

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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## Lake City Middle School Volleyball

The Lake City Middle School Volleyball program has a long history of success and developing the skills of our many talented girls. This year, however, the team reached a new milestone: The team made it to the State Volleyball Championship!



This was the first year the TSSAA hosted a state-level volleyball tournament ever, and Lake City Middle School made history by winning the Sectional Championship and was invited to the State Tournament held in Franklin, Tennessee.

"These student athletes have worked hard and been determined to put in the work to be successful." said Coach Nicole Carroll. "Making it to the State Championship is a huge payoff for all of their hard

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## Rosetti Productions Filming in New River

Chip Rossetti of Rosetti Productions is producing a series of feature films in Anderson County, specifically in the New River area near Briceville.

"Through my partnership with Tony Caudill with TN FilmCommUNITY, Inc., we decided to film again in Anderson County and chose the New River area," said Rossetti. "It is the perfect location to launch my new series of films."



The first film, Sheltered, a faith based psychological thriller, will feature local and regional cast members, including Travis Wesley Hancock from Louisville, KY, and Courtney Lee Simpson from Oak Ridge, TN.

In addition to acting, Simpson is a film producer and a best-selling children's book author.

The production company will feature Ligia's Fork Cabins, Rosedale Mountain Retreat, and a few other places in the community as a backdrop for the story.

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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.

- Veteran’s Breakfast – November 11 at Clinton Community Center
- Veterans Day Parade – November 11 in Downtown Clinton
- Bigfoot Blast 5K/10K Trail Run – November 11 at Windrock Park
- Yee Haw Dinner Show – November 11 at Clinch River Baptist Church
- Veteran’s Breakfast – November 18 at Main Street Baptist Church
- Craft Show – November 18 at Coal Creek Coffee
- Tim Graves and the Farm Hands Concert – November 19 at Clinch River Baptist Church
- A Clinton Christmas Stroll – November 25 in Downtown Clinton
- Rocky Top Christmas Tree Lighting – November 30
- Rocky Top Christmas Parade – December 1
- Clinton Christmas Parade – December 2
- Oak Ridge Christmas Parade – December 9
- Holiday Market and Cookie Crawl – December 9 in Downtown Clinton
- Norris Winter Festival – December 9
- Candlelight Christmas – December 15-16 at Museum of Appalachia
- Christmas Dinner Theater – December 16 at Clinch River Baptist Church



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## CHRISTMAS FOOD SIGN-UP DATES

November 11th & 18th  
at Rocky Top Community Center  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Must Have:

- Rocky Top or Caryville (up to old A&S Steel) Address
- Photo Identification
- Monthly Income Information

# Chamber Events

## Upcoming Networking Coffee

- December 12 – Networking Coffee at Methodist Medical Center

## 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 p.m.
- Tree Committee-4th Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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**Rocky Top  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
November 30th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Music by Lake City  
Elementary School Music Makers**

**Christmas Story told by  
Pastor Wayne Phillips**

**The Rocky Top Library will begin  
serving hot chocolate at 6:00 p.m.**

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“I am excited about the opportunities that this will bring to the northern end of the county,” said Jimmy Byrge, owner of Ligia’s Fork Cabins. “We are always looking for ways to bring attention to our beautiful area to boost our industry, which is tourism.”

Rossetti has produced other features in Anderson County. His feature film, "Saving Faith," was filmed in Clinton in 2016, using the Ritz Theater as the film’s centerpiece. The film was picked up by industry giant Lionsgate and distributed worldwide.

Since then, Rossetti has worked on multiple projects, many of which are currently streaming on several platforms, including Pureflix and Amazon Prime.

## Library News

The Rocky Top Public Library is getting ready for a busy holiday season with several upcoming events that they would love to share with you!

They will kick off the season with a Christmas Cookies and Book Sale fundraiser for the Friends of the Library on Monday the 27th.

Drop in and get some delicious cookies and peruse their special book sale of Christmas books for kids and adults!

The library will also be celebrating the Rocky Top Christmas Tree lighting on the 30th with crafts for the kids, hot cocoa and cookies and festive holiday music.



The library staff is also excited to announce a partnership with the UT Ag extension office Master Gardener program to create the Rocky Top Public Library Gardens.

They are busy planting and preparing an outdoor classroom of gardens that can be used to educate patrons and community members of all ages about vegetable and flower gardens from pollinators to compost.

The library continues to get in new books all the time so stop by and check out what’s new or explore our new titles from the comfort of your own home with our online catalog.


Do you have a favorite author? Let the library staff know what you like and they will be happy to get it for you.

**You are invited to attend the  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanks “Giving” Away  
At  
Willow Brook Missionary Baptist Church  
Rocky Top, TN**

**Saturday, November 18, 2023  
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

*There will be clothes, toys, household items, etc.  
Food boxes will also be available.*

*All items will be given away absolutely free, just as  
salvation is a free gift through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



**May God Bless Your Holiday Season!**

# I AM ONE

Get resources to support your children and teens to be alcohol, nicotine, and drug-free at [ASAPofAnderson.org](http://ASAPofAnderson.org).

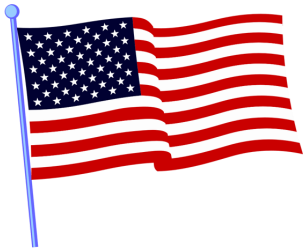



This material was developed through a project funded by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office.

## A Tribute to Veterans on Veterans Day

As November unfolds, the nation prepares to come together to honor those who have bravely served in the United States Armed Forces.

Veterans Day, celebrated on November 11th each year, is a time to pay tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed and served to protect our country and preserve our freedoms.



Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, commemorates the end of World War I. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns fell silent, marking the cessation of hostilities in "the war to end all wars."

In 1954, the holiday was officially renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military veterans, both past and present.

As we approach Veterans Day, it's a time to express our deep gratitude to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country.

Whether through a simple "Thank you for your service" or participating in local events, we can show our veterans that their sacrifices are remembered and appreciated.

Here are some local events honoring Veterans:

- Veterans Day Program & Breakfast: Lake City Elementary School at 8:00 am on November 10th
- Veterans Day Program: Lake City Middle School at 10:00 am on November 8th
- Veterans Appreciation Breakfast: Clinton Community Center on November 11th
- Veterans Day Parade: Downtown Clinton at 10:00 am on November 11th
- Veterans Appreciation Breakfast: Main Street Baptist Church on November 18th

## ASAP of Anderson Offers FREE Opioid Overdose Trainings

Individuals and agencies can receive life-saving education through ASAP of Anderson.

According to data from the Knox County Medical Examiner, the opioid overdose death rate in Anderson County has decreased 67% between 2022 and 2021. While this statistic is an optimistic one for the county, we also recognize that there is still work to be done.

Naloxone, brand name Narcan, is a proven tool in the ongoing battle against fatal opioid overdoses. Naloxone can reverse a potentially fatal situation by allowing a person to temporarily breathe again for a period of 30 to 90 minutes following an opioid overdose.

Naloxone is not a "cure" but is only intended to provide time for emergency medical services to arrive which is why it is always important to call 911 when treating an overdose.

ASAP of Anderson offers Tennessee Save a Life training which is conducted by a Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist (ROPS) and teaches the science of addiction and overdose, how to recognize an opioid overdose, and how to administer an opioid overdose reversal drug such as naloxone.

Any individual or organization can request a FREE training by visiting [www.asapofanderson.org/initiatives/naloxone/](http://www.asapofanderson.org/initiatives/naloxone/) and completing a brief online registration form.

Drug overdoses are preventable, which is why community members are specifically encouraged to schedule a TN Save a Life Training. ASAP regularly partners with individuals, police departments, fire departments, places of worship, businesses, and other entities to deliver this education and provide information on how to obtain naloxone kits to help save lives.

To partner with ASAP of Anderson, learn more about their mission, or make a donation, go to [www.ASAPofAnderson.org](http://www.ASAPofAnderson.org) or call 865-457-3007.



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The parade will be on Friday, December 1st at 7 p.m. The theme for this year's parade is "Christmas in Toyland". Participants are encouraged to decorate their floats in accordance with the theme.

There is not a fee to participate in the parade, but you must register online or in person. In lieu of a registration fee, participants are asked to donate a toy to benefit the kids of Rocky Top. You can drop off toys at the registration tables or at city hall.

You can register online at [www.RockyTopTNChamber.com](http://www.RockyTopTNChamber.com). If you register online, you will still need to check in during the registration time on December 1st in order to get your number.

In person registration will start at 5:00 p.m. on December 1st and everyone must be registered by 6:45 p.m.

If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the registration form, you can also find those online or email [RockyTopChamber@gmail.com](mailto:RockyTopChamber@gmail.com) to receive a copy.

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.

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 also wear a helmet.

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 SIGNED THE RELEASE FORM. IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER AND HAVE A NUMBER YOU WILL NOT BE IN THE PARADE. NUMBERS NEED TO BE PLACED ON FRONT OR DRIVER'S SIDE OF ALL VEHICLES.**

Prizes and Awards will be given out at the City Council Meeting on December 21st 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.

New this year – there will be a People's Choice Award given by the City – Voting will take place on the City's Facebook page.

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](mailto:RockyTopChamber@gmail.com) or visit [www.rockytoptnchamber.com](http://www.rockytoptnchamber.com).

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work.”

The girls of LCMS joined many other teams at Legacy Courts in the Nashville area and competed against dozens of other talented students from across the State of Tennessee.

The entire community was behind the team as they headed to State, and the love and appreciation the girls felt was unmatched.

It was truly an inspirational moment for the community of Rocky Top.

In the end, the LCMS Volleyball team finished in 6th place out of 250 teams.

“I am always proud of the students and people of Rocky Top, and the support these girls have been shown the past few weeks proves what a great community we have,” said Chris Enix, assistant principal and athletic director at LCMS.

The school would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and support!

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## School News

Lake City Elementary School has planned a STREAM NIGHT for Thursday, November 9 from 4:30-7:00 pm. There will be free pizza, free activities, stream lab, robots, slime, and book fair shopping. The class with the most student participation will get a pizza party. Make plans to attend!



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

The following is the Lake City Elementary School honor roll students for the first nine weeks.

Third Grade A HONOR ROLL: Hiland Burriss, Rowan Cameron, Jessa Harness, Kinzley Linkous and Jaelyn Merhoff.

Third Grade A-B HONOR ROLL: Maddie Carden, Willow Darnall, Paislee Lamb, Leah Lawson, Geo Oswald, Kaden Robbins, Jameson Sharp, Zaydin West, Thomas Bridges, Hunter Cornett, Caleb Justice, Abigail Webber, Naomi Webber, Ean Mapes, Tino Oswald, Bryleigh Robinson, Hope Hatmaker, Lilli Lehman, Jay Phillips and Jaxon Wilson.

Fourth grader A HONOR ROLL: Maleia Carroll, Niya Guthrie, Brooklynn Holstine, Marle LaRue Emily Smith, Kamrin Studer, Jayden Ward, Ashlynn West, Avery Bean, Abel Bridges, Adalynn Bryant, Brynlee Elkins, Lilly Foster, Lily McQuaid, Daemon Nickell, Addie Refro, Lilly Swanson, Brylen Tackett,

Jordan Wilson, Jacob Martin, Hunter Melville and Sisalee Stringfield.

Fourth grade AB HONOR ROLL: Tinsley McCoy, Addie Phillips, Christian Phillips, Hailey Sellers, Kaleigh Sellers, Brooklyn Adkins, Kayden Adkins, Nathan Gambel, Mattie Perkins, Anna Ruth Farrow, Nathaly Gonzalez, Carson Merritt, Makayla Mull, Luke Rosenbalm and Garrett Shepperd.

Fifth grade A HONOR ROLL: Rhiley Cornett, Sunshine Darnall, Zoey Higgs, Annalie Rogers, Briley Idles, Lillyana Thompson, Gillian Urrutia, Skylor Weaver, Jacob Johnson, Luke Enix, Payci Caldwell, Esa Minor and Anna James.

Fifth grade AB HONOR ROLL: Addisyn Armstrong, Rhiley Cornett, Sunshine Darnall, Isabella Escorcia, Aria Goins, Bryson Harness, Sydney Harris, Zoey Higgs, KeiAndre Hopper, Axel Jones, Kinslee Justice, Lakelee Leinart-Taylor, Nathaniel McCoy, Evan Mowery, Ruth Nelson, Elizabeth Nicholson, Ethan Phillips, Annalie Rogers, Weston Smith, Hiram Stovall, Danny Bridges, Kyra Bunch, Bailey Johnson, Jace Kuriger, Tatium Ridenour, Emmett Smith, Isla Wrede, Parker Fox, Constance Evans, Cameron Foust, Brayleigh Brown, Caidance Lowe, Sariah Newson and Jeffrey Whittington.

The students and staff of Lake City Elementary want to thank the community for its support of their annual walkathon this year. The walkathon raised almost \$8,000 for the related arts programs. A special thank you for the following for their prize donations for this event: the Rocky Top Police Department, Chunky Monkey, Backyard Bouncers, the Tennessee Smokies, Beyond the Lens & Flyride, the Titanic, Hollywood Wax Museum, and Chick-fil-a. The top fundraiser this year was a preschooler, Jackson Daniel. In spite of a few showers, everyone had a great time.



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