porch Sale
- March 17-18 5th Annual Luck of the Irish Stroll and Sale in Downtown Clinton
- March 25 5 County Norris Lake Clean-Up
- March 25 Spring Wildflower Hike @ Norris Dam State Park
- March 25 Atomic City Turn & Burn Regatta on Melton Hill Lake
- April 1 Spring Wildflower Hike @ Norris Dam State Park
- April 1 Butterflies for Hope Bike Ride in Oak Ridge
- April 1-2 Downhill Southeastern Bike Race @ Windrock

MARCH SCHOOL CLOSINGS

March 17

In-Service (No School For Students)

March 20-24

Spring Break

CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

City Court Planning Commission City Council Meeting 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 a.m. 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.



A big THANK YOU to SunTrust Bank in Rocky Top for hosting our Chamber Networking Coffee last month. We appreciate the wonderful hospitality and delicious food!



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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 busine 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.

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ASAP Honors Prevention Power Partner, Responsible Businesses and Ally of the Year



2017 Anderson County Ally of the Year Dr. Bruce Borchers, First Runner-up Chief Kenneth Morgan, Second



2017 Prevention Power Partner Jay Yeager with ASAP Executive Director Stephanie Strutner

The votes are in and the 2017 Anderson County Ally of the Year award goes to Dr. Bruce Borchers! Dr. Borchers competed against other candidates, each nominated for their passion to create a healthy and productive Anderson County. Other candidates included Dr. Tim Parrot, Chief Kenneth Morgan, Dr. Jim Axmacher and Allen Handley. Citizens were able to "vote" for the candidate or candidates of their choice by making a donation to Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County. Each dollar counted as one vote and in the end Dr. Bruce Borchers came out on top. He was followed closely by Chief Kenneth Morgan in second place and Dr. Tim Parrot in third place.

Each candidate conducted their own campaign, but all of the candidates were united by one goal: to use their leadership, influence and communication skills to raise funds to help prevent and reduce substance abuse in Anderson County. Over \$4,500 was raised during the month and a half campaign, all of which will stay in Anderson County to support ASAP's mission to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse in Anderson County by collaborating with community partners to implement effective intervention strategies.

In addition to Ally of the Year, each year, an influential community member is recognized with the Prevention Power Partner award. This individual will have demonstrated excellent prevention support, often behind the scenes. ASAP would like to recognize Jay Yeager, Anderson County Law Director, as the 2016-2017 ASAP Prevention Power Partner. Yeager has demonstrated excellent coalition support, engaging in community-wide activities. Through his leadership, the ASAP coalition has been positioned to engage in effective policy advocacy which will empower young leaders and support prevention financially, from the local level, for a number of years to come.

ASAP also recognizes certain businesses in our community that exemplify outstanding support in substance abuse prevention. The prevention outreach we have here at ASAP would not be possible without the efforts and support of such businesses in our community. ASAP proudly recognizes Bright Star Care, Anderson County Health Department and Clinch River Home Health with the Responsible Business Awards.

Please congratulate Ally of the Year Dr. Bruce Borchers as well as all of the candidates and award recipients who did a great job for a great cause! To learn more about ASAP or to make a donation go to www.ASAPofAnderson.org or call 865-457-3007.

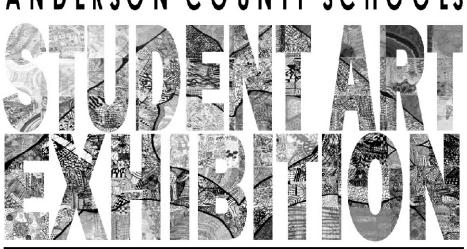
LAKE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS ANNUAL ART SHOW

Lake City Elementary held their annual Empty Bowls Art Show and Meal on February 16th. The event was a huge success! Thank you to all that participated. Through these efforts the school was able to raise \$3,000 to help fight hunger in our community. Second Harvest Food Bank will receive all proceeds from this event. Pictured is Music Makers who performed at the event.



BRICEVILLE & ANDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC. ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual meeting of the Briceville & Anderson County Public Library Foundation, Inc. will be held on Thursday, March 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the Peggy and Marshall Hackworth Community Room at the Briceville Public Library, 111 Slatestone Road, Briceville, TN. Business will include election of the Board of Directors and a report on fund raising progress. Anyone who has contributed to the Foundation in the past year is deemed to be a member of the Foundation, can vote, and is encouraged to attend. Following the Annual Meeting and after a short break, the new Board of Directors will meet to elect officers and conduct business.



Featuring Artwork Created by Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade

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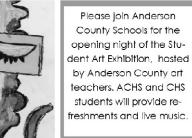
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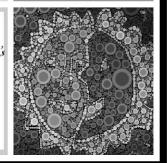
March 9, 2017 OPENING NIGHT

5:00-8:00 pm *The gallery will be open

The gallery will be open March 10, 4-6pm and March 11, 10 am-2 pm







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LCES STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS LCES CELEBRATES 16TH ANNUAL



KINDERGARTEN ALIYAH MULL

~The best listener ever! Whenever I say "Eyes on me" she is always the first to look and she puts down whatever she is working on ~Evervone's friend. She is polite and shares at

centers. Her table is always clean first when it's clean-up time because she picks up quickly ~Works hard at everything she does and has a "can do" attitude. She

never gives up.

FIRST GRADE

JACKSON BROWN

~Strives for excellence academically ~Consistently shows respect, responsibility and kindness towards other students and adults at LCES

~His genuine spirit makes him



SECOND GRADE **RAEGAN GREEN**

~A respectful young lady who models good listening and communication skills ~Works diligently and helps others when needed ~Honest and very responsible

THIRD GRADE

MYLEE PIETROBURGO

~A joy to all of her teachers ~Always on task, respectful and most of all SMILING ~Kind to her classmates and helps anytime someone needs something





FOURTH GRADE

DYLAN HOPPER

~A leader in our school who spends his extra time helping in a kindergarten classroom -A responsible student who has things done right

and on time

A thoughtful writer who is working very hard to be specific

FIFTH GRADE

KRYSTINE BROWN

~Gives 100% in everything she does and is always kind to others and respectful ~Follows classroom rules and has a great attitude at all times ~A perfect reminder of why her teacher loves being a teacher

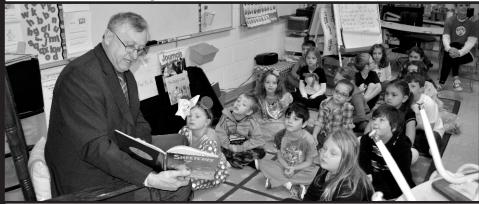


READ ACROSS AMERICA EVENT

Students at Lake City Elementary joined millions of their peers across the country to celebrate the sixteenth annual Read Across America event, which celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday and the joys of reading. To honor the good doctor and celebrate the fun and value of reading, Lake City Elementary School dressed as their favorite literary character and participated in a special program by taking the Read Across America Reader's Oath. They even enjoyed green eggs and ham for breakfast. Pictured below are the MOST IMPROVED READERS who were recognized during the special assembly. They are (top row) Dakota Isabell; Branson Tackett; Andrew Cook; Lakely Ridenour; Alex Carroll; Dylan Thurman; Maddie Braden; Tiffany Horne; Ashlyn Sharpe; Cheyanne Hargett; Madison Buttry; Landon Cogdell; Krystine Brown; Lezleigh Bolinger; Amanda Foust; (middle row) Michael Izquierdo; Laklee Wade; Logan Godsey; Allie Nelson; Danisyn Ivey; Jade Daugherty; Peyton Kitzmiller; Garrett Riggs; Preston Ridenour; Carlos Flores; Kaylynn Seiber; Lainey Phillips; Trista Lowery; (front row) Zander Beets; Emma Lindsay; Joseph Berrian; Cindle Justice; Sophia Johnson; Arianne Braden; Landon Wade; Carmen Navarro; Jayden Harness; Katie Miles; Taber Jarnigan; Lucas Allen; Tyler Harness - Not pictured: Anthony Martin



Also, classes had visits from special guest readers. Below Dr. Tim Parrott, Director of Anderson County Schools, reads to Mrs. Bullock's first graders



Lake City Elementary School honored their principal, Henry Baggett and assistant principal, Renee Branham in February. We used the Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory theme. Pictured are our principals in their Wonka hats accepting a huge candy card from Brandon Phillips and Seth Martin. Behind them is Mrs. Meredith's fourth grade class who did a program to show their appreciation to our principals. Thank you, Mr. Baggett and Ms. Branham!



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BRARY NEWS & EVENTS NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

Senior Game Day

Join us on Monday, March 6th and Monday, March 20th at 11:00 a.m. for a game of Dominos, Yahtzee or your favorite card game. Games are provided by the library.





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

Monday, March 13th 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.

Chamber Coffee

The Rocky Top Public Library will be hosting the **Rocky Top Chamber Networking Coffee on** Tuesday, March 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Rocky Top Friends of the Library will be providing the food.





Lego Club - All Ages

Come join us for our first Lego Club meeting on Tuesday, March 21st 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 will meet every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. No registration required.

Book Discussion Group

Join us on the last Monday of every month (Monday, March 27th) at 10:00 a.m for Book Discussion Group. 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.



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.



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.



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Westerns:

Hells Half Acre by William Johnstone

Preacher's Fire (First Mountain Man Series) by William Johnstone Seven Days to Hell by William Johnstone

Preacher's Hellstorm (First Mountain Man Series) by William Johnstone Forty Guns West Preacher's Peace by William Johnstone



Anderson County Library Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16th, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Rocky Top Public Library

Clear Branch Baptist Church will have a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 18th at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Categorizes for our cook off will be Spicy, Best Tasting and Most Creative. Everyone is welcome to come and have a flaming hot time or just chill with some chili. We will provide the chili, you

provide the Rolaids. Clear Branch Baptist Church 1030 New Clear Branch Road | Rocky Top, TN

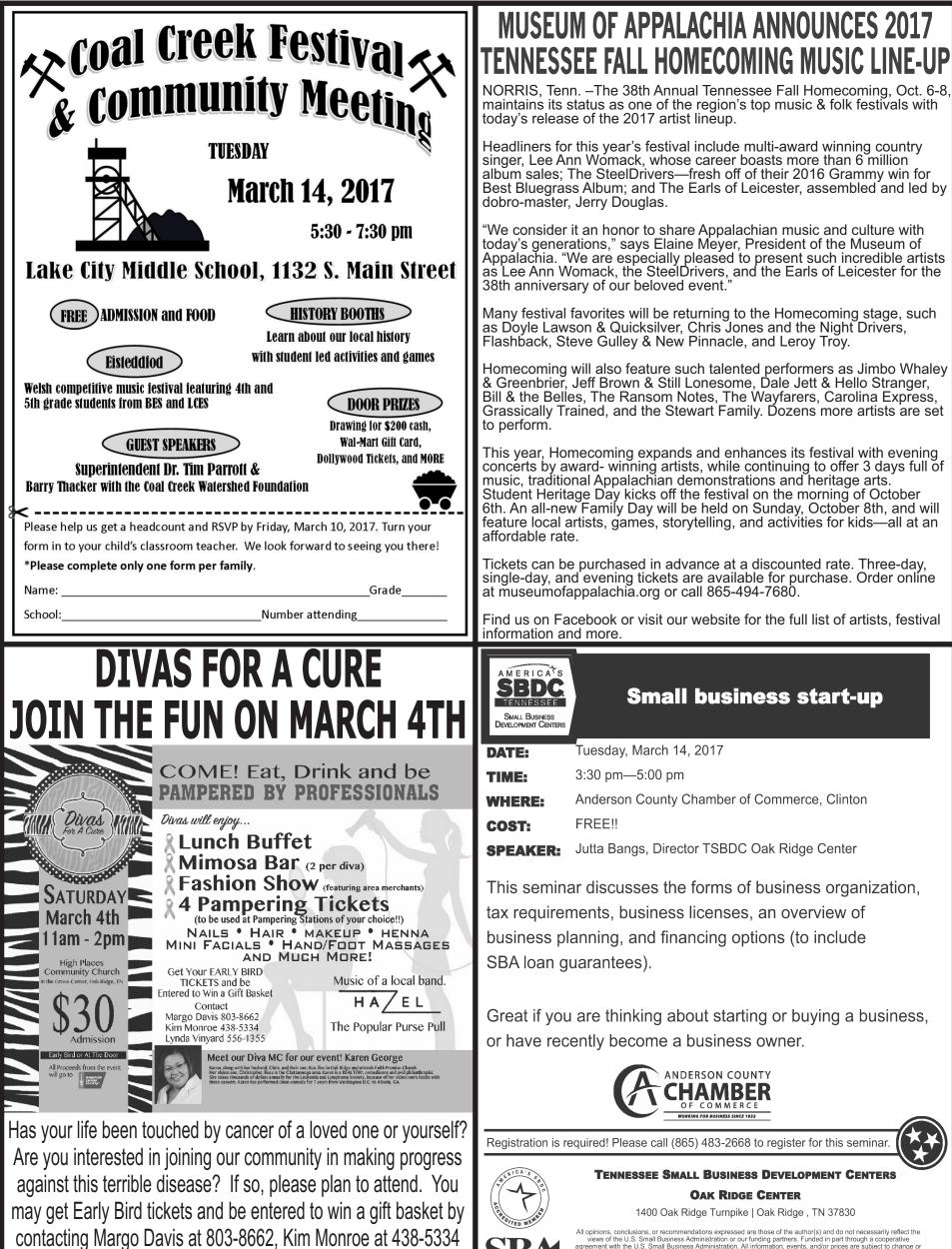


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