

Chamber Board Elects Board Officers

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Temp Systems is a local woman-owned full line staffing service that has provided quality personnel to Anderson County businesses since 1986. The company has won prestigious awards for outstanding service and business excellence through the years. The Anderson County office is located at 130 Main Street in Clinton and regularly provides personnel staffing and workforce resolutions for area offices and manufacturing facilities. Temp Systems specializes in client partnering and customized programs to benefit businesses. Committed to honesty, ethics and excellence in business, the company maintains long-term relationships with businesses in Anderson, Knox and surrounding counties. We pride ourselves in successfully providing the best staffing service available. Being a member of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce has been a definite advantage. The Chamber provides many networking opportunities, referrals, and much exposure to new clients which contributes to the growth of a business. Jeanne Mitchell, Director of Business Development currently serves on the Board of Directors and is Co-Chair of the Ambassadors program. Norma Owens, CEO, is a past Board Chairman.



B.J. Baxter

B. J. Baxter has been named Chair of the Board, and Robin Hunley has been elected Chair-Elect for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce to serve 2018.

B. J. Baxter is Director of Operations for MMC Healthworks, a board member, graduate of Leadership Anderson County and active on the Chamber's Government & Community Relations Committee. Baxter and her husband, Brian, live in Norris. They have two daughters, Mindy and Kristen and three grandchildren.

Robin Hunley is the Marketing Manager of Powell-Clinch Utility District where she has been employed for the past 17 years. Robin is also an adjunct instructor teaching various marketing classes at Tusculum and South College. Robin holds a M.S. in Integrated Marketing Communication from West Virginia University, a B.S. in Organizational Management with a

Marketing Concentration from Tusculum College and an A.S. in Business Management from Roane State Community College. Robin is also a graduate of East Tennessee Regional, Anderson County and Campbell County Leadership Programs. Robin resides in Norris with her daughter Raven and shelter dogs Ivan and Abby and shelter cat Bella and new husband Mark.

Volunteering in the community is a passion of Robins and she has served on many boards such as the Secretary of the North Anderson County Boys and Girls Club, President of Campbell County Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Campbell County Relay for Life, Junior Achievement Volunteer and Campbell County Toys for Tots Committee.

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce these new officers and look forward to the wonderful things that these officers will accomplish this year and next.



Robin Hunley

East Tennessee Business Growth Conference: Grow your business through government procurement

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce will co-host the East Tennessee Business Growth Conference on Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. at the Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership located at 2135 N. Charles G. Seivers Boulevard in Clinton. Sponsors of this year's event are Citizens First Bank and SunTrust Bank.

The purpose of the conference is to connect small business owners to local, State, and federal procurement opportunities. There will also be a variety of educational workshops. There is no cost to attend the conference.

Please register by Friday, January 5, 2018 at: www.tnptac.org.

Highlights of the conference include:

Networking with over 20 exhibitors, learn how to do business with TVA, information how to get on the GSA Schedule, workshops on the acquisition life cycle and contract negotiations, a seminar on

proposal writing, and a panel discussion with small business owners on best practices to growing your business in the government arena.

Those who should attend, but not limited to, include: service-disabled veteran-owned companies, HubZone certified firms, 8a businesses, woman-owned businesses, technology firms, and companies interested in doing business with the Government.

Partnering with the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Small Business Development Center at Roane State Community College, National Contract Management Association East TN (NCMA), Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Veterans Business Association and The University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services-CIS/PTAC.

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YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

Parade a Huge Success

Chamber President Rick Meredith presents the first place check to Truth Way Baptist Church pastor Buster Gresham while some of his congregation members look on.



Rick Meredith presents the check for second place to Principal Stephanie Sherwood and some of her students. Pictured left to right, Front row: Carson Brooks, Jackie Patton, Joe Patton, Jeremiah Patton. Back row: Lucy Brooks, Stephanie Sherwood, Principal, and Taylor Sherwood.

The Annual Clinton Christmas Parade, "The Heart of Christmas," sponsored by the City of Clinton and the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce was held on December 9, 2017. Although there were concerns about the parade being at 2 p.m. it was a great way to allow younger kids to see the parade without being out so late at night. It was a cold day and would have been much colder if it was a night parade.

Emcees for the parade were George Paynter and Donovan Picarella of Edward Jones – Paynter. Judges for the parade were Cindi Alpert, Momentum Broadcasting, Naomi Asher, United Way of Anderson County, Charlotte Bowers, Habitat for Humanity, Jason Leslie and daughter, 3M, Gene Patterson, CNS/Y-12, and Clyde Wood and wife, Cheryl, Tennova North Healthcare Center.

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors led the parade followed the ACHS Jr. Navy ROTC who carried the flag, Anderson County High School Band, and Clinton City Police, Anderson County Sheriff's Department and the 7th Judicial District Crime Task Force. Next up was the Grand Marshall, Alvin Taylor, Clinton City Mayor Scott Burton and Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank. The remainder of the parade followed with a total of 93 total entries, including 30 floats, princesses and several car groups. Closing out the

parade was the Clinton High School ROTC and the Clinton High School band, and the Clinton High School Cheerleaders with the show ending highlight; Santa Claus being pulled in a sleigh by Cinderella Carriages!

The winners of the entries which depicted the theme best were; 1st Place – Truth Way Baptist Church, 2nd Place- Dutch Valley Elementary, 3rd Place – Sleepy-Eyed Johns. All the entries were outstanding and deserving of recognition.

The chamber appreciates the community support, the hard work of the entrants and the wonderful volunteers without whom the event could not take place. Special thanks to volunteers; Diane Allred, Samantha Bates, Kevin Daugherty, Marge Hauschildt, Amanda Humphrey, Connie Hunley, April Lively, Jeanne Mitchell, Conya Mull, Debbie Sellers of the Chamber Ambassadors; Jared Forgety, Dan & Janet Hawkins, Taylor Martin, Marsha Stapleton; Michael Foster, Beth Hickman, Michael Ousley, Amy Allen of the Young Professionals of Anderson County; Owen Driskell, Tammy & Clinton Gross, Carlos & Sheryl Houston, Stephen McNally and Bethany Rush of Leadership Anderson County; Sid Brewer, Teresa Grayson, Dave Conrad, Kathy Stair, J. R. Hertwig, Jason Brown, and Clinton Police Officers. Without the amazing volunteers we couldn't put on such a successful parade.



Rick Meredith presents the third place check to John Alvis, fiddler in the hat, owner of Sleepy-Eyed Johns. Accompanying him were Andy Teno, with the banjo, and Anthony Walker, with the fiddle. Younger brother Ayden Walker also is pictured.

Open House

The Chamber's 2017 Christmas Open House took place at the Regions Bank Lobby on December 7. Catering was provided by Apple Blossom Cafe! The Chamber partnered with Adventure Anderson County, Anderson County Economic Development Association and Regions bank to put on the event. The evening was most definitely filled with holiday cheer!



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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Dutch Valley Elementary School and Bear Stephenson partnered to create the new Stephenson Family Pavilion for use by the school and the community.

Roane State Community College celebrated their Physical Therapist Assistant Program's 30th year. Their Dental Hygiene program received the 100% Faculty Award for 2017 from the American Dental Hygienist's Association which is given when all faculty members are also members of the ADHA. Only 25 higher education institutions nationwide have this designation.

Techmer PM was honored by R&D Magazine for its innovative materials design work by being named the Process/Prototyping category winner for the 2017 R&D 100 Awards program.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory researchers have received nine R&D 100 Awards in recognition of their significant advancements in science and technology. Five of their researchers have been elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; **Budhendra Bhadrui**, leader of the Geographic Information Science and Technology group in Computational Sciences and Engineering Division, **Sheng Dai**, leader of the Nanomaterials Chemistry group in the Chemical Sciences Division, **Mitchel Doktycz**, leader of the Biological and Nanoscale Systems Group in the Biosciences Division, **Bobby G. Sumpter**, deputy director of the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, and **Robert Wagner**, director of the National Transportation Research Center in the Energy and Transportation Science Division. **Parans Paranthaman**, a Corporate Fellow researcher has been elected a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. **Jim Szybist**, a senior researcher, has been elected fellow of SAE International, the highest grade of membership for this global association. **David Womble** has been hired to direct ORNL's artificial intelligence efforts. Five researchers have been elected fellows of the American Physical Society; **Alexander V. Aleksandrov**, **Andy Christianson**, **Paul Kent**, **Michael A. McGuire** and **Juergen Rapp**.

Tusculum College has named **Dr. James Hurley** as their 28th President. **David Collins** was named interim vice-president and chief financial officer.

Studio Four Design president and director of business development **Stacy Cox** recently graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business National Program.

TNBank hired **Josh Hopkins** as senior vice president of commercial lending and **Sarah Nickle-Robinson** as controller. The Board of Directors elected **Michael J. LeMarbre** to the board of both TNBank and holding company, Tennessee Valley Financial Holdings.

Kramer-Rayson LLP has hired **Erica D. Green** as an associate. She has a broad practice including employment matters, general business, insurance defense, corporate and commercial, estate planning and general litigation.

East Tennessee Children's Hospital President **Keith Goodwin** has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association. This is the organization's highest honor. **Pamela Myers** received the Patient Safety Leadership Award.

Anderson County Sheriff's Department and Anderson County Emergency Medical Services recently had 8 law enforcement and emergency personnel graduate from **Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services'** CIT Training. CIT provides 40 hours of specialized training for problem solving and de-escalating crisis situations with individuals who have a mental illness. Graduates include; **Zach Allen**, **Zach Bates**, **Rick H. Coley**, **William Cornett**, **Ashley C. Davenport**, **Adam S. Warren**, **Mary Ann Young** of the **Anderson County Sheriff's Department** and **Nathan Sweet** of **Anderson County Emergency Medical Services**.

Maxim Healthcare Services has been approved as a new home care provider for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program within the Department of Labor Office of Workers Compensation Programs.

Dream Dance Studio's Dream Team performed in the 91st Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Dream Team is the studio's intensive dance team that attends three to four dance competitions per year.

PARTNERS IN THE NEWS



ORNL Federal Credit Union donated \$100,836 to **United Way of Anderson County** this year. More than 55 percent of ORNL FCU employees participated in the internal giving campaign. They also announced that they are introducing a new, yearly community arts program at its Oak Ridge offices in the spring. The Community Art and Mural Program will provide local artists and school art programs the opportunity to showcase their creativity in a unique fashion; by painting a large structure visible from a main access road.



Y-12 Federal Credit Union announced their employee of the month is **Linda Pappas**. **Y-12 Federal Credit Union's**



Give Foundation presented a \$1000 donation to the **Little Ponderosa Zoo and Rescue** to help with the Zoo's recent fire loss.



Powell-Clinch Utility District announced that **Aaron McCoy** is their 2017 Employee of the Year, seen here with PCUD President, **Rob Neil**.



LBMC has added two staff accountants to its Knoxville office; **Brett Lyons**, tax group, and **Winston Smith**, audit group.



Anderson County Schools
Every Student, Every Day

Anderson County Schools board member **Jo Williams**, received the Tennessee School Board Association Master Ambassador Award for her leadership, advocacy, and high quality of service she has demonstrated in her school board responsibilities. **Norris Middle School** was honored by The University of Tennessee as a 2017 Good Sports Always Recycle school challenge, which rewards schools for their programs designed to actively manage environments impact and or educate students and communities about environmental stewardship. The award comes with \$1000 to use for their environmental program.

Junior Achievement of East Tennessee



announced that they have won the JA Innovation Award from Junior Achievement USA and The Hartford. The award is given to reward JA Areas which have effectively implemented the JA Company Program in an innovative way that has significantly increased the number of students reached and that can be replicated by other JA Areas. They were chosen from a group of 20 to receive the award and \$25,000.

Leadership Advisory Board Officers Elected

The Leadership Anderson County Advisory Board has elected new officers to begin their one-year term in May of 2018. **Annette Eaves**, Project Services Lead with UCOR – URS/CH2M has been elected Chairperson, **Michael Ousley**, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investment has been elected Chair-elect and **Jessica Langstaff**, Staff Engineer with UT Battelle/ORNL has been elected Secretary. Leadership Anderson County is a leadership development program sponsored by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce. Applications are now being accepted for the Class of 2019 to begin in May 2018. For more information contact the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or visit: www.andersoncountychamber.org.



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Titanic tragedy told through “Voices” presentation

Students in each of Anderson County's four middle schools were treated to a special performance entitled “Voices,” by the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge just prior to the Thanksgiving break. It was an unprecedented partnership between the Anderson County Schools AWARE Office and the Titanic Museum to bring the powerful story of the tragic voyage of the Titanic to middle schools students across an entire school district over a two-day period. Crew members from the Titanic assumed the roles of three people who survived the tragedy. Two were passengers who shared about their lives before, during and after the sinking of the Titanic. The third individual portrayed Harold Bride, a crew member who sent the communication to other ships asking for help in rescuing the passengers and the crew after the collision with the iceberg. The three performers told the stories of their characters and share the emotions experienced by the hundreds of survivors fighting for their lives in the 28-degree water of the North Atlantic Ocean. At the conclusion of the program, the three performers gave more background about

their specific Titanic survivor and provided details about the obstacles they faced as a result of the tragic events of April 14 and 15, 1912. Each survivor's story included elements where they had to exhibit resilience in overcoming hardships in life connected to their trip aboard the Titanic.

The middle school students across the county were captivated by the story of the Titanic along with individual portrayals of these people who survived the ordeal. The students had terrace question at each middle school about specific topics related to the accident, or details question about these three survivors. In each case, the Titanic crew members provided information in great detail about the events of that fateful night, or about the lives of these characters after the sinking of the ship.

It is worth noting that the Titanic staff members had glowing remarks about the behavior and maturity of Anderson County's middle school population at each of the four stops. The students asked very good questions and showed a great respect for the gravity of the topics being covered as a part of the presentation.

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CCS Honors Military in Chamber Christmas Parade

If you were brave enough to come out on a cold Saturday afternoon to see the Clinton Christmas Parade, you saw the “All Hearts Come Home for Christmas” CCS float. This float was designed and decorated by the 6th grade Hangout Club at NCES. Students created the decorations that went on the float and wrote the narration for the float which was read aloud by the Chamber as the float passed their office.

On one side of a Christmas tree was a mother reading a letter from her military son. On the other side of the tree, observers saw her military son reading

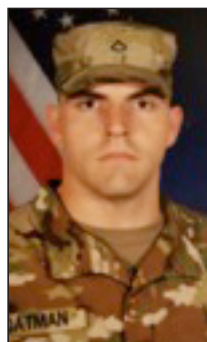
a letter in his bunker. Although they may be separated physically, Christmas still brings them together in spirit. The narration encouraged family members to still save a seat for those who are serving their country at the holiday table. After all, all hearts come home for Christmas, so they are with us in spirit.

CCS wants to thank all the men and women in our military who make, and have made, personal sacrifices to ensure the safety and security of our country. Our hearts are with you, and we wish you a Happy Holiday season.

Sixth Grade Students at CES Bring Christmas Joy to Local Soldier

The Clinton Strong Project is a lasting legacy project that gives each 6th grade student the opportunity to do something they've never done before, explore new interests, make positive changes, and lead the way for future 6th graders. Sixth

grade students at CES are using the skills they have learned in the classroom to bring joy to a local soldier and his company during the holidays. Student Eric Page thought it would be meaningful to write letters of encouragement to a



local soldier as his Clinton Strong Project. Page, along with his classmates, wrote

letters of encouragement to local graduate Dalton Boatman. Boatman, a 2011 graduate of Clinton High School, is in training as an Army National Guardsman in Fort Benning, Georgia. Page hopes that these letters will bring comfort to Boatman and other soldiers during this time of year when it's especially hard to be away from their families while serving our country.



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Junior Achievement Partners

Junior Achievement, in partnership with US Bank, Patricia Nash Designs and SouthEast Bank presented the second annual JA Miss Business - as an experience to help young women expand their horizons and encourage them to pursue executive level business careers. By connecting our future leaders with successful, professional women eager to share what they know with the next generation, JA Miss Business encourages young women to seek meaningful and dynamic leadership careers, build valuable communication skills, and foster empowerment. JA's Miss Business experience connects generations, showcases educational and career opportunities in business & inspires young women to develop the executive mindset!

Seventeen high school students from schools located in Anderson County participated

including twelve seniors from Anderson County Schools. They were chosen as delegates to the Junior Achievement Miss Business Experience and were selected based on their potential to become outstanding leaders in their future career fields.

The all-day event included talks by successful business mentors such as designer Patricia Nash and Ka-Tom Restaurant Supply owner Patricia Bible as well as an etiquette lesson from Mindy Coulter of the 5 O'Clock Cotillion.

Each girl received a swag bag valued at \$50.

Junior Achievement of East Tennessee is already planning for the 2018 Miss Business and is looking for sponsors and potential speakers! Contact Callie Archer for more information on how to support this unique educational event.



Photo from left: Kelsea Stokes, Sarah Chamblee, Vice President of Junior Achievement Callie Archer, Kayla Welch, Sedona Harrell, Heather Jordan, Georgia Pietrzak, Tiffany Sharp, Priscilla Powers, Lauren Dunn, Sydney Zemke, Summer Willis (in front)



Patricia Bible - President, Founder & CEO of KaTom Restaurant Supply is seen speaking to the young women on how to develop an "executive mindset"

Anderson County students helps Little Ponderosa Zoo with donations

Anderson County Schools' staff and students were challenged to raise \$4000 to go to the Little Ponderosa Zoo after their recent tragedy. If all students and teachers had given about 50cents each it would have raised that amount. When the day came to write the check, Dr. Parrott was shocked to see that the school had raised \$10,113.85 in donations for the rebuilding of Little Ponderosa Zoo. Little Ponderosa Zoo has been a long-standing partner with the school system and is visited by hundreds of students every year.

In addition to the Anderson County School System donation, a student from Clinton Elementary, Braden Hensley, challenged his school to a coin drive and raised \$620 for the Zoo. Several other schools in the area donated as well! Braden Hensley presenting his donation to James Cox.

We are so proud of our students, teachers and staff for supporting such a well loved area attraction!



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A Nutty Learning Experience at NCES

So many exciting educational experiences are happening at North Clinton this year! Jyl Smithson's 3rd grade class has been receiving post cards from all the states in the union as part of their social studies class. Both our music teacher and one of our lovely cafeteria ladies have joined in the fun! Louella Green, from the cafeteria, had some cards from the west sent in to the class, while Mr. Glashauser had a friend from Hawaii send an unusual piece of mail.... an actual coconut! Yes, the address was written directly on the coconut! Now other staff and community members have joined in the fun! We can't wait to see what arrives in the mail next! It has been a great way to bring learning to life for our NCES students!

Michael Shoulders Visits SCES

Earlier this year, SCES students met their first school wide accelerated reading goal of 5,000 points. To celebrate meeting this goal, librarian Teresa Schlandt secured a visit with author Michael Shoulders. Mr. Shoulders is the author of many different children's books, including *V is For Volunteer*, *1 Mississippi 2 Mississippi*, *M is For Magnolia*, and many more. He is a graduate of Austin Peay State University where he graduated with his degree in education in 1976. In 1995, he attended the Governor's Academy for Teachers of Writing and has been writing books for children and youth ever since!

Mrs. Schlandt has been working with her 5th and 6th grade enrichment groups on a book study of his historical fiction novel *Crossing the Deadline*, the story of a young boy named Stephen and his journey through the Civil War. The students have spent the semester in an intense study of the book, relating what they have learned about the Civil War in their social studies classes to what they are reading and applying various literary concepts. The hallways outside the library are lined with story maps addressing the themes in the book, character maps analyzing the characters in the book, and the various themes that students found in the story.

SCES welcomed Mr. Shoulders on Tuesday, December 5th. He spoke to students in two sessions, Kindergarten through 3rd grade and 4th through 6th grade. After each session, students had the opportunity to meet him and have their books autographed. Mrs. Schlandt's 5th and 6th grade students even had the chance to sit down with Mr. Shoulders and have a question and answer session and discussion with him about *Crossing the Deadline*. This was an amazing culminating activity for the students who read the book as well as an amazing visit for all SCES students to grow in their love of reading!



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INNOVATION ACADEMY



Merry Christmas from the Innovation Academy staff: Sheila Skeans, Dr. Tricia Jones, Aimee Bolinger, Ginger Sills, Krista Petrick and Patrick Leverton. (Not shown: Char Saunders, Esite Muncy, Amy Graham, Kim Dunn, Holly White)

Students, parents and staff in the Anderson County Online Learning Academy (ACOLA) met for their bi-monthly class meeting on November 13 to practice for EOCs (state End of Course exams) with their academic teachers. Students had received Chromebook through the Anderson County Schools 1:1 initiative and brought them to the meeting to practice utilizing the software before test day. Students who are not taking EOCs this semester were able to receive extra help with their math classes from Ginger Sills, math teacher. Students Madison Byrge and Haley Stephens are shown hard at work on their Chromebooks.

IA is celebrating the graduation of two students who finished in December. One of them, Lacey Fugate, is our Student of the Month. Lacey worked hard in class this semester in order to graduate in December. She also works at the Soup Kitchen in Oak Ridge. She has been working there two years, but she knew the Soup Kitchen Environment well before working there due to familial ties with the restaurant. Her work duties include training new staff members, serving, cooking, and helping to manage the restaurant on most nights. Lacey is looking forward to attending TCAT and entering the medical field.

GEAR UP and TCAT

HS Senior Principal Chris Goodwyne and teacher Jill McCormick took a GEAR UP visit to the Liberty Street Campus of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology with members of the Class of 2018.

"It's good to see all the programs they have that can help our students develop their future careers," said Goodwyne. TCAT presently has 21 programs on their Knoxville Campus.

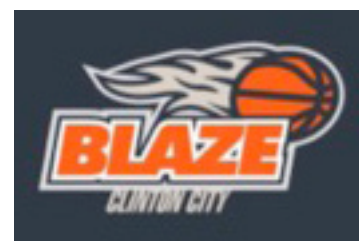
The TCAT Knoxville – Anderson Campus will be open for classes beginning in February 2018 and will offer Industrial Maintenance/Mechatronics, Machine Tool Technology and Welding Technology.

Anderson County Schools have doubled the number of graduates attending TCAT programs since the awarding of the GEAR UP grant in 2012

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Clinton City Schools bring on Blaze Basketball



The inaugural CCS BLAZE basketball team is winding down for this school year. The basketball team was created as part of the CCS focus to develop well-rounded students who are given opportunities to not only excel in academics, but develop individual talents and interests as well.

During the course of the season, the BLAZE played several home and away ballgames, including a 2-day tournament in Coalfield. The team participated in daily practice, competed well, improved on skills, hosted a pancake breakfast, and participated in an anti-bullying session. Students had to maintain good attendance, academics, and behavior in order to remain on the team.

The CES gym will undergo renovations during Summer 2018. New bleachers will be installed, the floor will be refinished, and new backboards will be purchased. We also hope to paint the gym to give it an updated look!

We appreciate all the local community members and businesses who helped make this year a success:

Fox Toyota, O.E.B. Law, C and D Printing, Apple Blossom, Dr. Chris Ramsey, Dr. Tim Bible, Joey Smith, Ray Varner Ford, Holley Gamble Funeral Home, H & H Body Shop, Faith Promise, People's Bank of the South, Trey

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Without the vast support from the community, this would not have been possible.

Clinton City Schools Director, Kelly Johnson, states, "This program has done an excellent job of bring our three schools together and has strengthened the Clinton City Schools' community. The students have played under two quality coaches, Mrs. Terri Kerley and Mr. Jeff Little. Mr. E.T. Stamey has done a remarkable job marketing our team and building a quality program. Each home game was packed, and the students felt very supported during our shortened season. We will continue to build on this year, and make next year even better."

CCS will be offering basketball camps in the spring/summer for students who are interested in trying out for the BLAZE in the 2018-19 school year. We are also planning to host a AAU Tournament in the spring, so look out for more BLAZE announcements soon! CCS is still accepting donations for gym renovations. If you are interested, please contact us!

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New Business Licenses Issued 36
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 Unemployment 3.5%

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 18 East Tennessee Business Growth Conference

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence
 2135 N. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton
Pre-registration is required

Thursday, January 25 Business After Hours


Express Employment
 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 1199 N. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton

Stay tuned for a
Quarterly Luncheon this month!

Thursday, February 1 Business After Hours

Lone Mountain Travel
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LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN INDUSTRY DAY IN ANDERSON COUNTY

Leadership Anderson County participated in Industry Day in Anderson County on December 5, 2017. The group is comprised of community leaders holding positions in manufacturing and technology, healthcare, government agencies, education, utilities, financial services, community services, real estate, and more. The leaders spent their day learning about the major manufacturers in Eastern Anderson County. Tours began at Eagle Bend, which is a diverse facility specializing in the automotive industry. The group also visited Clayton Homes where they learned about the growing business of manufactured homes and how they are changing the industry. They also visited Aisin where they toured areas of the facility learning about the products they fabricate. They visited SL Tennessee and learned about the impacts of sales to the work force and the products they offer the automotive industry. They finished the day at Dura-line where they learned how they successfully support the communications industry with locatable conduits. Leadership Anderson County is an Anderson County Chamber of Commerce program.



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For more information, contact

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Youth Leadership enjoyed their industry day with a visit to Remotec accompanied by Board members Kristin Waldschlager of CNS and Anne Belland of ORNL Federal Credit Union.

YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

Ribbon Cuttings



Diversicare of Oak Ridge invited the Anderson County Chamber to celebrate their ribbon cutting of their new renovation to their facility. Cutting the ribbon is Craig Green, Administrator of the facility. The halls were filled with caroling, all kinds of foods, door prizes and you could even catch a glimpse of Santa himself. They are more than happy to give a tour of their rooms and physical therapy areas located at 100 Elmhurst Drive in Oak Ridge. You can also visit their website at www.diversicareofokridge.com.



Anderson County officials, school administrators and students at **Dutch Valley Elementary School** met on the school grounds on Friday, Nov. 17 for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the school's new playground pavilion. Bear Stephenson cut the ribbon on the project that he funded. Clinch River Baptist Men's Ministry and Owens Brothers Construction provided the labor to build the structure.

Sherrie Valentine, owner, celebrated the opening of the **Log Cabin Store** with a Christmas Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Members came to network, eat and enjoy the Holiday festivities. They have just about everything log cabin related. From log and timber frame homes, to rustic furniture and timber railings, they are your one stop resource to the home of your dreams. They are located at 2215 N. Charles G. Seivers Boulevard in Clinton or visit their website at www.thelogcabinstore.com.



Networking Coffee



Community Bank of East TN kicked off this holiday season by hosting the Anderson County Chamber coffee with the 3rd grade class of South Clinton Elementary by entertaining guests with Christmas songs. The children filled the air with excitement and a wonderful networking crowd came to enjoy the festivities. Always a special tradition with Community Bank and the AC Chamber of Commerce.



Another Fantastic Holiday Tradition and a Spectacular Turnout for the **Methodist Medical Center** of Oak Ridge Networking Coffee and Open House. The Anderson County Chamber, Oak Ridge Chamber, Roane Alliance and Rocky Top Chamber members were all invited to celebrate in the beautiful lobby with a full breakfast and wonderful entertainment.

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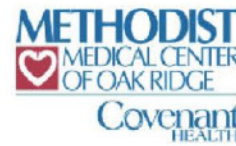
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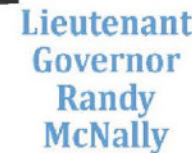
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