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Military Appreciation Month

May is National Military Appreciation Month, a time to honor and celebrate the contributions of our military personnel and their families. This month-



May is National Military Appreciation Month | Remember. Honor. Support.

long observance includes several important holidays and events that pay tribute to the

sacrifices made by our nation's armed forces.

National Military Appreciation Month was first established in 1999 by Congress as a way to recognize the service and sacrifice of our military members. It has since become an annual tradition that is celebrated across the country through a variety of events and activities.

In addition to Memorial Day, which honors those who have given their lives in service to our country, National Military Appreciation Month also includes the following holidays and observances:

Loyalty Day (May 1): A day to reaffirm our loyalty to the United States and recognize the heritage of American freedom.

VE Day (May 8): The anniversary of the Allied

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Mentor Program at Lake City Middle School

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce offered an innovative mentor program to 8th-grade students at Lake City Middle School this school year. The program brought in local professionals to speak with the students about their careers and to provide them with guidance on pursuing their future goals.

The professionals came from a range of different industries, including healthcare, finance, technology and the arts. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the various career paths available to them.

The program was a huge success, with students expressing gratitude for the chance to connect with professionals in their fields of interest. Many of the students stated that they had gained a better understanding of what it takes to succeed in their



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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.

- Tasty Tuesday's Food Truck Rally every Tuesday from 4 to 7 pm in Downtown Clinton
- Porch Series Live Music at Windrock Park every Friday at 6:00 pm
- 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
- Sheep Shearing at Museum of Appalachia on May 5th and 12th
- Veterans Breakfast at Clinton Community Center on May 13
- Diamond B Rodeo: Clinton Championship at AC Fairgrounds on May 13
- Renaissance Run in Norris on May 13
- Downtown Clinton Farmers Market on Thursdays beginning May 18 from 9 am to 1 pm
- Off road and Chill Experience at Windrock Park on May 26-29

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 Powell Clinch Utility District – July 20 at 8:30 am
- Joint Networking Coffee at Ray Varner Ford – September 5 at 8:30 am
- Joint Networking Coffee at Rocky Top Dentistry – October 3 at 8:30 am

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victory in Europe during World War II.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 10): A day to recognize the sacrifices and contributions of military spouses.

Armed Forces Day (May 18): A day to honor the men and women who currently serve in the U.S. military.

These holidays and observances provide an opportunity to remember and honor the sacrifices made by our military personnel and their families. They also serve as a reminder of the ongoing need to support our troops and veterans in their transition back to civilian life.

In addition to the national holiday and observances, Anderson County holds monthly Veteran's Breakfasts. The breakfasts are held at the Clinton Community Center, 101 S. Hicks Street, Clinton. The "Chow line" opens at 8:30 a.m. and there will be a brief program at 9 a.m. honoring veterans. All of the Veterans Breakfasts will recognize and honor local veterans and their families for their service to the United States.

Veterans Breakfasts will be held on the following days:

- May 13, 2023 - sponsored by the Family of William Ward, WWII Veteran
- June 10, 2023 - sponsored by Ray Varner Ford
- July 8, 2023 - sponsorship is open at this time
- August 12, 2023 - sponsored by Travis McCarter
- September 9, 2023 - sponsored by Alexander Guest House

Throughout National Military Appreciation Month, Americans are encouraged to show their support for our military heroes through acts of kindness and gratitude. This may include volunteering with a local veterans' organization, sending care packages to troops overseas, or simply taking the time to say thank you to a veteran or service member.

As we honor our military heroes during National Military Appreciation Month, let us remember the sacrifices they have made and the contributions they continue to make to our country.

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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chosen careers, and that they felt more confident in their ability to achieve their goals.

The chamber of commerce and middle school would like to extend a special thank you to all of the professionals who participated in the mentor program. Your time, expertise, and willingness to share your



Ranger Trent from NDSP

experiences with our students were greatly appreciated, and we are confident that your guidance will have a lasting impact on their lives.

We would also like to encourage other professionals in the area to consider volunteering their time and expertise for future mentor programs. Your contributions can make a real difference in the lives of our students, helping to shape the next generation of leaders and innovators.

If you're interested in being a part of the mentor program, please email the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce at rockytopchamber@gmail.com. We look forward to continuing this program in the future, and to helping even more students to achieve their dreams.

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School News:

These students were recognized as April's Students of the Month at Lake City Elementary School for showing good citizenship! Congratulations, Lakers!



The students at Lake City Elementary presented a check for \$2204.50 to Second Harvest Food Bank. The money was raised at their annual Empty Bowls Art Show and Meal. Each student had created their own piece of pottery for the event. Great Job LCES!

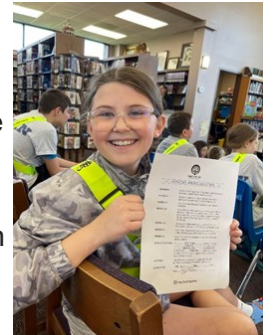


This is the LCES 2023 Cross Country Team. The team has worked hard this year striving to become faster runners. Each runner worked on setting their own goals and celebrated their finish! Great job LCES Cross Country team! - Not pictured: Evan Mowery, Jacob Smith, Bently King, Kali Roaden and Karleigh Stricker



Arbor Day

Celebration-The City of Rocky Top hosted its' annual Arbor Day Celebration on March 24, 2023, at the Rocky Top Public Library. Members of the community and students from Lake City Elementary school attended the event. State Forester Diane Warwick congratulated the city on its fifth year as a Tree City USA. Ms. Warwick stated that only 13 percent of all cities in the state have the Tree City USA distinction. Kaylee Streetman read the Arbor Day Proclamation signed by the Mayor of Rocky Top, Kerry Templin.



Lake City Elementary School - A Honor Roll

3rd grade: Brynlee Elkins, Abel Bridges, Avery Bean, Addie Renfro, Hunter Melville, Sisalee Stringfields, & Brylen Tackett.

4th grade: Payci Caldwell, Briley Idles, Esa Minor, Hiram Stovall, Skylor Weaver, Brayleigh Brown, Rhiley Cornett, Luke Enix, Constance Evans, Aria Goins, Anna James, Bailey Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Gillian Urrutia, Sydney Harris, Chloe Hulme, Lakelee Leinart-Taylor, & Annalie Rogers.

5th grade: Keygen Shaun, Logan Perkins, Raylee Streetman, Austin Vaden, Emily Webber, Cara Cameron, Sophia Carroll, Ethan Varnell, Gabby Green, Josiah Harness, & Coltyn Taylor

Lake City Elementary School - A/B Honor Roll

3rd grade: Shaelyn Taylor, Kaleigh Sellers, Marley LaRue, Amelia Harrison, Kayden Adkins, Jayden Ward, Braxton Braden, Holden Daugherty, Anna Ruth Farrow, Lilly Foster, Niya Guthrie, Lily McQuaid, Hailey Sellers, Dakota York, Carson Merritt, Makayla Mull, Kamrin Studer, & Lillian Swanson.

4th grade: Addisyn Armstrong, Zoey Bunch, Bryson Harness, Bentley Kung, Nathaniel McCoy, Nathan Montgomery, Sariah Newsome, Tatium Ridenour, Cameron Foust, Zoey Higgs, Jace Kuriger, Kole Parson, Ethan Phillips, Aaleiya Henderson, KeiAndre Hopper, Axel Jones, Evan Mowery, Liz Nicholson, Weston Smith, & Isla Wrede

5th grade: Walker Hawkins, Havana Pietroburgo, Aliyah Sharp, Carson Webber, Evan York, Ginger Burroughs, Jaxon Dayton, Hunter Seiber, Bentley Settles, Jordan Braden, Ally Johnson, Riley Kennedy, LB Mitchell, Hunter Newberry, & Blake Wilson.

ASAP Ambassadors Encourage Graduates to Celebrate Safely

Many high schoolers in Anderson County are excited to begin a new chapter in their lives after graduation.

This accomplishment calls for a celebration, but it is important that drugs and alcohol are not a part of the festivities.

The ASAP Youth Ambassador Coalition, which consists of students from Anderson County, Clinton, and Oak Ridge high schools, is encouraging other teenagers to be safe and sober this graduation.

ASAP Ambassadors are posting on social media to encourage youth not to consume alcohol or other drugs on graduation night as a part of the "I AM ONE" campaign.

They are also discouraging parents from social hosting, which is providing alcohol and/or allowing underage drinking.

Informational fans will also be passed out at Oak Ridge, Anderson County, and Clinton High School graduations to inform parents and teens about driving under the influence and Tennessee's Social Host Liability Law.

Underage drinking can easily end graduates' lives after high school before they begin. One third of alcohol-related teen traffic fatalities occur between April and June, which is during graduation season.

ASAP also wants to remind everyone that the dangers of underage drinking go past the road.

Drinking impairs decision making, which can

lead to decisions that cause harm and increase the risk of falls, drowning, and violence. It also can increase the risk of being a victim of sexual assault, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration has created the "Talk.

They Hear You" campaign to provide parents with interactive tools to help parents, caregivers, educators and communities to get informed, be prepared and take action to prevent underage drinking and other drug use.

For more information about the campaign, get other resources for parents and teens, or find out how your teen can join the ASAP Youth Ambassador Coalition go to ASAPofAnderson.org or email Jarod@ASAPofAnderson.org.

ASAP would like to extend a special thank you to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for financial support of these efforts and to Anderson County, Clinton and Oak Ridge High Schools for their continued partnership with ASAP to help prevent and reduce substance misuse in Anderson County.



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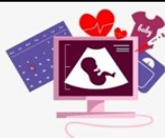


Get resources to support your children and teens to be alcohol, nicotine, and drug-free at ASAPofAnderson.org.

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Red, White and Blue Trifle Memorial Day Recipe

Ingredients:

- 8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 lb. pound cake, cubed
- 2 - 6 oz. containers blueberries (about 2 cups)
- 2 - 6 oz. containers blackberries (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 1 1/2 qt. strawberries, stems removed, sliced

Directions:

- ◆ In the bowl of a stand mixer with a paddle attachment, combine the cream cheese and granulated sugar.
- ◆ Beat on medium-high for 1 to 2 minutes until smooth. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl.
- ◆ With the mixer on medium, slowly add the heavy cream and vanilla and mix until combined. Switch to the whisk attachment and whip at medium speed until soft peaks form and the mixture is easy to dollop.
- ◆ In a large trifle dish (about 12 to 14 cups), place a single layer of cake cubes.
- ◆ Top with two-thirds of the blueberries and blackberries, then one-half of the whipped cream (about 2 cups), then two-thirds of the strawberries.
- ◆ Repeat the cake and cream layers once more, then decorate the top with the remaining berries.
- ◆ Serve immediately or make in advance and store for up to 24 hours in the refrigerator.



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Library News

Summer Reading sign-ups will begin May 22nd and Summer Reading Kickoff will be on June 4th. Be sure to keep an eye on their Social Media pages for updates.

What are the Librarians reading? Kelly is reading Blood, Bones & Butter : The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef by Gabrielle Hamilton. Becky is reading Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingslover. Mykaela is reading The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater. Mara is reading Beyond That, The Sea by Laura Spence-Ash

New Books

Adult Fiction:

- Tress of the Emerald Sea (Secret Projects #1) by Brandon Sanderson
- Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult
- Hang the Moon by Jeannette Walls
- Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

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- The Simple Comforts Step-by-Step Instant Pot Cookbook by Jeffrey Eisner
- Eating from our Roots by Maya Peller
- The Myth of Normal by Gabor Mate
- Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari Early Reader and

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