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# TCAT – Knoxville Anderson County Campus becomes a reality

After a long process, the temporary facility for Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Knoxville Anderson County Campus (TCAT) became a reality last week when the ribbon was cut on the newly remodeled facility. Over 100 people participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony, listened to stories from local officials about the process, and celebrated with cake and muffins baked by the Culinary Arts students at Anderson County Career and Technical Center.

In November 2016, then Senator Randy McNally, Representative John Ragan, and Representative Dennis Powers announced TCAT-Knoxville had received a \$5.7 million "Drive to 55 Capacity Fund Grant" to be used for a new permanent training facility. Then Senator McNally, who was also the Finance Committee Chairman, stated, "It is critical that we prepare our students with the skills they need for 21st Century jobs. This grant not only aids us in that effort, but also helps us bring new jobs to Tennessee as businesses are looking for a skilled workforce." According to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, \$24.3 million was awarded to ten colleges and universities who had projects seeking funding and demonstrated a need for building capacity to respond to student enrollment and statewide workforce demands.

Because of the Tennessee Promise, first time freshman enrollment in Tennessee's colleges and universities grew by 10 percent in 2015, including a 25 percent increase at Tennessee's technical school. Tennessee has also seen a historic year-over-year growth in the state's college-going rate since 2015, increasing 4.6 percentage points in just one year. These increases helped sell the project to the state. Representative Dennis Powers said, "A skilled



and ready workforce is essential to bringing new and better paying jobs to our state. We appreciate Governor Haslam's and THEC's help in bringing this grant home to serve students in this region... We want everyone to know that High School is not the end."

According to the press release, "The Anderson County Board of Education and the Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools were instrumental in acquiring and renovating the facility. The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, the city of Norris and Tim Thompson of the Anderson County Economic Development Association also played a major role in the process. The Anderson County Commission

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Lt. Governor Randy McNally speaks as TCAT-Knoxville Director Dwight Murphy looks on.

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## MEMBER FOCUS CASA for Children



The core purpose of CASA of the Tennessee Heartland is to provide a voice for abused and neglected children in our community. As a non-profit, volunteer-based agency, our mission is to empower CASA volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in juvenile court. Our vision is to provide a court-appointed volunteer advocate for every child who needs one. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASA of the Tennessee Heartland was founded in 1988 and since that time has served countless numbers of innocent children in Anderson, Blount and Scott Counties who, through no fault of their own, have been brought into the court system. CASA of the Tennessee Heartland has given these children a voice.

Judges Appoint CASA volunteers to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives.

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# YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

## Coffee Break



The Community Services Coffee this year was hosted by Centennial Golf Course with eleven non-profit community service groups participating.

Chamber President Rick Meredith presented the prizes; Jessica Diveto with PromoJoe by Jessica won a Chamber coffee cup and a Antique Festival t-shirt; Allison Wentz of Prevent Child Abuse TN won a coffee cup and \$50; Susan Bowling of Anderson County Community Action Commission won a foursome at the Golf Course from Centennial Golf Course; and Billy Ridings of Home Helpers won \$85 and presented it to the Child Advocacy Center's Margaret Durgin for her program!

## Networking



A large crowd gathered at the Y-12 Federal Credit Union, a valued Community Partner, in Clinton for a networking coffee event during August.

Y-12 Federal Credit Union Community and Public Relations Manager Betsy Cunningham discusses the new "Y-12 FCU Gives" non-profit community service organization. The organization recently participated in the "Incredible Baby Shower" which was hosted by the Anderson County Health Department and gave bicycles to children in cooperation with the Boys and Girls Club of the Clinch Valley.



## Ribbon Cuttings



The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce celebrated a Valued Community Partner, Merit Construction, with a Ribbon Cutting for completion of the Buffalo Creek Plaza. Seen cutting the ribbon is Steve Heatherly, Vice President of Merit Construction. The Plaza will include Advance Financial 24/7, Megan Nails, Petro's Chili and Chips and Firehouse Subs, which treated everyone at the event with their delicious sandwiches. The new plaza is located at 2217 N. Charles Seivers Boulevard in Clinton (near the interstate).



The office was overflowing at the Ribbon Cutting for RE/MAX TriStar Realty! Christy Hicks welcomed everyone and Harrison's catered the event with pigs in a blanket and other breakfast goodies. Call 457-9926 or visit [www.remax-tristar-tn.com](http://www.remax-tristar-tn.com) for more information.



April Lively cuts the ribbon for her new business, LuLaRoe - April Lively. During the ceremony, April gave out several gift cards that could be used to purchase her products and even had several of her items on display for purchase at the event.

# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**GT Discount Tire and Express Lube** is celebrating 40 years of business this year.

**The City of Oak Ridge** is welcoming a new Director of Community Development, **Wayne Blasius**. Community Development Director **Kathryn Baldwin** retired this month.

**Roane State Community College** will use cutting edge technology to deliver two financial services classes in a "virtual classroom" this fall. **Roane State** is the only Tennessee community college to offer courses through Highfive video conferencing software. Also, **Dr. George Meghabghab**, Professor of Computer Science and director of college's computer information technology program, recently unveiled the college's long-range plan to expand its IT curriculum. A new concentration in cyber defense was added to the college's IT curriculum. Introductory courses in networking and programming are being offered this fall. Art professor **Bryan Wilkerson** has been selected for inclusion in a sculpture park at a Michigan university. **Tom Herron**, clinical coordinator and associate professor of **Roane State's** EMS program, has won the prestigious "New Horizon Educator of the Year" award.

**Design Innovation Architects** President **Faris Eid** has been named the membership chair for the EO Knoxville, Knoxville chapter of the Entrepreneur's Organization for the 2017-2018 year.

**Coldwell Banker Wallace and Wallace Real Estate's West Town Office** has added **Mayra Clark** as a full time real estate agent. **April Beason-McGuire** will be joining them at their Bearden office.

**The Better Business Bureau of Greater East Tennessee** welcomed its new President and CEO **Tony Binkley** and appointed new board members; **Clay Kearley**, Vice-President of **ORNL Federal Credit Union**, as chair, and **Norma Owens**, owner of **Temp Systems**, as secretary.

**Oak Ridge National Laboratories** has announced that **Tony Qualls** has been selected to serve as national technical director for molten salt reactors. **Richard Norby**, Corporate Research Fellow, has been elected fellow of the American Geophysical Union. **Brain Davidson**, researcher, was awarded a 2017 fellowship by the Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology. Four researchers were awarded Early Career Research Program awards for their specializations; **Kelly Chipps**, Physics Division; **David Green**, Nuclear Systems Division; **Zac Ward**, Materials Science and Technology Division; and **David Weston**, Biosciences Division. **Arthur Baddorf** and **An-Ping Li**, researchers, have been named fellows of the American Vacuum Society.

**Anderson County Emergency Communications District 911 Coordinator Regina Copeland** announced that she is running for County Trustee.

**Anderson County Emergency Medical Services** Director **Nathan Sweet** recently received the "Patriotic Employer" award by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

## CASA from page 1

course of a year simply because they care." \_Kesha Shipe Waters, Executive Director of CASA of the TN Heartland Tennessee currently has 20,000 vulnerable children waiting for a CASA volunteer to support them in their search for a safe, loving and permanent home. All it takes to make an impact is

NASA recently awarded Foster + Partners Branch Technology of Chattanooga a cash prize in their citizen inventors challenge. The third-place team used **Techmer PM's** "materials design expertise," allowing **Techmer PM** to design materials for applications "that we are only now starting to imagine." The competition is highly dependent on **Techmer PM's** materials design solutions.

**Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC)** collected and distributed 3500 backpacks in Anderson County for school children filled with school supplies this year with the help of several businesses, individuals and organizations.

**CASA of the Tennessee Heartland** held a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to honor and give special recognition to volunteers from three counties including one volunteer who has over 30 years of service; **Pat Bowmaster**.

**UCOR** recently presented their 2017 Small Business Awards to businesses that support the cleanup contract on the Department of Energy Oak Ridge Reservation.

**StrataG** celebrated 15 years in business this month.

**United Way of Anderson County** awarded nearly \$50,000 in grants to local nonprofits as part of its first Discretionary Grant cycle last month. Fourteen organizations were funded for projects such as community gardens, improved communication systems, and work on a new industrial kitchen.

**Emory Valley Center** received \$38K from the Walmart Foundation for the new Medical Clinic located in the new Caldwell-Thompson Building for the support of the **Emory Valley Center's** clients.

**Suntrust** commercial relationship manager and vice president, **Sidney Jordan** was appointed to STAR Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding's board of directors.

**Prestige Cleaners** founder and CEO **Eddie Mannis** has been elected chairman of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority Board of Commissioners.

**Norris City Council** elected **Larry Beeman** to fill the seat left vacant by York Haverkamp.

**The Centennial Golf Course** in Oak Ridge was recently visited by Actor Kevin Sorbo, best known for the TV series "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys" and movies such as "God's Not Dead." He was in town for the Fanboy Expo in Knoxville and as an avid golfer spent two of the three days during the expo golfing in Oak Ridge.

**TNBank** executive vice-president and chief credit officer **Mark Holder** has been selected to be a member for the key executive peer advisory board in Knoxville by Vistage Worldwide, Inc.

The **City of Oak Ridge** and **Mayor Warren L. Gooch** announced the formation of a committee to help coordinate and circulate information about the City's 75th Anniversary which is set to begin in September.

a little time and a lot of heart. No prior experience is expected or necessary to become a volunteer. All of the tools one needs to be a successful advocate will be given to them through the CASA volunteer training program.

No other volunteer experience is as potentially life changing for you and a child, than becoming a CASA volunteer. For more information, contact our office at 865-425-0888 or visit our website at [CASAtnh.org](http://CASAtnh.org).

# PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

**ORAU** announced that **Jason Davis**, health physicist, has been named the Health Physics Society's Elda E. Anderson Award winner for excellence in research development, discovery or invention, or significant contributions to the health physics profession. **ORAU, ORNL** and the Appalachian Regional Commission are celebrating the 28<sup>th</sup> year of their STEM Institute for Middle School and High School learning collaboration. Thirty-two students and 16 teachers attended the institute during the summer and presented their final projects at the end of July. The students and teachers attended from across 10 Appalachian states. **Christopher Dy** was awarded the 2017 Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award by **Chancellor Wrighton** to fund a study on orthopedic utilization in Medicaid.



**Anderson County Schools** announced the hiring of a new golf coach for Anderson County High School after **Jason Chambers** took a new job as assistant principal. **Will VanEtten** will be the new golf coach. Lake City Elementary welcomed a new assistant principal, **Christopher Enix**. Norris Elementary has named **Renee Branham** as Principal of Norris Elementary. **Ben Downs** has been named Principal at ACHS. Thank you, **Anderson County Schools**, for renewing your partnership with the Chamber.



Anderson County Schools  
Every Student, Every Day

**Powell Clinch Utility District** won 1<sup>st</sup> place and Best of Show for their booth at the Anderson County Fair.



**Regions Bank** announced that **Chris Parrott** has received their



Better Life Award for her work with the Boys and Girls Clubs as well as her work as an onsite banking coordinator.

**Lt. Governor Randy McNally** was honored with the Thomas B. Murphy Longevity of Service Award from the Council of State Government's Southern Legislative Conference. **Lt. Gov. McNally** has also been named to the executive committee of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association.

Lt. Governor  
Randy  
McNally

**Merit Construction** announced that **Ryan Kulke** has been hired as a project manager/estimator. A ribbon cutting was held this month to celebrate the completion of the Buffalo Creek Plaza in Clinton.



**Michael Brady Inc.** announced that **Cindy Moore**, Marketing Director, completed the Grant Writing Certification through University of Tennessee's Professional and Personal Development Non-Credit Program.



**ORNL Federal Credit Union** renewed their Bronze Community Partnership with the Chamber this month. Thank you!



# Youth Leadership Anderson County 2018 Begins



The students enjoy a game of Anderson County Trivia.

Youth Leadership Anderson County began their 2017-2018 year with orientation at Junior Achievement of East Tennessee.



Jerry Shatuck shares his knowledge of Anderson County with the future leaders of the county.



Youth Leadership Anderson County Class of 2018 kicked off the year with Orientation/Team Building at Junior Achievement of East Tennessee on Tuesday, August 15. This year's class boasts of 25 juniors and seniors from Anderson County and Clinton High School.

After playing a few ice breaker games to introduce students from each school, the class reviewed program guidelines, participated in an Anderson County Trivia Game followed by Historian Jerry Shattuck. After lunch, sponsored by CNS Y-12, the class split into teams to take on the Marshmallow Challenge, building a free-standing tower from marshmallows, spaghetti, pipe cleaners and tape. The winning team with the tallest tower was awarded a trophy.

Rounding out the afternoon the class split into two teams for the Entrepreneurial Challenge, producing a concept product idea with a marketing strategy. The winning team was awarded \$50,000 in Fantasy

Bucks for "Caffeination Station".

A class project and extra-curricular activity was discussed before closing out the day. Class Advisors for this year's class: Erin Champion, Clinton High School and Stephanie Christian from Anderson County High School.

The class of 2018 includes: Emma Beard, Bailey Bingham, Aaron Byrd, Matthew Calhoun, Michael Carroll, Carly Emert, Landyn Ford, Andy Fox, Paige Freyre, Danielle Gallardo, Jordan Gallardo, Trey Herrell, Dante' Hodge, Taylor Irwin, Lexie Jacobik, Brittney Johnson, Sidney Knoblock, Mollie Longmire, Zach Nichols, Chris Powell, Ericka Sain, Hannah Sellers, Abbey Swanner, Christian Watson, and Jake Winter.

To learn more about the Youth Leadership Anderson County program, sponsored by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, visit: [www.andersoncountychamber.org/the-chamber/youth-leadership/](http://www.andersoncountychamber.org/the-chamber/youth-leadership/).

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# ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Teacher and Student Attend Space Camp!

Sixth Grade science teacher, Rebekah Myers, along with student Janice Clowers, had the opportunity to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama thanks to the sponsorship of Arlene Ellison of Northrop Grumman. Janice participated in the camp for students where she met people from all over our country and the world! Through this experience, she was introduced to different cultures she may never have been able to encounter otherwise. Janice participated in astronaut simulations, completed missions, and heard various real-life astronauts speak about space.

Myers. They are thankful for the support and opportunity provided by Northrop Grumman and Mrs. Arlene Ellison.



In the educator camp, Rebekah joined a network of educators from all over as well. They spent 7 great days learning about different scientific topics, how they could adapt and use the activities in their classroom, as well as participate in some hands-on space activities. The educators met real-life astronauts and participated in astronaut simulations and missions.

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Janice and Ms.



# CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

## CCS and Junior Achievement of East Tennessee

Clinton City Schools has had a long-standing relationship with Junior Achievement of East Tennessee. These programs are designed to help prepare students in the areas of financial literacy and economics. With the support of many community members and the City of Clinton, Junior Achievement Activities continue to grow across our school system.

effort to connect what they learn in school to what they will do as adults.

We added a new component to our collaboration with Junior Achievement this year. JA Biz Town Summer Venture Camp ran from June 26-30. Forty-two rising 4th-6th grade students of Clinton City Schools participated in this free event. During this week, campers took a look at what is important in a community. They designed a blueprint of their ideal city and determined the leadership that would be needed to be successful. Each camper decided what position they were interested in and applied, as well as interviewed, for the job. On day two, campers designed a business plan including budgets and financial obligations. They explored ways to get what they needed so they could open their business and get ready for customers. As they opened their businesses, they learned how to manage their money and use checking and savings accounts. On the fifth and final day, campers wrapped up the week by creating logos, producing product mock-ups (or service descriptions), and presenting their business ideas in a town meeting. Parents were invited to attend this final event.

Each year, all grade levels K-6 participate in five Junior Achievement classroom sessions led by community volunteers.

Kindergarten: introduced to the importance of saving through storybook characters.

1st grade: learn how family members' jobs and businesses contribute to the well-being of the family.

2nd grade: learn about practical information about businesses and occupations.

3rd and 4th grade: learn about money management and how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services in a community.

6th grade: learn about preparing for the working world and explore careers.

Students in 5th grade enjoy a full day experience through JA Biz Town. This program combines in-class learning with their visit to a fully-interactive simulated town facility located in just up the road in the Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Students apply for jobs, operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and even vote for mayor of JA Biz Town. Students are immersed in real world activities in an

Clinton City Schools partnership with Junior Achievement allows our students to participate in experiences that will help them be successful in society. This program helps us meet our goal of developing a well-rounded student. It is also a wonderful way for community members to become involved in the classroom! We appreciate all the support from the City of Clinton, Joe Hollingsworth, and community members!



## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Online Learning Helps Student Reach for His Dreams

High school students in Anderson County Schools have the opportunity to take classes at home through the Anderson County Online Learning Academy (ACOLA). ACOLA is helping Jacob Reasor realize his dream.

Jacob is a 10th grade student with BIG dreams. He hopes to compete in the Olympics as a diver. This will take a lot of time and commitment, and he is willing to do whatever is necessary to make it happen, but being in school from 8:30-3:45 every day would make it hard to

get in the practice time needed. Because ACOLA classes are online, he can arrange his class time to better suit diving practice times. Out-of-town meets are not a concern because he can continue to get his work done and stay in touch with the online teachers. Jacob recently competed with top divers from all over the country in the National Championships at Ohio State. He made it through all the preliminaries and into the semifinals. The next Olympic trials are in the spring of 2020, and he will be hard at work getting ready for those.



# Teachers Back to School



Dr. Parrott welcomed staff back to a new school year on Monday, July 31 with an "all employee" meeting and lunch provided by Second Baptist Church in Clinton. Staff members dressed in school t-shirts and enjoyed fellowship with their peers from all 17 schools and central office.



# Pete the Cat at preschool

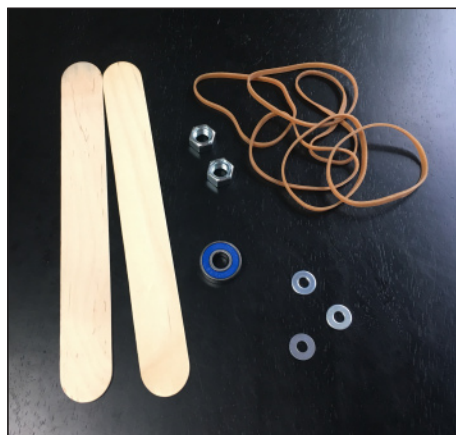
The walls at the Clinton Preschool/Head Start building are resounding with laughter and joy as the children begin their new school year with "Pete the Cat" murals. Sally Haun, a local artisan, volunteered her talent to brighten the preschool walls this summer with the beloved book character, Pete, enhancing the literacy rich environment needed for children's reading success.

# CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

## CCS STEM Challenge Hits the Fair

Anderson County Fair was a huge success this year, breaking record attendance! Along with the live music, animals, rides, and food, Clinton City Schools brought some creating learning opportunities as well! Each night, a different STEM activity was provided to students at the CCS booth! Students came by the booth and picked up a zip lock bag with a new challenge which required their creative, engineering mind to be put to work! Challenges included:

- How tall can you make a structure with only playdough and toothpicks?
- Can you use certain household materials to make a catapult to send an army man flying through the sky?
- What structure can you build with only index cards and masking tape?
- Spaghetti strong challenge – how strong can you make a stack of noodles?
- Can you build your own fidget spinner if we give you the correct materials with no directions?



As you can see, the kids did great! It is important to build creativity and critical thinking skills in our students. Thanks to all the students who participated in our CCS Fair STEM Challenge! There are some brilliant minds out there! Stay tuned for next year. More exciting "fair fun" will be there!



## New Teachers Join CCS



We welcome several new faces to Clinton City Schools for the 2017-18 school year (from top to bottom, left to right)

- Jason Glashauser** – NCES/SCES Music Teacher
- Lora Gaylor** – CES Instructional Assistant
- Jyl Smithson** – NCES 3rd Grade Teacher
- Stephanie Reynolds** – CES Instructional Assistant
- Casie Kyte** – CES Librarian
- Jamie Terry** – CES Kindergarten Teacher

- Drews Royce** – NCES Speech/Language Pathologist
- Allison Reid** – CES 1st Grade Teacher
- Andie Breeden** – SCES Special Education Teacher
- Ashley Webb** – NCES/SCES Art Teacher
- Erin Cooper** – SCES 5th Grade Teacher
- Allison Swanner** – CES Art Teacher

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Two Clinton City School teachers sign in at the depot.



One of Clinton Elementary Schools' teachers shows off the bounty she acquired at the Teacher's Depot.



Another Clinton City Schools teacher shows off the cute things she found!



Teachers, Anderson County Board of Education member Teresa Portwood, County Commissioner Theresa Scott, and Dr. Tim Parrott get ready to cut the ribbon for the new Teacher's Depot.



Teachers enjoyed browsing the items in the new and well stocked depot.



Two of our **Young Professionals of Anderson County Advisory Board Members**, Katie Hinch of Courtyard Senior Living and Naomi Asher with United Way of Anderson County, volunteer to help teachers gather and load FREE supplies.

# New Teacher Supply Depot opened

The Anderson County Schools and Clinton City Schools worked in collaboration to launch a new Teacher Supply Depot to provide free supplies, materials, and equipment to educators from the two school districts. The facility is located on the campus of the Anderson County Career & Technical Center, 140 Maverick Circle, Clinton, TN, 37716, next to Anderson County High School.

The depot opened on July 22 for all Anderson County and Clinton City teachers to add to their inventory of classroom supplies. Teachers from these two school

districts simply presented their school ID to gain entry at the check-in area. One hundred thirty-three teachers attended the event and received valuable supplies for their classrooms.

Several community partners, including Y-12 Federal Credit Union, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Trademark Advertising, Anderson County Schools, Clinton City Schools, all valued Chamber Community Partners, and Chamber Members The Soup Kitchen, Oak Ridge Office Supply, Theresa Scott - County Commissioner, Kincaid House - Melissa and Jim Charles, Dr. Tim Parrott, Walgreens -175,

Walmart in Clinton and C & D Printing, along with several others contributed to the depot. The total value of the contributed supplies totaled \$35,000.

The Young Professionals of Anderson County assisted with set up and distribution of supplies during the event.

The Anderson County/Clinton Schools Teacher Supply Depot will be open five additional dates during the 2017-2018 school year. Supplies will continue to be collected during the coming months. To find out more about contributing, visit : [tinyurl.com/tdepotacs](http://tinyurl.com/tdepotacs).





**Wednesday, September 6, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

RIBBON CUTTING  
Trey McAdams-State Farm Insurance  
704 North Charles G Seivers Blvd, Clinton  
457-7774

**Thursday, September 7, 8 – 9:30 a.m.**

NETWORKING COFFEE  
Ray Varner Ford  
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**Friday, September 8, 2017, 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

NETWORKING COFFEE  
A.S.A.P. - I AM ONE Community Launch  
Clinton Fire Station #1  
100 Longmire Rd., Clinton  
457-3007

**Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.**

RIBBON CUTTING  
Mike Massaglia – State Farm  
136 S. Illinois Ave. Suite 100, Oak Ridge  
425-7750

**Friday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

RIBBON CUTTING  
BBQ River View Grill  
1625 Oak Ridge Highway, Clinton  
463-8550

**Tuesday, September 19, 8:30 – 10 a.m.**

SEMINAR  
Marketing on a Shoestring  
Jutta Bangs, TSBDC  
Chamber Office  
RSVP due to limited seating, 457-2559

**Wednesday, September 20, 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

MEMBER WEBSITE CLASS  
Learn how to utilize your chamber benefits  
Kim Mitchell, Director of Marketing ACCC  
Chamber Office  
RSVP due to limited seating, 457-2559

**Thursday, September 21, 8 – 9:30 a.m.**

NETWORKING COFFEE  
AISIN Automotive Casting  
221 Frank L. Diggs Dr., Clinton  
Closed toed shoes & pants required for tour of facility.  
457-4581

**Thursday, September 21, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

RIBBON CUTTING  
S.E.T. Guns & Range  
311F Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge  
258-4867

**Wednesday, September 27, 4 – 5 p.m.**

SEMINAR  
Presentation Skills  
Ron Eslinger, Healthy Visions  
Chamber Office  
RSVP due to limited seating, 457-2559

**Friday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

RIBBON CUTTING  
PromoJoe by Jessica  
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- Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County
- Anderson County Fair Association
- Buddy's BBQ
- City of Norris
- Clinton City Schools
- CommonSense SelfDefense
- Dale Isabell, CPA
- East Tennessee Economic Council, Inc.
- Eye Center of Oak Ridge, PC, The
- Farley Rental Properties
- Food City
- Fox & Farley, Attorneys at Law
- Greenfield Senior Living of Oak Ridge
- Hampton Inn
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# Leadership Class helps to revitalize local school

During summer break when students were swimming, teachers were relaxing and parents were counting the days until school began, Dutch Valley Elementary School was undergoing some much-needed cosmetic changes. Members of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce 2017-2018 Leadership Class spent their Saturday's volunteering their time to help paint the entire main building. The hallways and common areas received fresh paint and consistent colors throughout, along with some

maintenance to their front flower beds. The Leadership class will be helping with some other projects this fall in hopes of getting the school grounds in tip-top shape for the students, staff and community to use.

Additionally, the school is adding a playground shelter to the premises to serve as an outdoor classroom, playground shade and a community use area. The construction of the shelter is being completed by Matt Owens of Owens Construction, along with volunteers from Clinch River Baptist Church. The project

is being funded by Mr. Bear Stephenson, who is an alumnus of Dutch Valley Elementary. The school staff is excited to show off the recent updates and will be planning a community open house and shelter dedication this fall. These events will coincide with the school's 60th year anniversary celebration. The date for this celebration will be released later. For further information, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Sherwood, Principal at 865-457-2599.



## East TN Regional Leadership



**East TN Regional Leadership Agriculture Day** in Anderson County. Day Directors Jessica Langstaff, Jerry Wood and Annette Eaves will hosted participants from 16 counties in July at Museum of Appalachia.

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provided a \$250,000 grant for the project along with the state's grant."

Each year, the East Tennessee Development District holds an annual banquet attended by more than 130 local elected officials and staff members. During the award ceremony on July 13, ETDD recognized Anderson County for the development of the temporary TCAT campus. Tim Thompson of Anderson County Economic Development Association, who was instrumental in making sure the facility was acquired and renovated, said, "The most important economic development issue in our region is developing a skilled workforce. This TCAT facility will provide a pipeline of well trained employees for our industries in Anderson County. I want to thank the Anderson County Commission for their financial support for this project that will increase the employment opportunities for our citizens. Also, the funding for the permanent TCAT campus would not have happened without the leadership and support of Lt. Gov. Randy McNally."

"As we work to expand access to education

through the Drive to 55 initiative, we must provide our colleges and universities with the necessary tools and resources so they can prepare students for the 21st century job market," Representative John Ragan stated. "This project will help accommodate more of our citizens who desire to obtain further education and training in these specific areas. This will ensure they have the skills needed to find good, high paying jobs in the industry upon graduation."

The temporary facility was placed in the 27,000-square foot Hensley's IGA building at the corner of Hwy. 61 and Norris Freeway. The Hensley family provided the facility rent free for two and half years with Eagle Bend Manufacturing and Aisin Automotive Casting providing \$60,000 for the renovation. This temporary facility will be utilized while the state builds a new, permanent facility in the I-75 Industrial Park. Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank said, "The temporary facility is finished and the new facility is currently nearing the end of the pre-design phase with construction completion targeted for the summer of 2019." Steve Emert, Chairman of the County Commission said, "We need the workers that this facility will produce."

The six-year long project is far from

complete. The construction of a permanent TCAT campus is expected to be completed by January 2019. The permanent facility will be constructed in the I-75 Industrial Park in Clinton on an 8.8-acre parcel of land donated by SL Tennessee. The facility will be 40,000 square feet and will offer courses in machine tooling, welding, industrial maintenance, mechatronics, automotive technology, diesel powered equipment technology and specialized training for local industries.

The temporary facility will house welding, injection molding, and industrial maintenance as well as other classes. Classes will begin in January 2018 and students can begin registering now. To register online, go to [tcatknoxville.edu/](http://tcatknoxville.edu/) programs and chose Anderson County under locations.

Calling the ribbon-cutting an exciting day for Anderson County, TCAT-Knoxville Director Dwight Murphy said, "We could not have done this without the Hensley Family," to which there was a rousing round of applause. Jeff Hensley spoke on behalf of his family and thanked all the people for attending the ribbon cutting and for supporting their family during their fourteen years in grocery business in Norris.



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# Leadership Anderson County



The class poses at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center.

Leadership Anderson County 2018 participated in Arts/Culture/Tourism Day on Tuesday, August 15, beginning at the Museum of Appalachia. The class continued to the Appalachian Arts/Crafts Center, Sequoyah Marina for lunch and speakers, Robbie Meyer from the National Park Service and Stephanie Wells of Adventure Anderson County topped off with a houseboat ride, Green McAdoo with Historian Jerry

Shattuck, the Oak Ridge Playhouse and ending the day at the Oak Ridge Marina Gazebo with speakers Marc DeRose from Explore Oak Ridge and Jim Rogers with the Oak Ridge Rowing Association. For more information concerning Leadership Anderson County, visit [www.andersoncountychamber.org](http://www.andersoncountychamber.org) or call 865-457-2559. Leadership Anderson County will begin accepting applications in January of 2018 for the Class of 2019.



At the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Center, Ninety plus year old Carl, demonstrated a loom on loan from the Museum of Appalachia for the LAC class. Carl has been weaving since 1978 and can be seen at the center daily enjoying his hobby.



Leadership Anderson County started the morning off with a small pastry breakfast at the Museum of Appalachia and then took some time to look through the exhibits. It was a wonderful start to the Arts/Tourism Day.

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