

ROCKY TOP NEWS

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Rocky Top Library Unveils Plaque in Honor of Norma Day

The Rocky Top Library staff, along with the Friends of the Rocky Top Library group and the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce joined together on Thursday, March 23 for a networking coffee and to unveil a plaque in honor of the late library director, Norma Day.

Day, who passed away unexpectedly last year, was remembered by colleagues and community members as a tireless advocate for literacy and learning.

During her 20 years at the library, Day was instrumental in creating many of the library's programs and was committed to making the library a welcoming and inclusive space for all members of the community.



The plaque itself features a photograph of Day, along with a brief description of her achievements and contributions to the library. It will be permanently affixed to the library wall where it will serve as a reminder of Day's legacy and her impact on the community.

Norris Lake Cleanup

The Norris Lake Project Team worked on Saturday, March 25, 2023 to conduct their Annual Five County Norris Lake Cleanup. There were three launch sites and had over 125 volunteers.

The volunteers filled three separate construction dumpsters and collected numerous tires.

"The majority of what we picked up was cans and bottles but we also properly disposed of tires, foam blocks, patio chairs, tents, carpet and other boating gear," said Stephanie Wells, Director of Anderson County Tourism Council.



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Memorial Day Service

The Rocky Top Memorial Day Service will be on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Monument located at the Rocky Top Community Library. Everyone is welcome.

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- Windrock Park Porch Series every Saturday beginning at 6:00 pm
- Spring Wildflower Hikes at Norris Dam State Park on April 1-2
- Tasty Tuesday's Food Truck Rally in Downtown Clinton beginning on April 4
- Lady Jeepers Event at Windrock Park on April 13-16
- Windrock Park Spring Shindig on April 20-22
- Sheep Shearing Days at Museum of Appalachia on April 21, May 5th and 12th
- Mosaic – A Downtown Clinton Celebration of the Arts on April 22
- Mountain Bike Poker Run at Norris Dam State Park on April 22\
- Jeep Jamboree at Windrock Park on May 4-6
- Clinch River Spring Antique Fair in Downtown Clinton on May 5-6
- Downhill Southeast Bike Event at Windrock Bike Park on May 5-7
- Diamond B Rodeo: Clinton Championship at AC Fairgrounds on May 13

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

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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.

Upcoming Networking Coffee

- Joint Networking Coffee at United Way of Anderson County – April 20 at 8:30 am
- Joint Networking Coffee at Powell Clinch Utility District – July 20 at 8:30 am
- Joint Networking Coffee at Ray Varner Ford – September 5 at 8:30 am

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To the Moon & Beyond Event at AMSE

As NASA prepares to return to the Moon the American Museum of Science and Energy's 2023 Summer Camp will explore and share what it's like to survive in space and Martian terrain.

"To the Moon and Beyond" will allow campers to explore and immerse themselves in hands-on experiments and experiences to replicate the astronaut experience. Special guests, exciting experiences, captivating experiments, NASA trained instructors, and so much more!

Camp will be at the American Museum of Science and Energy from June 19th to 23rd from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. The cost will be \$200 for non-members and \$175 for members. There are a limited number of spaces available for this year's camp as there are some unique surprises on the schedule.

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"We could not have conducted this cleanup without the help of the volunteers, many of which participated with their co-workers, fellow students or fellow homeowner association members," said Wells. "While we appreciate all the volunteers that help with the cleanup efforts, our ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for the cleanups."

The goal of the Norris Lake Project Team is to raise public awareness about the problem and encourage people to properly dispose of their trash such as household garbage, tires, appliances, etc. They also want to make sure that when visitors come to the lake for the day or the weekend, that they are taking home all that they brought like bottles, cans, tents, food packaging, coolers, paper products, etc.

The Tennessee Valley Authority partners with the Norris Lake Project by providing supplies and resources to help with the cleanups. Beach Island Marina, Powell Valley Marina, Sequoyah Marina and Anderson County Park also assisted with this cleanup by providing boats, equipment and manpower.

If you are interested in volunteering with the cleanup efforts or the continuing public awareness campaign, visit www.NorrisLakeProject.com or call 865-659-2829. You can also email info@norrislakeproject.com

The Norris Lake Project Team is a partnership with the Anderson County Tourism Council, Anderson County Littler Grant Program, Big Ridge State Park, Campbell County Litter Grant Program, Claiborne County Mayor's Office, Keep Union County Beautiful, Norris Dam State Park, Norris Lake Marina Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, and Union County Chamber of Commerce.

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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.

John K. Alley, Jr. awarded with the Assessor of the Year Award from the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers

John K. Alley, Jr., Anderson County Assessor of Property, was awarded the Assessor of the Year Award for 2022 from the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers. The award was presented on behalf of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers (TNAAO) by the President, Erinne Hester and Executive Director, Will Denami.

“The Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers proudly recognizes the accomplishments of Johnny Alley whose professionalism, service and leadership as Assessor of Property for Anderson County exemplify the ideals, standards and goals of our profession, and name him Tennessee Assessor of the Year 2022,” said President, Erinne Hester.

Will Denami, Executive Director of the TNAAO, was also on hand for the award ceremony and said, “Johnny Alley being recognized as the Assessor of the Year is a testament to the positive difference he is making for the people of Anderson County. Johnny was previously recognized as the East Tennessee Assessor of the Year 2019 and the Leadership Award in 2021 and I expect Johnny will continue to be honored for the contributions he makes to the

profession and the example he sets as a public servant,” said Executive Director, Will Denami.

“I am humbled and surprised to be presented with this award. This is a very special honor and I really appreciate my fellow Assessors and want to recognize that there are several very good Assessors across the state that I rely upon for advice and I deeply respect their opinion. I am fortunate to work for the people of Anderson County, it truly is an honor to serve as the Assessor of Property. We have an outstanding team in the Assessor’s office and we have strong support from our Commission and all the offices we work with. We strive to treat everyone fairly and make sure we put the citizens of Anderson County first,” said Johnny Alley.

The TNAAO is a professional organization composed of the elected officials serving as Assessors of Property in Tennessee. The TNAAO’s purpose is to work on behalf of the people of our great state to ensure fairness and uniformity in statutes regarding the assessment of property, as well as, to promote excellence through best practices and professionalism amongst those charged with this vital task.



Chamber Member Spotlight: Classy Threads & Catering

Vanessa Dupuy with Classy Threads & Catering has been in business for 25 years and can help with all of your catering needs.

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School News

Make plans to attend the variety show at Lake City Elementary School on April 28 at 6:00. The title of this year's show is TOTALLY 80's. It will feature LCES students singing and dancing to songs from that decade.

Pictured are the Students of the Month for February. These students were chosen for their honesty.



GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH BUGS AT THE UT ARBORETUM'S "BUG CAMP FOR KIDS 2023," JUNE 14-16

"BUG CAMP 2023" is back for the first time since 2019! Open to rising third to fifth grade students, the camp will be held at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge.

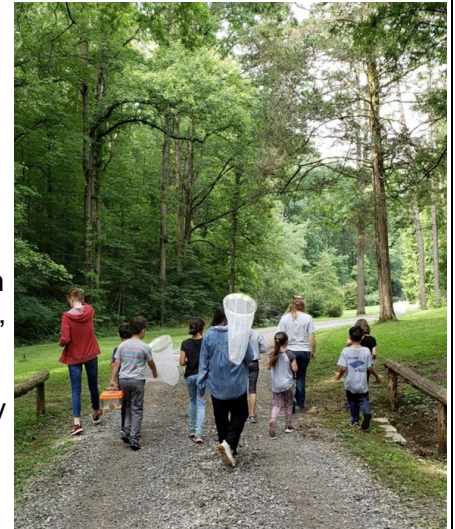
The students will explore the good, the bad and the "buggy" of our relationship with the insect world. Through creative methods like bug crafts, nature walks, science activities and the UT Insect Zoo, the students will learn why the world can't live without insects. Each participant will have an opportunity to take home and "host" an insect if they choose during the camp session.

The camp is led by University of Tennessee entomologist, Dr. Jerome Grant with the UT Insect Zoo, his entomology students and UT Arboretum Society volunteers. The camp will be held on three consecutive days

- Wednesday, June 14, 9am-2pm; Thursday, June 15, 9am-2pm; and Friday, June 16, 9am-12 noon.

Limited to 16 children, the camp tuition is **\$60 for members of the UT Arboretum Society or \$75 for non-members**. For more information and applications, contact Michelle Campanis at 865-483-7277 or mcampani@utk.edu.

To learn more about the Arboretum Society or for questions on this program, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org



CHEER TRYOUTS



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LAKE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

PACKETS WERE GIVEN TO THE GIRLS

PARENT MEETING MARCH 28 @ 6PM LCMS AUDITORIUM

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Get resources to support your children and teens to be alcohol, nicotine, and drug-free at ASAPofAnderson.org.



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Youth Ambassadors Encourage Peers to be Sober at Prom

It's spring again, which means many teenagers are celebrating their last prom before graduating high school and beginning a new chapter in their lives, and some are celebrating their first. But in order to have a safe celebration, it is important that drugs and alcohol are not a part of the festivities.

Students from Anderson County, Clinton, and Oak Ridge High School are joining together to remind their peers to be sober this prom. These students form the Youth Ambassador Coalition, or YAC. One of the ways they have worked together is by designing a poster to display and keycards to give out with the tagline, "One Decision Can Change Everything: Make this a night to remember, not a night you want to forget."

On prom night, students at Anderson County and Clinton High Schools will have the opportunity to take pictures with their friends at a selfie booth. The hashtag #IAMONE will be displayed at the bottom of every photo, reminding them to make safe choices on prom night. Students attending the event will also receive an ASAP of

Anderson keychain with a list of resources for help with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

ASAP of Anderson would like to thank the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for providing a grant to support an I AM ONE selfie studio during Anderson County and Clinton Proms. During the months of April-June, typically prom season, 33% of alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur. This selfie studio is to be yet another reminder to make safe,

healthy decisions as they celebrate, in hopes to prevent them from being another traffic-related injury or fatality.

Although encouragement from peers and organizations is impactful, it can only go so far. In one survey, 3 out of 4 teens said their parents have the biggest influence on their decision to drink alcohol. Parents and caregivers can help keep prom goers safe during their celebrations by reminding their teens that they disapprove of any alcohol or drug use, knowing the itinerary and checking in, being clear that it is never okay to drive or ride in the car with someone who is under the influence, making sure their phone is charged in case they need to reach out, and being available and supportive if something happens and they need to reach out.

For parents or caregivers wondering how to talk with their teens about substances, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration has created the "Talk. They Hear You." campaign. This campaign provides

information to parents, caregivers, educators, and other adults on how to prevent underage drinking and other drug use among minors.

For more information about YAC, the #IAMONE campaign, or how to have these important conversations with your teens, contact ASAP of Anderson at 865-457-3007 or visit www.asapofanderson.org. Follow @ASAPofAnderson on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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Old-Fashioned Carrot Cake

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4 large eggs, room temperature
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 1 cup canola oil
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 to 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground
 nutmeg
 2 cups grated carrots



Frosting:

1/2 cup butter, softened
 3 ounces cream
 cheese, softened
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3-3/4 cups confectioners' sugar
 2 to 3 tablespoons 2% milk
 1 cup chopped walnuts, optional

Directions:

- ◆ In a large bowl, combine the eggs, sugar and oil. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt and nutmeg; beat into egg mixture. Stir in carrots.
- ◆ Pour into 2 greased and floured 9-in. round baking pans. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
- ◆ For frosting, in another large bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy, 3-4 minutes. Beat in vanilla. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. Add enough milk to achieve desired spreading consistency. Reserve 1/2 cup frosting for decorating if desired. If desired, stir walnuts into remaining frosting.
- ◆ Spread frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake.

Store cake in the refrigerator.

April is National Donate Life Awareness Month

Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

More than 100,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving transplant. Transplants rely on the generosity of organ, eye and tissue donors, and there are not enough donors to meet the need.

People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissues can be donated.

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list.

You can become an organ donor by signing up online through the Donate Life website (donatelife.net), the Tennessee state registry (donatelifetn.org) or in person at your local DMV office.



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Spring Brings the Music to Windrock Park

Windrock Park is excited to party in the hollow this spring with their annual Windrock Shindig concert on Saturday, April 22nd. Headlining this year's concert is country musician, Jordan Davis, joined by Chris Lane and Trea Landon.



Gates for the concert will open at 4:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 6:00 p.m. The Shindig is a festival type atmosphere and visitors are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets.

In addition to the concert on Saturday, the Shindig will offer a full weekend of fun with guided trail rides beginning on Friday, April 20 and a variety of competitions for ATV riders. Vendors and food trucks will also be in attendance throughout the weekend at Windrock Park.

Ticket prices and more information about the concert weekend can be found at www.windrockshindig.com.

In addition to the Spring Shindig, Windrock brings music to the park with their new Porch Series that began on March 18th.

Live music will be played at Windrock's new general store, located at 921 Windrock Road, Oliver Springs, each Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. through the end of May.

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Library News

Remember to grab a calendar the next time you're in the library and to keep an eye on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages for program reminders and other fun updates!

There will be a Friends of the Rocky Top Public Library meeting on April 20th at 11am. New faces are welcome.

The Library will be closed April 7th and 8th for Easter.

New books in fiction:

- It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover
- Never Never by Colleen Hoover
- It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover
- The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandanna
- The Gentleman and the Thief (a Proper Romance) by Sarah M. Eden



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Thursday, April 27th, Friday, April 28th and
Saturday, April 29th
9am to 4pm
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