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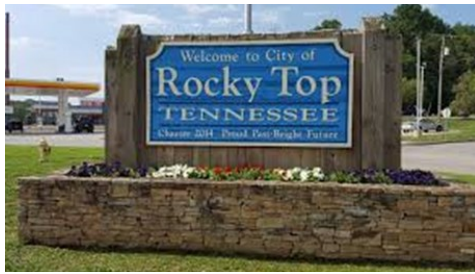
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## Town Cleanup Day Scheduled

The 2nd Annual Rocky Top town cleanup will be on March 16, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the Rocky Top Community Center.

Lunch will be provided afterwards. The rain date will be March 23rd. Everyone is welcome.



## Norris Lake Spring Cleanup

The Norris Lake Project Team is calling for volunteers to lend a helping hand in the 15th Annual Spring Five County Norris Lake Cleanup, spanning Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Union, and Grainger Counties.

Taking place on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1

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## Rocky Top Chamber Annual Dinner

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Main Street Baptist Church located at 405 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Rocky Top.

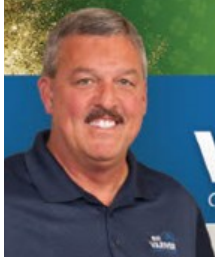
This year's entertainment will be the evangelist, entertainer, and sportsman, Kenny Evans. An Anderson County native who now travels the country singing and speaking in over 150 churches and conferences each year. Kenny performs Golden Oldies and Classic Country.

All proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will benefit the Rocky Top Community Foundation's Scholarship program, which awards \$1,000 in scholarships to two Anderson County High School students that also attended Lake City Middle School.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Table and event sponsorships are also available. To purchase tickets in advance, visit [rockytopchamber.com](http://rockytopchamber.com) or call 865-426-9595.



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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.

- March 1-2 – Northern Rock Racing Series Hillclimb at Windrock Park
- March 9 – Veterans Breakfast at Clinton Community Center
- March 13-14 Titan Off-Road Shakedown at Windrock Park
- March 15-24 – Tennessee National Bike Festival at Windrock Bike Park
- March 21-24 – Women’s Wheeling at Windrock Park
- March 23 – Norris Lake Clean Up
- March 23-24 – Charlotte’s Web Playing at the Oak Ridge Playhouse
- March 30 – Wildflower Hike at Norris Dam State Park
- April 4-6 – Jeep Adventure Academy at Windrock Park
- April 6 – Mosaic – A Downtown Clinton Celebration of the Arts
- April 6 – Wildflower Hike at Norris Dam State Park
- April 11-14 – Lady Jeepers Event at Windrock Park
- April 18-20 – Spring Shindig at Windrock Park

### City of Rocky Top Monthly Meeting Schedule

- City Court-2nd Tues. at 6:00 pm
- 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.

## Chamber Events

### Upcoming Networking Coffee

Chamber events are a great opportunity for members to network. Everyone is welcome. 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.

- March 21 – Networking Coffee at Rocky Top Public Library
- April 2nd - Annual Dinner at Main Street Baptist Church

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## Norris Dam State Park Spring Wildflower Hikes

Celebrate the Beauty of Spring Wildflowers with Norris Dam State Park Rangers.

As the warmer months approach, nature unveils a breathtaking display of spring wildflowers, and Norris Dam State Park invites the community to join their Rangers and TVA guides for an immersive experience along the River Bluff Trail.



The guided hike will take place at the River Bluff Trailhead, providing participants with the opportunity to explore the picturesque scenery along the cool Clinch River.

During the hike, knowledgeable guides will share insights into the identification, natural history, and folklore surrounding the diverse array of spring wildflowers in the region.

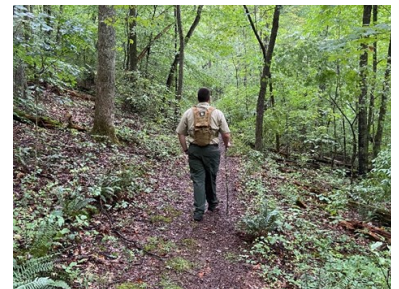
The hike is moderate in difficulty, covering a total distance of 3 miles and lasting approximately 2+ hours.

Participants are encouraged to carpool as parking at the trailhead is limited. The event is free to attend, but donations and registrations are welcomed to support the park's initiatives.

The hikes will take place on March 30th and April 6th at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Hikers will meet at the River Bluff Trailhead. To reserve your spot or for more information, please contact the park office at 865-425-4500.

Come and join us in celebrating the wonders of spring as we embark on this educational and enjoyable adventure through the natural beauty of Norris Dam State Park.

Experience the vibrant colors and learn more about the fascinating world of spring wildflowers in the company of seasoned Rangers and TVA guides.



Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce  
**Annual Dinner**

*Save THE Date*

**April 2nd**

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**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE APRIL 5-6**  
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The Women's Team is asking for your prayers and support for our Women's Conference, "THRIVE," on April 5th and 6th here at the church. We are praying to have in attendance at least 200 women from MSBC, our neighboring churches and unchurched women in our community. It will be a time of worship, testimonies, speakers, crafts, door prizes, supper on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning. Our prayer is that women who attend will leave with a renewed heart, knowing that they are worthy and loved.

Watch for more information to come. In the meantime, please be in prayer as we plan and prepare for this exciting opportunity to share our love of Jesus Christ with one another.

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## Windrock Park Unveils Star-Studded Lineup for 2024 Spring Shindig

Windrock Park is thrilled to announce the stellar lineup for the highly anticipated 2024 Spring Shindig, set to take place on April 20, 2024.

The event promises a festival-like atmosphere with top-notch performances, exciting activities, and a memorable experience for all attendees.

Headlining this year's Spring Shindig is the chart-topping country sensation, Chase Rice. With an impressive track record of 2.4 million albums sold and over 2.4 billion total streams, Rice's performance is sure to captivate the audience. His critically acclaimed album, "I Hate Cowboys & All Dogs Go To Hell," showcases his evolving sound and authentic storytelling, resonating with fans worldwide.

Joining the lineup as the Special Guest is the rising star Corey Kent.

Known for his 2020 LP "From the West" and the recent release of his sophomore album, '21, Kent has garnered over 3.5 million aggregate streams. His hit single, "Wild As Her," released in March 2022, propelled him to sign with Sony Music Nashville and their RCA Nashville Imprint, solidifying his position in the country music scene.

Opening the evening is Windrock Park's very own Trea Landon, a frequent rider and fan favorite.

Landon's dynamic performance is guaranteed to kick off the event with high energy and excitement.

The Windrock Park Shindig promises a festival atmosphere, encouraging attendees to bring their chairs and enjoy the show. Food trucks, porta-potties, and a large beer tent will be available on-site, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all. Ample parking, including handicapped parking with field assistance, is provided.

Ticket prices are as follows, with a \$3 fee for each ticket: Premium Tickets are \$75 for front stage access with exclusive beer tent and porta-potties). General Admission are \$55 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 6 to 12 while under 5 years of age are free.

It's advised to grab tickets early, as prices will be higher at the gate on the day of the event.

In addition to the Saturday night concert, Windrock Park offers a range of activities, including Vendor Row open on Friday and

Saturday, a live performance by Jada Blade on Friday evening as part of the Porch Series at the General Store, and a guided ride on Saturday morning along with the Windrock Challenge, a fundraiser for the Anderson County and Morgan County Rescue Squads.

Stay up-to-date with the latest announcements and information by following Windrock Park on social media. Don't miss out on the excitement of the Windrock Park 2024 Spring Shindig – mark your calendars for April 20, 2024.



A big congratulations to Hadley Thompson and her Junior Black team members on their National championship win from Cheersport in Atlanta.

Hadley is the daughter of Kasey and Jessica Thompson of Norris and the granddaughter of David and Rebecka Dew of Rocky Top.

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## Sign up for the John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp

Applications are open for the John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp for middle-school-age girls and boys, scheduled June 17-22 in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The camp, sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited (TU) and supported by proceeds from TU's Tennessee Conservation License Plate, is based at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont.

The camp is aimed at youth 12–16 years old who are interested in learning conservation through the sport of fly fishing in a mountain stream environment. Campers can be boys or girls (TU does require at least two campers of one gender) and are encouraged to be Tennessee residents.

John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp promotes an appreciation of coldwater conservation through activities in stream science and fly fishing. Campers receive instruction in fly casting, fly tying, how to fish mountain streams, as well as being guided on fishing trips by experienced mentors.

Science activities include catching and identifying aquatic invertebrates and flying bugs that trout eat, learning how they are duplicated with artificial fishing flies, trapping and identifying fish that live in streams, and observing fish in their natural habitat by snorkeling in a stream. Although activities are planned for every day, there is also time for recreation including swimming, hiking and fishing.



Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont is located along the Middle Prong of Little River in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The facility includes dining hall, classrooms and sleeping facilities; the institute's professional staff lead some camp activities.

For more information including photos from previous camps, a schedule of camp activities, and an online application, please go to the camp website, [www.tntrotadventure.org](http://www.tntrotadventure.org). You can also contact Sean Fagan or Mike Givney at [tntrotadventure@gmail.com](mailto:tntrotadventure@gmail.com).

Camp tuition in 2024 will be \$550. Financial aid may possibly be obtained through Tennessee TU chapters—for a list of chapters, visit the Tennessee Council website at [www.tctu.org](http://www.tctu.org).

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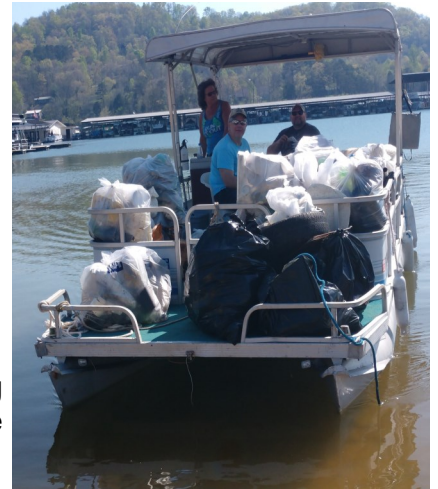
p.m., this event aims to preserve the natural beauty and conserve the resources of the Norris Lake Watershed area.

The cleanup effort will be conducted at three locations including Anderson County Park, Flat Hollow Marina and Hickory Star Marina.

Volunteers will have access to boats that will transport them to and from cleanup sites inaccessible by land.

Additionally, barges will be utilized to transport collected trash back to the shore.

Volunteers with boats are encouraged to bring them to assist in the efforts.



All volunteers are asked to wear appropriate footwear, preferably boots. Volunteers can also bring gloves and life jackets if they have them, especially for youth participants.

Minors must be accompanied by an adult and are required to have a registration and release form signed by a parent.

To register as a volunteer or obtain further information about the event, please visit the website at [www.norrislakeproject.com/upcoming-cleanups/](http://www.norrislakeproject.com/upcoming-cleanups/). Registration can also be completed on-site on the morning of the cleanup.

For any additional inquiries, please contact the Norris Lake Project Team at 865-659-2829 or via email at [info@norrislakeproject.com](mailto:info@norrislakeproject.com).

The Norris Lake Project Team, a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, is committed to preserving the natural beauty and conserving the resources of the Norris Lake Watershed area for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

The managing partners include Anderson County Tourism Council, Campbell County Chamber of Commerce, Union County Chamber of Commerce, Claiborne County Mayor's Office, Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, Norris Dam State Park, Big Ridge State Park, Anderson County Litter Grant, and Campbell County Litter Control.

### Library News

Happy March from Rocky Top Public Library! We look forward to seeing you at some of our great programs soon.

On March 1st we will be hosting the City of Rocky Top Arbor Day Ceremony with kids from our local schools and the public is welcome! Join us to learn about the importance of trees to our community and go home with a free tree to plant!

The library will also be hosting the Rocky Top Chamber Coffee on March 21st at 8:30 am.

On another programming note, we are moving our PAWS to Read program to Friday mornings in March at 11:30 am. Join Ms. Judy and Zoe to get comfortable with reading!

We are looking forward to a Book & Bake Sale in

April hosted by our Friends of the Library group! So get ready for some delicious treats and great deals on books all to benefit the library!

As many of you may know, the Anderson County Library System has made new Juvenile cards available to address some of the community concerns regarding accessible content. All new juvenile cards reflect these changes. Make sure to update your child's card anytime before the end of the year to stay current with our new policies!

We are receiving new books all the time and we are adding to our digital collection so log into our Libby App or come see us in person to get your next read.

Rocky Top Public Library				
March 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead	11:00am : Arbor Day Celebration <sup>1</sup>
12:00pm : Adult Coloring <sup>4</sup>		3:30pm : Charge & Chill & Game <sup>6</sup>	4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead <sup>7</sup>	10:30am : Preschool Storytime <sup>8</sup> 11:30am : Paws to Read
12:00pm : Medicare Enrollment Informational Session <sup>11</sup>		3:30pm : Charge & Chill & Cook <sup>13</sup>	4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead <sup>14</sup>	10:30am : Preschool Storytime <sup>15</sup> 11:30am : Paws to Read
12:00pm : Painting with Marcy <sup>18</sup>		3:30pm : Charge & Chill & Game <sup>20</sup>	4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead <sup>21</sup>	10:30am : Preschool Storytime <sup>22</sup> 11:30am : Paws to Read
12:00pm : Adult Craft <sup>25</sup>		3:30pm : Charge & Chill & Cook <sup>27</sup>	12:00pm: FoTL Meeting <sup>28</sup> 4:00pm : Full STEAM Ahead	Closed <sup>29</sup>

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# School News

These Lake City Elementary School students were students of the month for January for showing fairness and kindness. Way to go!



The following Lake City Elementary School third graders were on the A HONOR ROLL for the second nine weeks: Maddie Carden, Willow Darnell, Paislee Lamb, Leah Lawson, Jameson Sharp, Jessa Harness, Kinzley Linkous, Naomi Webber, and Jaelyn Merhoff

These third graders were on A-B Honor Roll: Auryana Graham, Kaden Robbins, Ellie Rogers, Grayson Boone, Rowan Cameron, Hunter Cornett, Leiken Isabell, Caleb Justice, Connor Shoemaker, Blake Tadlock, Abigail Webber, Ean Mapes, Hope Hatmaker, Lilli Lehman, Jay Phillips, and Jaxon Wilson.

The following Lake City Elementary School fourth graders were on the A Honor Roll for the second nine weeks: Niya Guthrie, Brooklynn Holstine, Marie LaRue, Tinsley McCoy, Hailey Sellers, Kamrin Studer, Jayden Ward, Avery Bean, Abel Bridges, Adalynn Bryant, Brynlee Elkins, Lilly Foster, Lily McQuaid, Daemon Nickell, Lilly Swanson, Brylen Tackett, Anna Ruth Farrow, Jacob Martin, Hunter Melville, and Sisalee Stringfield.

The following fourth graders were on AB Honor Roll: Gabe Disney, Addie Phillips, Kaleigh Sellers, Emily Smith, Brooklyn Adkins, Kayden Adkins, Lilly Foster, Addie Renfro, Jordan Wilson, Sophia Bost, Nathan Gambe, Luke Rosenbalm, and Garrett Shepperd.

The following Lake City Elementary School fifth graders were on the A Honor Roll for the second nine weeks:

Danny Bridges, Gillian Urrutia, Skylor Weaver, Jacob Johnson, Luke Enix, Payci Caldwell, Esa Minor, Anna James, Cameron Foust, Parker Fox, Sariah Newsom,

Kei'Andre Hopper, and Rhiley Cornett.

The following fifth graders were on AB Honor Roll: Bailey Johnson, Jace Kuriger, Tatium Ridenour, Lilly Thompson, Brayleigh Brown, Constance Evans, Bentley King, Caidance Lowe, Isabella Escorcia, Hiram Stovall, Addisyn Armstrong, Lakelee Leinart-Taylor, Sydney Harris, Sunshine Darnal, Annalie Rogers, Nathaniel Mccoy, and Zoey Higgs.

Kristi Reynolds(right) from Second Harvest was at LCES to receive a check for \$2,014 that was raised by the students and staff during their Empty Bowls Art Show and Meal. Special thanks to Mrs. Regina McCone, the art teacher at LCES, for her work in organizing this event. Student Body President Annalie Rogers presented the check during a morning assembly.



Congratulations to Autumn Huckaby who was the LCES Classified Employee of the Year! Ms. Autumn works so hard managing the cafeteria. The school is so thankful to have her.



These are the LCES Students of the Month for February. They are being recognized for their honesty.



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## ASAP Spends a Day on the Hill

ASAP of Anderson has recently traveled to Nashville to speak with legislators about drug prevention programs and initiatives implemented in Anderson County.

ASAP Staff was able to participate in youth development sessions and spend time meeting with Representative Ragan and Lt. Gov. McNally's staff. While in Nashville, ASAP staff members advocated and educated on expanding knowledge on the dangers of Delta-8 packaging, funding for opioid alternatives, the dangers of Kratom, and vaping intervention programming.

Ambassadors advocated for restrictions on Delta-8 packaging, including banning cartoon characters and eye-catching colors on packaging. They reminded representatives that the National Poison Control reports that 77% of unintentional exposures on affected youth, 18 and younger.

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

Turning to these alternatives provides a 66.5% cost savings to taxpayers when no opioids are prescribed to treat acute pain according to the Prevention Alliance of Tennessee.

Ambassadors spoke with Ragan and Lt. Gov. McNally about implementing stricter guidelines to the

sale of Kratom advocating for an age limit for purchase as the FDA continues to investigate its properties.

Kratom is a drug native to Southeast Asia and performs in a sedative in low doses and stimulants in high doses. It is incredibly unpredictable and obtains similar characteristics to opiates.

ASAP works with the juveniles court system of Anderson County and Oak Ridge to streamline youth vaping intervention. Students caught vaping get referred to ASAP's Vaping Prevention task that incorporates education for both students and parents about the harms of vaping.

ASAP has seen a decrease in repeat offenders and hopes to see a downward trend in vaping usage of our students.

ASAP staff also participated in the Youth Legislator Mock Session in a moderator capacity while other

youth actively applied their knowledge and skills to conduct the sessions.

High school students in Anderson County who are interested in joining YAC are encouraged to apply online at [www.asapofanderson.org/youth-ambassador-coalition/](http://www.asapofanderson.org/youth-ambassador-coalition/) or contact Savannah Meade by emailing [Savannah@ASAPofAnderson.org](mailto:Savannah@ASAPofAnderson.org).

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



**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](mailto:rockytopchamber@gmail.com) by April 1st.

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