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Conference attendees take notes while Gene Patterson introduces the speakers.

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# East Tennessee Business Growth Conference A Success!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the East Tennessee Business Growth Conference on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

The purpose of this free conference was to inform small business owners on how to do business with the government, and to connect them with other businesses and organizations participating. The event ended up with 287 pre-registered attendees and companies, and several more walk-ins that morning.

Highlights of the conference included: How to do Business with TVA, and the Oak Ridge Department of Energy DOE/NNSA prime

contractors. Updates from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agency/prime contractors, and one-on-one matchmaking appointments. Breakout sessions about small business certifications with the U.S. Small Business Administration and state agencies, an update on the "All Small Mentor Protégé Program", and SBA loan guarantees.

**Gene Patterson** of CNS and former television news anchor, shared emcee duties with **Jutta Bangs** of TSBDC. The morning began with a networking breakfast and welcome by **Mayor Warren Gooch** of Oak

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# Board Members



Front row: (l to r) **Steve Heatherly**, Past Chair; **B.J. Baxter**, Chair-Elect; **Melissa Charles**, Chair; **Rick Meredith**, President  
 Second row: (l to r) **Kim Mitchell**, Director of Marketing; **Norm Nelson**, Director of Member Services; **Dr. Arlene Garrison**, **Robin Proffitt**, **Amber Price**, **Marsha Stapleton**, Executive Assistant; **Janet Hawkins**, **Executive Vice-President**; **Betsy Myers**  
 Third row: (l to r) **Larry Stephens**, **Clyde Wood**, **David Erb**, **Amy Allen**, **Jim Zonar**, **E.T. Stamey**, Pathways to Prosperity Coordinator; **Tom Bundy**  
 Fourth row: (l to r) **Larry Gann**, **Mark Watson**, **Michael Foster**, **Harold Edwards**, **Bill Gallaher**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP OF ANDERSON CO.



**Rick Meredith** presents a "Mock" Commission meeting for the Youth Leadership Anderson County class during their "County Government" day.

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Ridge. TVA then opened the floor to questions posed to their TVA purchasing panel. Next, the DOE and NNSA prime contractors panel answered questions. The last panel was the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agency/prime contractors with updates on their programs.

Lunch was available on site from

Pleasantries Cakes and Catering, after which attendees were able to attend one-on-one appointments or "matchmaking" with several companies.

Other sponsors were the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, SunTrust, Tennessee Small Business Development Center at Roane State Community College, TVA, Tennessee Veterans Business Association, and The University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services-PTAC.

## NETWORKING COFFEE



## Morning Pointe

**Morning Pointe Assisted Living and Memory Care** hosted the January coffee this month to a huge crowd. As always, the food was wonderful and the Chamber members were joined by residents. New director, **Marcy Pennington**, took members on tours of the facility and spoke about changes that are in process. The facility will become a memory care only unit and is getting a facelift including new carpet in hallways and entry area as well as new linoleum in the living areas.

# PARTNERS IN THE NEWS



**SL Tennessee** recently installed a water bottle refilling station at Anderson County High School. SL Tennessee also installed fountains at Clinton High School and Campbell County High School. The fountains cost approximately \$1,300 each. Scott Laska, Plant Manager of SL Tennessee, credited Dr. Lori Price, ACHS Environmental Club sponsor, with bringing the need for the fountains to the attention of his company following completion of a Junior Achievement Class taught by Steven Brooks of SL Tennessee.



**SunTrust Bank** has hired Sidney Neate as commercial relationship manager for the Knoxville region.



**Thermocopy** received ENX Magazine's 2016 Elite Dealer Award. Elite Dealer awards have been presented since 1988 and honor the best and brightest of the office imaging dealer community.

**Senator Randy McNally** was elected as Tennessee's 87th Speaker of the Senate which also makes him Lieutenant Governor of the State of Tennessee.



**Michael Brady, Inc.** hired Samuel Cappleman as a structural engineer. Cappleman is a graduate from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree

and will receive his Master of Science in Structural Engineering in May 2017.



**ORNL Federal Credit Union** will be launching a community arts program in Oak Ridge in the spring of 2017. The Community Art Wall program will provide local artists and arts program the opportunity to showcase their creativity in a unit fashion by painting a large structure visible from a main access road in Oak Ridge. The objective is to recognize and highlight local artists and non-profit arts programs.



**Powell Clinch Utilities District** employees Robin Proffitt, marketing manager;

Aaron McCoy, Engineering Aide; Stephen Harris, Operations Manager; and Kala Hill, Staff Accountant, volunteered to teach third grade Junior Achievement at Clinton Elementary.



**Oak Ridge Associated Universities** has named Joe Davis as director of government relations.



**Y-12 Federal Credit Union** has announced the promotion of Amber Price to Director of Marketing.

## Calhoun's

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share the same concepts, each building is different and has its own unique atmosphere.

Today Calhoun's proudly offer 7 restaurant brands with over 17 locations in Knoxville, Gatlinburg, Oak Ridge, Pigeon Forge, Maryville and Lenoir City.

The newest is Calhoun's Oak Ridge opened in June of 2016 and it is located

along the banks of Melton Hill lake. The restaurant sits along the beautiful Oak Ridge greenway. Every seat in the restaurant offers views of the water.

Calhoun's Oak Ridge is accessible by boat. It has a covered outdoor dining patio as well as seating around the fire pit with a panoramic view of Melton Hill Lake.

We are proud to be a member of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and enjoy all the events that we attend. We thank the "CHAMBER" for continuing to utilize our services and our facility.

## Hours of Operation

Please call this Location for Seasonal Hours.

- Monday – Thursday** ..... 11AM – 10PM
- Friday** ..... 11AM – 11PM
- Saturday** ..... 10:30AM – 11PM
- Sunday** ..... 10:30AM – 10PM
- Brunch Menu** ..... 10:30AM – 2:30PM
- Super Bowl Sunday** ..... Close at 7PM

*\*Brunch is only served on Saturday & Sunday.*

# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Design Innovation Architects** has added **Brent Blalock** as director of business development.

**Emory Valley Center** promoted **Jennifer Shreeve** to vice president of human resources and **Janet Wood** to vice president of community engagement.

**Coldwell Banker Wallace and Wallace** added **Matt Kasey** to their West Knoxville office as a full-time real estate agent.

**Roane State Community College** educator **Andy Anderson** has been appointed by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam to serve on the state's 10-member Board of Examiners of Psychology.

**ORNL** announced several of their scientists have been elected fellows of the American Association of Advancement of Science; **Bryan Chakoumakos**, lead of the Structure of Matter Group in the Quantum Condensed Matter Division, **David Dean**, director of the Physics Division and ORNL Isotope Program, **Baohua Gu**, team lead of Environmental Molecular Processes in the Environmental Sciences Division, **George Ostrouchov**, senior research staff and analytics task lead in the Scientific Data Group of the Computer Science and Mathematics Division, **Brian Sales**, distinguished research scientist and lead of the Correlated Electron Materials Group in the Materials Science and Technology Division, **Tjerk P. Straatsma**, lead of the Scientific Computing Group in the Center for Computational Sciences, and **Brian Wirth**, UT-ORNL Governor's Chair for Computational Nuclear Engineering. **Roderick Jackson** of ORNL's Energy Transportation Science Division was awarded the Director's Award for Outstanding Individual Accomplishment in Mission Support. **Robert Jubin**, researcher at ORNL, was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Seyong Lee, a computer scientist, received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Computer Science Award of Excellence. **Bill Strunk** received the

ORNL Directors Award for Outstanding Individual Accomplishment in Science and Technology. **J. Bryan Lyles**, researcher, has been elevated to the rank of fellow by the IEEE Board of Directors "for contributions in local network technology, Internet measurement and research cyberinfrastructure." **Jeffrey Vetter**, researcher, was named a fellow in the IEEE "for contributions to high performance computing." **Easo George**, was named the 15th Governor's Chair.

**Kramer Rayson** recently had five attorneys selected by Mid-South Super Lawyers for inclusion in their 2016 list in five areas of law: **Thomas Hale** for business/corporate, **John Johnson** for insurance coverage, **Steven Kramer** for employment and labor, **Edward Phillips** for employee litigation-defense, and John Winters for civil litigation-defense. Also, **Brandon Morrow** and **Adam Russell** were recognized as Rising Stars.

**Studio Four Design** won the 2016 Knox Heritage Fantastic Fifteen Preservation Award for its collaborative design efforts with **Jeffrey** and **Patricia Nash** for the preservation rehabilitation of the Patricia Nash Design corporate headquarters downtown.

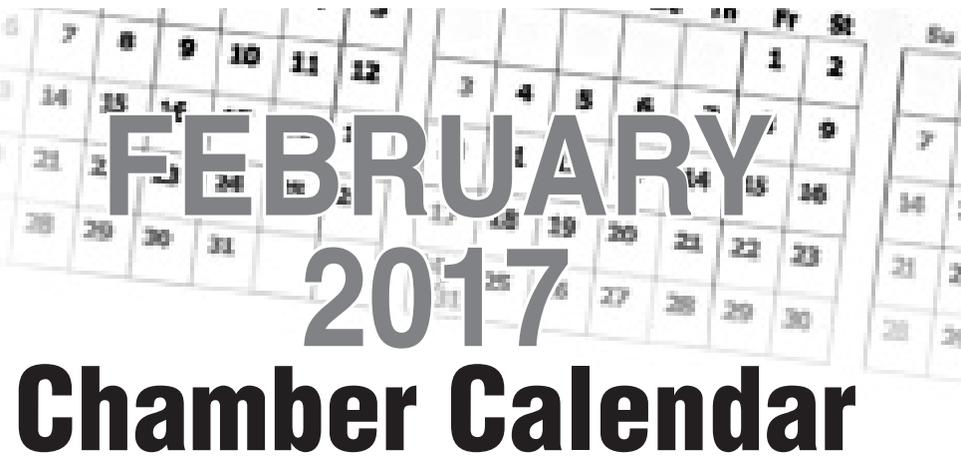
**The City of Norris** has named **Joe Deatherage** as interim City Manager.

**Bass, Berry and Sims PLC** has added **Jordana Katz Nelson** as a senior public finance attorney.

**Tusculum College** added **Jo Alison Lobertini** as the assistant vice president of academic affairs and assistant professor of literature.

Retired Navy Captain **Gene Sievers** of **Consolidated Nuclear Security Y-12** was instrumental in helping Oak Ridge Schools receive a grant from the company to pay for the startup cost of the new Navy NNDCC program starting at ORHS next year.

**Apple Blossom Café** received a perfect score on a mandatory health inspection during inspections in November.



## FEBRUARY 2017 Chamber Calendar

**Friday, February 3**  
**11:00 – 12:30 p.m.**

Ribbon Cutting with Anderson County Chamber  
& Oak Ridge Chamber  
Countryside Tire & Auto Service  
220 S. Rutgers Ave. Oak Ridge, 220-5077

**Thursday, February 9**  
**8 – 9:30 a.m.**

Networking Coffee – Guidebook Release Party  
Chamber Office, 457-2559

**Thursday, February 16**  
**8 – 9:30 a.m.**

Networking Coffee- Healthy Visions  
351 Market St., Clinton, 269-4616

**Monday, February 20**  
**Presidents Day**  
Chamber Office Closed

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

**New Business Licenses Issued - 15**  
**Building Permits Issued – 48**  
**Unemployment – 5.0 %**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### ENGINEERING BETTER READERS

Briceville Elementary School's "Engineering Better Readers" program kicked-off another year of reading to achieve success.

This year marks the third year BES has participated in the "Engineering Better Readers" program, a nationwide program to encourage school-age children to become avid readers at an early age.

Students in all grade levels listened to guest speakers **Lt. Governor Randy McNally**, **Representative John D. Ragan**, and **Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank** talk to them about the importance of reading.

Coal Creek Watershed Foundation Founder and Schnabel Engineer **Barry Thacker** and his granddaughter **Katherine Long**—dressed as "time-travelers" Paul Revere and his granddaughter. They entertained students with an American history lesson explaining how reading can be an enjoyable, lifelong pastime.

In his first public appearance since being newly appointed as Lt. Governor last week, Randy McNally spoke to students about what reading can do to help students reach their dreams. He told students that reading impacts every aspect of student's lives and said becoming an excellent reader would give them the tools to excel in any future pursuits they wish to endeavor.

**Tennessee State Representative John D. Ragan** was also a guest speaker and shared with students his own personal struggles with reading when he was a child learning how to read. He explained how he did not let dyslexia get in the way of his dreams to



**Lt. Governor Randy McNally**

become an engineer, fighter pilot, and state representative.

Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank talked to students about the difference between intellect and knowledge, and told students reading builds knowledge.

The objective of the EBR program, BES educators explained, is for students to read books and pass comprehension tests. Students are then awarded and the more books they read, the more they can earn through the program. Students save their "points" to purchase prizes which range from Xboxes, Playstations, tablets, iPods, Legos, scooters to Nerf balls.

The program is part of a Schnabel Engineering funding endeavor designed to encourage students to become avid readers with a lifelong interest in reading and learning.

## CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS



### Military Pen Pals: A Unique Learning Experience

**Ms. Teresa Schlandt**, library and media specialist at SCES, had no idea that when she took on the task of teaching writing skills to a group of Third grade girls, it would turn out to form forever bonds between the students and U.S. soldiers. When Ms. Schlandt was assigned this enrichment group, she first went to the third-grade teachers and asked what academic skills she could focus on strengthening. The third-grade teachers immediately told her writing, with an emphasis on letter writing. Ms. Schlandt

had originally planned to create student pen pals, but then the idea came to her. Ms. Schlandt had personal contacts with several of the soldiers involved in this pen pal project through her Tennessee Tech Phi Mu sorority; three of them were sons of her sorority sisters and a few more of her contacts were graduates of SCES. Ms. Schlandt got in touch with the soldiers, and the rest is history!

The girls' first contact with the soldiers included an introduction letter from Ms.

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### Teaching and Learning Like Champions at North Clinton Elementary

North Clinton is the smallest of the three Clinton City Schools, yet size does not minimize its positive impact on students and the surrounding community. Smaller class sizes provide opportunities for more teacher-to-student interaction and the benefits of a less crowded, more personal classroom environment. This school community enjoys close interpersonal connections, where individuals know, share with, and care for each other. North Clinton Elementary School provides its students with numerous opportunities to develop a wide range of skills including academic, social, and personal health skills. North Clinton Elementary strives to meet the individual needs of students through both in-school and after-school activities. Academic needs are met through a highly qualified and devoted staff who place students center stage. Each year our school develops a theme to support our expectations. This year our theme is "Teach



**NES Principal  
Melanie Harb**

See **NORTH CLINTON** on page 8

# NORWOOD MIDDLE STUDENTS RECEIVE CHROMEBOOKS



The Norwood community packed the house for the release of Chromebooks to all students! The collaboration between the Anderson County Board of Education and County Commission is paying off.

All middle school students and teachers across Anderson County have started 2017 with their brand-new Chromebooks. We can't wait to see the wonderful things the kids can do with technology at their fingertips!

**Norwood Middle School Principal Dan Jenkins**



**NWES students get a glimpse of college life at RSCC.**

# Teachers Learn New Strategies

One of Ashley Sutton's biggest goals as School Counselor at Norwood Elementary School is to promote career development and career goals in an area of our county where the majority of our families do not have a career. Her desire is for students to see that one can receive a higher education through technical school or college and improve their lifestyle.

When school started, EdSouth came and organized a special Career Day presentation with each grade level. Each presentation was grade level appropriate and had stories and fun activities for NWES students!

In October, the 5th grade students at Norwood Elementary participated in Junior Achievements' BizTown simulation for a day! The curriculum began in Guidance class for 5 weeks prior to the visit. Students learned about economics, banking, and the work force in general. When they arrived, each student was given a checkbook, debit card, and a job for the day! Students successfully ran the town and had a blast doing it. This is always a 5th grade favorite with positive feedback from parents and students!

In November, 5th graders were invited to visit Anderson County Career and Technical Center. The students were divided into groups and toured the facility. The students were reminded that once they get in high school, technical school can be the path they choose for academics.

Students were also invited to spend a day at Roane State Community College in Harriman. A glimpse was provided as to what the college community looks like on a day to day basis. Time was spent in the Biology lab studying human bones and organs! The students thoroughly enjoyed the music lab, where the professor taught them about



**A NWES student tries out the equipment a soldier must carry.**

scoring music. There was also a tour of the sports complex and the agriculture center. Roane State's cafeteria ended the tour with a wonderful lunch.

Before Thanksgiving, the 2nd Annual Norwood

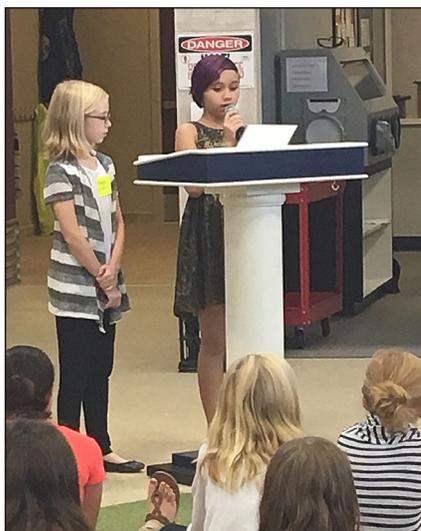
# Rising ACT Scores

Anderson County Schools has placed a great deal of emphasis on the improvement of ACT scores across the district and the state report card would indicate that the school district's efforts have proven worthwhile. The overall ACT composite score for Anderson County reported by the state is currently a 20.3, which is higher than the state average. Additionally, ACT reports reveal that students in Anderson County achieved higher than the state average in all ACT subtests for math, science, reading, and English.

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**Students from Norwood Elementary open Biztown for the day with a short speech by the student mayor.**

**Teachers**  
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Elementary Career Fair was held. Twenty booths were set up around the gym, with businesses from around the Oliver Springs Community. A wide variety of careers were represented. Third thru Fifth grade students were encouraged to walk around the gym and visit the careers that interested them most. They asked lots of questions and received brochures, pamphlets, and even a few treats from our wonderful community businesses.

In March, an exciting tour to the National Guard Armory with Master Sargent Scott Nation from the United States Army is planned. There are also plans to try to get the students a tour of the Air Base at McGhee Tyson Airport in Alcoa.

In April, a visit is scheduled to TCAT (Tennessee Center for Applied Technology) in Harriman. This tour will be the first for this facility.

Career development and setting career goals is a top priority at Norwood Elementary School. Teaching in a community where most students haven't had the opportunity to further their education towards a career has made it critical that it's never too early to expose children to future career goals.

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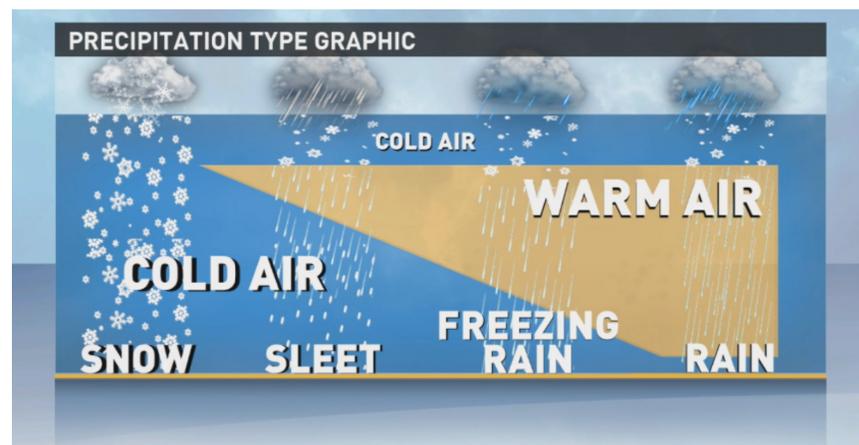
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# Clinton Elementary Students Predict Snow!

Students in 6th grade at CES are getting a unique experience at weather predicting. Mrs. O'Dell is teaching students how to use science and math to analyze current weather patterns to predict future weather conditions. The students are able to calculate when and where these weather systems will be arriving next, much like a 7-day forecast. Students will learn about how pressure in the air can change the weather, and they will learn how to tell what the weather will be based on these patterns.

Students will use technology to simulate a live weather forecast with a program that uses an actual green screen. Their weather forecast will then be viewed much like one you would actually see on TV. The project incorporates a writing piece, where students will first write out their forecast, even recommending to friends and family whether they will need an umbrella or coat!



Social Studies is also involved, as students will need to know about the different regions in the United States and where the weather is predicted to head next. This project gives students an opportunity to see what meteorologists go through as they try

to predict the most important question to elementary students, "When is it going to snow?!" Sixth grade, along with all other students at CES, will continue to do more interesting projects to show how curriculum learned is used in real world situations.



**Pen Pals** from page 5

Schlandt explaining the project and a "Getting to Know You" page that the girls filled out telling their soldier pen pal all about themselves and a picture attached. The girls asked the soldiers questions about their branch of the military, their inspiration to join the military, their family, their jobs, and what they were like as third graders. Later, the girls sent out a fall picture and a card followed by a special Christmas package. This package included a letter, a stocking the girls made, a personalized coffee mug, and a Christmas card with pictures. All the girls have heard back from their soldiers, some even multiple times! As the girls receive letters from their soldiers, they have the opportunity to share their letters with the group. The letters mean a great deal to the girls, but they also mean a great deal to the soldiers. One of the soldier's mothers told Ms. Schlandt her son gets so excited when he receives a letter from his third-grade pen pal, and the stocking that she sent him was front and center on his Christmas tree! Five of the soldiers are stationed at

various places in the U.S. including Colorado Springs, Colorado, El Paso, Texas, Norfolk, Virginia, Tampa, Florida, and Wahiawa, Hawaii. One of them is serving abroad in Vicenza, Italy. Through this project, students are learning important skills about writing and conventions, but they are also learning important lessons about patriotism for our country. One soldier wrote about how he remembered being a 9-year-old boy when our country was attacked on September 11, 2001. He describes that even as a fourth grader, he began to understand that to live in such a wonderful country, people must be willing to defend it. Others write about how they were inspired to join the military to protect the people that they love, travel the world, and get a good education. Ms. Schlandt and her third-grade group of girls plan to continue this project and its extensions of research for the duration of the year. She said that she feels so honored that these young men are taking time out of their busy schedule to get to know our third-grade girls at South Clinton Elementary, and as many have stated, becoming their friends.

## DID YOU KNOW....

- That 6th graders who have been in CCS since 4th grade get to keep their Chromebook after 6th grade graduation?
- That CCS has a certified Google Trainer?
- That CCS has several STEM teachers, some who have presented at national conferences?
- That all CCS teachers have a high level of effectiveness as determined by the state evaluation process?
- That over 65% of our teachers have advanced degrees?
- That CCS has a full-time School Resource Officer in each building?

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## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS



### Fountains Donated by SL Tennessee

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### School Board Appreciation Week

Anderson County Schools will join other school districts in saluting our local education leaders during Tennessee's Annual School Board Appreciation Week, January 22-28, 2017. The week is designed to recognize the contributions made by all school board members, including the Anderson County Board of Education. School boards are given the tremendous responsibility of ensuring the education of Tennessee's youth.

School board members are elected by their communities to manage the local schools. They oversee multimillion-dollar budgets, which fund education programs for more than 997,893 students in approximately 1,833 schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 70,230 teachers, administrators and support workers. These volunteer leaders are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving the curriculum, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education laws. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including

budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues. Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education. We salute the public servants of the Anderson County Board of Education whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible:

**Dr. John Burrell, Chairman**  
**Scott Gillenwaters, Vice-Chairman**  
**Jo Williams**  
**Dail Cantrell**  
**Glenda Langenberg**  
**Don Bell**  
**Teresa Portwood**  
**Andy McKamey**

Please join us by saying thank you to our school board members during Tennessee's School Board Appreciation Week!

## CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

### Upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Clinton Rotary Club's Daddy/Daughter Dance has become a special community event and family tradition over the past six years since its inception. Many Clinton City Schools' female students and their fathers have enjoyed this event; getting dressed up, having photographs taken, and dancing with other Daddy/Daughter couples. It is a celebration that is highly anticipated each year.

The Clinton Rotary Club sponsors this event. The proceeds from this event go directly back into libraries in both Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. This past year, each of our three elementary schools received five hundred dollars from the Daddy/

Daughter Dance proceeds to support enhancing the library book selections for students.

The annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 2017 at the Clinton Middle School Gymnasium from 6:30-8:00. Tickets are \$20.00 per couple in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets per additional child are \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased in all three **Clinton City Schools'** front offices, as well as **Knight's Flowers, The Courier News, Hoskins Drug Store, Fox Toyota, Real Dry Cleaners, The Community Bank, and The People's Bank of the South.** Get your tickets now and prepare to build some wonderful memories!

### North Clinton from page 5

and Learn Like Champions".

North Clinton provides a multi-levelled system of instructional services and curriculum using a collaborative data-based decision making process that lends responsiveness to individual student needs. Moreover, technology is integrated throughout learning activities to maximize student engagement and promote 21st century information/technology skills. Students also receive a variety of opportunities beyond the core curriculum that enhances their knowledge and skills in the arts, fitness/recreation, information/technology, character development, and music.

The school is proud of its Technology For Learning Program (T4L), which facilitates integral use of technology across a multitude of settings. Students are now able to access a wider array of resources to support their learning, to collaborate with peers and their teachers, and to become fluent in their use of current technology.

There is a "We are all in this together" spirit that is obvious to staff, students, and visitors who walk through the doors of North Clinton. This sense of welcome and positivity is the basis of the school's efforts to work with parents and other community stakeholders to

create a school-wide atmosphere of encouragement and student achievement. The school calendar reflects the commitment to develop community, as activities such as Fall Festival, Grandparents Day, Read Day, PTO meetings, Parent Involvement Night, Junior Achievement, Farm Day, and many others are scheduled throughout the year.

The students and staff of North Clinton Elementary are encouraged to do their "personal best" each and every day. Quality is expected, and nothing less is acceptable. This passion for excellence is what makes North Clinton a wonderful place to teach and learn like a champion!

### Follow Clinton City Schools On:

**Website:** [www.clintonschools.org](http://www.clintonschools.org)

**Facebook:** Clinton City Schools

**Twitter:** ClintonCity\_CCS

Clinton City Schools is everywhere!!! Follow on social media, and see all the wonderful things that are happening in elementary education!

Clinton City Schools' goal is to communicate to the community in a variety of different ways. Please join and watch the learning GROW!

# ANDERSON COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS

The Greater Knoxville Business Journal recently published their "40 under 40" Young Leaders list and nine have Anderson County Chamber Connections. Here are our honored "under 40" members:

## **Brent Clark, 37**

Audit, Accounting and Advisory Services Vice President, Pugh CPA's

Education/Certification: Bachelor's degree in Accounting – University of Tennessee; Certified Public Accountant Professional service and recognition: Member, Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants; member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;



**CLARK**

chair, TSCPA Employee Benefit Plans Conference Task Force; member, Associated General Contractors, Tennessee Construction Leadership Council; member Construction Financial Management Association.

Community service: Board member, Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church's Board of Pensions and Health Benefits; member Blount County Chamber of Commerce Membership Campaign.

What do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with family boating and camping.

Family: Wife, Jessica, and twin sons, Chase and Tanner

## **Jeremy Cook, 36**

Senior Vice President and Office Lender, Pinnacle Financial Partners

Education/Certification: Associate's Degree in Science – Pellissippi State Community College

Professional service and recognition: Recipient, Whitney M. Young Jr. January 2017 Service Award, Boy Scouts of America

Community service: 2017 Leadership Knoxville

Class; district chair, Chehote District, Boy Scouts of America; board member Zaezion Dobson Memorial Foundation; advisory board member, Future Hope Institute,

Johnson University; president-elect, North Knoxville Rotary Club; 2015 graduate, Introduction Knoxville; 2012 loaned executive and health and basic needs committee member, United Way of Greater Knoxville; treasurer, Knoxville Area Urban League's Young Professionals; board member and finance committee member, HomeSource East Tennessee; board member, Halls/Powell Boys and Girls Club; alumni committee, PSCC; golf committee member, East Tennessee Kidney Foundation; volunteer and supporter, First Tee of Greater Knoxville; volunteer, Wesley House.

What do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my wife and kids, take our boat out on the lake in the summer, camp in our 1973 Retro Shasta in the spring and fall and hit the slope to snowboard in the winter.

Family: Wife, Chantena, and daughters, Milan and Monroe

## **Brain Egle, 39**

Weinberg Fellow, Senior Research Engineer, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Education/Certification: Bachelor's Degree in Manufacturing Engineering – University of Wisconsin-Stout; Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics – University of Wisconsin-Stout; Doctorate Degree in Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics -UW-M; Weinberg Fellowship

Professional service and recognition: Member, American Nuclear Society; member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; former member, Early Career Professionals of ORNL; recipient, Significant Event Award, ORNL

Community Service: Volunteer, Science Club's Science Expo; judge, local science fairs; member, St. Paul's Methodist Church in Fountain City; Eagle Scout

What do you like to do in your free time? Playing Legos, Mickey Mouse and continuous games of Duck-Duck-Goose with my young daughters; teaching them as they get older about some of my favorite activities: wakeboarding, downhill skiing, kayaking, volleyball and bike riding.

Family: Wife, Shannon, and daughters, Ava and Amelia



**EGLE**

## **LaFrancis Gibson, 32**

Health Education Specialist Project Manager, Oak Ridge Associated Universities

Education/Certification: Bachelor's Degree in Public Health – East Tennessee State University; Master's Degree in Public Health and Epidemiology – ETSU; Certified health education specialist



**GIBSON**

Professional service and recognition: Member, American Public Health Association; 2011 recipient, Exceptional Contractor Service Award, National Library of Medicine; 2011 and 2015 recipient, Award of Excellence Employee Awards System, ORAU

Community Service: Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Oak Ridge Alumnae chapter; 2012 graduate, Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee Leadership; mentor, tnAchieves; co-founder, Hope-for-Tomorrow tutoring program.

What do you like to do in your free time? Spending time with family and friends, traveling, volunteering in the community and cooking

Family: Husband, Javon

## **Katie Graham, 38**

Senior Manager, LBMC

Education/Certification: Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication -University of Tennessee



**GRAHAM**

Professional service and recognition: Member, Health Care Compliance Association; member, Knoxville area Medical Group Management Association; member, Tennessee Medical Group

Management Association  
Community Service: Cancer Support Ambassador, volunteer and silent auction committee member, Cancer Support Community of East Tennessee; member, and Summer Supper Host Committee member, Heritage Foundation; member and event planner, Island Home Park Neighborhood Association; former loaned executive, United Way of Greater Knoxville; 2016 graduate,

Introduction Knoxville; volunteer and supporter, WDVX; volunteer and supporter, Dogwood Arts; volunteer and supporter YWCA

What do you like to do in your free time? Spend time outdoors, hiking, biking, hanging out with friends, doing neighborhood porch hops, reading, watching movies, eating at local restaurants, listening to music, attending performances at the Tennessee and Bijou theaters and taking an occasional vacation.

Family: Husband, Bobby, and children, Caroline and Garrett

## **Cary Langham, 38**

Mechanical Engineering Functional Manager, Consolidated Nuclear Security Education/Certification: Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering – Tuskegee University



**LANGHAM**

Professional service and recognition: First Y-12 employee to perform in an extended assignment to the United Kingdom under the sponsorship of a joint US/UK Science Council; recipient

of multiple Special Recognition Awards for supporting the completion of Y-12's Mission Deliverables.

Community Service: 2016 Leadership Anderson County graduate; volunteer youth basketball and volleyball coach, Fury; children's ministry volunteer, West Park Baptist Church; supporter 1st Tee Greater Knoxville; former Young Life Career Leader.

What do you like to do in your free time? Coaching my daughters' volleyball and basketball teams, playing golf, basketball, flag football and watching movies.

Family: Wife, Andrika, and daughters, Landyn and Lennox.

## **Jason Leverant, 36**

President and Chief Operations Officer, AtWork Group

Education/Certification: Bachelor's degree in University Studies – University of Tennessee-Martin; certified Staffing Professional in Human Resources, Human Resources Certification Institute; certified Staffing Professional, American Staffing Association; certified Search Consultant, ASA

**LEADERS**

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Professional service and recognition: 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient ASA; member and former chair, Industrial Section

Policy Council, ASA; chair ASA's Tennessee Regional Council; former president, Tennessee Staffing Association; board member, Jobs for Tennessee Graduates; 2013, 2014/2015, 2016 recipient, 100 Most Influential People in

the Temporary Staffing Industry, Staffing 100, Staffing Industry Analysts

Community Service: Teaching people about the Bible every weekend

What do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my family, enjoying the outdoors, reading, and watching Tennessee football

Family: Wife, Kyla, and children, Ethan and Stella

**LEVERANT****Katie Moran, 30**

Project Manager, Studio Four Design  
Education/Certification: Bachelor's Degree in Architecture – University of Tennessee; licensed architect

Professional service and recognition: Laddership Group Leader, Architecture Week Committee member and social event chair, American Institute of Architects East Tennessee chapter; leader, Boy Scouts of American

Architecture Explorers Post 901; secretary,

**MORAN**

AIA East Tennessee Education Commission; classroom volunteer, Urban Planning Module and Barkitecture.

Community Service: Volunteer, Restoration House of East Tennessee; Aid to Haitian families in Grand Goave, Construction volunteer

What do you like to do in your free time? Hike, run, cheer on the Tennessee Volunteers, work in the family vineyard and paint signs for my Etsy shop ([www.etsy.com/shop/cottonwoodfound](http://www.etsy.com/shop/cottonwoodfound))

Family: Husband, Joel

**Emily Scheuneman, 33**

Director of Community Relations, Helen Ross McNabb Center

Education/Certification: Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations – University of South Carolina; pursuing accreditation in public relations

Professional service and recognition: Member, director-at-large, president-elect, past-president, Public Relations Society of American Volunteer

Chapter; member, North Knoxville Business and Professional Association; 2013 Media Award recipient, Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations; 2013, 2014, 2016 Award of Excellence recipient and 2014 Best in Show Award recipient, PRSA Volunteer Chapter; 2015 certificate of merit recipient, Tennessee Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations

Community Service: Member, Fellowship Knoxville Church; tnAchieves Mentor; volunteer, Second Harvest East Tennessee

What do you like to do in your free time? Bake, practice yoga, walk and enjoy friends and family

Family: Husband, Matthew, and we are expecting our first child in February.

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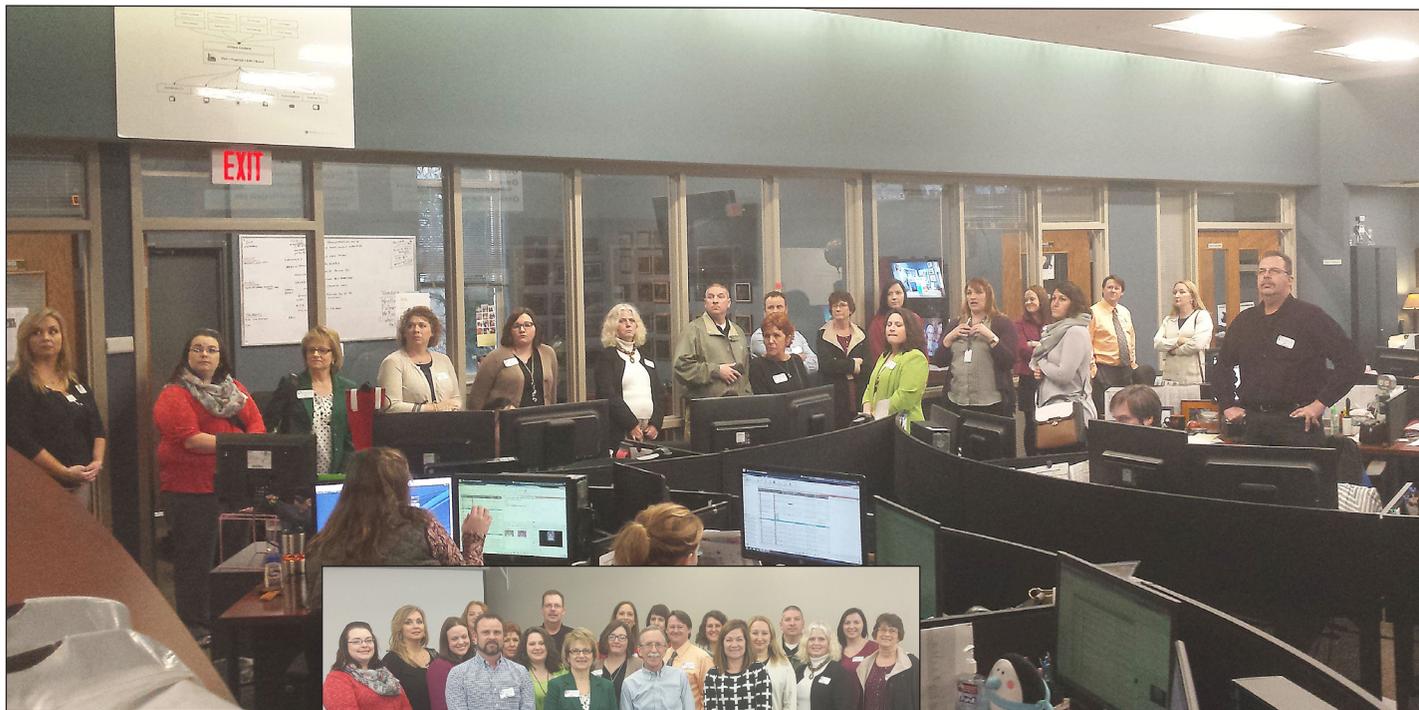
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# Leadership Media Day



Anderson County Leadership had a packed day for "Media" day beginning with a visit from Allen Handley of the Courier News and Darrell Richardson of the Oak Ridger. Next, was a trip to WYSH/Merle FM radio in Clinton to see the workings of a radio station. Gene Patterson of CNS, formerly of television news fame, discussed the media with the class during a stop at Tennova North Medical Center. The next stop was the Knoxville News Sentinel (class pictured above) where they observed the process of printing out a multiple page daily newspaper.

The class ended the day with a visit to WATE TV Channel 6 where Operations Manager Tom McCoy and Melanie Morris, Director of Programming and Development, walked them through a day in the life of a news anchor. The class was able to watch the live 4:00 p.m. news from the former control booth and toured the newsroom floor.

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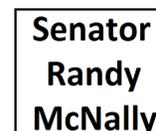
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