

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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## TN Gas Recognized as Top Propane Retailer 2023

TN Gas was named a Top 10 Propane Retailer by Energy Business Review for 2023.

TN Gas, a family-owned company located in Rocky Top is on a mission to ensure every household has a heating source throughout the year.

TN Gas is guided by its slogan, "Keeping East

TN Families Warm One Tank at a Time."

A propane, welding, and CO2 supply company, it offers turnkey installation and delivery services for residential,

commercial, and industrial clients. Successfully competing with larger propane companies and large-scale electricity and natural gas companies, TN GAS has been hospitably servicing households and facilities across East Tennessee for more than seven years.

"We are the only propane and welding supply company in the area that offers on-site purchase



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## Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Awards Three Scholarships

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce has awarded three Anderson County High School students with \$1,000 scholarships in recognition of their academic achievements and community service. The recipients were honored at the Anderson County High School Awards Ceremony on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce provides scholarships to support the educational and cultural development of the community. The chamber's president, Maria Hooks, expressed her excitement for this year's scholarship recipients.

"We are thrilled to recognize Jonah Arender, Kaylee Rutherford and Gracie Coday for their



L to R: Rex Lynch (Chamber Board Member), Kaylee Rutherford, Gracie Coday and Jonah Arender

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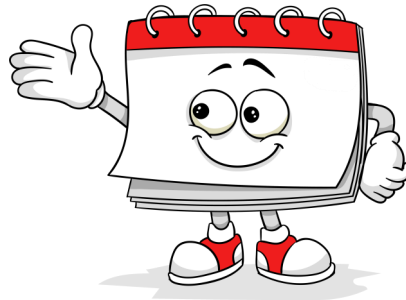


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## Area Happenings

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.

- Concert on the Commons in Norris on June 2, 9, 16 and 23
- Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival at Historic Grover Theater in Oak Ridge on June 2-3
- Go Nuts Enduro and XC at Windrock Bike Park on June 3-4
- Vacation Bible School on June 5-9 at Main Street Baptist
- Kids Fish Free Day in Tennessee on June 10
- Vacation Bible School on June 12-16 at Gospel Light Church of God
- Great Smoky Mountain Trail Ride at Windrock Park on June 15-17
- Lavender Festival in Jackson Square, Oak Ridge on June 16-18
- Vacation Bible School on June 18-22 at Willowbrook Baptist Church
- Rocky Top Celebration on July 4
- Norris Day Celebration in the Norris Commons on July 4
- Clinton Fireworks and Celebration at Lakefront Park on July 4
- Independence Day Anvil Shoot Celebration at Museum of Appalachia on July 4
- Norris Day Celebration on July 4
- Anderson County Fair on July 17-22
- Sip of Summerfest Beer Festival in Historic Downtown Clinton on July 28



### City of Rocky Top Monthly Meeting Schedule

- City Court-2nd Wed. at 8:00 am
- Recreation Comm.-3rd Thurs. at 5 p.m.
- Planning Comm. Workshop-3rd Tues. at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission- 3rd Tues. at 6 p.m.
- City Council Meeting- 3rd Thurs. at 6:00 pm
- Tree Committee-4th Tuesday. at 6 p.m.

## 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.

### 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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and installation of propane tanks and appliances," says Scott Daugherty, owner of TN GAS.

The TN Gas team installs and services propane tanks at the client's desired location. It actively monitors the contents of each customer's propane tank through a remotely-controlled system in real-time. This prevents deadhead runs as staff can refill the exact amount of propane required by checking the readings on their digital tracking system.

The team also uses these readings to schedule a client's refueling appointment. TN GAS has a readily available inventory of propane cylinder fills for RVs, welding supplies and welding rods, and



grill tanks at its physical outlet. Clients can avoid delays in resupply by keeping the team informed of their commonly used products, and it takes

special care to keep the items in stock.

Situated in the rural town of Rocky Top in East Tennessee, TN GAS accounts for the challenges its financially-challenged customers might face in affording bills for remote readings when creating its service plans. This is in adherence to its philosophy of viewing them as human beings rather than utility account numbers.

To ensure an uninterrupted fuel supply to these customers, TN GAS offers a "worry-free" plan. Clients receive a remote that updates its systems with real-time information on their propane tank's contents. Where other companies would typically charge for tank readings, TN GAS gives it free-of-charge.

Aside from propane and welding supplies, TN GAS offers CO2 systems for commercial and industrial clients that come with a simple exchange system. Clients receive two cylinders at the beginning; when one runs empty, they only need to flip a switch to use the other one.

TN GAS is just a phone call away, and travels to a client's location to replace the empty cylinder. This system ensures there is no downtime. Reliable, consistent, and hospitable—these are the qualities TN GAS upholds.

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outstanding achievements in both academics and community service," Hooks said. "We are confident that they will continue to make significant contributions to our community and beyond."

The scholarships were made possible by the proceeds of an annual dinner event held by the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce each year.

The scholarship program is an excellent opportunity for local students to receive recognition for their achievements and support for their future endeavors. Congratulations to Jonah, Kaylee, and Gracie and best wishes for their bright futures.

## Coal Creek Miners Museum is Hiring

The Coal Creek Miners Museum is seeking enthusiastic individuals with a passion for history to join our team as a Museum Docent. As a Museum Docent, you will play a crucial role in enhancing our visitors' experience by providing informative and engaging tours of our museum exhibits. Your primary responsibilities will include guiding visitors through the museum and answering questions.

Other duties include operating the gift shop and keeping the museum area and restrooms clean. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in sharing their knowledge and love for history with a diverse audience.

Potential hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Docent positions are available for 1 to 3 days.

Please send resumes to [info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com](mailto:info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com) or contact 865-630-5006 to express your interest.



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## Two Hours at Rocky Top

I've been a Florida resident since birth and like so with my wife since our marriage. We love to travel with a major point of interest for us being interfacing with the local communities. We prefer local as opposed to the conventional chain eateries found on major travel routes and thoroughly enjoy meeting and making friends with the people.

It's not always easy for as we traverse different parts of the country the cultures vary with some who are not so warm to travelers. Then one day an incident triggered a chain of events where we were suddenly involved, literally on the streets, with a small town and its residents

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 we'd scheduled an overnight stop at an RV park in Rocky Top, TN. My GPS sent me in the wrong direction which prompted a stop where a gentleman was outside peddling his wares street side. We have a dog "Ginny" who loves to run free and dominates much of our affections. When I opened the door to go ask directions Ginny had positioned herself at the door beside her "Papa", completely undetected, and bolted out for a run around the streets of Rocky Top.

Of course we were upset when she ignored our call to come back to us. Having served 20 years in

military service I however fully understood her taste for freedom. You would be correct in assuming we were terrified as she obviously strutted through traffic on the main thoroughfare. People of the neighborhood detected our situation and one by one began joining us in our search, sticking with us until we located her and was eventually able to trap her inside a fenced yard.

My actual motive for this letter is to reinforce a belief that God has a hand in all things. The two or so hours we spent on the streets of Rocky Top were a witness to that reality. Brenda and I had a dilemma and no less than ten residents and a special lady from a neighboring county volunteered their personal time on our behalf.

It is my hope you might find room in your paper to print our simple note of appreciation and in turn each of those God used that day will read recognizing themselves in the part they played, genuinely accepting our heartfelt thanks. As for the City of Rocky Top, it is now an actual place on the map and in our hearts with real faces instead of just part of the lyrics of a song we are familiar with. Again, to Rocky Top and the kind souls who shared their time and help, thank you for being part of what could have been a discouraging day.

Dan and Brenda Graham, Plant City, Florida

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## ROCKY TOP CHAMBER HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING FOR COAL CREEK COFFEE

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Coal Creek Coffee, the newest addition to Rocky Top's business community. The coffee shop, located on S. Main Street, is now open and offering delicious coffee drinks and sweets to the local community.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by members of the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, city officials, and residents. The event marked a significant milestone for the town as it

continues to grow and attract new businesses.

"We are thrilled to

welcome Coal Creek Coffee to our community," said Chamber President, Maria Hooks. "We hope that this new addition will bring more activity and foot traffic to Rocky Top, and we encourage everyone to come and support this local business."

Owners, Jesse and Nikki Dymond are excited to be a part of the Rocky Top community and to offer a new gathering place for locals and visitors. They hope Coal Creek Coffee will be a hub for creativity and community and look forward to serving delicious coffee and treats.

Coal Creek Coffee offers a variety of specialty coffees, including a local favorite named, "The Coal Miners Daughter." They also offer teas, soft drinks, bagels, cookies and brownies.

In addition to its regular menu items, Coal Creek Coffee will also be hosting various events, including live music performances, movie nights and even car meets. The coffee shop is inviting the community to follow them on Facebook to stay up-to-date on upcoming events.

The grand opening of Coal Creek Coffee is a significant moment for Rocky Top and its business community. The town is optimistic that this new addition will attract more visitors and bring economic growth to the area.



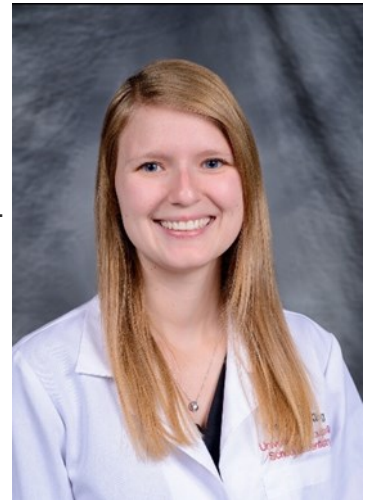
## Rocky Top Dentistry Welcomes New Dentist

Dr. Margot King will be joining the team at Rocky Top Dentistry this summer!

Dr. King is originally from De Pere, Wisconsin. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She and her husband moved to Louisville, Kentucky where she graduated dental school at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Dr. King is passionate about establishing and maintaining good relationships with her patients while providing quality dental care. She is committed to continuing her education to learn new techniques and skills.

Dr. King is a member of the American Dental Association. Outside of the dental office Dr. King loves spending time with her husband Cal and husky Ringo. She enjoys hiking, baking, reading and traveling in her spare time.



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## Family Honors Beloved Community Member with Memorial Scholarship Fundraising Event

In a heartfelt tribute to their late wife and mother, the Day family has established the Norma Day Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of contributors, the family was able to present three deserving 2023 graduates with scholarships valued at \$1,000 each.



To ensure the scholarship fund's longevity, the Day family is organizing an Annual Benefit Singing on Norma's birthday, Tuesday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m., at Gospel Light Church of God, located at 127 Tackett Lane in Rocky Top.

Norma Day, an active member of the Rocky Top Community, had a deep passion for serving families and children at the local library and church. The Day family seeks to perpetuate her memory by giving back to the community and supporting students in the area.

For those unable to attend the Benefit Singing but still wishing to contribute, donations can be made via checks. Kindly make checks payable to Gospel Light Church of God Ladies Ministry, indicating "Scholarship" on the memo line. Donations can be mailed to 121 Tackett Lane, Rocky Top, TN 37769. Additionally, donations through Venmo and Paypal are also accepted.

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In addition to signing up for the training, applicants will need to fill out the application on Tennessee's Department of Labor and Workforce Development's website under "How to Get Started" in order to qualify for the 5% off workers' compensation insurance.

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## School News

These Lake City Elementary students were named students of the month of May for showing leadership. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Hailey Hall for receiving the ACEA Perseverance/Hard Work Award at LCES fifth grade award ceremony.

The Henry Baggett Award for Citizenship was awarded to Ethan Varnell and Natalee Braden.

LCES presents this award to two students in the fifth grade who are known for their great personalities and always being sure to help in any way possible.

These students have been chosen because they always are doing their work, they keep their friends smiling, they make sure everyone is doing what they are supposed to do, and they show amazing qualities of citizenship which is a quality that Mr. Baggett always saw as most important.

## Library News

All together Now, join the Rocky Top Library for a summer of reading and fun! Summer Reading programming begins June 5th. Sign-ups are now open, you can sign-up at the library or on their website.

Mark your calendars for the library's wrap-up event on July 14th at 4pm. Those that participated in Summer Reading and recorded the books they read will receive prizes!



Stitch & Chat program update: Attention crafters! Our Stitch & Chat program has a new schedule for the summer! Starting June 5th, participants will be gathering on Mondays at 11am instead of on Tuesdays. Bring your fiber crafts and join in for a cozy and creative time together.

Check the library calendar for additional scheduling changes for the months of June and July.

The library has plenty of new and fun youth and intergenerational programs set for Summer Reading and they have so many new books on the way, be sure to drop by the library to check some new good reads out.

For more information and updates, visit [RockyTopPublicLibrary.org](http://RockyTopPublicLibrary.org), or drop by the library to ask us questions! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for exciting updates, event reminders, and more!

## Junior Ranger Camp at Norris Dam State Park

July 17-July 20, 2023

Mon. thru Wed. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Evening Program on Thursday

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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.

