

ROCKY TOP NEWS

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Hometown Christmas Story

If you've been a resident of Rocky Top for some time, you've probably heard about Christmas food baskets and more recently, food vouchers, that are given to those in need around the holidays. What you may not have heard is how the baskets and vouchers got started.



It all began in the late 1940s when longtime resident, Jim Ed Lawson, and several other men saw a need in the community. They began what is called the "Jim Ed Lawson/JW Prewitt Memorial Christmas Basket Fund". J.W. (Bill) Prewitt, having worked with the program for more than 50 years, was the chairman of the Christmas Basket Fund Committee until 2013, when his son, Marvin Prewitt took on the role.

In the early years of the program, Shop Rite (formerly Piggly Wiggly), sold groceries to the program at cost. The Masonic Lodge Hall in Rocky Top would open their building up and volunteers would come together to fill food baskets with flour, sugar, potatoes, canned ham, fruit and more. The baskets were then handed out on the morning of Christmas Eve.

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Free Medical Clinic Receives Grant Award

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development announced that it is awarding \$74 million in grants to improve health care facilities in rural towns across the Nation.

USDA Rural Development promotes a healthy community and environment through the Emergency Rural Health Care Grants to make sure people, kids and families have access to the health care they need.



The grants support the ability of rural communities to provide health care to the people and places in our country that often lack access.

Out of that money, Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge Inc. will use an \$804,600 grant to continue the vital primary care needed in Briceville and Harriman. The project will assist to mitigate COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and death for low-income residents served by the clinic.

The investment will also help purchase two vehicles that will expand testing and vaccination outreach programs and provide the backbone to the clinic's new "Community Healthcare Initiative."

The project will benefit approximately 8,000 residents near the clinics in Briceville and Harriman.



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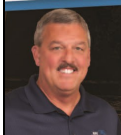
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Area Happenings

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.

- Fall Heritage Days at Museum of Appalachia on November 3rd – 4th
- Christmas Open House in Downtown Clinton on November 4th – 5th
- Veterans Appreciation Breakfasts at Clinton Community Center – November 12th



- A Clinton Christmas Stroll in Downtown Clinton on November 26th
- Rocky Top Christmas Parade on December 2nd
- Clinton Christmas Parade on December 3rd
- Candlelight Christmas at Museum of Appalachia on December 9th – 10th
- Christmas Cookie Crawl in Downtown Clinton on December 10th

City of Rocky Top Monthly Meeting Schedule

- City Court-2nd Wed. at 8:00 am
- Recreation Comm.-2nd Thurs. at 5 p.m.
- Tree Committee-2nd Thurs. at 6 p.m.
- Planning Commission- 3rd Tues. at 6 p.m.
- City Council Meeting- 3rd Thurs. at 6:00 pm

Rocky Top
Christmas Tree Lighting
 Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 pm
Christmas Parade
 Friday, December 2nd at 7:00pm
 "A Storybook Christmas"

Rocky Top
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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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 or call 865-426-9595.

Joint Networking Coffees with Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

- Ribbon Cutting at Rocky Top Dentistry – November 15th at 8:30 a.m.
- Christmas tree lighting – December 1st at 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Parade – December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

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National Military Family Month

Since 1996, November has been recognized as the month to acknowledge tremendous sacrifices made by military families.

In October, we posted a request on Facebook for readers to send us photos of family members that are serving in the military for National Military Family Month.

We received the picture below of MSGT Charrissa Leigh Smith, daughter of Charles Larry Pounders and Retired MSGT Shirley Davis Childs, granddaughter of the late John & Angeline (Carroll) Davis and late Charles & Lawrence Pounders.



Charrissa is on her last assignment in the United States Air Force and is stationed in Japan. Her retirement date is on 1 April with 24 years active duty.

If you would like your military family members to be featured on Facebook throughout the month of November, please send a picture and a brief write up to rockytopchamber@gmail.com.

App Available for Students to Anonymously Report Concerns

ASAP of Anderson continues to encourage Anderson County and Oak Ridge students to use the P3 Campus app. Students can use the software to anonymously report mental health needs, guns, suicide threats, violence, drugs, vandalism, bullying, or they can reach out if they just need someone to talk to. Professionals will respond to any concerns communicated through the platform, and someone will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to incoming messages.

P3 Campus allows ASAP to foster a relationship between school officials, police officers, mental health professionals, parents and caregivers, and students themselves.

Students from Anderson County and Oak Ridge High Schools can send concerns through the P3 Campus app on their phone or on their computer by visiting P3Campus.com.



Reports made through the P3 Campus app have no limit on how long the message can be. Reporters can send pictures, screenshots, videos, or audio recordings on the website or app, and they can talk to a real person who will quickly respond to their messages. ASAP of Anderson is confident that P3 Campus will benefit students and school administrators by bringing awareness to substance misuse and mental health needs.

To stay up to date with the latest news from ASAP, follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn or visit www.asapofanderson.org.



2022 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022

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Thanks-Giving-Away 2022

Everyone is invited to Willow Brook Baptist Church's annual "Thanks-Giving-Away" on November 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food boxes, clothes, shoes, household items, toys and misc. items are all available to anyone at no cost. Free like salvation! Willow Brook is located in Rocky Top, just off of Interstate I-75 at Exit 129.



COAL CREEK RENTALS

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Rocky Top Chamber Member Spotlight of the Month

This month's Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight is Coal Creek Rentals. You might recognize their owners, Jason and Natalie Deel as the owners of JD's Realty and Auction. as much as possible."

They have started a new additional venture into the overnight rental business.

Their first property, The Lodge, located on Second Street in Rocky Top, not too long ago, sat empty with overgrown trees and a yard that was pleading to be made beautiful and useful again.

Jason and Natalie Deel heard the plea and with a great crew of local carpenters, neighbors and friends, rediscovered this property.

At first glance, the home looked to be something that should be torn down—and many in the area would have agreed, but Jason had a vision, and that vision did not include starting from scratch.

"It all started with taking down the chimney to open the space and make it feel more spacious," said Jason Deel. "Then we discovered the large plank shiplap in the walls and realized there was history in these walls and that was important to us to salvage



The Lodge Before Renovation



The Lodge After Renovation

Jason and Natalie's mission is to create a great place where people who are visiting Rocky Top feel comfortable and relaxed and this home puts that mission to reality. In doing so, Coal Creek Rentals was formed as a nod to the town's roots. Being in the auction industry, the Deel's have a deep sense of history, and the story items can tell us, so it is completely fitting that they have now ventured into the next chapter and began with renovating and rejuvenating this incredible property.

"It was a no brainer to help this home out and create something special," said Natalie Deel. "We knew we wanted a cabin aesthetic and I think we really gave this property some nice upgrades. But what we really love is that the community and neighbors seem to be

pleased with how it turned out and that's what really gives us the motivation to continue with other projects."

Today, the home has beautiful shiplap exterior, welcoming deck, all new interior and is truly property the community can be proud of.

New at the Coal Creek Miners Museum

The Coal Creek Miners Museum has expanded their display on the Coal Creek War to include a letter from Col. Keller Anderson to his wife that he wrote while stationed in Coal Creek. The display also includes other artifacts and pictures from the Coal Creek War.

The museum is currently open Monday through Thursday from 10a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours may vary during the holidays.

The museum is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please email info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com or call 865-630-5006.



**CHRISTMAS FOR
ROCKY TOP KIDS** Saturday
December 10, 2022
starting at 4pm

Main Street Baptist Church

**We are excited to
announce the return
of this special event!!**

For additional details or to donate
contact Amy Jones 865-659-5004

Christmas Story (Continued from page 1)

Today, instead of food baskets being given out, Food City vouchers are given to those in need. The vouchers will be given out around the second Saturday in December, just in time to purchase a Christmas meal.

Donations for the program come from local businesses, community members, area churches and events. Without these gracious donations, the program would not be possible.

We also have to mention one Rocky Top community member that has worked hard over the years to make the program a success and that is Vicki Massey. Vicki works tirelessly to make sure the Christmas Basket program is available to those in need, as well as Angel Tree gifts for the children in Rocky Top.

Last year, the program supplied 125 families with food vouchers and 250 children with Angel Tree gifts.

To be eligible for a food voucher, you must have a Rocky Top address, provide photo identification and monthly income verification. Angel Tree applications are sent out through the schools.

Signups take place on November 12th and November 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rocky Top Community Center,

Donations may be sent to Jim Ed Lawson/JW Prewitt Memorial, Christmas Basket Fund, P.O. Box 1153, Rocky Top, TN 37769.

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School News

Congratulations to these Lake City Elementary School students who were recognized as Students of the Month of September for showing respect.



These Lake City Elementary School students were chosen as Students of the Month for October for showing responsibility.



Pictured is the top fundraiser for the LCES Walkathon with the prizes she earned. The Walkathon raised over \$8,000. The school would like to thank those individuals in the community for donating to this event. Also, a special thank you to the following businesses for their donation of prizes for the LCES Walkathon: McDonald's, Chunky Monkey, Chick-Fil-A, Beyond the Lens, Nascar Speedpark, Wonderworks and Hollywood Wax Museum.



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Main Street Baptist Church, established in 1928, strives to provide ministries that draw people to the light of Jesus Christ. Our ministry programs are geared to all ages as we seek to share Christ's love and grace.

Ministries include Food Pantry for Rocky Top residents, Rocky Top Recovery for individuals with addiction issues, Children's Summer Feeding Program for Rocky Top children, Second Harvest Mobile Pantry Truck and Special seasonal programming open to the Rocky Top Community.

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.





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2022 ROCKY TOP PARADE INFORMATION

The Rocky Top Christmas Parade will be on Friday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. The theme for this year's parade is "A Storybook Christmas".

Participants are encouraged to decorate their floats in accordance with the theme.

In person registration will start at 5:00 p.m. on December 2nd and everyone must be registered by 6:45 p.m. so that all participants can get in line for the parade.

Everyone that participates in the parade must register and sign a release form.

NEW THIS YEAR, you can register early online at www.RockyTopTNChamber.com. Click on Christmas Parade and fill out the registration form.

If you register online, you will still need to check in during the registration time on December 2nd in order to get your number.

If you are participating in the parade with a float or a group, please only send one person to check-in during registration. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the registration form, you can also find those online. Please feel free to copy the form so that all participants can complete a form.

If you are driving a classic or antique car or an all-terrain vehicle in the parade, you will need to park and register/check-in at Rocky Top Dentistry located at 110 Industrial Park Road. Please back your car into one of the spaces provided while you are waiting for the parade to start.

If you are riding an all-terrain vehicle in the parade you MUST be 16 years or older and have a valid Driver's License, you MUST wear a helmet and you MUST show proof of Liability Insurance at Registration.

Emergency vehicles will line up on Industrial Park Road. Industrial Park Road to Hustler Boat Lane will be closed at 5 p.m. until all parade participants leave the area.

Anyone participating with a horse will register at Lake City Middle School. All horses must wear a horse diaper or you will not be eligible to participate in the parade.

If you are sponsoring a float or a group, you must also register at Lake City Middle School. All floats and everyone participating with floats must be lined up **behind** the Middle School. **Please DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE PARKED BEHIND THE SCHOOL while you participate in the parade.** The gates will be locked when the last float leaves and you will not be able to pick up your car until Monday morning when school resumes.

If you are sponsoring a group or float, please designate a place and time for your group to meet at Lake City Middle School. The volunteers assisting with registration will not be responsible for watching children dropped off by their parents. The group sponsor is responsible for submitting all completed registration/release forms and ensuring that participants under 18 years old, have a completed form signed by the child's guardian and ensuring that all participants are aware of the rules regarding the parade. If you are sponsoring a group or float, please encourage your participants to register online in advance by filling out the online form or printing and completing the PDF paper version.

Please be aware that you will not be able to participate in the parade if you are not registered and have received a number. Numbers will need to be placed on the front or driver's side of the vehicle.

Prizes and Awards will be given out at the City Council Meeting on Dec. 15th at 5:30 p.m. for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Float and Top Three Cars/ Trucks categories and 1st and 2nd place in the Group category and there will be awards for 1st place in the Tractor and ATV/UTV categories.

We also want to let you know that Santa Clause has been contacted and he plans to attend the parade. He would appreciate it if no one else dresses up like him so that the children won't be confused.

If you have any questions, you can call 865-426-9595, email RockyTopChamber@gmail.com or visit www.rockytoptnchamber.com.

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Library News

The Rocky Top Public Library gets lots of questions. Here are a few of their most frequently asked questions:

Q: How do I get a Library Card?

A: You must have a valid Driver's License with a current address on it or a piece of mail with your current address.

Q: How many items can I check out?

A: You may check out as many books as you want and 3 DVD's at a time.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Library cards are free.

Q: How can I get involved?

A: We have book discussions, summer reading, computer classes, Friends of The Rocky Top Library membership, and more.

Below is a list of the new releases that you can find at the Rocky Top Public Library:

Adult Fiction:

The Love Hypothesis by Ali Hazelwood
 The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory
 The Pallbearers Club by Paul Tremblay
 The Sewing Girl's Tale by John Wood Sweet
 Thistlefoot by GennaRose Nethercott
 Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin
 Dark Earth by Rebecca Stott
 Dark Tides by Philippa Gregory
 A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay
 When We Were Bright and beautiful by Jillian Medoff

Young Adult:

Namesake by Adrienne Young
 Fable by Adrienne Young
 The Guinevere Deception by Kiersten White

Non-Fiction:

It Was Always a Choice by David Steele

Thanksgiving Recipe

Have you ever wondered why pumpkin pie was a Thanksgiving tradition? As it turns out, pumpkin pie is about as American as Thanksgiving itself. The colonists and indigenous people ate pumpkins and squash frequently in the 1600s, so gourds were most likely served at the first Thanksgiving. Since most people already have a favorite pumpkin pie recipe, we thought we'd share a recipe that gives a twist to the traditional pumpkin pie.

Paula Dean's Pumpkin Pie Cheesecake

Ingredients:

- 1¾ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 stick salted butter, melted
- 3 (8-ounce) packages at room temperature cream cheese
- 1 (15-ounce) can pureed pumpkin
- 4 eggs (3 eggs plus 1 yolk)
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1½ cups sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon fresh ground nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Crust - In a medium bowl, combine crumbs, sugar and ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Add melted butter. Press down flat into a 9 inch spring form pan. Set aside.
- Filling - Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add pumpkin puree, eggs, egg yolk, sour cream, sugar and the spices. Add four and vanilla. Beat together until well combined.
- Pour into crust/ Spread out evenly and place in oven for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and let sit for 15 minutes. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 4 hours.

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