

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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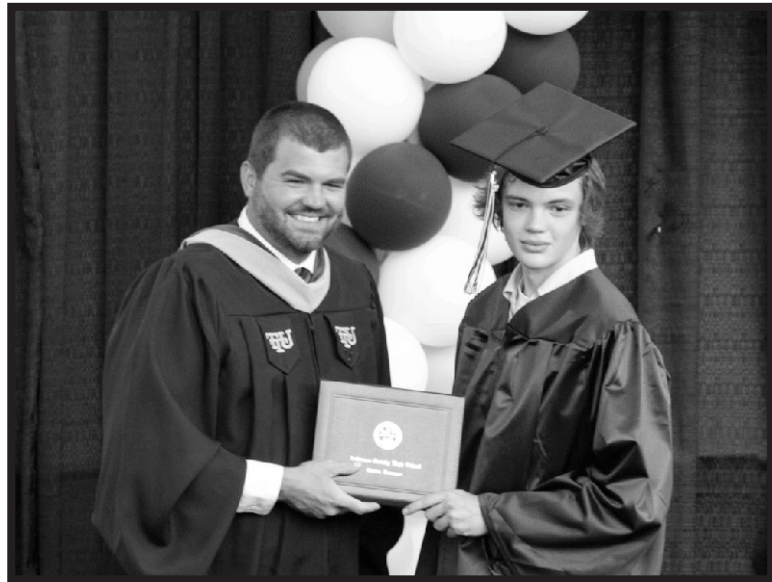
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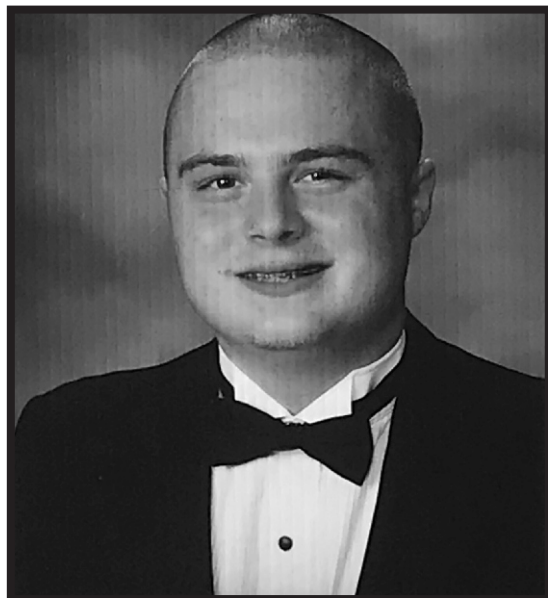
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## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!

The following Senior Photos and messages were submitted via email. We congratulate all Seniors for your accomplishment and wish you the best in your future!



We are proud to announce the graduation of **Marcus J. Owen Jr.** of Rocky Top, TN. Anderson County High School - June 19, 2020. Marcus will be attending ETSU in the fall.



**Elijah Nathaniel Wells** graduate of Anderson County High School AND receiving his Associates Degree in Mechatronics at Roane State Community College.

Eli is an awesome young man. He loves to spend time with his family & church family. Eli plans to further his education by going to Roane State in the fall for his Associates Degree in Chemical Engineering.



### ANDERSON COUNTY 4TH FIREWORKS

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that many local municipalities opted to cancel their fireworks shows because of social distancing restrictions and concerns, members of the Anderson County Commission agreed to partially fund a fireworks show for the Fourth of July.

During their regular monthly meeting, Anderson County Commission approved spending \$12,000 to provide a fireworks show for the county this year. Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank asked for the Commission's support after receiving a large amount of positive responses to a post on her personal Facebook page that asked citizens if they wanted a fireworks show this year.

"Because we want the fireworks show to be seen by as many people as possible over a wider area, we want to raise an additional \$8,000 to have the larger shells," Mayor Frank said in a press release.

Numerous local businesses and private citizens reached out to Mayor Frank, and a day she had exceeded the \$8,000.00 goal and said, "I have spoken with James Woods of Pyro Shows, Inc. Any other contributions that come in will go to add intensity to the GRAND finale!!"

LaFollette-based Pyro Shows, Inc. has agreed to provide the show for Anderson County. Pyro Shows Inc. will launch the fireworks beginning at 9:45 pm on Saturday, July 4th, from the Anderson County High School campus at 130 Maverick Circle in Clinton.

The campus itself will be closed to the public before, during and after the show. Only emergency personnel will be allowed on the campus.

The City of Clinton will have a fire truck and personnel on site. As the press release states, the City covers the county school campus per a MOU, so the county will pay for the fire personnel through donations. Anderson County EMS will have a unit on site and the county EMA will be on hand as well.

"The effort to host the fireworks show for our citizens has truly been a team effort," Mayor Frank said. "The City of Clinton, the Anderson County Schools, our local emergency services personnel, who will provide security and traffic control, all our sponsors.... The community response has been incredible. We've really all had a role in making this happen so quickly," she added.

Social distancing is strongly encouraged during the show for those citizens who choose to watch the fireworks in person from any public area around or near Exit 122. In light of COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no festival, gathering or vendors. Participants are advised to follow Governor Lee and the Economic Recovery Group's guidance for safe social distancing.



## 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

Anderson County Fireworks  
Saturday, July 4th at 9:45 p.m.



Rocky Top Church of God Bible School  
July 26th-31st 6:00pm-8:30pm

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

## 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.

## Chamber Networking

Below are our currently scheduled 2020 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](http://www.rockytopchamber.com)

These dates are tentative at this time.

Joint Networking Coffee with  
Anderson County Chamber and Campbell County Chamber  
at Powell-Clinch Utility District  
Thursday, July 16th, 8am-9:30am



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All proceeds will support substance misuse  
prevention efforts in Anderson County



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*Everyone Welcome*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the Month**  
**4-6pm**

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



## Two Sales Tax Holidays in Tennessee This Year

After there had been some speculation that the annual state sales tax holiday in Tennessee might be skipped this year due to the effects of the pandemic and the economic shutdown, when the General Assembly adopted the state's budget last week, they actually added a second tax-free weekend, this one for restaurants. Not only that, but the state has also doubled the normal price limits on eligible items from previous years.

On the traditional "Back-To-School" Sales Tax Holiday, which begins at 12:01 am on Friday, July 31st and ends at 11:59 pm on Sunday, August 2nd, state sales taxes will not be applied to purchases of clothing or school supplies valued at \$200 or less, nor will they be assessing taxes on computers and televisions priced at \$3000 or less.

This year, to help a restaurant industry that has taken a substantial hit during the shutdown, the following weekend—Friday, August 7th through Sunday, August 9th—sales tax will not be charged on the "retail sale of food and drink by restaurants and limited service restaurants."

In 2021, the sales tax holiday eligible items will return to their limits, according to the Department of Revenue.



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- In case of emergency and in life-threatening situations, Call 9-1-1.
- Call the Child Abuse Hotline to report knowledge or suspicions of child abuse or neglect in the State of Tennessee.
- Reports also can be made online on our [secure site](#) or by using the [MyTN](#) mobile app.

Our trained case managers will guide Hotline callers through a series of questions. Callers do not have to know all the details of the abuse or neglect. The Hotline case managers use the information you provide to determine the severity of the situation and how best to intervene.

**Possible Indicators of Abuse and Neglect:**

- The child has repeated injuries that are not properly treated or adequately explained.
- The child begins acting in unusual ways ranging from disruptive and aggressive to passive and withdrawn.
- The child acts as a parent toward his or her brothers and sisters or even toward their own parents.
- The child may have disturbed sleep (nightmares, bed wetting, fear of sleeping alone, and needing nightlight).
- The child loses his/her appetite, overeats or may report being hungry.
- There is a sudden drop in school grades or participation in activities.
- The child may act in ways that are developmentally inappropriate, such as sexual behavior that is not normal for his/her age group.
- The child may report abusive or neglectful acts.
- The caregiver appears to be under the influence to the extent they are unable to care for their child.
- There is evidence of illicit substance use in the home (e.g., drug paraphernalia) or other hazards that could lead to child injury/illness (e.g., weapons in reach, extremely unsanitary conditions)

*Note: The above signs can indicate something is wrong but do not necessarily indicate abuse or neglect.*

Download an [information poster](#) with the hotline number you can display in your school, business or church. Spanish version: [Information Poster](#)

**Mandated Reporter Training:**

Every Tennessean over the age of 18 is a mandated reporter, meaning you have a legal obligation to report suspicions or knowledge of child abuse or neglect. A free online training offers the public information on how to report child abuse and neglect in Tennessee. It explains how the process works, plus policies, laws and what reporters can expect.

[Access the training](#)



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## Family Resource Guide

Dear Fellow Tennesseans,

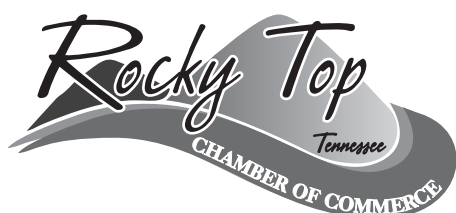
Tennessee's Department of Children's Services is aware that children and families across the state may need additional support during this unprecedented and challenging time. As always, our priority is ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of children by building strong, healthy and empowered families. You can help us achieve this goal by looking out for the children and families in your community. If you identify a family that may need assistance, reach out with a helping hand to link them to important resources found in this guide. By taking care of the children in our communities, together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jennifer Nichols

General Support	<a href="#">TN Community Services Help Line</a> - Call 2-1-1
	<a href="#">TN Family Resource Centers</a>
	<a href="#">kidcentral tn</a> <a href="#">Aunt Bertha</a> - Search for free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, job training, and more.
Financial & Other Assistance	<a href="#">DHS Emergency Cash Assistance</a>
	<a href="#">Families First, the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</a>
Food & Nutrition	<a href="#">TN Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)</a>
	<a href="#">School Meal Location Finder</a>
	<a href="#">Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</a> <a href="#">Tennessee Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program</a>
Housing	<a href="#">TN Housing Development Agency Programs</a>
Crisis Support	<a href="#">Domestic Violence Helpline: 1-800-356-6767</a>
	<a href="#">Tennessee Domestic Violence Help and Programs</a>
	<a href="#">Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee</a> <a href="#">Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee</a>
Substance Abuse	<a href="#">TN Substance Abuse Services</a> If you need a referral to substance use disorder treatment or other resources, call or text the TN RED-LINE: 800-889-9789
Mental Health	If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call now. Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or Text "TN" to 741-741.
	<a href="#">TN Mental Health Services</a>
	<a href="#">Mobile Mental Health Crisis Services</a>
Child Care & Education	<a href="#">Free Child Care for Essential Workers</a>
	<a href="#">Child Care Payment Assistance</a>
	<a href="#">Resources for Parents of School-Aged Children</a>
ACEs	<a href="#">Adverse Childhood Experiences</a> <a href="#">Roots of Resiliency with Vanderbilt Center of Excellence</a>
Community Support	<a href="#">DCS Resource Linkage Coordinators</a>
	<a href="#">TN DCS Relative Caregiver Program</a>
COVID-19	<a href="#">Tennessee COVID-19 Resources and Information</a>
	<a href="#">DCS-Specific Guidance on COVID-19</a>

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# ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Beginning, Monday, June 15th. the Rocky Top Public Library will begin their Phase 2 re-opening process.

The following guidelines will be in place until further notice due to community health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

The total occupancy for the library will be 10 people (including staff).

You MUST wear a mask at all times while inside the library.

You must have library business to come inside the building.

We ask that you follow the social distancing signage that is located throughout the library.

A staff member will be present at the front door when you enter.

You will be given a card with a number and the time you enter.

A 1-hour time limit per person per day will be given to patrons.

All library/computer services must be completed in the one hour time limit.

If you are checking out books you need to do that before getting on the computer.

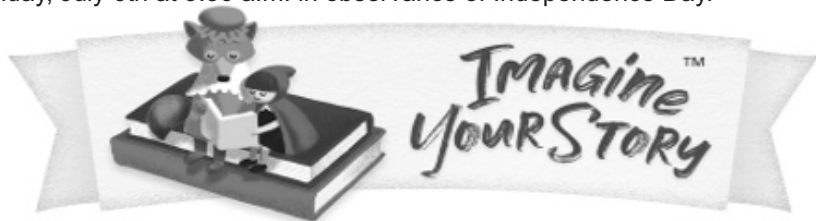
All returned books must be put in the outside book drop in front of the library.

Curbside pickup will still be available if you would like to use it.

All computers will be sanitized after each session, book carts will be available to put browsed books on for sanitizing.

Door handles and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned regularly.

The Library will be closing Tuesday, June 30th at 6pm and will re-open on Monday, July 6th at 9:30 a.m. in observance of Independence Day.



## Summer Reading Part II

Now that we are open to the public, come on in and register today 😊 Don't forget to wear your mask 🧐

- Register for the month of July
- Registration bags will have your reading logs and weekly activities you can do at home
- Join us on our Facebook page every Friday in July @ 2:00 P.M.
- Reading logs will be due by July 24<sup>th</sup>

### How to log in and access our on-line catalog from the website:

1. Log into: rockytoppubliclibrary.com
2. Click on: Request an Item
3. Select Log In: It is automatically defaulted to TENV
4. Select Drop Down Box: You will be given an option to select your library. Type in Rocky Top Public Library.
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.
7. You will now have full access to all the materials at the library and can renew and reserve materials you would like to check out.

# NEW BOOKS & DVD'S

## Adult Fiction:

If It Bleeds by Stephen King  
 Camino Winds by John Grisham  
 Hello Summer by Mary Kay Andrews  
 With Winter's First Frost by Kelly Irvin  
 Trustworthy One by Shelley Shepard Gray  
 Unveiling the Past by Kim Vogel  
 Hideaway by Nora Roberts  
 Fair Warning by Michael Connelly  
 Truth and Justice by Fern Michaels  
 Bombshell by Stuart Woods  
 Wrath of Poseidon by Clive Cussler  
 A Week at the Shore by Barbara Delinsky  
 Girls of Summer by Nancy Thayer  
 Seeing Darkness by Heather Graham  
 The Final Deception by Heather Graham  
 Fearless by Fern Michaels  
 Texas Outlaw by James Patterson  
 Devoted by Dean Koontz  
 Texas Ranger by James Patterson  
 Revenge by James Patterson  
 Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler  
 One Perfect Summer by Kay Hooper  
 Grudge Match by Mike Lupica  
 Walk the Wire by David Baldacci  
 Hidden Salem by Kay Hooper  
 Big Summer by Jennifer Weiner  
 The English Daughter by Cindy Woodsmall  
 Miss Julia Knows a Thing or Two by Ann B. Ross  
 The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate  
 A Conspiracy of Bones by Kathy Reichs  
 The Happy Camper by Melody Carlson  
 The Forgotten Letters of Ester Durrant by Kayte Nunn  
 The Crow's Call by Wanda Brunstetter  
 A Beautiful Arrangement by Beth Wiseman  
 Lost Boy Found by Kirsten Alexander  
 The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian  
 The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

## Non-Fiction:

The Ultimate Guide to Raising a Puppy by Victoria Stillwell  
 Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep by Paula Simmons  
 Storey's Guide to Raising Beef Cattle by Heather Smith Thomas  
 Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs by Kelly Klober  
 The Gift of Forgiveness by Katherine Swarzenegger-Pratt  
 The Ultimate Retirement Guide for 50+ by Suze Orman  
 Heart Solution for Women by Mark Menolascino

## Adult Paperback:

Thursday's Bride by Patricia Johns  
 Light Shines on Promise Lodge by Charlotte Hubbard  
 Pivot by Kat Martin  
 Envious by Lisa Jackson

## Westerns:

Killer Take All by William Johnstone  
 A Hill of Beans by William Johnstone

## Young Adult Fiction:

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

## Juvenile Non-Fiction:

Parakeets by Catherine Smith

## Juvenile:

Escape to Australia by James Patterson  
 Born to Rock by James Patterson  
 Master of Disaster by James Patterson  
 Happy HOWLidays! by James Patterson  
 Save Rafe! by James Patterson  
 Wrecking Ball by Jeff Kinney  
 Mission ImPAWsible by James Patterson

## Children's Easy:

Rainbow Fish to the Rescue by Marcus Pfister  
 Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monsters' Cave by Marcus Pfister  
 The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing  
 The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivizas  
 Stretchy McHandsome by Judy Schachner  
 Bits and Pieces by Judy Schachner  
 The Night Before Father's Day by Natasha Wing  
 Pete the Cat's Family Road Trip by Kimberly Dean  
 My Best Friend by Julie Fogliano  
 The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper  
 Under the Lilacs by E. B. Goodale  
 If I Was the Sunshine by Julie Fogliano  
 My Brother is a Big Fat Liar by James Patterson  
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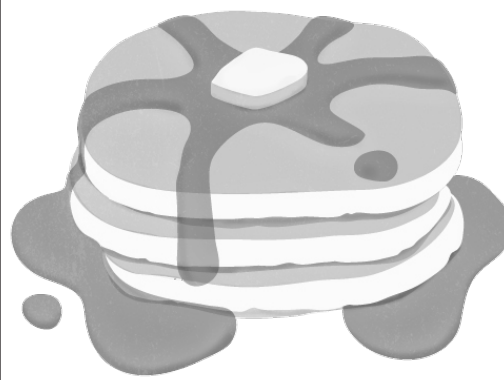
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# Fundraiser Breakfast for LCES!

Please join us for a  
Fundraiser Breakfast  
Saturday, August 1st, 8am-11am  
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Hope to see you there!

# Free Tax Return Preparation Rocky Top Public Library

We will start scheduling appointments beginning January 27th.  
To make an appointment you may call the library @ 865-426-6762.

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 • Current year's tax package if you received one • 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 • 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 business 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.

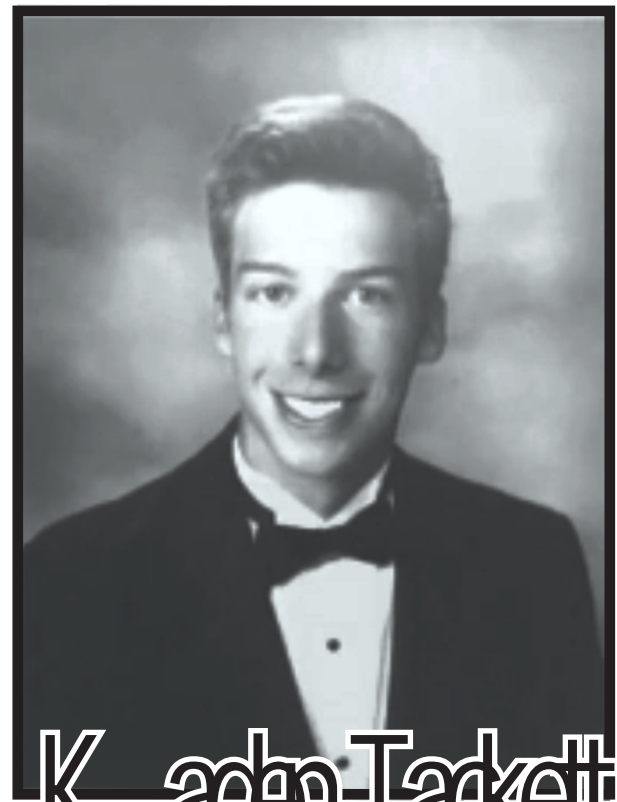
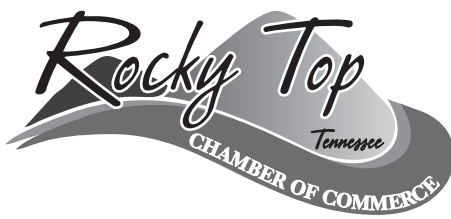


# Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 Recipients of the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

*For several years the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce has presented a \$1,000 scholarship to two seniors that attended Lake City Middle School and Anderson County High School. The scholarships are designed to help with books and travel expenses as they continue their education. We are honored to announce this years recipients!!!!*



*Leigha Mozingo*



*Kaden Tackett*

## LEAVE BABY DEER ALONE!

- It's illegal to take a fawn from the wild. When you remove a fawn from the wild, you have stolen the baby from the mother.
- Fawns left alone are not orphans! Mothers leave fawns alone to rest, eat, and hide the babies from predators.
- When fawns are approached they lower their heads, lie very still, and take fewer breaths which are normal, natural defenses. The fawns are not sick or injured.
- Keep your distance. A doe won't return if humans are hanging around. Mothers perceive you as a predator and she is not going to return while you're nearby.
- Fawns have an excellent chance of surviving if you leave it alone.
- Humans have well-meaning intentions to care for a fawn but be educated and do what's best for the fawn.  
LEAVE IT ALONE!





# Fireworks Injuries

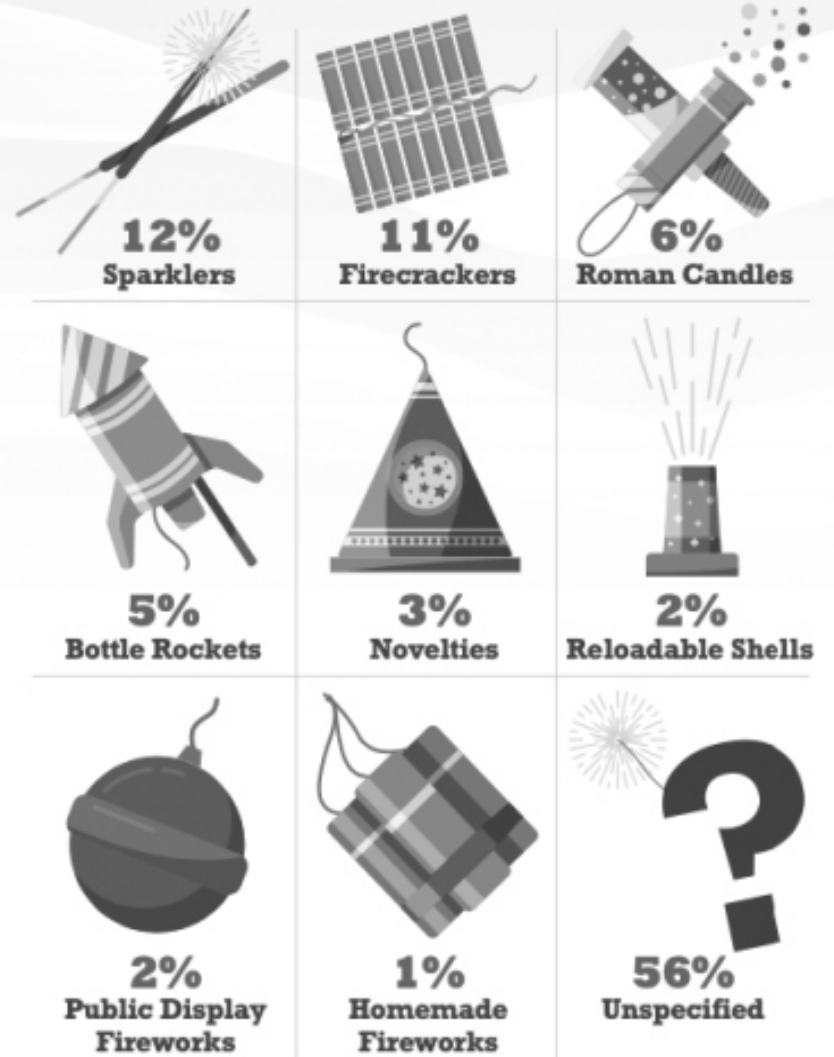
**243** people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.



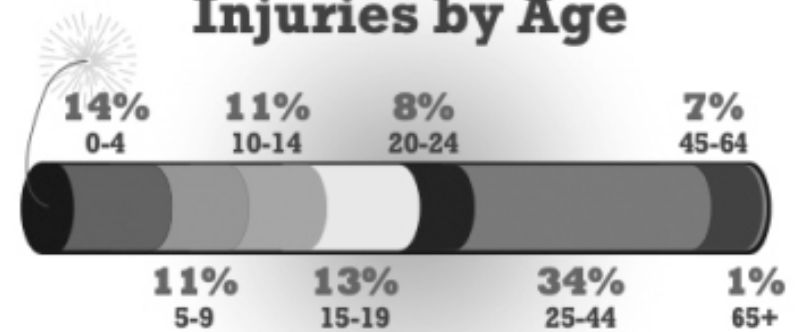
## Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips – [www.cpsc.gov/fireworks](http://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

## Injuries by Fireworks Type\*



## Injuries by Age



Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2019 Fireworks Annual Report  
\*ED treated injuries during the Special Study period June 21 - July 21, 2019

