ROCKY TOP NEWS

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MAY 2015 FREE

Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival was Awesome!!!

We had a Great lineup for the first day of our inaugural festival. Flatt Lonesome, Blue Highway, Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice.

This was a pretty awesome way to kick off the inaugural Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival. Here is the 2014 International Bluegrass Music Association's Emerging Artists of the Year....Flatt Lonesome!



Day two of the festival saw some more incredible bands. We had Steve Gulley and New Pinnacle making their festival circuit debut with us. They played their #1 Song in the Country on the Bluegrass Charts called Leaving Crazy Town.



We also had Blue Moon Rising, Flatt Lonesome again, The Boxcars, The Lonesome River Band





"To celebrate National Library Week and National Library Workers Day, Friends of the Library hosted a luncheon on the patio to honor the Rocky Top Library staff and to thank them for all of the good works they do at the library for the community. (staff pictured left to right Valerie Barber, Teal Barber, Cathleen Dennison and Director Norma Day)."

Thank you, Hazel Guyton, Chair Friends of Rocky Top Library

Continued:

Blue Moon Rising, have been doing a great job representing East Tennessee in the world of bluegrass music for the last 15 years. They were a natural to have play at our Rocky Top Bluegrass Festival. They did an outstanding job!



legendary Bobby Osborne and Rocky Top X-press.

Send Us Your News

The Rocky Top News is published by volunteers who are not always able to gather all of the news happening 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.

Rocky Top Community Events and Meetings

May 10	Mother's Day	
May 10-13	Rocky Top Spring Tent Revival/Crusade Morning service May 10th in Main Street Baptist Church Sanctuary at 10:45 am Sunday through Wednesday evening services at Templin Field at 6:30 pm	
May 12	Chamber Coffee at Holley Gamble Funeral Home in Rocky Top	
May 12	Intro to Microsoft Publisher at Rocky Top Library 6 pm - 8pm	
May 17	Anderson County High School Graduation	
May 23	Main Street Annual Golf Classic at Three Ridges Golf Course in Knoxville - shotgun start at 8 am \$75/person or \$300/foursome	
May 25	Memorial Day	
May 25	Memorial Day Service Veterans Memorial at Rocky Top Library @ 2:00 pm	
May 26	Last day of school	
June 4 - 6	U.S. 25W Yard Sale – MSBC Parking Lot	

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Chamber Networking Events



The next Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce's Networking Event will be a Coffee hosted by Holley Gamble Funeral Home in Rocky Top on May 12, 2015 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for chamber members to network with other chamber members. If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend this event.

For more information about the Rocky Top Chamber, visit www.rockytoptnchambercom.



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LIBRARY NEWS

The Rocky Top Public Library will be hosting a series of FREE Laptop Computer Classes. You must pre-register for the class and there are only six computers available in the lab.

On May 4th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the class will be an Introduction to Laptop Computers.

On May 12th Intro to Microsoft Publisher from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Rocky Top Public Library will also host a Free Basic Desktop Computer Classes every Tuesday at 11:00am.– 12 noon.



MAY 2015

The library's children story times will be on Fridays at 4



p.m. and Saturdays at 12 noon. All of the Rocky Top Public Library's events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.rockytoplibrary.com or call 865-426-6762.

<u>Closings</u>

The Library will be closed the 24th and 25th of May in observance of Memorial Day.

Calling All Heroes!!



The Rocky Top Public Library's Summer Reading Program kicks off June 5th. We will be celebrating heroes of all kinds and looking at what really makes a hero. .H.E.I.L.D requests your presence for training! So come join us for fun programs, tasty treats, and awesome prizes! For more information you can call the library at 865-426-6762.



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PASTOR'S CORNER How Good Is Good Enough

Sometimes as a pastor I will ask people this question: *"In your personal opinion what do you understand it takes for a person to go to heaven?"* Believe it or not, the most common answer to that question is what I call "a works answer." Most people around the



world, and right here at home, believe that *"doing good"* or *"being good"* is the requirement that needs to be met in order to go to heaven. When you die if you are **51%** good and **49%** bad you are in. Your good works has saved you from hell. Good people go to heaven. Is this a safe assumption? I don't think so.

First, good means different things to different people. Some people believe it is good to fly airplanes into buildings and blow innocent people up. Personally, I think that is evil, not good. But, who am I to say? Second, how good is good enough? What is the standard that needs to be met in order to qualify as "good?" Who sets these standards? Where do we find these standards?

Good people go to heaven <u>contradicts</u> the teaching of *Jesus Christ*. In the days of *Jesus* there were *"real good people"* called Pharisees and Sadducees. These people made their living being good. They took great pride in the keeping of the **Old Testament Law**. One day when *Jesus* was teaching **He** made this statement *"unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Pharisees , you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."* (Matt. 5:20) WOW!!! If these real good Pharisees can't get into heaven, regular people like me have no chance. If the requirement for heaven is to be good, many people (you and me) will be found outside the **"pearly gates."**

Jesus NEVER taught that "good people go to heaven." As a matter a fact, Jesus taught **'bad people can go to heaven.**" If you don't believe me read Luke 23:39-43. This criminal had spent his entire life being bad. He believed that the punishment of the cross was fair and he deserved to die this awful death. (v. 41) Yet Jesus promised him that **'Today you shall be with me in paradise."** (v. 43) This very bad man went to heaven because of his PERSONAL relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that good people don't go to heaven, forgiven people do. (John 14:6)

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Union County Arts Council is presenting Art on Main, an all-day family festival featuring children's events, fine art, crafts, food and music. This year's festival will be Saturday, June 6th from 9-4 on Main Street in Maynardville, between the courthouse and Union County Arts at 1009 Main Street. The free festival includes artists, crafters, street performers, musicians and other vendors. The popular children's train will be running again, along with arts and crafts events for all ages. Local musicians fill the lineup on the Back Porch stage, including Earl Bull, legendary voice and strings for the Clinch Valley Boys; The Miscellaneous Musicians, made up of members of the Smoky Mountain 4-H Club; The Valley Boys, three Union County High seniors with voices like butter; mother and daughter duo The Atkins, the Paulette VFD Jammers, the Monday night bunch; and Jim Woods and The Union County Dirt Band. For more information please contact Art on Main at 865-992-9161 or visit our website at <u>www.unioncountyarts.com</u>.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th --- BIG BOOM!!!!

Cannon Dedication Ceremony—An explosion of learning <u>Fort Anderson on Militia Hill</u> served as the base of operations for the Tennessee National Guard during the Coal Creek War, when miners rebelled against the use of convict labor in the mines. Although the miners lost the final battle, they won the war when the State of Tennessee abolished convict leasing and built Brushy Mountain State Prison.

As described in the press release at <u>http://www.coalcreekaml.com/</u> <u>CannonDedication.htm</u>, fourth and fifth graders from Briceville Elementary School will dedicate a cannon on Militia Hill on 15 May 2015, with reenactor Bill White serving as cannoneer.



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Anyone interested in selling their handmade crafts in the Appalachian Arts Craft Center's shop in Norris, TN should submit completed forms and three samples of their work to the Center beginning Monday, May 18, and no later than noon on Friday, May 29 for the jurying process. Visit <u>www.appalachianarts.net</u> or the Center for required forms. A nonrefundable \$25 jurying fee is required when forms and items are submitted. For additional information, call <u>865-494-9854</u>.

The Appalachian Arts Craft Center is a non-profit center that has been promoting traditional artists and crafts in the East Tennessee area for 40 years.

Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Norris, TN is holding a Community Arts Festival fundraiser on Sunday, May 31 (rain date June 7) from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Admission is free to the public and there will be live music by local musicians, book signing by local author Kathy Fearing, children's crafts, and an art show highlighting artwork by students from area schools. Bring the family for barbeque, pizza, nachos, and a day of demonstrations, cake walks, entertainment, and silent auction. Handmade crafts by regional artists will available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to support the Center's mission to promote the Appalachian artist through education and sales. Join the fun, take a tour of the Center, and learn the many ways the Center promotes arts in our community. The Appalachian Arts Craft Center is located at one mile east of I-75, exit 122. For additional information, call 865-494 -9854 or visit www.appalachianarts.net.

Katie Aloi, Executive Director

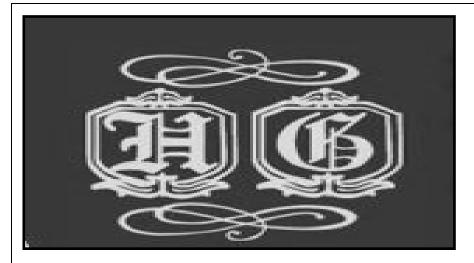
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Swimming Pool Will Be Open

By Ranger Lauren Baghetti, Ranger at Norris Dam State Park

The temperature is rising, motorcyclists are on the road, feet are sporting sandals, and students are counting down the days to final exams and the last day of school. This can only mean summer is right around the corner and with summer comes hot days. There are lots of ways to stay cool on the hot and humid summer days of East Tennessee, drink homemade lemonade and ice cream, move in time with an oscillating table fan, have a water balloon fight with your friends, and of course, go swimming at Norris Dam State Park's swimming pool.

In March it was announced the swimming pool at Norris Dam State Park would be permanently closed. Everyone was disappointed. Just a few days ago it was announced **the pool will be open this summer season**. Talk about being saved by the bell! With a scenic backdrop of the mountains Norris Dam has a junior Olympic size swimming pool holding 230,000 gallons of water. Ranging from three to eleven feet deep the pool is perfect for every level of swimmer. Two diving boards are located at the deep end. There are two sets of stairs in the shallow end as well as a handicap hydraulic chair lift. Located next to the large pool is a gated kiddie pool for young swimmers. There are eight to ten certified lifeguards watching the pool; adults are responsible for their children at the kiddie pool. There is also a changing facility with showers.

After swimming you may be hungry. There are several picnic tables and a few grills around the pool perfect for a family lunch or birthday party. After eating grilled hot dogs and chips remember to stay out of the pool for at least thirty minutes. While you're waiting take advantage of the Rec Hall. It has a billiard table, ping pong table, air hockey, foosball, corn hole, and shuffleboard. Outside there is a toddler/young child playground, volleyball court, several tennis courts, and a small basketball court. Throughout the week seasonal interpretive rangers conduct programs at the office and swimming pool. Topics include wildlife, bird adaptations, astronomy, humming birds, art and craft projects, and lots of other exciting subjects.

The Craft Room is located next to the pool. It is a great place to have family reunions, birthday parties, or church functions. It can accommodate up to 75 people. It has tables, chairs, and outside is a large grill. Between visiting, opening presents, arts and crafts, head to the swimming pool to cool off.

The swimming pool is open to day use visitors, campers, cabin guests, day care centers, and craft room renters. Please remember if your child is under three he or she must wear a little swimmer diaper, these are available for purchase at the pool. If you're renting the craft room, are a child day care center, or come to the pool frequently think about getting a share pass. A share pass is good for 40 visits and can be used by multiple people. If you are a child care center and would like to come on a regular basis please contact Ranger Allison Humble.

The swimming pool is located on the west side, next to the park office. It opens Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23rd. The pool is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.. For the week of Memorial Day only, the pool will be open Monday 25th and closed Tuesday and Wednesday and opens Thursday 28th. This altered schedule is only for Memorial Day week.

Make the summer of 2015 a great one and visit Norris Dam State Park swimming pool!! There is a lot to do here, swimming, playing, having picnics, and learning about the natural world. Please come out and enjoy all the park has to offer, camping, hiking trails, interpretive programs, and of course the cool swimming pool. Make it a record breaking summer for the pool. We'll see you this summer!!!



RELAY FOR LIFE RAISES \$60,500

The 15th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life event for East Anderson County was held on Saturday, April 25th from 2:00 PM until midnight. Due to the threat of severe weather, a change in venue was made from downtown Clinton to Clinton Middle School although the storms didn't arrive until after the conclusion of the event. The administration and staff at Clinton Middle School should be commended for welcoming this event at the last minute and providing staff to open up the gymnasium for a "Kids Zone" attended by many area youth. The event totals approximately \$60,500 to date, but more money is expected to come in from the teams participating. Thanks to Bear Stephenson, a live action held during the event raised over \$5,000 with the big ticket item of a used Ford Taurus from Ray Varner Ford. The money raised will be used by the American Cancer Society to fund research, community support programs, education programs and advocacy efforts.

Area cancer survivors were welcomed at 1:00 PM for special activities and refreshments and were then honored at opening ceremonies at 2:00 PM. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Asha Moody



and Clinton High School Air Force Junior ROTC presenting the Stripes. Mayors Terry Frank and Scott Burton welcomed the crowd as the cancer survivors took to the street for the Victory Lap led by bagpiper Jesse McCrary while being cheered on by the participants and public in attendance. The Parade of Teams took the second lap.

Throughout the day people participated in good food, games, contests and entertainment.

As always the event came was closed with the 10:00 PM luminaria ceremony with an hour of reflection on those people who have lost their battle against cancer, encouragement for those still fighting the battle and celebration for those who have won the battle against cancer.

Together we can win this battle!





National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection Month

Among other things May is known as National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection month. With lake season upon us and outdoor activities beginning it's important to know how to protect your skin from the sun as well as the signs to look for potential skin cancer spots. Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.

However, it's also the easiest to cure if it's diagnosed and treated early on. The Skin Cancer Foundation suggests some of the most common warning signs are: a mole or brown spot that changes color, increases in size, changes in texture, has irregular borders, or is bigger than a pencil eraser. Sometimes moles have a grouping, or cluster, on our skin and one easy way to notice a potential skin cancer spot in this situation is to notice if one of the moles looks different than the others in that grouping on our skin. Is it overall the same size, color, and shape? If not, you want to get that area checked by your physician. Besides knowing the warning signs, prevention is one of the easiest and best ways to protect ourselves from the sun and UV rays from the start.

Throughout the year it is important to take care of our skin and keep a watch out for any changes on our skin, even in the cooler seasons. Other tips for enjoying the outdoors, including the sun, while reducing your risk is; seek shade at the high points of the day between 10AM and 4PM when the sun's rays are the strongest, avoid burning your skin by the sun, covering up with white clothing including a hat and UV blocking sunglasses while outside will help protect your skin as well.

Lastly, avoiding the tanning bed or booths as these are never safe ways to tan. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation people who use tanning beds are almost three times as likely in some cases to develop a form of skin cancer. If you are unsure if a mole, dark spot, birthmark, or beauty mark could be cancerous always consult your primary care physician or dermatologist to have it checked. Remember, skin cancer is the easiest to cure if it's diagnosed and treated early on.

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How to fish the Clinch River tailwater for trout

(spin casting and fly casting) will be the topic Saturday, May 16, at a free, public on-the-river seminar sponsored by the Clinch River Chapter, Trout Unlimited.

Experienced Clinch River anglers will introduce newcomers to fishing the Clinch through classroom instruction and guided fishing in the river. The group will gather at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 158 W. Norris Road, Norris (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Classes start at 9 a.m., with John Thurman discussing the Clinch tailwater and its history plus trout biology and what trout eat; Buzz Buffington discussing fishing safety and sportsmanship; Clayton Gist leading a class on fly fishing for trout; and Dennis Baxter leading a class on spin fishing for trout.

Participants are asked to provide their own lawn chairs, picnic lunches, beverages and, if possible, fishing gear (rods, reels, waders, boots, flies/lures). With advance arrangement, some fishing gear will be available to borrow; contact Jerry Van Fossen, jerryvanfossen@comcast.net or (865) 463-8999. If there is light drizzle that day, the entire event will proceed as scheduled; in case of lightning or heavy rain, classes will be held at the church but fishing will be canceled.

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New Books, CDs and DVDs at the Rocky Top Library

Fiction

The Dream Lover by Elizabeth Berg The Patriot Threat by Steve Berry The Decision by Wanda Brunstetter The Pocket Wife by Susan Crawford Vulcan's Forge by Jack Du Brul A Memory of Violets by Hazel Gaynor Die Again by Tess Gerritsen The Dead Play On by Heather Graham One Mile Under by Andrew Gross We Are Pirates by Daniel Handler The Secrets of Midwives by Sally Hepworth Before He Finds Her by Michael Kardos The Grace of Kings by Ken Liu The Perfect Homecoming by Julia London Love Song by Elizabeth Lowell Miracle at the Higher Grounds Cafe by Max Lucado Old Venus by George R. Martin Emma: the Modern Retelling by Alexander Smith Harbor Island by Carla Neggers Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League by Jonathan Odell Miracle at Augusta by James Patterson The Angel Court Affair by Anne Perry The Liar by Nora Roberts The Third Target by Joel Rosenburg Miss Julia Lays Down The Law by Ann B. Ross Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler The Shadows by J.R. Ward Hot Pursuit by Stuart Woods





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