

ROCKY TOP NEWS

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2023 Rocky Top Christmas Parade

The 2023 Rocky Top Christmas Parade took place on Friday, December 1st. The parade organizers, the City of Rocky Top and the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce would like to thank



everyone that participated, everyone that helped organize the event and most importantly the community for coming out on a cold and rainy evening.

This year's parade judges were General Sessions Judge Victoria Bowling, Campbell County Sheriff Wayne Barton and local auctioneer Bear Stephenson.

This year's Grand Marshall was Jim Shetterly, former Rocky Top police chief and the Mayor's award was given to Jonathon Touchton, a volunteer in the community who helps tremendously to make the Lake City Little League program a success.

The parade winners are as follows: Please note that the



pictures are not representative of the winners.

Floats: 1st place-Clear Branch Baptist Church. 2nd place-Powell Clinch Utility District. 3rd place-Mountain Barn Builders.

Groups 1st place-Lake City Little League, 2nd place-Lake City Middle School Cheerleaders.

Cars and Trucks
1st place – Kenny Cooper, 2nd place - Fred Cornett, 3rd place - Wayne Cornett.

Tractor 1st place - Alex Flatford
ATV/UTV 1st place - New Life ATV's.

Awards will be given out to the parade winners at the City Council meeting on December 21st at 5:30 pm. See page 7 for more pictures.



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- Jackson Square Evening Christmas Market – December 16th from 5-8 pm
- Charles Billingsley Christmas Concert – December 11th at Main Street Baptist Church
- Candlelight Christmas – December 15-16 at Museum of Appalachia
- Christmas Dinner Theater – December 16 at Clinch River Baptist Church
- Oliver Springs Christmas Parade – December 16
- Christmas in the Park – December 17 at Norris Dam State Park
- A Live Nativity—December 19 at Little Ponderosa Zoo
- New Year Hike – January 1 at Norris Dam State Park
- Mountain Bike Race League – January 14, & February 4 at Windrock Bike Park
- Venture Unknown—January 11-15 at Windrock Park

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2023-2024 Student Calendar

Dec18 - Jan 1	Winter Break (Schools Closed)
Jan 2	In-Service (No Students)
Jan 3	Classes Resume
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day (District Closed)
Feb. 16	In-Service (No Students)
Feb 19	President's Day (District Closed)
March 8	Make-Up Day (No Buses)
March 11-15	Spring Break (Schools Closed)
March 29	Good Friday (District Closed)
April 1	In-Service (No Students)
May 9	CRCS and Innovation Academy Graduation
May 10	ACHS Graduation
May 17	CHS Graduation
May 22	Last Day for Students (No Buses)

Note: Students are dismissed 90 minutes early each Wednesday

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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P3 Campus App Available for Students to Anonymously Report Safety or Mental Health Concerns

ASAP of Anderson continues to encourage Oak Ridge and Anderson County students to use the P3 Campus app. Students are able to use this software to anonymously report numerous needs and concerns from mental health needs, gun violence, bullying, substance misuse or even if they just need someone to talk to.

Professionals trained to work with students will respond to any concerns communicated and someone will be available at all times.

P3 Campus has a 3 tiered system in which they work with the students and the administrators to COMMUNICATE, COLLABORATE, and hold everyone ACCOUNTABLE. This system allows students to feel heard, even when they are not comfortable discussing them with some they know.

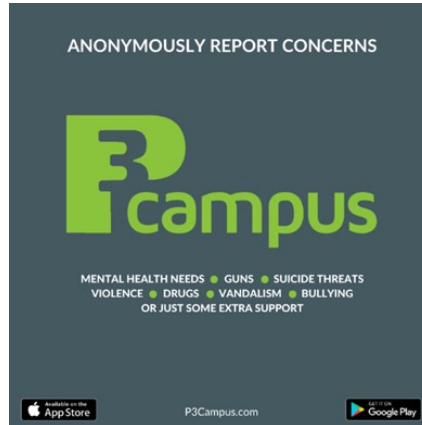
In 81% of incidents in US schools, someone else besides the perpetrator knew it was happening but failed to report it. This software allows 81% to become 0% by working with students to solve their issues.

P3 Campus allows ASAP to continue to foster a relationship between school officials, police officers, mental health professionals, parents and caregivers, and students themselves.

Students from Oak Ridge and Anderson County High Schools can send concerns through the P3 Campus app on their phone or on their computer by visiting *P3Campus.com*. The Oak Ridge School System has the app downloaded onto every school laptop for seamless access for students. Reports can be as detailed as the student wants, with the capability to send media (pictures, audio recordings, etc.), and they can talk to a real person who will quickly respond to their messages.

P3 Campus has been beneficial to our students in the past and we are confident that it will continue to serve the students, parents, and teachers of Anderson County.

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5th Year in a Row with No Audit Findings for Circuit Court Clerk

Anderson County Circuit Court Clerk, Rex Lynch, announces that for the fifth year in a row, there are no audit findings for his offices.

Auditors from the Tennessee Comptroller's Office perform the audits for Anderson County Government including the offices of Circuit, General Sessions and Juvenile Court Clerks.

The Circuit Court Clerk is responsible for filing and maintaining the legal paperwork presented by attorneys, law enforcement and pro se litigants for each of these courts, as well as the collection of fees and fines. The offices combined file on average, over fifteen thousand (15,000) cases per year.

Auditors review records and processes with the office of Circuit Court Clerk, including software integrity, receipting and record keeping practices for the \$4 million collected annually on average.

Prior to September 2018, the previous Circuit Court Clerk was responsible for at least fifty percent (50%) of all findings for Anderson County Government.

"After being elected in 2018, one of my goals was to eliminate audit findings in the offices for which I am responsible," said Lynch. "I take audit findings very seriously and have worked with my staff to eliminate them."



Lynch praised his staff for the diligent work keeping software and finances in order. The following staff members were presented a Certificate of Appreciation for working with auditors and keeping all the financial records in order - Angela Metcalf, Bookkeeper; Ashley

Brock, Officer Manager for Circuit and Criminal Court Clerks; Amanda Vowell, Office Manager for General Sessions Court Division I Clerks; Shalea Prickett, Office Manager for General Sessions Court Division II Clerks; Barbara Grom, Office Manager for Juvenile Court Clerks; Maura Vespie, Collections Manager; and Angie Perez, Chief Deputy Clerk.

"With the procedures and protocols that we have implemented since I took office along with the diligent work of my staff, we should continue to receive excellent audit reports in the future" Lynch added.

Reindeer Food Snack Mix

Ingredients:

- 1 (20 ounce) package miniature pretzels
- 1 (17.5 ounce) package crispy corn cereal squares (such as Corn Chex®)
- 1 (16 ounce) jar salted dry-roasted peanuts
- 1 (14 ounce) package M&M's®
- 24 ounces white chocolate, chopped

Directions:

Cover a large area of counter space with waxed paper. Mix pretzels, corn cereal, peanuts and M&M's in a large bowl. Melt white chocolate. Pour melted white chocolate over pretzel mix; stir to evenly coat. Quickly transfer mixture to the waxed paper and spread in a thin layer; let cool completely, at least 30 minutes. Break into pieces and store in an air tight container.



School News

The students and staff of Lake City Elementary School want to thank TJ Patterson with Tim Patterson Trucking for hauling mulch and Martha & Scott Gilliam for spreading it over fall break. Pictured is Martha with the LCES Student Council.



A huge thank you to Randy Justice and Ultimate Tool and Die, Inc for purchasing a new sign for Lake City Elementary School. We really appreciate all this company does for the Rocky Top community. Pictured is Randy Justice with staff member Amy Leach, Principal Candace Eubanks, Assistant Principal Christy Woodruff, Director of Schools Tim Parrott, and Katrina Oakley, CAO of Elementary Education.



During Red Ribbon Week, students at LCES learned about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. They also learned about positive ways to use their time, talents, and money. The students and staff collected money to donate to Rocky Top Recovery in an effort to help this wonderful organization and ministry that supports those in the community on their journey to recovery from addictions and other struggles.



Pictured is Student Body President Annalie Rogers presenting a check for \$533.53 to Pastor Wayne Phillips and Rocky Top Recovery!

These students were selected by their teachers to be Students of the Month of November for showing gratitude. Way to go!



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Library News

Hello from the Rocky Top Public Library! It's a chilly time of year but it's a great time to come see us in the library.

We are getting in new books monthly and are excited to share them with our patrons. We also have a special Christmas book sale throughout December to benefit our Friends of the Library group.

They do so much to help the library be a great place for patrons and community members alike.

We would like to say thank you to everyone that came and enjoyed the Christmas Tree Lighting this year! We love being a part of the Rocky Top Community and welcoming new people into the library.

We wanted to let the community know that we will be closed for Christmas on December 25th and 26th and we will be closing to do inventory the 27th through the 29th. We apologize for the inconvenience but this will help us serve you better in the new year!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Rocky Top Public Library!

Pictures from Rocky Top Parade



Rocky Top Public Library				
DECEMBER 2023				
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
				10:30am : Preschool Storytime
12:00pm : Adult Craft	12:00pm : Paws to Read	3:30pm : Charge & Chill & Game	4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead	10:30am : Preschool Storytime
12:00pm : Adult Coloring	12:00pm : Paws to Read	3:30pm : Charge & Chill & Game	4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead	10:30am : Preschool Storytime
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