

ROCKY TOP NEWS

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Norris Lake Clean Up on March 25th

The Norris Lake Project Team will hold its annual spring Norris Lake Cleanup on March 25, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The launch locations will be Anderson County Park and Powell Valley Marina.

Volunteers will be cleaning up the lakeshore near the launch point and on nearby islands. Boat transportation will be provided but if you have a boat, you are welcome to bring it. You are also



encouraged to bring a life jacket if you have one. Bags will be provided by the Tennessee Valley Authority at all of the locations. Participants are

encouraged to bring gloves and wear tennis shoes, boots or other shoes with tread. The lake banks will be muddy so please wear appropriate footwear. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, email info@norrislakeproject.com or call 865-457-4547.

Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Holds Annual Dinner

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce held their annual dinner and silent auction on Thursday, February 23 at Main Street Baptist Church in Rocky Top.

The dinner is held each year to raise money for two \$1,000 scholarships that are awarded to Anderson County High School students who attended Lake City Middle School and are pursuing a post secondary education.

Each year the chamber awards a local business and a community member an award for their dedication and community service to the Rocky Top community. Powell Clinch Utility District was awarded the Outstanding Business Award this year and Linda Lovely was presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Jordan Jeffers, the Anderson County High School boys basketball coach was the guest speaker at this year's event. The Anderson County



Jordan Jeffers, Speaker

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- Northern Rock Racing Series Hill Climb at Windrock Park on March 3 – 4
- Titan Off-Road Shamrock Shakedown at Windrock Park on March 15-19
- Tennessee National Bike Festival at Windrock Bike Park on March 16-26
- Norris Lake Cleanup at Anderson County Park and Powell Valley Marina on March 25
- Spring Wildflower Hikes at Norris Dam State Park on March 26-26, April 1-2
- Tasty Tuesday's Food Truck Rally in Downtown Clinton on April 4
- Windrock Park Spring Shindig on April 20-22



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Set your watch an hour ahead

March 12, 2023

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

- Networking Coffee at Rocky Top Public Library – March 23 at 9:30 am
- 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

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High School Select Ensemble Choir performed three beautiful songs for guests and Classy Threads and Catering catered this year's event.



L to R: Linda Lovely, Maria Hooks, RTCC Chairperson



L to R: Rob Neil, Maria Hooks, RTCC Chairperson

Main Street Baptist Church Sends Two Mission Teams to Guatemala

On January 4-14 a team of 4 medical professionals joined Crossville Medical Mission to travel to and serve the Chorti Mayan people of Eastern Guatemala.

The team of 14 stayed at Servant Ministries Center in Camotan and traveled from there to different mountain villages holding five free Medical and Dental clinics.

Nearly 1400 patients were treated by physicians/dentists, nurses and received medications, vitamins and parasite treatments.

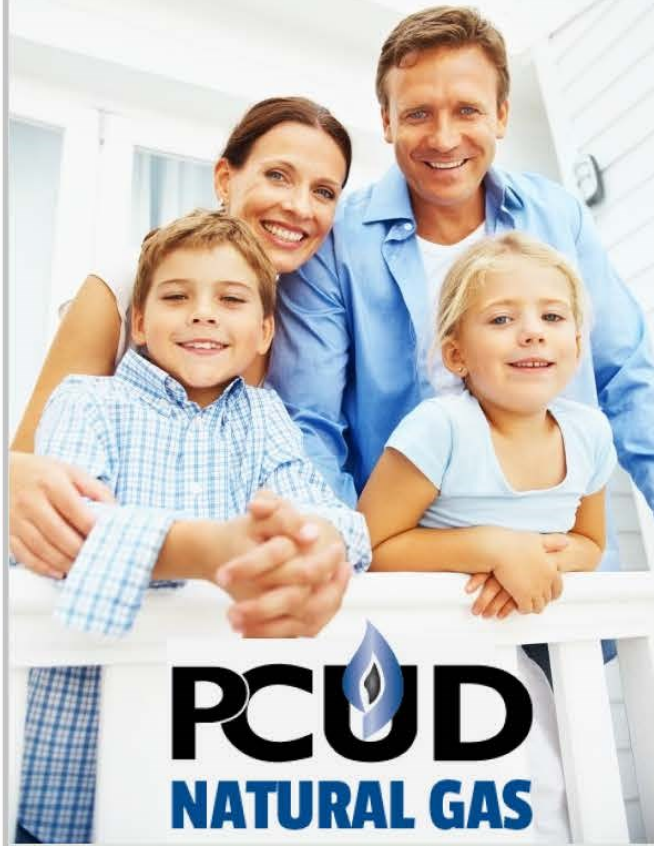
On February 9 - 19, a second team will traveled to Servant Ministries in Camotan, Guatemala to distribute donated school supplies to approximately 35 mountain schools, build 2 Samaritan project homes, and to hold a women's conference for the people of the villages.

The team spent an afternoon at a school that MSBC has sponsored to bless the students with food bundles, gifts, teaching supplies and taking school pictures for each student.



Pictured L to R: Robin Barber, Jim Harvey, Tina McIntosh, Tammy Harvey, Donna Hall, Kent Barber, Meredith Rogers, and Anne Fox.

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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.



Youth Ambassador Coalition Students Meet Lt. Gov. McNally in Nashville

Students involved in ASAP of Anderson's Youth Ambassador Coalition (YAC) recently traveled to Nashville to speak with legislators about drug prevention.

YAC is a group of students from Anderson County, Clinton, and Oak Ridge High Schools who work diligently to prevent and reduce substance misuse in their community.

ASAP of Anderson also partnered with Metro Drug Coalition in Knoxville to take high schoolers from across the county to meet with Representative Ragan and Lt. Gov. McNally.

While in Nashville, students advocated for adding restrictions to Delta-8 - Ambassadors advocated for restrictions on Delta-8, including banning cartoon characters on packaging and requiring a 21 and up age restriction for Delta-8. They also advocated for funding for opioid alternatives. Ambassadors educated legislators about



the benefits of alternatives to opioids for Medicare patients, including chiropractic care, massage therapy, physical therapy, and local anesthetics.

Lastly, they advocated for more prevention education in schools. Ambassadors spoke with Ragan and Lt. Gov. McNally about implementing more education about substance misuse prevention in local schools.

Currently, ASAP provides free education about alcohol, stimulant, marijuana, and nicotine prevention in all three high schools in Anderson County.

In January, YAC members traveled to Washington, D.C. to engage with federal legislators. They educated Congressman Fleischmann, Senator Blackburn, and Senator Hagerty about the proposed Delta-8 restrictions, swapping out opioids for safer alternatives for Medicare patients, and prevention education.

High school students in Anderson County who are interested in joining YAC are encouraged to apply online at www.asapofanderson.org/youth-ambassador-coalition/ or contact Jarod Ormsby by emailing Jarod@ASAPofAnderson.org.

To stay up to date about other exciting news involving ASAP, follow @ASAPofAnderson on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Chamber Member Spotlight Premier Automotive Paint and Bodywork

Jared Toney, owner of Premier Automotive Paint and Bodywork, recently made one of his life-long dreams come true when he started his business in December of 2021.

Premier Automotive Paint and Bodywork opened after years of hard work and determination. Owner, Jared, has 18 years of experience and strives to achieve quality paint and body work on cars and motorcycles, including Harley Davidsons. He performs impeccable work and treats each job like he's working on his own vehicle.

Some of his past work includes painting many beautiful classic cars, including a 55 Bel Air.

Jared has also painted law enforcement vehicles in Maryville, Alcoa and Knoxville. In addition, he took a certification class and has experience



painting Teslas. Jared and his wife Taylor love the Rocky Top community and want to be of service and

help to its members by providing quality work at a fair price.

The Toney's are very involved in local organizations and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Jared is an extremely hard worker who accepts nothing but perfection in his work. He has always been an avid lover of cars and enjoys making them look great.

To inquire about paint or body work, you can contact the Toney's through email at premeirautomotiverockytop@gmail.com or by calling 865-839-5990.

School News

Pictured are the students who were named Lake City Elementary School Students of the Month of January for showing fairness. Not pictured are Kasyn Chappell, Zoe Dupee, and Tino Oswald.



ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS!

Did you know the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Rocky Top Community Foundation gives two \$1,000 scholarships? Each year two students that attended Lake City Middle School and are graduating from Anderson County High School are eligible to receive the scholarships. Scholarship applications are available to pick up in the guidance office at Anderson County High School. Applications must be emailed to: rockytopchamber@gmail.com by April 1st.



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 "buggly" 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

I AM ONE



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



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

Dental Hygiene Clinic Free Cleanings for Children (Age 4-12)

February - March 2023

- Oak Ridge Campus
- Monday - Thursday
- 8am - 5pm
- Call (865) 481-2016 for appointments



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Day Trip Adventures from Rocky Top

Spring break is almost here and it's the perfect time to plan a day trip. Luckily, Rocky Top is a stone's throw from some great places to visit. Here are 3 places that would make a fun day trip for all ages:

Ruby Falls - Many of us have heard of Ruby Falls, but aren't quite sure what it is or even where it is.

Ruby Falls is located on Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, a quick two hour drive from Rocky Top. Ruby Falls is home to the tallest and deepest underground waterfall open to the public in the United States.

Descend 260 feet by glass -front elevator to explore the scenic path to the breathtaking waterfall deep within Lookout Mountain led by a Ruby Falls guide.

See stalagmites, stalactites, drapery formations and flowstone plus learn about the cave's storied history. Take in sweeping views of the Tennessee Valley and Tennessee River from historic Lookout Mountain Tower, Blue Heron Overlook, and the Ruby Falls Village Plaza.

Extend the visit to include High Point ZIP Adventure at Ruby Falls, featuring zip lines and climbing tower surrounded by spectacular vistas. Visitors should plan to spend 2-3 hours at Ruby Falls and please note, tickets must be purchased online. No walk up tickets will be sold.

The Ark Encounter is about a three hour drive from Rocky Top, but highly worth the trip. Experience Bible history come to life at the life-size Noah's Ark!

The Ark was built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide and 51 feet high.

It is the largest timber-frame structure in the

world, built in part by skilled Amish craftsmen from standing dead timber. It is truly an engineering marvel.

As you enter Noah's world on the Ark, you'll tour three decks filled with world-class exhibits that will allow you to experience what Noah's life may have been like, from cooking to sleeping, recreation and even gardening.

You will encounter a host of life-like sculpted animals and learn how Noah could have cared for them.

The Ark Encounter also features a zoo, zip lines and a restaurant. Keep in mind these charge additional admission fees.

Kids 10 and under receive free admission to the Ark in 2022.

If you've lived in East Tennessee long enough, you've most likely been to Gatlinburg more times than you can count, but don't

count out the Gatlinburg SkyLift Park as a great day trip option.

It gives you access to some of the best views of the Smoky Mountains and plenty of adventure is available for the adrenaline junkies.

Ride the SkyLift chairs from the heart of downtown Gatlinburg up 1,800 feet to the SkyBridge which happens to be the longest pedestrian cable bridge in North America.

The bridge sits 500 feet above Gatlinburg with 30 feet of glass in the center, so it's not for the faint of heart.

You also have the SkyDeck with expansive views of the beautiful Smoky Mountains and you can enjoy a delicious lunch at the SkyCenter.

The SkyTrail is new to the park this year and is a scenic walkway connecting both ends of the SkyBridge.



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Tennessee Tree Day March 18, 2023

Every year in the state of Tennessee, hundreds of native tree species are destroyed due to human development and natural disasters. Native trees are important members of our communities providing homes and habitats for fellow wildlife and pollinators, increasing property value and cooling and cleaning our atmospheres.

Since 2007, the Tennessee Tree Program and its many volunteers have been trailblazers in helping reforest Tennessee by facilitating the planting of 822,860 native trees across Tennessee and beyond.

Be an active member in creating greater change by helping reforest Tennessee.

Step by Step Planting Guide for Bare Root Seedlings

1. Unpack - remove any packing materials carefully, and then gently untangle the roots. It is very important not to let the roots dry out. We recommend letting them soak in water for 2-4 hours prior to planting.
2. Dig a hole approximately one foot in diameter. Roots need enough space to grow outward.
3. Make a small mound of soil in the bottom of the hole.
4. Take the seedling and flare the roots out in all directions
5. Cover roots with loose soil. Lightly tamp soil down. It should be firmly but not tightly packed.
6. Water the tree thoroughly after planting. Add 3-5 gallons of water. Do not compact the soil by tamping wet soil. Soil compaction eliminates oxygen, which roots need to survive!
7. After the water has soaked in, spread protective mulch 2 inches deep in a 2-3 foot diameter area around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.
8. Continue watering every 2-3 days for a few weeks and then just once a week, @ 3-5 gallons for a few months. This will help establish the root system.

Library News

The Rocky Top Library will be hosting the Chamber Coffee on March 23rd at 9:30am. During the coffee, there will be a dedication of a plaque in honor of Norma Day. A Friends of the Library meeting will immediately follow the Chamber Coffee. The library will also be having an Arbor Day Celebration on the 24th. Keep your eyes on the library's Facebook or Instagram page for more details.

There are plenty of news books at the library and plenty more on the way. New this month:



Fiction:

- To Win Her Favor by Tamera Alexander
- To Wager Her Heart by Tamera Alexander
- The Librarian of Crooked Lane by C.J. Archer
- The Brides of Webster County by Wanda Brunstetter
- The Royal We by Heather Cocks
- A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons by Kate Khavari
- The Orchard by Beverly Lewis
- Spells for Forgetting by Adrienne Young
- The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware

Non-fiction:

- What if? 2 by Randall Munroe Young Adult
- The Ballad of Never After by Stephanie Garber
- Sugaring off by Gillian French
- The Whispering Dark by Kelly Andrew

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