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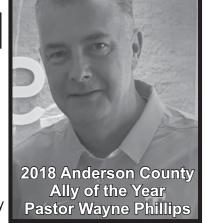
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2018 Anderson County Ally of the Year Announced

The Anderson County Ally of the Year Campaign has two goals, to increase awareness of the prevention efforts of ASAP of Anderson County and to raise funds to continue those efforts. In 2018, both goals were accomplished. Candidates Harold Edwards, Leslie England, Stanton Martin, Pastor Wayne Phillips and Chief James Shetterly



were nominated by community members to run for the title. Each candidate conducted their own campaign, but were united by the same goals. In the end, Pastor Wayne Phillips and Main Street Baptist Church took home the title of the 2018 Anderson County Ally of the Year.

Pastor Wayne and his wife have been involved throughout the year through activities such as hosting and participating in listening sessions around Anderson County with Mayor Terry Frank to discuss the current problems of drug misuse in the county and solutions to decrease these problems. He said, "Drugs and alcohol is the biggest challenge that our culture faces today. ASAP is making a major impact in the lives of hurting people in Anderson County. Main Street Church is honored to contribute to this fund raising event." Pastor Wayne and Main Street Baptist Church also hosted a Faith Based Forum where attendees could learn about the disease of addiction, understand recovery, apply as a Certified Recovery Church or Faith-Based Organization, learn about resources to support their congregation and community members, and discuss how coalitions and faith-based organizations can work together. To put into action what was learned at this forum, Main Street Baptist Church has started hosting a Recovery Meeting in Rocky Top every Thursday evening.

All of the candidates did an amazing job throughout this campaign, which began on January 1st and continued through January 26th. Because of them and the support they received throughout the community nearly \$7,000 was raised and will stay right here in Anderson County to continue prevention of substance misuse and the effects on this community. First runner-up Leslie England stated, "I am so thankful that we have ASAP in our community, I cannot imagine where we would be without the prevention and reduction of alcohol and substance misuse."

Chief James Shetterly of Rocky Top Police Department has supported ASAP both personally and professionally. Rocky Top was one of the first to contribute to see the value of the Family Drug Treatment Court and support it financially. It is no surprise that he truly came through to support prevention in his county and finished as second runner-up. Third runner-up, Stanton Martin, student at Anderson County High School, was the first youth candidate ever to participate in this event. "Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Youth of Anderson County. We value our community and appreciate all that ASAP does to stand against substance abuse," said Stanton. The fourth runner-up, Harold Edwards, who works closely with businesses throughout the county understands how substance misuse not only impacts children and families, but also businesses and has a huge economic impact on our county.

The candidates will be honored at the Allies of ASAP Community Appreciation Banquet held on February 2nd. To learn more about ASAP of Anderson County, the candidates, or ways to get involved in your community, please visit ASAPofAnderson.org or call 865-457-3007.

THE CITY OF ROCKY TOP PRESENTS FREE MONTHLY ART NIGHTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!!!



FIRST KIDS CLASS
(D.A.R.E TO BE DIFFERENT)
will be held on March 13th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Registration will be at 5:45 p.m.
at the Community Center
Kids will create a D.A.R.E themed poster
to be judged by our Rocky Top Police Department

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

FIRST ADULT SESSION
will be 2 Classes
March 27th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
and

April 24th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Artists Bonnie Shelton and Lisa Peebley from Smoky Mountain Porcelain will be teaching the "DOGWOOD BLOSSOMS" Class This class will be limited to 15 seats.

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

You may register March 13th at the Community Center or at City Hall through March 26th.

Keep an eye out for a schedule of activities in the upcoming weeks!

(See Page 10 for more information)



Cultivate. Create. Participate.

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

March 7-11 Pro Gravity Tour Windrock Bike Race

March 9-10 Southern Rock Racing Series Hillclimb at Windrock Park

March 31 Spring Wildflower Hike

April 5-8 Wicked Wildcat Weekend at Windrock Park
April 7 Spring Wildflower Hike at Norris Dam State Park
April 7-8 Maxxis Gravity Series at Windrock Bike Park

April 13,20&21 Sheep Shearing Day

April 14 4-Wheeling for a Cure at Windrock Park

April 19-21 Windrock Park Spring Jamboree

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.

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

March 15 3rd Grading Period Ends

March 16 In- Service (No School For Students)

March 19-23 Spring Break
March 30 Good Friday



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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

Tuesday, March 13th - Rocky Top Public Library

Thursday, April 5th - Fox Toyota in Clinton (Joint Coffee with Anderson County Chamber)

Tuesday, April 10th - SunTrust in Rocky Top

Tuesday, May 8th - Norris Dam State Park

Thursday, May 17th - Community Trust Bank in Clinton (Joint Coffee with Anderson County Chamber)

Tuesday, June 12th - Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Clinton (Joint Coffee with Anderson County Chamber)

Thursday, July 19th - Powell-Clinch Utility District (Joint Coffee with Anderson County Chamber & Campbell County Chamber)

Thursday, August 14th - City Hall in Rocky Top

Thursday, September 20th - Ray Varner Ford (Joint Coffee with Anderson County Chamber)



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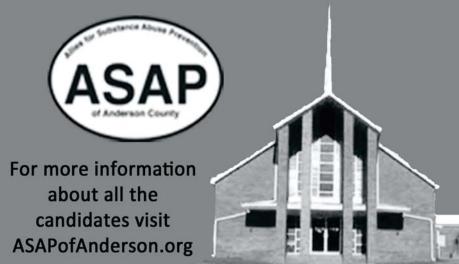
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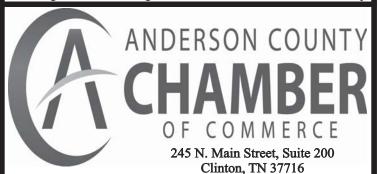
will have a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Clear Branch Fellowship Hall. Come and have a FREE bowl of chili, sides, drink and dessert.

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Anderson County Library Board will meet on Thursday,

Meeting
Reminder!

March 15th, 2018

at 4:00 p.m.

at the Rocky Top Public Library.

Commissioner Theresa Scott Named 2017 Prevention Power Partner

Chik Fil A, Laura Lynn Riden - State Farm, and Walgreens receive Responsible Business Awards

Clinton, TN, February 2018 - People in Anderson County continue to show their commitment to preventing misuse of drugs and alcohol in our youth and across our community. On Friday, February 2nd, ASAP of Anderson held their yearly banquet to thank community partners and volunteers across the county for their dedication to fighting the opioid crisis and other substance misuse.

ASAP crowned Pastor Wayne Phillips Ally of the Year, but in addition, each year, ASAP recognizes an influential community member with the Prevention Power Partner award. This individual has demonstrated excellent prevention support, above and beyond and often behind the scenes. With thunderous applause from banquet attendees, ASAP recognized Commissioner Theresa Scott as the 2017 Prevention Power Partner. Theresa shares her passion for prevention regularly and promotes prevention everywhere she goes. Her leadership and persistence positioned ASAP to engage in the most successful fundraising campaign in their history. In October 2017, Theresa's persistence, coupled with the support of numerous volunteers and partners, helped propel this community to raise \$34,614.29 in 96 hours to fund the Anderson County Family Drug Treatment Court during ASAP's Camping for Community event. The court is in final preparations and is expected to be underway soon.

ASAP also recognizes certain businesses in our community that exemplify outstanding support in substance abuse prevention. ASAP of Anderson's prevention outreach would not be possible without the efforts and support of these businesses. To conclude the banquet, ASAP proudly awarded Responsible Business Awards to Walgreens for installing a permanent medication disposal bin, Laura Lynn Riden State Farm Agency for sponsoring four Blake McMeans presentations to high schoolers in Anderson, and Chik Fil A for their ongoing collaboration with ASAP of Anderson's Youth Coalition.

ASAP's Executive Director, Stephanie Strutner, concluded the event by leaving attendees with the fitting words of Mother Teresa: "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

To partner with ASAP of Anderson or learn more about their mission and the fight to end substance abuse or to make a donation go to www.ASAPofAnderson.org or call 865-457- 3007.

ALL WELCOME AT FESTIVAL OF HOPE KICK-OFF PARTY ON March 1st

Has your life been touched by cancer of a loved one or yourself? Are you interested in joining our community in making progress against this terrible disease? If so, please join us to celebrate the start of the 2018 Relay For Life season in Anderson County by attending the American Cancer Society Kick-off Party on Thursday evening, March 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Calhoun's on Melton Lake in Oak Ridge.

You may drop in anytime during that time to learn about how you can become involved in the "Festival of Hope", which will be held at Melton Lake Park in Oak Ridge on Friday evening, June 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. You may enter a team in this Relay For Life event, participate in the Twilight 5K Run/Walk or just come to enjoy the festivities that evening. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together in a fun, family-type atmosphere as we work together towards a cancer-free world.

There will be light food provided at the Kickoff Party. RSVP is appreciated for attendance, but is not required. You may reach ACS Staff partner, Sally Pekar at 584-1669 or email at cptcklenz@aol.com to RSVP. Bring your family and friends and join our community as we work together to eliminate cancer from our lives!



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Clinch River Baptist Church AWANA every Wednesday night. Ages Kindergarten - 6th grade. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and AWANA is from 6:30-8:00. Transportation available, please call 865-426-2480.

5-County Norris Lake Clean-Up Saturday, March 24th

Volunteers Needed



For More Information: www.norrislakeproject.com

LCES STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



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- ~ Good friend to all ~ Works hard
- ~ Listens well



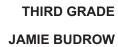
~ Good helper ~ Kind to her peers ~ Positive attitude and works hard





SECOND GRADE

- ~ Always willing to help out in the classroom
- ~ Is a very hard worker
- ~ Always tries to do his very best



~ Eager, hard working student ~ Great listener and helpful to others ~ Caring and willing to complete any task





FOURTH GRADE

- A great classroom helper and is a friend to everyone
- Always puts forth a great effort and is very responsible
- Shows great perseverance and does not give up, even during difficult tasks



~ Outstanding student that works hard academically

~ Fun loving and loved by his classmates ~ His empathy for others is a remarkable quality



BRARY NEWS & EVENTS

<u>Senior Game Day</u>

Join us on Monday, March 12th at 12:00 p.m. for a game of Dominos, Yahtzee or your favorite card game. Games are provided by the library.



LEGO Club - All Ages
LEGO Club will be on March 13th, 20th and 27th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We provide the LEGOS and 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 meets every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) from 3:30-5:00. No registration is required.

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

Join us on Monday, March 5th at 11:00 a.m. for a fun and relaxing hour of coloring. Coloring pages and supplies will be provided or you may bring your own.



Adult Craft Day

Come join us on March 26th at 12:00 p.m. for a free painting class! You will need to bring your own paints, brushes and canvas. For more information please stop by the library or give us a call at 865-4256-6762 to register.

Book Discussion Group

Join us on the last Monday of every month at 11:00 a.m. 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. Brown bag lunch provided.





Free Computer Classes

Rocky Top Public Library provides Basic Desktop Computer Classes every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. (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 for the month of March will be Fridays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. A story, craft and snack will be provided for children of all ages.



Dr. Seuss Sensory Story time: Friday, March 2nd @ 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

Lego Story time: Friday, March 9th @ 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 10th @ 12:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day "How to Catch a Leprechaun": Friday, March 16th @ 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17th @ 12:00 p.m.

Spring Story time "An Adventure with Bobby Bear": Friday, March 23rd @ 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 24th @ 12:00 p.m.
*There will not be a Story time Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March

31st. The library will be closed in observance of the Easter holiday.

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 was instrumental in the recent upgrades at the library (new paint, bathroom upgrades, etc.) 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 as well!

February Closings
*Thursday, March 15th at 4:00 p.m. the library will close for the Anderson County Library Board Meeting.

*The Library will close at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29th and re-open Monday, April 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

All Rocky Top Public Library events are free (unless specified) and open

BOOKS & DVD'S

Adult Fiction:

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah Sisters Like Us by Susan Mallery Dark in Death by J.D. Robb Fall from Grace by Danielle Steel That Summer Night by Barbara Freethy The Masterpiece by Francine Rivers Poison by John Lescroat The Celebration by Wanda Brunstetter Night Moves by Jonathan Kellerman Lethal Beauty by Lis Wiehl Oath of Honor by Lynette Eason Castles in the Clouds by Myra Johnson A Rose So Fair by Myra Johnson The Idea of Love by Patti Callahan Henry Walking on Water by Richard Paul Evans One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus Not by Might by Al Lacy Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen Navigators of Dune by Brian Herbert Walking Into the Unknown by Ginny Dye This Fallen Prey by Kelley Armstrong Words for the Heart by Kathleen Fuller Wings of the Wind by Connilyn Cossette Phoebe's Light by Suzanne Woods Fisher A Sweet Misfortune by Maggie Brendan Trusting Grace by Maggie Brendan Still Me by Jojo Moyes Surprise Me by Sophie Kinsella

Paperback:

A New Hope by Robyn Carr Wildest Dreams by Robyn Carr Non-Fiction:

The Last Detail by Darryl Ponicsan Last Flag Flying by Darryl Ponicsan Sunday Suppers by Cook's Illustrated

Juvenile Fiction:

The Width of the World by David Baldacci Mice of the Westing Wind by Tim Davis Spider-Man Presents the Marvel Joke Book by Brandon Snider **Children's Easy:**

Scooby Doo! Mystery at the Park by Erin Soderberg Scooby Doo! Pirate's Treasure by Maria Barbo My Great Big God by Andy Holmes Itty Bitty by Cece Bell

There Was an Old Lady that Swallowed a Fly by Kate Toms Scooby Doo! Valentine's Day Surprise by Robin Wasserman Scooby Doo! Snow Monster Scare by Robin Wasserman Scooby Doo! Lost at Sea by Michelle Nagler Scooby Doo! Magic Pumpkins by Michelle Nagler Scooby Doo! The Missing Scooby Snacks by Robin Wasserman

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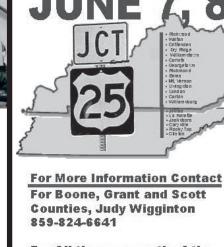
These students were named Lake City Elementary School Students of the Month in February for showing kindness:



(sitting in front) Hunter Newberry; Blake Wilson, Ally Johnson, Colin Batchelor, Cayson Knight, Malori Wilson, Anthony Braden, Ally Carroll, (middle row) Whitney Burchfield, Ricky Amaya,

Bryson Vowell, Rylee Braden, Natalie Sellers, Lakeley Ridenour, Jayden Chesney, Cayson Hooks, Eli Johnson, Priyal Patel, Megan Braden, Gracie Loope, (not pictured) Carter Harman,

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Fisheries Biologist Jim Herrig **To Address Trout Unlimited On March 8th**

Longtime fisheries biologist Jim Herrig will speak Thursday, March 8th, at a free, public meeting of the Clinch River Chapter, Trout Unlimited, about the background and interpretation of three short aquatic films financed by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and produced by Freshwaters Illustrated.

The films highlight work being done on restoration of hellbenders, restoration of Southern Appalachian Brook Trout, and aquatic conservation through freshwater snorkeling.

Youngsters participating in the Great Smoky Mountains Trout Adventure Camp have experienced the freshwater snorkeling program introduced by

Herrig—snorkeling in Little River above Townsend is a regular activity at the annual camp.



Herrig's program will start at 7:00 p.m. on March 8th in the parish hall of St. Francis Episcopal Church, 158 W. Norris Road, Norris.

Herrig, now retired from USFS, serves as secretary of the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited. He holds a master of science degree in fisheries science from Colorado State University; he has worked as a biologist for South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, and in national forests including several in Colorado, Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky, and for many years in Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest.

Clinch River Chapter TU works to preserve and protect the Clinch River tailwater and its watershed through conservation projects and through education of children and adults in aquatic natural resources. For more information, visit http://crctu.org.

Lake City Elementary School held its annual Empty Bowls Art Show and Meal to benefit Second Harvest on February 15th.

More than \$2,200 was raised for this very worthy organization.

Special thanks to

Jan Threadgill, LCES art teacher, for all her work organizing the event.

The following students created winning bowls.

Third Grade Winners

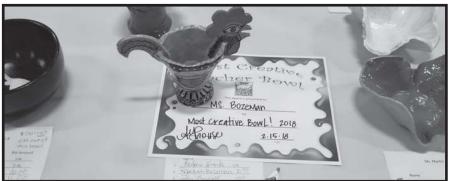
1st place - Lee Goins
2nd place - Garrett Riggs
Honorable Mention - Carlos Flores
Fourth Grade Winners

1st place - Jesse Vowell
2nd place - Caden Idles
Honorable Mention - Ross Johnson
Fifth Grade Winners

1st place - Cheyenne Hargett 2nd place - Clara Tomlinson Honorable mention - Jordan Simonds.



Pictured Above: Bowls from Mrs. Meredith's Fourth Grade Class



Pictured Above: LCES Teachers created bowls for a silent auction. Mrs. Bozeman's bowl won a certificate for Most Creative Teach Bow



Pictured Above: LCES Music Makers provided some dinner music during the soup meal in the cafeteria

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- 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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The City of Rocky Top is excited to announce that the Rocky Top Community Center will be holding FREE monthly art nights for both kids and adults.

The City has created an Appalachian Arts Program through the Creative Placemaking Grant they received from the Tennessee Arts Commission.



Cultivate. Create. Participate.

Our first event will be our D.A.R.E to Be Different Kickoff on March 13th from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Kids will create a D.A.R.E themed poster to be judged by our Rocky Top Police Department. Prizes will be awarded! We will also have free popcorn and cotton candy available to anyone who attends. All supplies will be provided. Participant registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. Kids classes will be held every second Tuesday of the month.

Our second class will be geared toward those ages 15 & up. This will be a two-part class on March 27th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and April 24th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Artists Bonnie Shelton and Lisa Peebley from Smoky Mountain Porcelain will be teaching the "Dogwood Blossoms" class. This class will be limited to 15 seats. You can sign up at the kick-off on March 13th or at City Hall through March 26th. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. A wait-list will be utilized, if necessary. Adult classes will be held every fourth Tuesday of the month.

In addition to the arts classes, thanks to a generous donation from the Rocky Top Police Department through the D.A.R.E program, the gym will have new equipment! Open-play hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.! Children 10 & under must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

We are very excited to be able to better serve the community and its citizens by providing quality programming and events! Keep an eye out for a schedule of activities in the upcoming weeks! If you or someone you know has time or talent to share and would be willing to teach classes or activities, please contact Ally Smiddy or Kari Hancock at 426-2838.

SPRING ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

OPEN WINDOWS

at night to cool your home without switching on air conditioners.

USE SUNLIGHT

o brighten your home during daylight hours instead of using artificial lights

GRILL OUTSIDE

on warmer spring days to keep the heat out of your home.

CLEAN OUT YOUR REFRIGERATOR

by removing unneeded food to allow air to circulate. Clear dust from the coils behind your fridge to reduce energy consumption.

CHANGE DIRECTION OF YOUR CEILING FAN

so it rotates counterclockwise and creates a cool breeze. If you feel airflow when standing directly under the fan, it's working.

TURN DOWN YOUR WATER HEATER

to the warm setting (120°F) and save money on your bill.

GIVE YOUR AC A TUNEUP

inspection, cleaning coils and replacing filters.

SEAL AIR

using low-cost caulk or weather stripping to keep warm air from seeping in.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR BILL? VISIT WWW.DOLLARENERGY.ORG







He Is Risen Celebration



Hosted by Main Street Baptist Church

> Egg Hunt, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Refreshments

Saturday, March 24th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. George Templin Ball Field, Next to the Community Center

NORRIS DAM STATE PARK NEWS



Saturday, February 24th was a busy day over at Norris Dam State Park. As part of the 250K Tree Giveaway, over 300 hundred saplings were picked up to be planted in the area. The re-scheduled Norris Dam Challenge, part of the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour kicked off with 57 runners completing the 7.2 mile course. Winning time was just over 42 minutes! In the afternoon, Manager Morgan opened up the case at the Lenoir Museum and played the Antique Barrel Organ. Paul Evans and Reg Lovell would have been proud to see and hear the organ played again.



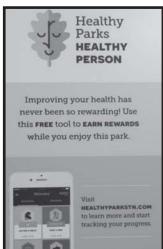
Looking ahead to March, much will be going on besides Spring bringing the park back to life. The west campground is back open with a new bathhouse. This one has heating and cooling for year round operation. Come be one of the first to try this out.

The Ranger staff is stacking the month with programs also. A full listing can be found at https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/norris-dam/#/?park=norris-dam

Hikes, museum tours, wildflowers, music and so much more are some of the things you can be apart of. Volunteer opportunities are also available with the office flower beds for anyone needing TN PROMISE hours. March is the time to come out and watch everything turn from brown to GREEN. It happens very fast so don't miss out!

FRIENDS of Norris Dam State Park members Stephanie Wells and Annie Morgan went over to Andersonville Elementary for a gift from the students. A collage poster and a sack full of personalized cards was presented. Stephanie Meredith, 4th grade reading teacher added, "Thank you so much for the grant to put current science literacy in our classrooms. We used the money to purchase magazines for all students at Andersonville Elementary. Depending on grade level, students receive Super Science, Science Spin, or Clifford's Big World by Scholastic. Students use the magazines in the classroom for a hands on current experience to learn science standards. Magazines can also be experienced electronically for lessons. Students take the magazines home each month for further investigation." Friends of Norris Dam State Park presented Andersonville Elementary with a \$1,100.00 back in September to enhance literacy for the students.





Some new signs went up this week at the trailheads promoting a Healthy Person experience. We would love for those that use "smart phones" to download the app that tracks their use towards a healthier park experience. You'll feel better if you do!

The month of March is a popular month for auto tag renewal. Just a reminder that a specialty license plate is available which supports YOUR State Parks. Funds collected from the sale of this license plate are used towards the removal of invasive species of plant life in your parks. Norris Dam State Park has received numerous grants over the years to support our efforts. Show off your support and think about this beautiful license plate.









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