

Chamber's Bold, New "Look"

The momentum the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce experienced this past year motivated us to create a Bold, New "Look". Chamber Board Chairman Terry Payne and Chamber President Jackie Nichols unveiled a bold new "Logo" at the Chamber's Annual Business Luncheon. The logo is a fresh, new look that reflects the synergy of our Chamber membership.

With 450 plus members and over 100 volunteers, the Chamber has introduced new membership development programs to help members promote and grow their business, i.e., Membership Orientation, Member Spotlight, Member Seminars. The Chamber also hosted 50+ networking activities.

The Chamber's Retail Development Initiative, supported through public and private funds, has expanded the Chamber's role in the community and has become a valuable resource for retail and commercial development in Anderson County. We

are pleasantly surprised at the response from businesses and landowners regarding the need for this resource.

All Chamber programs, networking activities and special events are available on the Chamber's website and Facebook. If you are interested in joining the Chamber, you are invited to be our guest at one scheduled networking activity.

On behalf of the Chamber Board and Staff we thank our members and the community for their continued support to promote business, create jobs and increase the tax base."

For more information, please call 457-2559 or visit the Chamber's website, www.andersoncountychamber.org,

The Chamber's Mission, encourage economic development, government initiatives, and community initiatives that result in prosperity for members and citizens of Anderson County serves as the driver for the Chamber's goals.



The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce has chosen a Bold New "LOGO" to match the forward momentum of the Chamber membership. Chamber Board Chairman Terry Payne and Chamber President Jackie Nichols unveiled the Chamber's new logo at the Chamber's Annual Business Luncheon. "We hope our members are as proud of the new logo as we are - it's clean, it's fresh and reflects the Chamber's tagline, Working for business since 1932!" says Chamber President Jackie Nichols. For more information about the Chamber, to join and get involved, contact the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or visit our website: www.andersoncountychamber.org.

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"Member Focus" of the Month

Karen's offers both residential and commercial flooring products and services with a premier selection of floor covering options such as carpet, vinyl, tile, laminate, and hardwoods. Free in home consultation, samples brought right to your door, professional installation services on all flooring products and one-on-one attention, from the beginning to the finish of your flooring needs, is a standard for Karen's.

Known as, "the store that gives you more" Karen's has been in business since 1977, founded by Karen Rosser, who owned and operated the business until selling it to Dean and Brenda Wilson in August of 1985. Karen's Carpet Sales, Inc. prides itself in honesty and customer satisfaction. Dean Wilson



had worked for many years in the flooring industry and together with his wife, Brenda they committed and dedicated themselves to providing quality service and building on an outstanding reputation in the community. The Wilsons have five children all of which at one time or another have worked in the family business. Dean and Brenda have retired from the business and two of their sons continue to lead the family business in

the ways that Mom and Dad taught.

Karen's Carpet Sales, Inc. chose to become members of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce for the value. "The Chamber stands behind each member and are always willing and ready to do anything they can to help your business! When we have a need, concern or question, the Chamber is our 'go to' source. We appreciate that one-on-one attention and information that we receive from our Chamber!!!"

Karen's Carpet Sales, Inc. is located at 1961 Clinton Hwy., Powell (between Claxton and South Clinton) and may be reached at 865-945-3353 or visit: www.karnescarpet.com. Store Hours are: Mon. - Fri. 9 til 5:30 • Sat. 10 til 2.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Aaron’s Lease to Own

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Jonathan Paul
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Lydia Birk

Individual
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Clinton, TN 37717
865-207-8306

Victoria Bowling

Individual
1751 Brushy Valley Rd.
Clinton, TN 37716
865-804-6128

Mari Burleson

Arbonne International Independent
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*Personal Care/Health & Wellness
Consultant*
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Knoxville, TN 37909
865-531-6005

Core Solutions Group

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Services*
Harold Edwards
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Knoxville, TN 37931
865-556-7927

Ole Ben Franklin Motors

*Automobile Dealers-New/Used &
Automobile Repairs/Service*
Josh Arwine
480 S. Illinois Ave.
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
865-272-3920

Tim Shelton

Anderson County Register of Deeds
Elected Official/Government Official
616 S. Seivers Blvd.
Clinton, TN 37716
865-414-3818

Ryan Spitzer

Individual
378 East Dr.
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Networking Events March, 2014

Thursday, March 6, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Networking Coffee – Morning Pointe Assisted Living
960 S. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton, 457-4005

Wednesday, March 19, 9 & 10 a.m.

Small Business Counseling Sessions, Jutta Bangs, TSBDC
Please call the Chamber for scheduling, 457-2559

Wednesday, March 19, 11:30 a.m.

Small Business Start-Up Seminar, Brown Bag Luncheon in partnership with
TSBDC, Please call the Chamber for scheduling, 457-2559

Thursday, March 20, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Networking Coffee – Eagle Bend Manufacturing
1000 J. D. Yarnell Industrial Pkwy., Clinton, 457-3800

Tuesday, March 25, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting – Woodhaven Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens
160 Edgemoor Road, Powell, 945-3461

Friday, March 28, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting – 10th Anniversary – Jones Mortuary
375 N Main St, Clinton, 457-1515

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City & Anderson County Schools
Enrichment Federal Credit Union
Golden Living Center-Windwood
Gondolier Italian Restaurant
Gun Doctor
H & R Block
Hope 4 Tomorrow
Jackson Funeral Services

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Landon Electric Co., Inc.
Magill, Crye & Cizek, Attorneys
at Law
Michael Brady, Inc.
Mutual of Omaha-Steve Stans-
berry
Noble Metals, Inc.
Regions Bank
SL Tennessee, LLC
St. Mark United Methodist Church
Sexton Automotive of Oak Ridge
USEC, Inc.

Individuals

John Alley, Jr., Anderson County
Property Assessor
Ann Coria
Lou Rabinowitz

Chamber Hosts Small Business Seminar

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center will host a free workshop for small business owners and entrepreneurs who want a better understanding of starting a new business. The TSBDC advises and assists entrepreneurs and small business owners in our area at no cost to them.

This free seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce office, 245 N. Main St., Ste., 200, Clinton, with Jutta Bangs, Senior Business Specialist with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center. The seminar discussion includes the forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, business planning and financing options with additional discussion about SBA loan guarantee programs.

Space is limited and advance registration is required. Reserve your space by contacting the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, 865-457-2559 or email: accc@andersoncountychamber.org. To learn more about the TSBDC visit www.tsbdc.org.

Economic Indicators — January

New Business Licenses Issued – 42
Building Permits Issued – 6



Chamber Board of Directors

Pictured seated from left are Chamber President Jackie Nichols; Chamber Past Board Chairman Larry Stephens, HR Comp; Chamber Board Chair-Elect Stephen Harris, Powell-Clinch Utility District; Chamber Board Chairman Dr. Terry Payne, UT-Battelle; Chamber Member at Large Dave Conrad, Cartridge World of Oak Ridge; Chamber Treasurer Natalie Erb, Allstate-The Erb Agency. Standing second row from left: Larry Foster, Anderson County Schools; Chamber Retail Development Diane Ilgner; Dr. Chris Whaley, Roane State Community College; Steve Heatherly, Merit Construction, Inc.; Anne Garcia Garland, Oak Ridge City Council; Chamber Membership Development Heather Emert; Chamber Director of Administration & Finance Janet Hawkins; Dr. Vicki Violette, Clinton City Schools; Chamber Administrative Assistant Kim Mitchell; Stephanie Wells, Anderson County Tourism Council and Bill Gallaher, Madison Insurance Group. Third row from left: Glen Adams, PolyOne Corporation; Allen Handley, The Courier News; Steve Sumner, Thermocopy; Don Whitaker, Peoples Bank of the South; Jeff Cole, Anderson County Clerk; Tim Thompson, Anderson County Economic Development Association; Tom Wright, ORNL Federal Credit Union; Larry Gann, Clinton City Council; Rob Followell, North Knoxville Medical Center; and Bruce Holt, B&W Y-12, LLC. Not pictured: Tim Isbel, Anderson County Commissioner. — Photo Compliments of Captured Memories Photography



Annual Business Luncheon

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce hosted its Annual Business Luncheon at the Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership on February 6 with a large number of Chamber members and guests. Attendees shared the excitement of a new Chamber logo and entertainment by Todd Oliver & Irving (the boxer). Todd demonstrated to the audience just how easy it is to be a ventriloquist with Powell-Clinch Utility District's Donna Robinson and Stephen Harris.

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RIBBON CUTTING — AARON'S RENTS

Aaron's Rents celebrated their Grand Opening at 926 N. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton, with an Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on Friday, February 28. Center L-R: Customer Service Rep Scott Wright, General Manager Jonathan Paul, Clinton Mayor Scott Burton and Regional Manager Steve Carter. Aaron's, Inc. is a leader in the sales and lease ownership of residential furniture, consumer electronics and home appliances, with more than 2,000 company and franchise operated stores in 45 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. The company also manufactures an exclusive line of furniture, bedding and accessories at 10 facilities in four states. Aaron's may be reached at 865-264-4208.



RIBBON CUTTING — RITTER BILOSKI & ASSOCIATES

Ritter Biloski & Associates celebrated their grand opening with an Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on February 25. From L-R: Chamber President Jackie Nichols, William "Bill" Biloski, County Commissioner Robin Biloski, County Commissioner John Shuey, Lauren Biloski, Teresa Ault, Channing Miller, Michael Ritter, Sumer Bracket, Register of Deeds Tim Shelton, Oak Ridge Councilman Charley Hensley, Chamber Ambassador David Vudragovich. Ritter Biloski & Associates is located at 109 W. Tennessee Avenue in Oak Ridge and may be reached at 865-482-7734.



RIBBON CUTTING — GALLO LOCO MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Gallo Loco Mexican Restaurant celebrated their grand opening with an Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on February 25. Cutting the ribbon: Owners Patricia Sanchez and Cesar Ortiz. Gallo Loco offered free dessert for those staying for lunch after the ribbon cutting. Gallo Loco is located at 80 E. Tennessee Avenue Oak Ridge and may be reached at 865-685-0686.



RIBBON CUTTING — BOJANGLES OAK RIDGE

Oak Ridge Mayor Tom Beehan cuts the ribbon at the new Bojangles' – Oak Ridge 490 S. Illinois Avenue location. Bojangles' hosted the ribbon cutting for members of the Anderson County Chamber and the Oak Ridge Chamber. Bojangles' serves all of its proprietary menu items such as made-from-scratch buttermilk biscuits, legendary iced tea, delicious fixins and specially seasoned never frozen fried chicken.



COFFEE — CLINTON ROTARY CLUB

The Clinton Rotary Club hosted the February 6th Chamber Coffee; President Michael Bowers welcomed Chamber members and guests and invited everyone to attend the Third Annual Daddy Daughter Dance.



COFFEE — CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND

Chamber members gathered at Children's Defense Fund Haley Farm in Clinton for a Chamber Coffee on February 20. Attendees learned the mission of CDF and were entertained by Lake City Elementary School's 5th Grade Music Makers.



SEMINAR — LINKEDIN

Daniel Monday with Slamdot presented a very informative seminar, "Marketing Your Business Online: Lessons on LinkedIn" at the Chamber office on February 19.



SPEED NETWORKING

Anderson County Chamber members enjoyed their first Speed Networking at Harrison's Restaurant in Clinton. Speed Networking is fast, it's fun and it works. Stay tuned for the next Speed Networking!

Leadership Anderson County Leadership Accepting Applications

Leadership Anderson County, sponsored by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, has a limited number of openings for the 2015 class, scheduled May 2014 through March 2015. The course curriculum is designed to help develop and strengthen leadership skills, while simultaneously promoting the importance of community involvement.

Objectives of the program:

- Focus and expand the knowledge base of participants,
- Provide a means for understanding local business dynamics and (their) impact on economic and community development,
- Introduce business leaders and elected officials who influence the private and public sectors,
- Create an environment that espouses the benefits of teamwork by challenging participants to work with other established leaders,
- Engage participants in leadership skills training teaches individuals how to work with and influence others, and
- Stimulate a desire to participate in boards, organizations and activities designed to improve the community.

An Application may be downloaded at <http://andersoncountychamber.org>. To reserve your place in the Program, please return your application and payment to the Chamber by May 15. Please contact Chamber President Jackie Nichols, at 865-457-2559 for additional information.



Leadership Anderson County's Small Business Development/Entrepreneurial/Leadership Skills Day featured Jerry Shattuck, Clinton City Councilman and local historian, sharing the history of Anderson County, Bruce Hayes with Tennessee Small Business Development Center at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center on February 18. After a tour the class completed the morning Leadership Skills Training. The afternoon concentrated on small business. Jeff Bohanan, Protomet, spoke to the class and provided a tour; John Morris, President & CEO of Tech 2020 and Fred Hess, Marketing Manager, The Center for Entrepreneurial Growth (CEG), addressed the class. The class also participated in an open forum and discussion concerning small business ownership with Jim McBride, Clinton Drug Store and Terry Wheeler, TK Wheeler Jewelers. Leadership Anderson County is a program of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and is currently accepting applications for the 2015 class. For more information contact the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or visit: www.andersoncountychamber.org.



The Youth Leadership Anderson County class poses with residents of Morning Pointe of Clinton on Healthcare/Community Services Day in February. The class also visited Methodist Medical Center for activity labs and lunch, finishing the afternoon with activities at Morning Pointe and a visit to the Norris Food Bank.



Ambassador Profile Kristin Olsen

Kristin Olsen is the Owner of Small Paws Bed and Biscuit located in South Clinton. Small Paws was established in 2007 and offers outstanding small dog boarding with cozy, clean and stress-free indoor housing accommodations and a large backyard for playtime with your small dog. She is the former Chairman of the Neuter/Spay Program for the Anderson County Humane Society where she served for 10 years and has spoken on many occasions to schools and organizations about the responsibilities of being a loving and caring pet owner. Before Small Paws, she gained her business skills from Hollingsworth Companies and Ridenour Law Firm, along with working in the local circuit courts for the county. She is a member of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, The Anderson County Humane Society, past Chairman of Anderson County Elder Watch, past Treasurer of Keep Anderson County Beautiful and served on many committees that have helped organize festivals in our area, such as the Antique Festival and Earth Day. Kristin is originally from Jacksonville, Florida and has lived in Clinton for the past 11 years. She loves her pets, yoga, photography and you may even see her around town where she loves to run. Being an Ambassador provides a whole new avenue at introducing my business by greeting and meeting new people at networking coffees and events that the Chamber offers.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Local Motors, Inc. have signed a new partnership to develop and deliver technology to produce the world's first production 3-D printed vehicle. The cooperative research and development agreement (CRA-DA) between Local Motors and **ORNL**, part of the Department of Energy's National Laboratory System, will explore making vehicle construction more efficient, including lower production time, costs, and part count, coupled with higher standards of control, safety, aesthetics and mechanical flexibility. **ORNL's** Fuel Engines and Emissions Research Director **Robert Wagner** has received the 2014 International Leadership Citation from the Society of Automotive Engineers. **ORNL's** Director of Climate Change Science Institute **Jack D. Fellows** has been presented the National Council for Science and the Environmental (NCSE) Lifetime Achievement Award for his part in co-founding the U.S. Global Change Climate Research Program (USGCRP). **UT-Battelle** manages **ORNL** for the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

Pellissippi State Community College joined the ranks of a select few when it recently received accreditation of its Engineering Technology degree program in six concentrations from the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering. A Certificate of Accreditation in Engineering Technology was presented for Civil Engineering, Electrical Construction Management, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Maintenance, Manufacturing, and Mechanical Engineering. Students who complete the two-year Engineering Technol-

ogy program earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Y-12 Federal Credit Union employee **Dustin Brackens** has been recognized as Employee of the Year for his selfless act of rescuing a woman trapped in her car.

Michael Brady, Inc. announces **James Duncan** has joined the firm as architect.

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz announces **Carlos Yunsan** has joined the firm as an associate.

Kramer Rayson has acquired the Shields Law Firm and attorneys **Leslie Shields** and **Nate McMurtry** and paralegal **Alison Aytes** have joined the firm. **Camille Sanders** has joined the firm as an associate.

Clinton City Schools South Clinton Elementary has been

awarded three mini grants from Utrust to fund projects in three classrooms.

Oak Ridge Associated Universities has received the ISO 9001:2008 certification for quality management systems from the International Organization for Standardization. **Oak Ridge Associated Universities** REAC/TS (The Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/ Training Site) hosted the Fifth International REAC/TS Symposium on the Medical Basis for Radiation-Accident Preparedness symposium and has published the proceedings. REAC/TS is an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education facility managed by ORAU for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Ad-

ministration with the mission to strengthen the medical response to radiological and nuclear incidents.

Allstate Exclusive Agent **David Erb** of Clinton has been chosen to join a select group of 70 agency owners and personal financial representatives from around the country who serve on Allstate Insurance Company's National Advisory Board. Mr. Erb of **Allstate-The Erb Agency**, will represent the company's Southern Region, which includes the states of Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

ORNL Federal Credit Union announced the addi-

tion of **Tommy Smith** to its management team as Vice President of Brand, Marketing and Communications Strategy.

ADFAC's Construction Manager **Bronzie Harris** has been presented the Hope Award for Outstanding Community Outreach by the Knoxville office of **American Cancer Society**.

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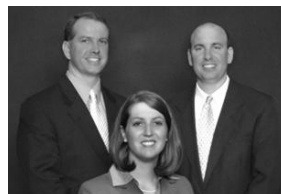
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