

ROCKY TOP NEWS

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Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The City of Rocky Top hosted its annual Arbor Day Celebration on March 1, 2024 at the Rocky Top Public Library. Members of the community and students from Lake City Elementary School attended the event.



The City of Rocky Top was awarded the distinction of being a Tree City USA for its 6th consecutive year. This honor is held only by a small portion of municipalities in the state of Tennessee.

Ms. Diane Warwick, retired Tennessee State Forester, was the guest speaker. Mykaela Tackett read the book "The Lorax" to event attendees. Elementary student Annalie Rogers read the Arbor Day Proclamation signed by Kerry Templin, Mayor of Rocky Top, that declared March 1st as Arbor Day in the city.



Trees were given for attendees to plant, refreshments served, and crafts provided.

Rocky Top Chamber Annual Dinner

The Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce recently held its annual dinner and silent auction at Main Street Baptist Church in Rocky Top, taking place on Tuesday, April 2nd.

This yearly event serves as a fundraiser for scholarships benefiting students from Anderson County High School who previously attended Lake City Middle School and are now pursuing higher education.

Highlighting community excellence, the chamber also honored a local business and a community member for their exceptional dedication and service to Rocky Top.



Lake City Tire received the prestigious Outstanding Business Award, while Kelvin McCullom was recognized with the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Guests were treated to inspirational words and entertainment from Kenny Evans, an esteemed evangelist, entertainer, and sports enthusiast.

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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.

- ◆ April 4-6 – Jeep Adventure Academy at Windrock Park
- ◆ April 6 – Mosaic – A Downtown Clinton Celebration of the Arts
- ◆ April 6-7 – Wildflower Hike at Norris Dam State Park
- ◆ April 11-14 – Lady Jeepers Event at Windrock Park
- ◆ April 18-20 – Spring Shindig at Windrock Park
- ◆ April 26 – Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia
- ◆ April 27 – Mountain Bike Run at Norris Dam State Park
- ◆ April 27 – Paws for a Cause at Carden Farm Dog Park
- ◆ May 2-4 – Jeep Jamboree
- ◆ May 3-4 – Clinch River Spring Antique Festival
- ◆ May 3rd & 10th – Sheep Shearing Day at Museum of Appalachia
- ◆ May 18 – Cars of the Creek at Coal Creek Coffee
- ◆ May 23-27 – Off Road and Chill 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.

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Chamber Events Upcoming Networking Coffee

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- Joint Networking Coffee at Community Trust Bank – May 16
- Joint Networking Coffee at Powell Clinch Utility District -- July 18

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Sheep Shearing Days at the Museum of Appalachia

The Museum of Appalachia will welcome the warmth and renewal of spring by trimming the winter's heavy growth of wool from their flock of sheep.

Visitors are invited to join the museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, in celebration of this beloved pioneer tradition on April 26, May 3, and May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Sheep Shearing Days will include demonstrations of shearing, herding, carding, spinning, and weaving the fleece into woven goods, plus many real-life examples of some of the many finished products derived from the freshly shorn wool.

Family-friendly activities will also include live Appalachian music and

historic demonstrations of quilting, soap making, rug hooking, pottery, beekeeping, blacksmithing, and much more.

Admission includes a tour of the Museum, which contains some three-dozen historic log structures, exhibit halls filled with thousands of Appalachian artifacts, working gardens, and farm animals.

Tickets are available for purchase at museumofappalachia.org.

Admission rates for this event are \$10 for both adults and children. The event is free for Museum members.

School groups, homeschool organizations and groups of 20 or more must reserve their spot by e-mailing bookings@museumofappalachia.org or calling 865-498-8271.



World's Best Honey Garlic Pork Chops

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup ketchup, 2 2/3 tablespoons honey, 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 crushed garlic, 6 (4 ounce, 1-inch thick) pork chops

Directions:

- Preheat grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate. Gather ingredients.
- Whisk ketchup, honey, soy sauce, and garlic together in a bowl to make a glaze.
- Sear the pork chops on both sides on the preheated grill. Lightly brush glaze onto each side of the chops as they cook; grill until no longer pink in the center, about 7 to 9 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C).

Serve hot and enjoy!



CARS OF THE CREEK

FREE ENTRY!

Date: May 18th, 2024
Time: 10am-2pm
Place: Covenant Life Blacktop Parking Lot
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The show will be held in the BLACKTOP PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE LINDSAY FURNITURE BUILDING.

LIVE MUSIC AT COAL CREEK COFFEE CAR COMPETITION FOOD & DRINKS IN MEMORY OF HUNTER DALE

"THRIVE!" WOMEN'S CONFERENCE APRIL 5-6 MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Women of Main Street

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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Look at the birds of the air... are you not of more value than they?
Matthew 6:26



2024 THRIVE

Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight: Potter's Ace Hardware

At the heart of our community, nestled on Main Street, is a beacon of neighborly service – Potter's Ace Hardware. As part of the global network of over 5,000 Ace stores, this locally operated gem stands out not just for its vast array of products but for the genuine commitment to its community.

Potter's Ace Hardware is not merely a store; it's a testament to the spirit of community. The team at Potter's believes in the power of local connections and understands the unique needs of Rocky Top residents. Their commitment to being "the Helpful Place" is evident in every aspect of their service.

Step inside Potter's Ace Hardware, and you'll

find more than just a range of products. The dedicated staff, comprised of local experts, is always ready to assist you. Whether you're a seasoned DIY enthusiast or a novice tackling your first project, you can trust Potter's to provide personal service and expert advice.

From home improvement essentials to the latest tools, Potter's ensures a shopping experience that is not only convenient but also enriching. The aisles are stocked with quality products, reflecting their commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the community.

Potter's Ace Hardware is not just a business; it's a vital part of the Rocky Top community. The "Helpful Hardware Folks" at Potter's understand that helping neighbors is the most important thing they can do each day. It's this philosophy that sets them apart and makes them a cherished resource for locals.

Operating Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

Potter's Ace Hardware is not just a store; it's a cornerstone of community support. Whether you need a friendly face to guide you through a home project or quality products to get the job done right, Potter's is here for you. Visit them at 215 N Main Street and experience the warmth of true neighborhood service.



The UPS Store in Clinton Helps Consumers Simplify Tax Season

In preparation for Tax Day, customers can rely on the UPS Store location in Clinton to help them stay organized, protect themselves from identity theft, and mail their documents on time using services such as shredding, copying, and packing and shipping.

Between now and April 15th, The UPS Store at 1115 N Charles G Seivers Blvd gives customers an opportunity to securely dispose of documents containing sensitive information at a discount which is the first 10 lbs. at \$0.99 per lb. and \$0.89 per lb. after.

"Let us help bring you a sense of security, relief and accomplishment with our professional services that can help protect your personal information and meet tax-filing deadlines," said The UPS Store franchisee Skip Nickle.

Having a secure mailbox is also crucial to safeguard tax documents that contain sensitive personal information. The UPS Store offers mail and package solutions, that includes a mailbox with a real street address, package and mail receiving from all carriers, 24-hour mailbox access at select locations and text and email notifications.



The UPS Store location's hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM Saturday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, and Sunday Noon to 5:00 PM. For additional

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National Public Health Week

The Anderson County Health Department (ACHD) is proud to be a part of National Public Health Week, April 1, to April 7, 2024, and recognizes the hard work of the public health professionals in our county and throughout Tennessee.

“Our health department staff work extremely hard by providing many health services to people in our community and I’m very proud of the challenging work they do every single day” said Charles Turner, ACHD Director.

The ACHD is proud to offer numerous health programs and services in our community including:

CHANT – care coordination for families and individuals to medical and social service needs;

GIFTS – Tennessee’s new pregnancy smoking cessation program;

TNSTRONG – Youth-led movement advocating for tobacco-free lifestyles;

Women, Infants and Children, or WIC – supplemental nutrition for mothers and young children; and,

Information on immunizations and access to vital records

“We know working in public health can be challenging, yet rewarding at the same time and we want to recognize the hard work of all health department employees in the East Region,” said Susan Judlin, Regional Health Director. “We know the work of these dedicated health professionals is making a difference in keeping our communities healthy.”

The ACHD is planning the following activities for National Public Health Week:

April 1st: ACHD staff will assist any patient who wishes to become a registered voter. Further, staff

will begin collecting hygiene products to donate to the Tennessee Out-Reach Center for Homeless (TORCH). Additionally, the Public Health Educator is partnering with UT Extension to offer an after-school yoga club with Glendale Elementary.

April 2nd: ACHD staff will promote the benefits of being outdoors with all patients in their Matter of Balance class at the Anderson County Senior Center; a partnership with UT Extension. The Public Health Educator also hosts “Catch My Breath”, a tobacco/vaping prevention program, at Grand Oaks Elementary for 5th graders.

They will also drop off anti-tobacco signage at all participating schools.

April 3rd: The Public Health Educator is hosting the remaining sessions of the “Catch My Breath” curriculum with all participating 5th graders.

April 4th: ACHD staff will encourage and promote access to vaccines with all patients, as well as distribute vaccine information flyers across the community. Further, the Public Health Educator will co-teach Matter of Balance at the Anderson County Senior Center with UT Extension.

April 5th: ACHD staff will donate collected hygiene products to Oak Ridge Tennessee Out-Reach Center for Homeless (TORCH). Also, all staff will be encouraged to take the time to walk at work.

April 7th: ACHD staff will attend the “Celebration of a Young Child” event, hosted by the Oak Ridge Children’s Museum to promote the future of public health and the current services offered at the health department.

For more information about health programs and services available to the public contact the Anderson County Health Department at 865-425-8801.



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Library News

Happy April from Rocky Top Public Library! We have so many great events going on this month for the community and lots of new books that we have added to our collection. Come visit us and pick up a calendar and a great new read!

And don't forget, if you need eclipse glasses, we have them! We will be having an eclipse party on the 8th from 1:30-3:30. Join us for themed snacks and eclipse fun!

Our Friends of the Library group will be having a Book & Bake sale on April 8th and 9th from 10am to

2pm. We will have special book pricing. All adult hardbacks for \$1 and paperbacks and kids books for 50 cents!

Make sure you stop in and get some tasty treats before they are all gone!

We are happy to announce that our garden is going in the ground this month! We will kick off the planting season on April 12th at 1pm with a special seed planting program hosted by the UT Master Gardeners. All materials will be provided and you will be able to take a container home!

Rocky Top Public Library
APRIL 2024

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 1:30-3:30pm: Eclipse Party FoTL Bake Sale: 10am - 2pm | 2 FoTL Bake Sale: 10am - 2pm | 3 3:30pm: Charge & Chill & Game | 4 4:00pm: Full STEAM Ahead | 5 10:30am: Preschool Storytime |
| 8 12:00pm: Painting with Marcy | 9 FoTL Bake Sale: 10am - 2pm | 10 3:30pm: Charge & Chill & Game | 11 4:00pm: Full STEAM Ahead | 12 10:30am: Preschool Storytime 11:30am: Paws to Read 1:00pm: Seed Growing Demonstration |
| 15 12:00pm: Adult Coloring | 16 | 17 3:30pm: Charge & Chill & Cook | 18 4:00pm: Full STEAM Ahead | 19 10:30am: Preschool Storytime |
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| 29 12:00pm: Adult Craft | 30 | | | |

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School News

These students at Lake City Elementary School were recognized by their teachers as Students of the Month for showing perseverance.



Lake City Elementary School Honor Roll for the third nine weeks:

Third Grade A Honor Roll

Maddie Carden; Jessa Harness; Jay Philips; Willow Darnall; Kinzley Linkous; Jaelyn Merhoff; Auryana Graham; Nevaeh Ogle; Paislee Lamb; Victoria Shellhorn; Leah Lawson; Kaden Robbins

Third Grade A/B Honor Roll

Dalton Bridges; Grayson Boone; Kaycen Henderson; Hope Hatmaker; Randy Cox; Thomas Bridges; Ean Mapes; Garrett Ledbetter; Geo Oswald; Hiland Burriss; Nyla Moore; Lilli Lehman; Ellie Rogers; Rowan Cameron; Kinsleigh Phillips; Jaxon Wilson; Jameson Sharp; Hunter Cornett; Bryleigh Robinson; Zaydin West; Leiken Isabell; Zeryk Weaver; Caleb Justice; Blake Tadlock; Abigail Webber; Naomi Webber

Fourth grade A Honor Roll

Maleia Carroll; Avery Bean; Nevaeh Hoffman; Gabe Disney; Adalynn Bryant; Jacob Martin; Niya Guthrie; Brynlee Elkins; Hunter Melville; Brooklynn Holstine; Lily McQuaid; Makayla Mull; Marley LaRue; Addie Renfro; Sisalee Stringfield; Hailey Sellers; Lillian Swanson;

Shealyn Taylor; Kamrin Studer; Brylen Tackett; Jordan Wilson

Fourth grade A/B Honor Roll

Tinsley McCoy; Brooklyn Adkins; Sophia Bost; Addisyn Phillips; Kayden Adkins; Anna Ruth Farrow; Christian Phillips; Addisyn Daugherty; Nathan Gambel; Kaleigh Sellers; Cayden Hill; Nathaly Gonzalez; Mason Taylor; Daemon Nickell; Kylar Kitrell; Jayden Ward; Luke Rosenbalm; Ashlynn West; Garrett Shepperd

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll

Addisyn Armstrong; Danny Bridges; Payci Caldwell; Rhiley Cornett; Zoey Bunch; Luke Enix; Sunshine Darnall; Aaleiya Henderson; Constance Evans; Gillian Urrutia; Anna James; Skylor Weaver; Jacob Johnson; Esa Minor; Sariah Newsome

Fifth grade A/B Honor Roll

Isabella Escorcia Zapata; Bailey Johnson; Brayleigh Brown; Zoey Higgs; Jace Kuriger; Cameron Foust; Lakelee Leinart-Taylor; Aiden McCoy; Bentley King; Nathaniel McCoy; Nathan Montgomery; Caidance Lowe; Annalie Rogers; Devin Phipps; Kyrian Sharp; Weston Smith; Gabe Seiber; Hiram Stovall; Emmett Smith; Lilly Thompson; Isla Wrede



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Annual Dinner (Continued from page 1)

Catering for the evening was graciously provided by Classy Threads and Catering, adding to the warmth and hospitality of the occasion.

The Rocky Top Chamber Board of Directors would like to express their appreciation to Powell Clinch Utility District for sponsoring the event and everyone that provided donations or items for the silent auction.

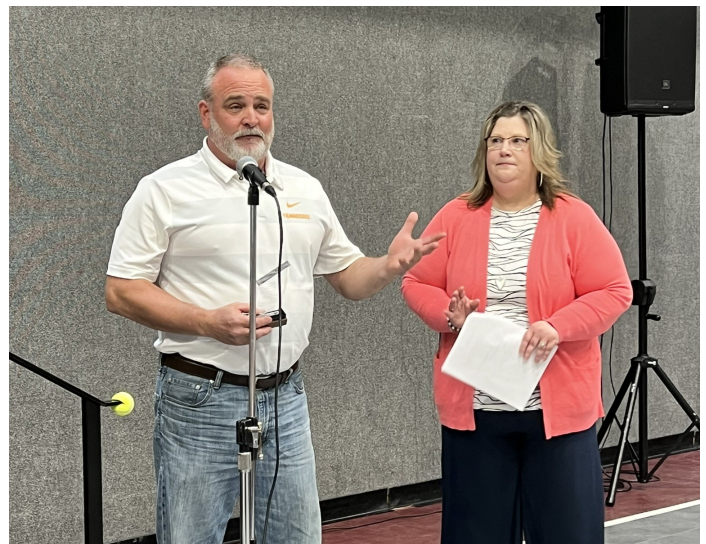
The event raised almost \$5,000 for the Rocky Top Community Foundation Scholarship Program.



Pictured Above L to R: Mary Ann and Kenny Evans



Pictured Above L to R: Chris Enix, Kelvin McCullon and Maria Hooks



Pictured Above L to R: Dwayne Huddleston and Maria Hooks

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