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Anderson County Football Team Goes From Making Plays To Making COVID-19 Shields

CLINTON, Tenn. (WATE) - The Anderson County High School football team started their practice at 7 a.m. Thursday. Right after, the Mavericks headed from the field to the workshop, working on another type of defense.

Community is a huge part of the Anderson County football program, and the Mavericks did their part by lending a helping hand. The team made plexiglass shields that will go into classrooms across the school district.

"We try and help out in anything going on," Mavericks coach David Gillum said, "and ya know what's going on here, in all communities in the country in the last 6 months has been rare. So, anything we can do to jump in and be a part and help is a big deal for our kids, and our community as a whole."

The team worked in an assembly line, building the shields from the ground up. Staff at the Anderson County Career and Technical Center acquired polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, pipes and plexiglass from a local hardware store. The technical center team cut down the PVC pipes, prepping them to be assembled by the Mavericks.

ACCTC principal Robbie Herrell says the team's work was a huge help, as they churned out roughly 300 shields in a little over an hour.

The plexiglass shields will be used in schools to help combat coronavirus and limit the spread making a safer environment for teachers, staff and students as they prepare to go back to school Aug. 10.

Anderson County junior cornerback and wide receiver Garrison Terry says their work is not only important to help protect their fellow classmates but also the football season.

"It's important because we're getting back to our classrooms, make sure that everything is OK and that nobody's going to be hurt or get sick by this COVID and it'll really impact our season by everything that's going on around here," he said.

Aside from the speed of production, the Maverick's volunteer work also cut down costs, saving taxpayers some money. Herrell said preassembled plexiglass shields would cost \$30 each, but the manual work saves Anderson County Schools about \$22.



Gillum says they got the idea about assembling the shields through one of their assistant coaches that works at ACCTC and jumped in to help. The team not only helped out their community but also got some productive team-bonding in for a good cause.

"It was just a win-win for our kids to get the community service and at the same time good cause," Gillum said, "and it takes a lot of labor off their hands too."

GO MAVS!

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

“Alice in Wonderland” at Norris Dam Amphitheater
August 13th at 7pm

“Walking In The Footsteps of Tennessee History”
at the David Hall Cabin
August 22nd - 23rd

Cars for Canines ~ August 22nd

Appalachian Toyota Roundup at Windrock Park
September 3rd-7th

Hell & Back Rally at Windrock Park
September 9th-12th

Nine Lakes Wine Festival
September 11th-12th

4-Wheeling For a Cure ~ September 12th

*All events are subject to change at this time.
Please follow social media or call for up-to-date information about your favorite events.*

Chamber Networking

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.rockytoptnchamber.com

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CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

City Court	2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 a.m.
Downtown Growth Committee	2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	3rd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.



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2020-2021 Youth Ambassador Coalition Recruitment
ASAP of Anderson seeking middle and high school applicants for YAC

Anderson County, TN, August 2020 – ASAP of Anderson is currently recruiting middle and high school leaders to apply for the Youth Ambassador Coalition (YAC) for the 2020-2021 school year. YAC is a group of students from all middle and high schools in Anderson County with a passion for improving their schools and community by preventing and reducing substance misuse. During the 2020-2021 academic year, YAC members carry out three primary activities:


1. Developing solutions - Ambassadors see how substance misuse harms their peers and community. They prioritize problems and develop solutions to strategically reduce those harms.
2. Educating and advocating - Ambassadors are empowered to understand current legislation that affects their community, educate their lawmakers and advocate for the changes they would like to see.
3. Igniting change - Ambassadors carry out activities to provide information, build skills, provide support, change consequences, decrease access and change physical design.

In the past, YAC members have traveled to Nashville and Washington, DC to engage with state and federal legislators, utilized social media to influence peer behavior, and designed and implemented events or campaigns such as Red Ribbon Week, Safe and Sober Prom, and National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. An ideal YAC candidate will be empathetic to the impact of substance misuse among friends, family, and community members, and demonstrate a willingness to become a change agent. Interested middle and high school students are encouraged to learn more and apply online at <https://www.asapofanderson.org/youth-ambassador-coalition/> or contact Stacey Pratt by emailing stacey@asapofanderson.org or texting 865-776-2291.

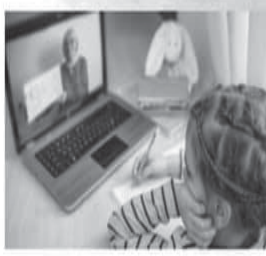
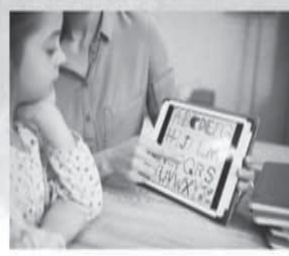

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- How can I prepare for my senior year?
- Which college is the right fit for me?
- When should I apply to college?
- What do I need to know about the ACT?



Class Code: 2z74sxa

If you need help or advice about college and career, email your senior principal, Mr. Gary Terry at gterry@acs.ac.



Anderson County Schools
Every Student, Every Day

2020-2021 School Year Calendar

August 5	Student Registration (Abbreviated Day - No Buses)
August 6	In-service (NO school for Students)
August 7	In-service (NO school for Students)
August 10	Classes begin ~ Staggered Start
September 7	Labor Day (District Closed)
October 9	1 st Grading Period Ends (45 days)
October 12-16	Fall Break (Schools Closed)
November 3	Election Day (Schools Closed)
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed)
December 18	Semester Ends (Abbreviated Day - No Buses) (84 days)
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break (Schools Closed)
January 4	In-service (NO school for Students)
January 5	Classes Resume
January 18	Martin Luther King Day - In-service (NO school for Students)
February 15	Presidents' Day (District Closed)
March 12	3 rd Grading Period Ends (47 days)
March 15-19	Spring Break (Schools Closed)
April 2	Good Friday (District Closed)
April 5	In-service (NO school for Students)
May 14	Graduation for Clinch River Community School
May 16	Graduation for ACHS & CHS
May 28	Last Day for Students (Abbreviated Day - No Buses) (95 days) (179 Year Total)
May 31	Memorial Day (District Closed)

Note: Students are dismissed 90 minutes early each Wednesday

Revised 7.14.2020

Maverick Day Schedule

Wednesday, August 5th
Freshmen- 8:30am-11:30am / Junior- 12:45pm-3:45pm

Thursday, August 6th
Sophomore- 8:30am-11:30am / Senior- 12:45pm-3:45pm

Friday, August 7th
Anyone who didn't attend designated time 8:30am-11:30am

You must come at your designated time or attend on Friday.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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5. Enter your library card number
6. Enter userpass as your password when you first set your account up. You can change the password once your account is set up.
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NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

Adult Fiction:

- Hush by James Patterson
- The Persuasion by Iris Johansen
- Mr. Lincoln's Sisters by Jennifer Chiaverini
- Daddy's Girl by Danielle Steel
- The Summer House by James Patterson
- Always the Last to Know by Kristan Higgins
- The Wedding Dress by Danielle Steel
- Dance Away with Me by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
- It's Not All Downhill from Here by Terry McMillan
- Silvia's Rose by Jerry Eicher
- The Lucky One by Lori Rader-Day
- Have You Seen Me by Kate White
- Summer Longing by Jamie Brenner
- The Third to Die by Allison Brennan
- Ghosts of Harvard by Francesca Serritella

Non-Fiction:

- Overcoming Dyslexia by Sally Shaywitz
- Plan Your Estate by Denis Clifford
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- Arguing with Socialists by Glenn Beck
- Speak Love by Annie Downs
- Caring for Your School-Age Children by the American Academy of Pediatrics
- IRA's, 401(k)s & Other Retirement Plans by Twila Slesnick
- Retirement 101 by Michele Cagan
- Smithsonian Handbook of Interesting Insects by Gavin Broad
- The Everything Guide to Homeschooling by Sherri Linsenbach
- South Florida by Fodor's Travel

Audio Cds:

- A Small Town by Thomas Perry
- Adult Paperback:

Wyoming Heart by Diana Palmer

Westerns:

- Rising Fire by William Johnstone
- Pray for Death by William Johnstone
- Young Adult Fiction:

- War Storm by Victoria Aveyard
- King's cage by Victoria Aveyard

Watcher in the Woods by Kelley Armstrong

Juvenile Non-Fiction:

- Ripley's Believe it or Not Sideshow and Other Curiosities
- How Great is Our God by Louie Giglio
- Indescribable by Louie Giglio
- 21 st Century Inventions: Drones by Tammy Gagne
- Exercises for Sciatica by William Smith
- Habits of a Godly Woman by Joyce Meyer

Juvenile:

- Explorer Academy: The Star Dunes by Trudi Trueit
- Dog's Best Friend by James Patterson
- Just My Rotten Luck by James Patterson
- The Plunder Down Under by James Patterson
- Jacky Ha-Ha by James Patterson
- Arise and Shine by Herman Parish
- Beat the Clock by Herman Parish
- The Cat's Meow by Herman Parish
- From Hero to Zero by James Patterson
- Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
- Wayside School is Falling Down by Louis Sachar
- Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom by Louis Sachar

Children's Easy:

- The Nest that Wren Built by Randi Sonenshine
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REMINDER: Tax-Free Weekend in Tennessee

Don't forget that the first of two sales tax free weekends in Tennessee is underway right now.

It begins at 12:01 Friday, July 31st, and ends Sunday, August 2nd, at 11:59 pm. During this time, consumers may purchase clothing, school supplies, and computers and other qualifying electronic devices without paying sales tax. Certain price restrictions apply. For school supplies and clothing, the threshold for qualifying items is \$200 or less. For computers and other electronics, the price threshold is \$3,000 or less.

A first-of-its-kind second sales tax holiday will focus on restaurants next weekend. It begins at 12:01am on Friday, August 7th and ends Sunday, August 9th, at 11:59 pm.

For more information about the sales tax holiday weekends, visit www.tntaxholiday.com, where you can also find the answers to frequently asked questions.

Clothing

Exempt:

- General apparel that costs \$200 or less per item, such as shirts, pants, socks, shoes, dresses, etc.

Not exempt:

- Apparel items priced at more than \$200
- Items sold together, such as shoes, cannot be split up to stay beneath the \$200 maximum
- Items such as jewelry, handbags, or sports and recreational equipment

School Supplies

Exempt:

- School and art supplies with a purchase price of \$200 or less per item, such as binders, books, backpacks, crayons, paper, pens, pencils, and rulers, and art supplies such as glazes, clay, paints, drawing pads, and artist paintbrushes

Not exempt:

- School and art supplies individually priced at more than \$200
- Items that are normally sold together cannot be split up to stay beneath the \$200 maximum

Computers & Other Electronics

Exempt:

- Computers for personal use with a purchase price of \$3,000 or less
- Tablets, smart phones and electronic readers with a purchase price of \$3,000 or less
- Televisions and video game consoles with a purchase price of \$3,000 or less

Not exempt:

- Storage media, like flash drives and compact discs
- Individually purchased software
- Printer supplies
- Household appliances

United States® Census 2020

Census Response Rate Data

The U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will begin emailing households in low-responding areas to encourage them to respond to the 2020 Census.

Millions of emails will be sent this week and then grow in numbers and continue into September. These emails supplement a final campaign reminding people to respond to the 2020 Census on their own, as census takers begin asking households to respond to the census.

The messages alert households in low-response areas that time is running out and their response to the 2020 Census is important for their communities. The email messages will invite people to respond online at www.2020census.gov. People who receive the email and haven't already responded should click on the link provided and complete the census online. It's easy, safe and important.

Nationwide, 62.7% of Americans had completed the Census, either by mail or online, as of July 28th. Tennessee's response rate comes in at 62.1%.

Anderson County's response rate has stayed strong at 66.2%, with Oak Ridge's rate of 69.1% leading among its cities. All five of the communities specifically identified by the Census Bureau in Anderson County have response rates above 50%. Clinton's rate is 68.2%, with Oliver Springs at 63.3%, Norris at 63.1 and Rocky Top (still listed as 'Lake City') has a response rate of 50.5%.

Campbell County's response rate is a mediocre 52.5%, with Jacksboro continuing to lead the way with a response rate of 62.6%. Caryville's response rate is 52.6%, followed closely by LaFollette (52.4%) and Jellico (52.3%).

Roane County's Census response rate is 61.7%. 67.9% of Kingston residents have completed the survey, easily outpacing the 57% response rate in Rockwood, and Harriman's 55.1% rate.

56.9% of Morgan County residents have already responded to the Census. Among Morgan County communities, Oakdale has a response rate of 55.7%, while Wartburg comes in at 51.6% and Sunbright at only 48.7%.

The emails will go to all households that the Census Bureau has contact information for in census block groups with a response rate lower than 50%. This will include households who may have already responded. In total, the Census Bureau expects to email more than 20 million households in these low-responding areas.

The email messages will come from 2020census@subscriptions.census.gov, and will give recipients the option to opt out of receiving future messages. The Census Bureau is also considering sending text messages to areas that have low response.

Households have until October 31 to respond to the 2020 Census. However, census takers have begun following up with households that haven't responded yet in select areas and will begin following up with households nationwide in August.

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I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

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ASAP Youth Ambassador Coalition



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ARE YOU A STUDENT IN ANDERSON COUNTY?



Have you seen the impact of substance misuse among your friends, family or in the community and want to make a difference?

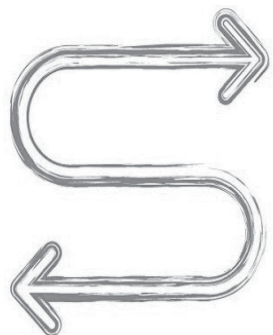


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