

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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## One Door Closes and Another Opens

A Rocky Top staple, Glenn's Pizza, closed its doors for the final time on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> after being in operation for twelve years. Owner,

Glenn Toler, has worked two jobs most of his life, but was ready to slow down and cut back.

Glenn's Pizza was known around Rocky Top as a fixture in the community and will be greatly missed. Glenn attributes the success of his restaurant to the Rocky Top community.

"I would like to thank the local people of Rocky Top, the community businesses and local churches for their support over the years," said Glenn.



L to R-Glenn Toler, Daughter Brooke, Wife Sharon, Daughter Emily, not picture Son Darrell

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pickin' in the Park at Norris Dam State Park

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pickin' in the Park event will be held on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Shelter # 2 located on the East Side of Norris Dam State Park. This year's line-up will include Sleepy-Eyed

John's, The Real McCoy's and Ethan Ferguson.

Mr. John Alvis will not only be performing, but will be MC'ing once again this year.

John is super talented and has a wide knowledge of folk/old-time and bluegrass music and he is also quite the comedian. John and the Sleepy-Eyed John's crew will be taking the stage at 6:30 pm.

The Real McCoy's, based out of Rocky Top,

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## Rocky Top City Elections

Several positions are up for grabs within the City of Rocky Top during the November 8th general election.

Tim Sharp, who has served as the Mayor of Rocky Top for three terms and is seeking a fourth, will face Kerry Templin for the position.

In addition to the mayoral position, there are five candidates running for two city council seats. Incumbents Retha D. (Denise) Casteel and Tony Devaney are running against new-comers Jeff Gilliam, Mack Bunch and Richard Dawson. We reached out to each of the candidates and you can find the responses that we received on page three.



## Christmas Parade Theme Announced

The Rocky Top Christmas Parade will take place on December 2nd. The theme will be "A Storybook Christmas."

The parade will start at 7:00 pm and in person registration will take place from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Please be aware that everyone participating in the parade must register, sign a release and receive a number.

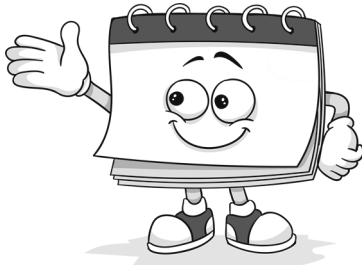
Online registration can be found at [www.RockyTopTnChamber.com](http://www.RockyTopTnChamber.com) or participants can register at the event.



# Area Happenings

Below are some Area Happenings that you need to know about. If you have anything that you would like to add to the list, please email [rockytopchamber@gmail.com](mailto:rockytopchamber@gmail.com)

- Veterans Appreciation Breakfasts at Clinton Community Center –10/8/22, 11/12/22
- Clinch River Fall Antique Festival in Downtown Clinton on September 30th– October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Southern Four-Wheel Drive Assoc. Dixie Run at Windrock Park on September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Vehicle Military Rally at Windrock Park on October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Pickin in the Park at Norris Dam State Park on October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Little Ponderosa Fall Festival on October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Jamboree at Windrock Park on October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
- October Sky Festival in Oliver Springs on October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Cruisers on the Rocks at Windrock Park on October 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Clinton 5K on October 22nd
- Fall Festival at Rocky Top Worship Center on October 21st
- Fall Heritage Days at Museum of Appalachia on November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>



# Chamber Events

Chamber events are a great opportunity for members to network. If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend any of these events. For more information about the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.rockytopchamber.com](http://www.rockytopchamber.com) or call 865-426-9595.

## Joint Networking Coffees with Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

- Knights Flowers – October 20th at 8 a.m.
- Ribbon Cutting at Rocky Top Dentistry – November 15th at 8:30 a.m.
- Christmas Parade – December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- Methodist Medical Center – December 6th at 8 a.m.

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# City of Rocky Top Meeting Schedule

- City Court-2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 am
- Recreation Committee-2nd Thursday of the month at 5 p.m.
- Tree Committee-2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
- Planning Commission– 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.
- City Council Meeting– 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm

**Mayoral Candidates:**

**Tim Sharp, Mayor of Rocky Top:**

“It has been my pleasure and honor to serve the city of Rocky Top for 32 of the last 34 years. Twelve (12) of those years as Mayor.

I have seen both good and not so good things for our city in these years. Financial stability has been a major concern of mine.

I grew up in this city, attended Lake City Elementary and Lake City High School.

One of my concerns is to see businesses grow in the downtown area again. The recent news that we received a federal grant to improve the downtown area is great for our city. The City Council and the City Manager are working hard to achieve this future growth.

My love for Rocky Top will never cease. I want to see it grow again. In order to foresee Rocky Top's continued development, I hope to receive your vote in the near election.”



**Kerry Templin, candidate for Mayor of Rocky Top:**

“I've been a resident of the Rocky Top community for the last 56 years, my wife Carolyn and I moved back to town from Medford nearly 2 years ago. I'm a member of the LCHS class of 1980 and a graduate of Trinidad State Junior College.



I retired after 26 years of Reserve service as a Senior Chief Equipment Operator from the U.S. Navy Seabees and I've been employed at the Y-12 Plant for the last 35 years, currently as Compliance Training Manager for the site.

The last 2 months my wife and I have gone door to door in our town speaking to over 400 residents. I've learned a lot by seeing firsthand the conditions of our infrastructure and properties and listening to

people's concerns.

We have many new residents that have chosen to call Rocky Top their home, what concerns me is the number of new and old that say they would move if they could, that's not right. As Mayor I see it as my job to lead a more responsive administration willing to address those concerns. Thank You for your vote and support.”

**City Council Candidates:**

**Jeff Gilliam, City Council Candidate:**

“I have lived in Rocky Top for 60+ years and I am troubled by the state of our city. Having experienced what this town used to be, and seeing it go downhill over the years is sad. This is not the legacy to be left for future generations. I have spoken with many fellow citizens, regarding their concerns, and I believe change in leadership is necessary. If elected, I'm committed to working towards bringing life back into this town. It isn't something that can be fixed overnight.

One major key will be achieving a solution to our infrastructure problem, so it can efficiently support our current residents and handle the future growth, which is a big step in revitalizing this city into a lively and desirable area.

Another element for the success of our city is working diligently towards the safety of our citizens. The residents here should and deserve to feel safe when patronizing local businesses, participating in recreational activities, or even just daily living at their homes.

Thirdly, our downtown needs renewed life to draw businesses that are essential for our future.

I humbly ask for your vote for a seat on city council, and given the opportunity to work for each of you, my number one priority will be to listen, be the voice, and work for the greater good of this city; bringing back the smiles and pride of those who live here.”

**Mack Bunch, City Council Candidate:**

“I'm running for city council in this year's city election in Rocky Top/ Lake City. I'm a 1982 graduate from Lake City High School and I served in the United States Air Force for seven years and I'm honorably discharged. I'm married to Linda Bunch of Somack Hair Salon and we are raising four of our grandchildren. I'm employed at Eagle Bend Manufacturing and work in the Quality/ Destruct Lab.

I'm a lifelong resident and tax payer of this county and it is time for a change in Rocky Top. My family and I, just like the rest of the residents of this town see the illicit drug use and dealings on a daily basis. We drive everyday on the same terrible roads and pay the same outrageous price for water as do every resident of this town. Our city did not get into this shape overnight and it will be an uphill battle to fix these problems, but there is still hope!

I'm encouraging every registered voter of this city to vote in the November 8<sup>th</sup> election for change. This will be where change starts but we all have to use our God given right to vote. Without your help there will be no change in the city of Rocky Top!

One of our Presidents once said, “Democracy is a rule of the people, for the people and by the people” and it is time for elected government to work for the welfare of the people!

I'm asking the residents of our city to please pray for this year's election That the Lord's will be done.”



## Best Places to View Fall Colors

It's getting close to that time of year when the days get shorter and the temperatures cool down. With this new season upon us, we are surrounded by some of the most stunning colors and views in the country. Check out these top rated places to view the fall colors:

Clingman's Dome is situated at 6,643 feet above sea level making it the highest point in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It is the highest point in Tennessee and the third highest mountain east of the Mississippi, so it's no surprise that it tops many lists for a great place to view fall colors.

The observation tower on the summit of Clingman's Dome offers spectacular 360 degree views of the Smoky Mountains and an unparalleled view of the vibrant colors. Keep in mind, you need to be willing to climb the steep half-mile walk to the tower.

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park lies along the borders of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. The Pinnacle Overlook located within the park has views of the Cumberland Gap, a pass in the Cumberland Mountains once used by pioneers heading west.

From the visitor center, drive the winding four mile long Skyland Road up to the Pinnacle Overlook, elevation 2,440 feet for a spectacular view of the beautiful fall colors.

The Cherochala Skyway is a 43 mile National Scenic Byway that connects Tellico Plains, Tennessee to



Robbinsville, North Carolina. The road crosses through the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests thus the name "Chero...hala".

The skyway offers sweeping mountain views as far as the eyes can see and unobstructed scenic overlooks around every corner.

House Mountain is a 527-acre natural area located in Corryton and is Knox County's highest peak. The hike to the 2,100 foot crest of House Mountain provides significant vistas to view the Unaka and Cumberland Mountain ranges some 30 miles away.

When fall colors arrive, the area is full of a beautiful, autumn display. Directions: Take I-40 east to Rutledge Pike, exit #392, and turn right off the exit. Travel 10 miles then turn left on Idumea Rd. Turn left on Hogskin Rd and travel less than a mile and the park will be on the right.

The Hatfield Knob Elk Viewing Tower at the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area in Campbell County is not your typical location to view fall colors, but it provides a beautiful view and wildlife, so it's a win in our book.

A ribbon cutting was recently held to unveil a new tower where visitors can relax, take in the view and watch the wildlife pass by. October is usually the best time to see and hear the bugling of elk during their rut and it's also the perfect time to enjoy the stunning fall colors.

## Halloween Safety Month

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to the safety of our children. There are many things parents and kids can do to stay safe on Halloween. Here are a few:

- Make sure all costumes, wigs and accessories are fire-resistant.
- Use reflective tape on costumes and/or bags.
- Carry glow sticks and/ or flashlights when it is dark.
- Choose make-up over masks, just be sure it is non-toxic. Masks can obscure vision.
- When trick or treating, only go to homes with the porch light on.
- Never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies.
- Remind children to stay in groups and don't wander off alone.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

**Have a safe and happy Halloween!**

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# ROCKY TOP TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 28, 2022 AT 5:30 PM

George Templin Field  
216 North Main St., Rocky Top, TN

5:30 PM: FOOD, GAMES,  
CANDY, BOUNCE HOUSES

7 PM: GHOST BUSTERS: AFTERLIFE MOVIE  
& KIDS' COSTUME CONTEST!






### Fall Color Boat Tours at Norris Dam State Park

Each year nature displays a spectacular array of fall colors and Norris Dam State Park is one of the premier places to view them. Join Norris Dam State Park for a pontoon boat ride and view the beautiful display of nature's artistry. Starting October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. daily, park staff will offer guided pontoon boat tours on beautiful Norris Lake.

Registration is required and is limited to only 10 people per trip. These trips are \$15.00 per adult (6 years and over) and \$10.00 per child (5 years and under). Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If you plan on bringing a child, please bring a life jacket for them.



Each boat ride will last approximately one hour and will depart from Norris Dam Marina. To sign up for a trip please call the park office at 865-425-4500 ext. 0 or for more information visit <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/norris-dam> under "Upcoming Events." Trips will be weather dependent.

These tours are a highlight event for many park visitors every year. While on the tour a park ranger will narrate by discussing the decades of history relevant to the area, as well as identifying and viewing flora and fauna that you might encounter.

Most fall seasons, many bald eagles can be seen flying over the lake or perched atop a branch waiting for their next move. The fall color tours offered by the park are an excellent time to view these wondrous creatures.

### Trunk or Treat and Ghostbusters: Afterlife Movie Night Happening October 28th

ASAP of Anderson is partnering with the City of Rocky Top to present FREE Trunk or Treating and a showing of Ghostbusters: Afterlife from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28th at Rocky Top's George Templin Field. Fun activities and free resources will be available for the whole family!

Starting at 5:30 p.m., children, teens, and adults will have the chance to eat delicious food while meeting with local nonprofits and other agencies. An inflatable slide and bounce house will be available for the kids before a trivia contest begins right before the movie at 7:30 p.m. Ghostbusters: Afterlife will be showing on an inflatable screen outside. Additionally, there will be prizes available for the winners of the children's costume contest and trivia game.

This event is provided by generous support from Mayor Tim Sharp of the City of Rocky Top.

For more information about this event, to volunteer at this Trunk or Treat Movie Night, or to find online resources, visit [ASAPofAnderson.org](http://ASAPofAnderson.org). Learn about other exciting events going on with ASAP by following @ASAPofAnderson on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

### Fall Jamboree at Windrock Park

Windrock Park will hold its annual Fall Jamboree on October 13 – 15, 2022. The jamboree, one of the park's largest annual events, will kick off on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with a sunset guided trail ride. Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> a grand opening of Windrock's brand-new 10,000 square foot General Store will take place. There will be guided trails rides and trunk or treating. Trunk or treat is open to everyone and free to the community. Decorated trunks have the chance to win \$150 for the best decorations.

Saturday, October 15th is packed full of fun.

Competitions will take place, there will be contests for the best decorated ATV and costume contests. The haunted trail ride, a favorite among jamboree goers, will take place on Saturday evening. The evening concludes with dinner and a concert by Fairview Union.

All jamboree attendees have the opportunity to win a Yamaha Wolverine RMAX 2 1000. You can do so by visiting the General Store during the weekend of the Jamboree and entering your name into the contest. Saturday evening a winner will be randomly selected.

#### EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.



# I AM ONE

Get resources to support your children and teens to be alcohol, nicotine, and drug-free at [ASAPofAnderson.org](http://ASAPofAnderson.org).



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Luckily for the community, Dinnie Burchfield, an employee of Glenn's Pizza will re-open the restaurant under a new name, "Nanny's Kitchen." "Working for Glenn inspired me to open Nanny's Kitchen. The past 12 years have been an adventure and now a new adventure begins. It's my prayer that I can serve the community and make Nanny's Kitchen a success," said Dinnie.

Dinnie looks forward to seeing the community and sharing this new adventure. Without the customers, Dinnie says, "this is just a dream, but with my customers together we can make this adventure a huge success."

Nanny's Kitchen will keep the same great menu as Glenn's, but will also add breakfast items. The restaurant is projected to open on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hours for Nanny's Kitchen will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.



Dinnie Burchfield

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have been performing at Pickin' in the Park since its very first year! Band members Aaron and Blake McCoy and Nick Patterson grew up together right here in Rocky Top. The Real McCoy's are no doubt the fan favorite and the park could not imagine having this event without them. The Real McCoy's will be taking the stage at 7:30 pm.

Ethan Ferguson will be closing out the show, going on stage at 8:30. Ethan, a native of Norris, grew up learning to play the fiddle and performing at the Lenoir Museum.

"I remember when little Ethan was knee high to a grasshopper, maybe 8 years old or so, coming into the Museum and playing the fiddle like a full-grown adult. He was so good," says event coordinator Wendy Madden.

Now Ethan has grown to play multiple instruments like the piano, autoharp, and banjo.

The park is thrilled to have a wide range of vendors this year like Tangled Pottery, Dog Friendly Knoxville, The Plant Trolley, TurtleCakes at Mer-Mer's Bakery, just to name a few.

Knox Vittles will be returning this year serving up some down-home cooking, their menu includes Rocky Top Twisted Mac-N-Cheese, Cha-Cha's Boneless Fried Chicken, and Loaded Seasoned Fries.

New this year will be Waffley Good, their menu includes Chicken & Waffles, Chicken Bacon Ranch, The Funky Monkey, the "Elvis" and Plain Jane.

Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. Don't forget to bring your chairs, flashlight, and appetite for some delicious food.

There is no entrance fee, but donations are strongly encouraged. With your donations, future Pickin' in the Park events can happen.

If you would like to donate, please go to the park's website at <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/norris-dam> and look for Pickin' in the Park Donation Page under the upcoming events and choose "register for event" to donate. For additional information, please contact 865-425-4500.

# FALL FESTIVAL

 <b>HAY RIDES</b>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">IT'S BACK!</h2>	 <b>FREE FOOD</b>
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## School News

Lake City Elementary School had an awesome STEM Night on September 13. A huge thank you to all of these organizations for helping to provide such a fun night for the

students and their families: ORISE/ ORAU, ACCTC Robotics Team, Boys and Girls Club of North Anderson County, UT SLOPE n try Organization, University of Tennessee



STEMHub, Tennessee Technological University, Rocky Top Police Department, Danny Rogers, Inc., and LCES Tech lab. Thank you families for joining in for the fun!

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to be part of the Lake City Elementary School Safety Patrol for the 2022-23 school year: Lillie Braden, Tristen Braden, Sophia Carroll, Gabby Green, Josiah Harness, LB Mitchell, Logan Perkins, Havana Pietroburgo, Bentley Settles, Raylee Streetman, Colton Taylor, Harper Turner, Ethan Varnell, Emily Webber, and Lucas York.

LCES Music Makers began rehearsals on September 8. They are currently practicing for the Veteran's Day program on November 11 and would like to invite all veterans to attend. This year's Music Makers are Brayleigh Brown, Payci Caldwell, Kristofer Emala, Luke Enix, Constance Evans, Zoey Higgs, Chloe Hulme, Anna James, Bailey Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Axel Jones, Kinslee Justice, Bentley King, Caidance Lowe, Esa Minor, Sophia Moore, Ruth Nelson, Annalie Rogers, Emmett Smith, Weston Smith, Lakelee Taylor, Gillian Urrutia, , Jeffrey Whittington, Isla Wrede, Lillie Braden, Natalee Braden, Cara Cameron, Gabby Green, Hailey Hall, Josiah Harness, Riley Kennedy, Aliyah Sharp, Jaylee Shelton, Raylee Streetman, Karleigh Stricker, Austin Vaden, Ethan Varnell and Emily Webber.

Congratulations to the this year's LCES Basketball Team which includes Kolt Gagnon, Braxton Garland, Gabby Green, Brody Hubbard, LB Mitchell, Havanna Pietroburgo, Raylee Streetman, Austin Vaden, Addison Armstrong, Kei' Andre Hopper, Bailey Johnson, Axel Jones, Esa Minor, Annalie Rogers.

## Library News

The Rocky Top Public Library is now open on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Paws to Read program has been moved to Wednesdays at 4pm.

The library has a functioning website again. Go to [Rockytoppubliclibrary.org](http://Rockytoppubliclibrary.org) to see our calendar, learn about our programs, view our catalog, and to log into your account.

### New in Fiction:

- Moon Called by Patricia Briggs
- My Killer Vacation by Tessa Bailey
- Through a Glass Darkly by Karleen Koehn



### New in Non-Fiction:

- The Foxfire Book of Appalachian cookery
- The Foxfire Book (Hog Dressing, Log Cabin Building, etc.)
- Foxfire Book 2 (Ghost Stories, Spring Wild Plant Foods, Spinning and Weaving, etc.)
- Kitchen Confidential : Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly by Anthony Bourdain

### National Chili Month

October is National Chili Month and the perfect time to get out those slow cookers, Dutch ovens or your favorite soup pot and try a new chili recipe.

#### Cha Cha's White Chicken Chili

#### Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 (4 oz) can diced jalapeno peppers
- 1 (4 oz) can chopped green chile peppers
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 2 (14.5 oz) cans chicken broth
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken breast
- 3 (15 oz) cans white beans
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

#### Directions:

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium-low heat. Slowly cook and stir the onion until tender. Mix in the garlic, jalapenos, green chile peppers, cumin, oregano and cayenne. Continue to cook and stir the mixture until tender, about 3 minutes. Mix in the chicken broth, chicken and white beans. Simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and slowly stir in the cheese until melted. Serve with tortilla chips or cornbread.

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