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# Another Successful Festival

The 16th year of the Clinch River Fall Antique Festival was a huge success. It was estimated that we topped last year's attendance by 2000 and brought in 15,000 people on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

On Friday night, the Muscle Car Cruze-In brought in 41 cars to the Commerce Avenue parking lot! Four bands played and sang on the Hoskins/Lane Park stage. A new resident to the area commented on how wonderful it was to be able to listen to Gospel music in a public park on such a beautiful Friday evening! We want to thank Sanctified Soul, Dave Seratt, Inman Bluegrass and Nissi for their wonderful performances during the evening. The Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools drew the names for their reverse raffle and the winners were: \$5000 to RaeAnn Owens, \$500 to



James Isabell and \$500 to Melissa Holbrook. The Foundation thanks everyone that bought a ticket and appreciates everyone that helped with the raffle pro-

ceeds of which goes to buying ChromeBooks for students.

On Saturday, the weather was wonderful even if the wind was a bit of an issue for those

with tents but there was no rain and the crowds were steady all day. Our new Kid's Area was

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## Member Focus: R&S Logistics

R&S Logistics is a full service third-party logistics (3PL) company that has been helping people in the Knoxville area find warehousing and transportation solutions since 1988. Our mission is and has always been to provide our clients with quality logistical services with a spirit of integrity, honor, and excellence.

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At R&S, we understand the complexities that come with shipping your product and we know the many things that can go

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## Job Fair brings community together

The Anderson County Chamber Education/Workforce Committee coordinated a successful job fair that brought together 32 vendors and attendees from throughout the region on August 4 at Anderson County High School in Clinton.

Attendees were provided the opportunity to meet with exhibitors that included: 3M, AISIN, American Employer Group(AEG), Anderson County Sheriff's Department , Clayton Homes, Eagle Bend Manufacturing, Express Employment Professionals, Food City, Greenfield Senior Living, HealthMarkets, Home Helpers of East Tennessee, King University, MAG-USA, ORAU, Perfect Polish, Powder Cote II, Protomet Corporation,

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# Coffee



## Knight's

Dean Knight welcomes members to his annual coffee. As usual, he had a great selection of coffee and pastries, great specials and gave out a goodie bag to all who attended. Thank you Dean for being such a valuable member of the Anderson County Chamber.

# Ribbon Cutting



## Little Nicky's New York Pizza

Little Nicky's New York Pizza held their ribbon cutting on October 17. Dina and Nick Haddad can be seen cutting the ribbon. They had a wonderful assortment of pizzas, calzones, canoli's and garlic knots for the attendees and thank the city and county residents for a wonderful welcome to the community.

# Business After Hours



## Pizza Plus of Andersonville

Pizza Plus of Andersonville held a Business After Hours on September 29th complete with their wonderful pizza buffet. There wasn't an empty table in the restaurant and owner Andy Morrison gave away 10 free buffets in a drawing to attendees. Thank you Andy and your staff for a wonderful event.

# Coffee



## Ray Varner Ford

Ray Varner Ford had a great turnout for their coffee on October 6 and gave away a free oil change to one lucky attendee.

# PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

**Senator Randy McNally** increased his membership level to become a Bronze Partner! We appreciate all you do for Anderson County Senator McNally! **Sen. McNally** was also honored with the Prevention Alliance of Tennessee's Legislator of the Year award on September 28 by ASAP of Anderson County's Stephanie Strutner.

**Senator  
Randy  
McNally**

**ORAU** has announced the promotion of **Meghan F. Millwood** to Vice-President of Human Resources. The company also awarded more than \$39,000 in grants to schools in the county to purchase equipment and materials during their 15th Annual ORAU Education Grants ceremony.



**Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge** and their Hospitality Houses are the winner of the Oak Ridge Historic Preservation Association's 2016 Historic Preservation Award for two of their houses that were original E-2 duplexes during the Manhattan Project. The houses are used for temporary housing for families and for patients who need to remain close to the hospital.



**LBMC** has added seven staff members; **Tatyana Aleksandrova**, **Thea**



**Carter, Vickie E. Hilton** as paraprofessionals in their accounting services; **Thomas E. Booker**, senior manager in tax services; **Kimberly L. Townsend**, manager in medical practices, non-profits, 1040s, trusts and estate tax services; **Ginger N. Wyatt**, senior manager in individual, estate, trust, gift taxes and accounting, tax services. **Greg Gilbert** has been appointed to the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation's Board of Directors as treasurer.

**Y-12 Federal Credit Union** has announced that **Greg Shultz** is the new manager of applications and systems programming.



**American Employer Group** announced that they have received the Better Business Bureau's Complaint Free Year Certificate for 2016.



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# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce** has a new executive director; **Christy Hibbler**.

**Roane State Community College** has introduced a new initiative to help first-time, degree-seeking freshmen through the often challenging transition to college called Success Coaching. The program helps students with everything from admissions to academics, from career counseling to financial aid.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Knoxville-Clinton** won the Torchbearer 2016 award for two consecutive years in a row. General Manager **Amanda Bridges** said, "The Torchbearer is given to hotels that have achieved the highest levels of excellence based on guest scores. Of over 2100 Holiday Inn Expresses in the Americas, only the top 10% receive the Torchbearer, and we are one of them again this year!"

**The Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge** has hired a new executive director; **Jackie Clay**.

**Oak Ridge National Laboratories** has launched a new accelerator for energy tech entrepreneurs called Innovation Crossroads. Also, their United Way drive raised over \$900k for the 2016 campaign. ORNL is reportedly one of the largest corporate contributors in East Tennessee.

**Express Employment Professionals** is joining efforts with Bryson's Closet and United Hope of East TN with the support of TORCH in Oak Ridge to do a Coat Drive and Giveaway. They are currently accepting coat donations at

their Clinton office.

**Aid to Distressed Families of Anderson County** will hold its annual Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Celebration and Fundraiser event on October 25. This year the unanimous winner of the award was chosen to be Bear Stephenson for his dedication to volunteering and advocating for the charity. The event will be held at the St. Mary's Parish Life Center and is free to attend but there will be several opportunities to donate to the charity.

**Pinnacle Financial Partners** had added **Michael Perry** as a senior vice president and credit adviser; **Crystal Auer**, as mortgage advisor assistant; **Ashley Carver**, as service specialist; and **Alicia Newhouse**, as client care specialist.

**Phil Yager** was appointed to the **Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board**.

**Representative John Ragan** was also honored with the Prevention Alliance of Tennessee's Legislator of the Year award on September 28 by **ASAP of Anderson County's Stephanie Strutner**.

**AT&T** donated \$5k to **Roane State Community College** to support non-traditional, underserved, students preparing for high-skill jobs requiring technology-based skills in Tennessee community colleges.

**Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services** has recognized **Alex Zucker** for more than 18 years of voluntary service following his final term on the Board of Directors.



## NOVEMBER Chamber Calendar

### Thursday, November 3,

8 – 9:30 a.m.

Networking Coffee-  
Fox Toyota  
228 Fox Family Lane,  
Clinton - 494-0228

### Friday, November 4,

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting –  
Atomic City Computers  
1968 Oak Ridge Hwy.,  
Oak Ridge - 220-6002

### Monday, November 7,

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting -  
The Smoothie Patch  
129 Robertsville Rd.,  
Oak Ridge - 685-0737

### Friday, November 11

Veterans Day-  
Chamber Office  
CLOSED

### Thursday, November 17,

8 – 9:30 a.m.

Networking Coffee –  
Five Star Food Service  
Chamber Office-  
245 N. Main St., Suite 200,  
Clinton - 457-2559

Thursday,  
November 24 –

**Friday, November 25**  
Thanksgiving Holiday-  
Chamber Office  
Closed

### Tuesday, November 29,

8 – 9:30 a.m.

"How to Use the Chamber  
Website to Market Your  
Business"

Presented by Kim Mitchell,  
Director of Marketing

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## Economic Indicators

**New Business Licenses Issued** - 28

**Building Permits Issued** – 84

**Unemployment** – 5.8%

# School News

## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### County tops state average for ACT, graduation

The Anderson County School District's ACT composite score increased this year to 20.3, up from last year's 19.3, school officials reported on Friday, Aug. 26, during its annual board of education retreat.

The ACT is designed to measure college-readiness in high-school students. The test uses a scale of one to 36 to assess student ability, with one being the lowest and 36 being the highest score a student can achieve.

Data from the state shows that 19 percent of students in Anderson County who took the ACT met benchmarks in all four subject areas and are considered college ready.

According to the ACT, the benchmark for college readiness is a composite score of 21.

Benchmarks for each subject area are as follows: 18 for English, 22 for Math, 22 for Reading, and 23 for Science.

If a student scores at or above these benchmarks, research indicates students have a higher probability of college success.

Students who meet the benchmark scores are expected to have a 75 percent chance of getting a grade of C or higher in college courses, education experts say.

The national ACT average composite score is 20.8, which is a slight decrease from last year's 21.0 average.

Statewide, the score is up 19.9, a slight increase from 19.8.

"We beat the state's overall composite score. It's the first time that I'm aware of that we ever done that," said Eric Snid-

er, Director of Anderson County Secondary Schools, on Friday, to school administrators and board members at the retreat.

"It's very hard to dramatically increase ACT scores. It takes time, and it's usually increased in small increments. This is something we're very proud of," said Snider.

Snider said the school district's composite score also surpassed the composite averages of the majority of the schools in surrounding counties.

Only Blount and Sevier Counties scored the same or higher on their composites.

Blount County has a 20.9 and Sevier County a 20.6.

By 2020, the goal set by the state is for the average ACT composite to be 21.

"I believe we will reach this goal way before then," said Snider. "It's just a matter of time."

Snider told school board members and administrators on Friday the goal is for both high schools to implement an effective ACT test prep program and have it in place by January 1, 2017.

He said the schools have already reached this goal, and are working on how to make it "value-added" so teachers can incorporate and reinforce ACT strategies and content in every subject.

School officials also commented on the district's impressive graduation rate for the two high schools.

The high school graduation rate this year for Anderson County

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## CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS



### From the Capitol to Clinton

A Visit from Governor Bill Haslam

Students in Abby Kidwell's fourth grade class at South Clinton Elementary School hosted a very special guest on Thursday, September 15. Tennessee Governor

teacher morale.

After the briefing, which included Representative John Ragan, Governor Haslam and his team observed

a math lesson in Mrs. Kidwell's class where students accessed the assignment on their Chromebooks, via Pear Deck, while providing the teacher with real-time information



Abby Kidwell teaches her classroom with enthusiasm.

While there, Governor Haslam met with Director of Schools Kelly Johnson, and principal Leighann Bonesteele, to receive input on topics such as standards, assessments, accountability, teacher evaluations, and

about their performance and level of understanding. Governor Haslam was impressed with the students' level of engagement, as well as the level of

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# Clinton High School Spanish students teach mini-lessons to elementary students



The Spanish Honors students from Clinton High School are visiting several elementary classes this semester to teach mini Spanish lessons. Their first trip was to Fairview Elementary School where they taught the Spanish words for colors, food and animals to kindergarten and first grade classes. The students prepared lesson plans, manipulatives and practiced teaching to each other before going to the schools. The teachers were very appreciative and all the students had a fantastic time.

Their next trip will be to Norwood Elementary School.



## Noted forensic anthropologist Dr. William Bass visits Anderson County High School

Anderson County High School had the honor of hosting Dr. Bill Bass for his one of a kind lecture on Monday September 26. Dr. Bass, a University of Tennessee professor, forensic anthropologist, and founder of the world famous Body Farm, instructed students in anatomy, forensic anthropology, and his methodology. To the delight of students and faculty in attendance, he presented several of the cases he had worked on through the years. He showed students what he looked for in each case and how to use logic, reasoning, and scientific knowledge to solve intricate problems. This highly anticipated event sold out in less than three hours. The unique wit and humor he uses during lectures allows students to develop high reasoning skills. He provides inspiration for utilizing scientific knowledge in post-secondary education and even careers. ACHS thanks Dr. Bass for the opportunity to laugh and learn.

# Technology Changing the Landscape

Technology is certainly changing the landscape of how we do education. Digital natives walk into our rooms each day and demand teachers to engage them in quality learning opportunities. However, in Mrs. O'Dell's 6th grade classroom, technology is also changing the landscape of sick days! Look closely at the picture of her instructing Math class. The Chromebook sitting on the table in front of the classroom is facing the Smart Board. If you were able to take a closer look, you would find a student who is using Google Hangouts from his home computer to participate in the math lesson. A situation took this student out of class for several days, and his parents were concerned about the amount of instruction that would be missed. With our "Technology for Learning" program, it is not a problem.

This student was able to log into his Google account from his computer. He logged into a program called Google Hangouts, which allowed him to use the camera on his computer to view the instruction taking place. Through Google Hangouts, he could not only visually see, but could auditory participate in the classroom through answering and asking questions. Mrs. O'Dell could even check his work and give him immediate feedback regarding academic progress. In a few days, he was able to come back in the classroom, and pick up right where he left off. New state research has shown that student attendance is a key factor in academic achievement. Using our technology in an innovative way is helping us provide quality learning experiences, even when the student is away from school!



## Clinton City School Lollar, Google Certified Trainer

Soon, Clinton City Schools will have its very own Google Certified Trainer! Mrs. Staci Lollar was recently notified that she has been accepted to the trainer program and has already begun collaborating with other educators from places like Japan, Singapore, Brazil, New Zealand, Qatar, and Hong Kong, just to name a few! Staci is one of 50 applicants from a pool of over 2000 to be accepted this quarter. Currently, there are only three Google Trainers in the state of Tennessee. Mrs. Lollar will be the first trainer in the East TN region!

To be considered, Mrs. Lollar had to complete a rigorous application process. First, she had to pass three levels of online tests that measured

her understanding of the Google applications, tests to assess her ability to integrate Google tools into teaching practices, and also tests to measure her ability to learn new strategies for integrating Google for Education tools into the classroom. Then, she submitted a video to introduce herself and explain why she wanted to be a Google trainer, including her demonstrating an innovative use of a Google tool in a classroom. Finally, all applicants were required to answer a series of questions, submit presentations, surveys, case studies, and examples of students' work to allow Google to gain an understanding of her experiences in planning, implementing, evaluating, and building learning materials for



**Lollar**

teachers and students.

Mrs. Lollar grew up in Clinton City Schools, and then returned home to begin her teaching career in 2006 at

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collaboration and cooperation between the schools, the School Board, and City Council. The City of Clinton provides the funding for the district's Technology for Learning (T4L) one-to-one initiative.

This program provides individual student devices in grades 3-6. If a student attends Clinton City Schools during 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, they are able to take home their Chrome-

book after 6th grade graduation at The Ritz.

Mrs. Kidwell is one of eighteen teachers from across the state who were selected to be part of the first Governor's Teacher Cabinet. They meet quarterly with the Governor and Dr. Candice McQueen, Commissioner of Education, to share information from teachers that are in the classroom every day and provide communication to schools and communities.

classrooms, and works directly with students to develop skills necessary to extend the use of technology into their projects and lessons.

As a Google trainer, Staci will become one of about 1900 individuals globally who have the opportunity work with Google to develop trainings on new products and updates. She will continue to conduct trainings and will have access to powerful, ready-to-use professional resources available only to trainers. But most important of all...everyone in Clinton City Schools will benefit!

## **Lollar**

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South Clinton Elementary School as a fourth grade teacher. She has been the district's computer lab instructor, and now serves as technology coach. As a technology coach, Staci works with administrators to develop long-range goals for the implementation of the Technology for Learning (T4L) program, provides training for teachers in the area of technology integration with an emphasis on using Google Apps for Education in their

## **Anderson Co Schools**

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was 97.8 percent.

"This puts Anderson County in the top 10 percent of all Tennessee high schools," Snider said.

Anderson County's graduation rate exceeds both state and national averages--the state's graduation rate is 87.8 percent and the national average is 81 percent.



# **CCS Media Spotlight on ChromeBooks**

During the week of August 29, WBIR and Fox 43 News aired a special spotlight on Anderson County. Clinton City Schools Technology for Learning Program (T4L) was one of the highlights. Aaron Wright, with WBIR-TV, spent 2 hours at Clinton Elementary School speaking with teachers and students about the benefits of incorporating technology into the learning process. Footage from this segment shows students interacting in various ways with ChromeBooks. This special broadcast can be viewed at the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/htcdwf1>

## Festival

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the place to be for most of the day with children standing in line to play in the bounce house, slide down the slide and ride the carousel! Food vendors sold out early in the afternoon and shop owners reported record sales. Entertainment for the day featured: Quinn Erwin, the Walker Boys, Pale Root and The Unnamed. The Clinton Antique Car Club also displayed approximately 40 cars.

The Tennesseans for Living History once again held wonderful demonstrations including a musket drill reminiscent of the Civil War and our annual reenactment of the Burr-Hamilton duel

which is always a crowd pleaser. The two encampments were set up for history buffs. We appreciate their help.

Our shuttles ran again for the third year and were busy all day! We are so glad that the word is getting out about the parking lots down town and had no reports of people having trouble parking! Next year, it will be even easier for them to use these lots. Thank you ETHRA for your awesome drivers!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce wants to thank all of our sponsors; SunTrust Bank, Methodist Medical Center, PromoJoe by Jessica, Clinton Drug Store, Fox Toyota, Peoples Bank of the South, Ray Varner Ford, WATE-TV, Y-12 Federal Credit Union, Allee Antiques, Clinton Antique Mall,

and Historic Clinton Antiques. We thank Laura Pigman for the wonderful park decorations, Anderson Farmer's Co-op for the haybales, Wal-Mart for the mums and Food City for the vendor hospitality suite supplies, and Project Solution's Jimmy Olsen for hanging signs. And last but not least are our Chamber volunteers. Without these wonderful helpers, we could not put on such a large event. We appreciate you all!

## Member Focus

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## Job Fair

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The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Career Coach, was also available at the event to provide résumé assistance and training on interviewing skills.

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 Harry Patton  
 Cliff Stephens



Garry Whitley, director of the Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools presents the \$5000 check to RaeAnn Owens who won the first place prize in the Reverse Raffle on October 7th.



Leadership Anderson County Class of 2017 had their first project work day in September. Their project is refurbishing the Clinch River Raptor Center at Clinton Middle School.



Leadership Anderson County Class of 2017 receive a tour of the Norris Dam (below) and the Greenhouse at Anderson County Career and Technical Center by Phil Warfield (above) during their Agriculture/Tourism program day.



## Outstanding Ambassadors

**Left:** Ambassador Chair Jeanne Mitchell, center, rewards Ambassadors Diane Allred of Allred and Associates Real Estate, left, and Heather Scott, TN Bank, right. Diane Allred was the Ambassador of the Second Quarter and Heather Scott was Ambassador for the Third Quarter. Both won \$25 gift cards to Harrison's Restaurant for their work as outstanding ambassadors.

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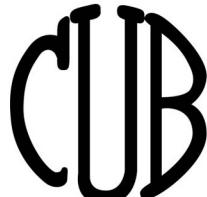
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