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Young Professional Awards Highlight Luncheon

he Anderson County Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Annual Business Luncheon on February 9, 2018 at 11:30 - 1 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Ridge. The event highlights the progress of our organization over the past year. New this year to our Annual Business Luncheon will be the distributing of our Volunteer Awards. The R. C. Hoskins Award for Outstanding Male and Female Volunteers, the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Ambassador of the Year Award and our new Young Professional of the Year Award.

The awards will be given as a surprise to the recipients which adds suspension as the winners are described in detail. Only the nominees for the Young Professional Awards will be notified.

The nominees are as follows: Amy Allen,

NOT PICURESD: Sarah McAuliffe

Welcome New Board Members

Paraplanner at Ameriprise: Keeton and Associates; Naomi Asher, Director of United Way of Anderson County; Jay Birkbeck, CFP with Wells Fargo Advisors; Rodney Coker, Manager of Ace Hardware of Clinton; Michael Foster, City Manager of Rocky Top TN; Leighann Fox-Green, Marketing/ Advertising at Fox Toyota: Sarah McAuliffe, Regatta Director for Oak Ridge Rowing Association; Stacey Pratt, Prevention Coordinator at Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County; Joey Smith, Realtor at Sellers Realty; Stephanie Strutner, Director of Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention

Each nominee was nominated through a survey sent to the membership of the Chamber. The nominees were evaluated on their business accomplishments

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AMANDA BRIDGES

Amanda Bridges is an Anderson County native and CHS graduate. Although she spent the first 8 years of her life in Maynardville, where many of my paternal family still lives, Amanda's maternal grandparents moved to Clinton from Washington, D.C., in the 1950's. Her grandfather later retired from DOE in Oak Ridge having served many years as a Patent Engineer.

She has fond memories of Camp Tanasi as both an attending Girl Scout camper, and later, during summers off from college, as a Camp Counselor. As a young adult, she spent time at Loyston Point and Big Ridge, and to this day, if you want to find a particular "holler" or creek on the Clinch River side of Norris, she can get you there.

This year begins her 17th year managing hotels and has been with Holiday Inn Express in Clinton since the spring of 2014. She and her partner, Rick, are pup parents to three enormous dogs: Hank, Peg, and Harley, and

reside in Clinton. Workforce and tourism development are particularly important to her.

Jason Leslie grew up near St. Paul Minnesota and joined 3M in July, 1997. In his 20 years with 3M he has gained extensive experience in all segments of supply chain. He worked as supply chain specialist, logistics, and production supervisor and is a certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. His previous role was the production manager at the 3M ESPE Oral Care facility in Irvine, California. Currently, Jason serves as the Plant Manager for 3M Clinton and has been responsible for scaling the manufacturing facility since the site was acquired in 2014.

Jason and his wife Briehan and daughter Lauren moved to Knoxville in 2015. The family enjoys spending time outdoors and exploring East Tennessee.



JASON LESLIE





YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

Ambassadors



April Lively of April Lively-Lularoe and a new employee at The Courier News won the fourth quarter of 2017 Ambassador reward for her service as an ambassador.

Ribbon Cutting



Clinton Elementary has a new echo-friendly addition to their school. The school hosted a Ribbon Cutting for the reveal of their new water bottle filling station.



Business After Hours



Express Employment Professionals of Clinton hosted a Business After Hours on January 25, 2018. During the event, the staff revealed their newly rennovated addition to the building. The evening was spent with networking, door prizes, a ribbon cutting, and appetizers.

New Date! 2018 East TN Business Growth Conference Thursday, April 12th

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County announced that Pastor Wayne

Phillips was the 2018 Ally of the Year; TN **Bank's Leslie England** was 1st runner up in the Anderson County Ally of the Year Campaign and

Stanton Martin was 2nd runner up and a youth representative.

Gray Communications/WVLT team took awards at

the 32nd Annual Midsouth Regional Emmy Awards in Nashville for their news coverage of the "Rising from the Ashes" coverage of the Gatlinburg wildfires. News Anchor Amanda

Hara won best sports feature for "Nourished by Love." Jasmine Hatcher Hardin has been named general manager for the Knoxville stations WVLT and WBXX.

Centennial Golf Course named its new general

manager. Mike Callender, a Class A PGA Professional. Des Mahoney was one of only three golf instructors in



named to the prestigious list of 12 Top Instructors in Tennessee in a recent Golf Digest.

Emory Valley Center honored their retiring

members at a recent board meeting. Honored were Kendall Brady, Blanche Dresser

EMORY VALLEY CENTER

MAXIMIZING HUMAN ABILITIES and Obie Goins who all received

awards for their service on the Board of Directors.



The Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge has hired a new nurse manager; Carol Shepherd.

Cantrell, Goodge & Associates has been

recognized by the American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys in

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their "10 Best Personal Injury Law Firm for Client Satisfaction" listing for the second year.

Wells Fargo has been included in Black Enterprise's 2018 list of Top 50 Companies for Diversity.

Tennessee

Orthopaedic Clinics have hired Dr. Merrill White as chief medical officer.

City of Clinton Mayor Scott Burton has announced that he is running for Anderson County Trustee.

Lessa Arowood has announced that she is running for Anderson County Clerk.

Clinton Rotary Club recently donated dictionaries to all third-grade students in Clinton.

Joey Smith and Jo Suggs, associate realtors at Sellers Realty, recently became real estate brokers.

Tusculum College recently started the transition to a university. USCULUM Accreditation is a two to four-year process. OLLEGE1794

UT Battelle/ORNL Scientific Associate Candice Halbert and Jibonananda Sanyal, Staff Scientist & Team Lead for

Scalable and High Geocomputation,

Performance



were recently chosen as members of the 40 under 40 for the Knox area

The Salvation Army announced that Director of Community Relations Rob Link was SALVATION recently chosen as one of the 40 under 40 for the Knox area.

Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC announced that Reed Mullins, Senior Director of Production Operations, was recently chosen as one of the 40 under 40 for the Knox area.

Helen Ross McNabb Center announced that Lori Ramsey, Director of Crisis Services, was recently chosen as one of



Museum of Appalachia's Will Meyer recently helped Boy Scouts in the area that were working on an annual winter "camp out" where they earned merit badges. The badge that they worked on with Will Meyer was the Journalism badge.

Little Ponderosa Zoo reopened their doors while continuing the reconstruction of their facilities.





Powell Clinch Utility District renewed their Silver Level Community Partnership.

Enrichment Federal Credit Union recently gave away a new car to Nikki McKeown during their "Win Big With Enrichment" contest. They also committed to another year as a Bronze Community Partner.

STEPHENSON Realty & Auction

Stephenson Realty & Auction joined the Silver Level Community Partnership program.



Hollingsworth Companies has joined the **Copper Level Community Partnership** program.



ORNL Federal Credit Union employees raised more than \$100,000 for United Way of Anderson County.



ORAU announced that Jeffrey Miller, senior scientist, has been named as the new chair for the American Board of Industrial Hygiene. Rachel Lokitz, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, was recently chosen as one of the 40 under 40 for the Knox area.

Lt. Governor Randy **McNally**

Lt. Governor Randy McNally recently presented a check for \$4,000 to Anderson County to be used for the Anderson County Archives from a grant distributed by the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

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Middle Row: Marsha Stapleton, Executive Assistant; Joey Smith; Taylor Martin, PR Coordinator; Kelly Johnson; Kim Mitchell, Director of Marketing; Kristin Waldschlanger; Jeanne Mitchell; Amber Price; Bill Gallaher; Jared Forgety, Member Services Coordinator.

Back Row: Larry Gann; John Wright; Michael Foster; Gordon Williams; Nick Forrester; Tim Parrott; Tom Bundy; Tim Thompson, President ACEDA; Bruce Applegate; Jason Leslie.



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that demonstrate leadership, civic and/or charitable involvement and specific contributions to civic and/ or charitable organizations. The Young Professionals of Anderson County Advisory Board then reviewed the surveys and selected applications that they considered to be the best of the best. Then, the Executive Committee scrutinized over the very valuable and

And the winner is....

The first ever Young Professional of the Year Award was awarded to Naomi Asher, Director of United Way Anderson County.



numerous accomplishments to make the decision of who should be the first Young Professional to receive this award.

After a long agonizing process, the committee picked one person to whom the award would be presented.

If you would like to be a part of this momentous

occasion for the Anderson County Chamber and in the life of this Young Professional, please be sure to register for the Annual Business Luncheon by contacting the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or go to tinyurl.com/VFL2018 to register online. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members and \$180 for a table of 8.

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SCHOOL NEWS

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS The Senior ACT 30+ Club

f you happen to drive by ACHS, you might notice something a little bit different. The Senior ACT 30+ Club has made its mark on the campus of ACHS. These students now have life-size portraits of them hanging proudly on the campus light poles. The Senior ACT 30+ Club is a program at both high schools in Anderson County. The program is an incentive and motivator for Seniors to score well on their ACT. "We are super proud of our Senior ACT 30+ Kids and we want to recognize that as much as possible. It is a big deal," says Hoppy Merryman. ACHS would like to thank Kayla Watson, Hoppy Merryman, and Jason Chambers for coming up with the vision of the new portraits and completing it. The project could not have been completed without ACHS.







Students Take on a Night of Hope

HS culinary and GEAR UP students recently had the honor of being the assistants to the Celebrity Waiters at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Night of Hope.

"This event is something we have participated in for 6 years and are grateful to be part of. " says GEAR UP Coordinator Hoppy Merryman. "It really lets our kids see the community come together for a good cause and gives them an idea of how they can be involved in things that amplify our individual gifts". Students from ACHS and CHS culinary programs donated desserts that were auctioned. Community organizers of nonprofit events are encouraged to contact Hoppy Merryman at amerryman@acs.ac or (865) 963-8467 about volunteer opportunities as TN Promise students are seeking service hours.

CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS CCS To Host The Empty

Ark your calendars for Friday, February 23! Meet the CCS staff and students at First Baptist Church of Clinton Family Life Center for Empty Bowls Night! The Empty Bowls Night project was designed to give back to Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest donates more than \$12,000 a year of food for our students to take home for weekend/holiday feeding through the Backpack Program.

Mrs. Swanner and Mrs. Webb, the two art teachers at CCS, thought it was only appropriate to use the time and talents of CCS students and teachers to give back. Teachers and students have created their own unique pottery bowl. The students will be reading the book Stone Soup in their library class prior to the event. On the night of Empty Bowls, stone soup will be served. Parents and the public will be able to purchase the students' bowls for \$5.00 each. The teachers' bowls will be sold via silent auction. All of the proceeds will go towards Second Harvest.

It has been amazing to see the wonderful talents of both our students and teachers. Please come have a bowl of soup for only \$1.00, and place a bid on a beautiful pottery bowl. What a wonderful way to give back to an organization that provides our system such great support!







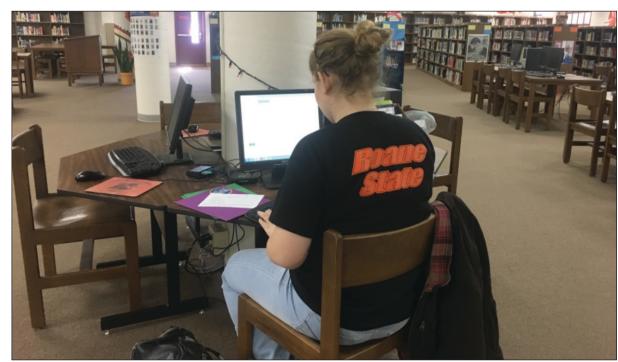
ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

ACHS FFA Chapter Breaks Records

he Anderson County FFA Chapter became the first ever chapter since 1928 in the nation to have five state winning teams compete at the National FFA Career Development Events Competition. The following teams, coached by FFA Advisor Philip Warfield that competed during the week of October 23rd-28th in Indianapolis: Agronomy, Environmental & Natural Resources, Food Science & Technology, Milk Quality & Products, and Poultry Evaluation. The primary goal of the FFA career and leadership development events are to develop individual college and career readiness skills through personal growth and premier leadership. Individuals are challenged to develop critical thinking skills, effective decisionmaking skills, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement.



Roane State Gives the Class of 2018 T-Shirts



oane State Community College recently presented the Class of 2018 and the high school staff members with t-shirts for their participation in Community College Day. Over 500 students and staff received shirts with their school symbol on the front and Roane State on the back. "We really value our partnership with the high schools in Anderson County. Your students are our students and we appreciate the work that is done in Anderson County by the counselors, teachers and GEAR UP to make college a reality for so many", says Jim McDaniel of Roane State Admissions. Clinton High Student Laura Hileman proudly wears her shirt while completing her FAFSA at CHS.

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CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS Hour of Code

ach year, all students in Clinton City Schools participate in the Hour of Code. This is the four-year anniversary of this event which introduces students of all ages to the world of coding. This global event was held from December 4-10. This year, over 500,000 MILLION students participated in this event – including our students!

The founders of this event state, "The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify 'code' to show that anybody can learn the basics and to broaden participation in the field of computer science." Coding not only allows students to explore concepts in computer science, it also helps build problem solving skills, logic, and creativity.

CCS students have already had an introduction to coding in technology classes. Participating in this event allows us to expand on this concept and continue providing an awareness to the various computer science careers available.

The Hour of Code has a coalition of partners, including Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, College Board, and Boys and Girls Club of America. Clinton City Schools is proud to be a part of this global event!

Try an Hour of Code 501,215,286 served





NEW SCIENCE STANDARDS ARE COMING!!

During the 2018-19 school year, classrooms across the state of TN will be implementing new science standards. These new standards require significant instructional shifts in the classroom as the focus becomes 3 dimensional: practices, core ideas, and cross cutting concepts. As with any new standards implementation, teacher training is essential to the success of the roll-out. An abundance of planning and preparation must occur

when standards change to this level of significance. Oak Ridge Associated Universities is an excellent resource in Anderson County that was willing to answer our call for assistance. Being such a strong supporter of education, they didn't hesitate to enter a partnership with our system to assist in the training and implementation of the new standards. CCS has identified a Science Teacher Lead at each grade level to collaborate with ORAU, plan and implement trainings, gather resources, and serve as a support to grade level teachers through this transition. Specific grade level training will occur in May, and ORAU will continue to support teachers throughout next year as implementation begins. CCS will participate in the ORAU grant program in order to gain needed supplies and materials for the new standards. We appreciate our partnership with ORAU as they are true friends to education!

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Anderson County Schools Announce Teachers of the Year

Anderson County Schools have selected their 2018 Teachers of the Year! The Teachers of the Year will be honored on April 10th at the Teacher of the Year Banquet.

Congratulations to all our Outstanding Teachers!

ACCTC- Julie Capps 9-12 ACHS- Jenny Martin- 9-12 CHS- Karen Campbell- 9-12 CRCS- Rob Harmening- 9-12 CMS- Ligia Boundy- 5-8 LCMS- Courtney Batchelor 5-8 NMS- Tallitha Job- 5-8 NWMS- Stephanie Pridemore- 5-8 AES- Ken Bulechek- 5-8 BES- Lindsay Phillips- PreK-4 CES- Kimberly Waggoner- PreK-4 DVES- Lucy Brooks- PreK-4 FES- Kristin Parrott- PreK-4 GOES- Shasta Gilliam- PreK-4 LCES- Brenda Goins- PreK-4 NES- Alison Greenhouse- PreK-4 NWES- Matt Foust- PreK-4 PRESCHOOL- Laura Boden- PreK-4

CHS Spanish Honors Classes Teach Spanish

The Spanish Honors classes at Clinton High School recently went to Clinton Elementary School to teach Spanish lessons to Kindergarten classes. The children learned how to count from one to ten, the names of animals, the colors and emotions all in Spanish. As part of their curriculum, the CHS Spanish Honors students spent countless hours on creating lesson plans for





CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS Ace of Shakes Graduation

The inaugural group has successfully completed the Ace of Shakes Program at CCS! Fourth grade students across the system participated in a 6-week program, learning how to effectively make a first impression using the following elements: eye contact, smile, strong voice, and effective hand shake. Lieutenant Campbell, with Clinton Police Department, began the program by teaching students effective strategies for shaking hands and making a first impression. He came back for graduation to see how much the students had grown. He was amazed at how each student's confidence had grown – handshakes were stronger, eye contact was more direct, and smiles were beaming!

Several students even commented that they were sad to see the program end because they had so much fun! All participants received a backpack tag stating "I Aced the Shake!" as a reward of their completion. Several teachers reported that student participation in class had been positively impacted by this program. Students spoke more confidently and maintained better eye contact as a result of this program. Many thanks to Y-12 for their efforts in helping make this program a reality for Clinton City Schools!







THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWAL!

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February Upcoming Events

Friday, February 15, 2018

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Monday, February 19, 2018

President's Day Chamber Office CLOSED

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Ribbon Cutting Mr. Wok Chinese Hibachi Grill 10—11:30 a.m. 725 Clinch Ave., Clinton

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Education Kevin Hoyt 901 S. Illinois Ave Oak Ridge, TN 37830 (865) 483-3571 www.utarboretum.tennessee.edu/index.html

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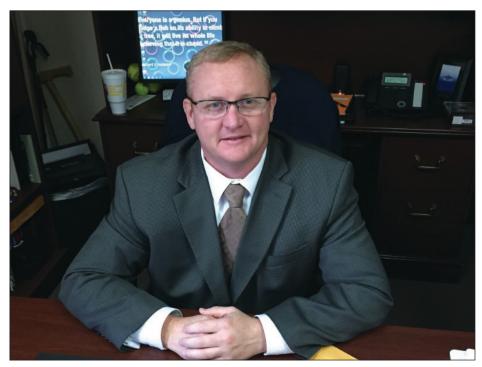
LEADERSHIP



Dave Conrad was recognized for his completion of service to the Leadership Anderson County Advisory Board this past January.

LEADERSHIP ANDERSON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD ADDS A NEW MEMBER

R obbie Herrell has been appointed to serve as a board member for the Leadership Anderson County Advisory Board. Herrell participated and graduated from LAC in 2015. Robbie Herrell has worked with Anderson County Schools throughout the years. He currently serves as the Principal of the Anderson County Career and Technical Center.





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YOUTH LEADERSHIP

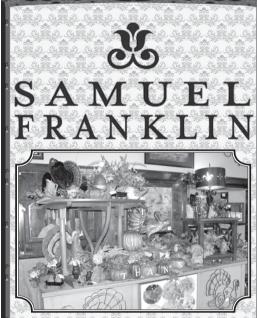
Youth Leadership Takes on County Government Day



Youth Leadership met January 9th for County Government Day and enjoyed touring the Court House, E-911, and the jail. They really enjoyed starting the day with a debate over moving the convenience center in the mock county commission meeting. The next Youth Leadership Day is scheduled for February 13 and the focus will be Healthcare and Community Resources.







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