

This Year's Tribute to Business Awards have a Twist! Casino Night!

The Junior Achievement of East Tennessee will be the place to be on Friday, June 2, as the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to local businesses at the 6th Annual "Tribute to Business" event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Guests will arrive at 6:00 p.m. for the awards presentation honoring a diverse category of businesses. Next, they will be treated to a Las Vegas themed evening. The Casino tables will be open at 7 p.m. for all our guests to enjoy poker, roulette, craps and blackjack. Dinner will consist of heavy hors d'oeuvres which can be carried to the gaming tables or guests can sit down for bingo. There will be areas set up around the building for guests to sit and eat as well. Also, available will be a "piano lounge" where guests can relax and listen to some music performed by Mike Stallings, Pastor of Worship & Arts for Concord United Methodist Church, while they nibble on the delicious offerings from Pleasantries Cakes & Catering. A fun style photo booth, sponsored by Trademark Advertising, will be set up so that you can take home pictures of you and your friends making silly faces, or posing seriously.

Tribute awards will be a surprise again this year as we announce the top three nominees in each category ahead of time and only reveal the winners at the event!

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MEMBER FOCUS Clinton Physical Therapy Center



Clinton Physical Therapy Center is a woman-owned small business which has served the Clinton and Anderson County region with physical therapy care for 28 years. The center prides itself on the quality of one on one care that it provides to patients. The facility is a member of the Physical Therapy Provider Network, (PTPN) which sets high standards for private practice physical therapy clinics across the nation in regards to quality assurance, continuing education and professional/support staffing ratios. CPTC has participated in nationally recognized, Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, (FOTO) for 10 years, which sets standards for treatment based upon a national database. This allows CPTC to demonstrate that their patients get better outcomes more efficiently.

The staff at CPTC is always striving to add new interventions to the already vast array of services offered at the facility. Joyce Klee, PT, CIDN has been treating patients with Integrative Dry Needling over the past 6 months with excellent results on a multitude of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular conditions. In addition, Kelly Lenz, PT, CHWC, has received her certification as a Wellness & Health Coach. This will provide help

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Ribbon Cuttings



Truffles Cupboard Café and Sweets

Truffles Cupboard Café and Sweets held their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting to a full house crowd. Owners Rosemary Irwin and son Jon Kamar are shown cutting the ribbon. Also, in attendance was WBIR who videoed a story for the five o'clock news about the café and owner Rosemary's inspirational journey to becoming the owner of her dream business. Welcome to Anderson County!



Holiday Inn Express celebrates remodel

A huge crowd showed up for Holiday Inn Express Inn and Suites Ribbon Cutting to celebrate their recent remodel. Manager Amanda Bridges is shown cutting the Ribbon. Amanda had several gifts that she awarded including a night's stay at the hotel. The event was held as a Business After Hours and Amanda provided tours of the upgraded facilities to the guests.



The Kincaid House hosts Business After Hours

Melissa Charles and her husband Jim hosted a Business After Hours and Ribbon Cutting for their new business, The Kincaid House Event Venue. The event was catered by All Occasions and tours were given through the gorgeous updated facility. Melissa awarded a photo session at the venue and other items. It was a beautiful day at The Kincaid House.

Networking Coffee



Fox Toyota hosts community gathering

Once again, Fox Toyota's Networking Coffee drew a huge crowd. Ronnie Fox, co-owner of Fox Toyota, drew names for t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats to be given out to the crowd. Thank you for a wonderful event! Fox Toyota is a valued Chamber Community Partner!



AC Chamber Ambassadors attend Fox event

Our hard-working Chamber Ambassadors were present at the Fox Toyota Networking Coffee and looking gorgeous! Pictured: Chelsea Dotson, Conya Mull, Heather Scott, Jeanne Mitchell, Amanda Lett, Diane Allred and taking the photo, Kristin Olsen. Thank you, Ambassadors, for all you do!

PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

University adds sponsoring institutions

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) announced that they have added four institutions to their consortium: Yale University, Arizona State University as sponsoring institutions and Villanova University and Oakland University as associate members. Also, announced four new board members have been added; **Barry Burks**, Ph.D., North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, **Patricia Dehmer**, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Energy (retired), **Michele Masucci**, Ph.D., Temple University, **Debra Reinhart**, Ph.D., University of Central Florida, Council vice chair.



AC Hall of Fame induction

Fox Toyota owners **Ronnie Fox**, **Stanley Fox**, and **Becky Fox Grubb** were inducted into the Anderson County Hall of Fame for Business Leaders. Also, **Fox Toyota** recently sponsored the ACHS Track Club to help the team get their track resurfaced.

City of Clinton Fire Department rewarded



The **City of Clinton Fire Department** won an award for their efforts in child passenger safety. The “Child Passenger Safety Agency of the Year” award was presented to the department by East Tennessee Children’s Hospital. Receiving the award on behalf of the city was **Lt. Daniel Adams**, Firefighter **Joe Riggs** and Firefighter **Brice Kidwell**.

Credit Union networks with peers at conference

Y-12 Federal Credit Union Executives attend CUNA Governmental Affairs Conference which was an opportunity to network with over 3,000 credit union peers throughout the country and learn more about issues most critical to credit unions. In attendance were, **Keith Troup**, Executive Vice President/COO, **David Rupert**, Board Vice Chairman, **Mark Ziegler**, President/CEO and **Ron Honeycutt**, Board Chairman. During April, Y-12 renewed their partnership with the chamber.



AC School District’s Technology Dept. recognized

Anderson County School District’s Technology Department received a Tennessee Educational Technology Association Team award for outstanding innovations in technology from the Tennessee Education a Technology Association. **The Anderson County FFA** has won first place in the 2017 Tennessee FFA State Food Science and Technology contest with students placing; **Annalyse Leach**, 2nd High Scoring Individual, **Emma Johnson**, 3rd High Individual, **Emily Sparks**, 4th High Individual, **Ethan Lawson**, 5th High Individual in Tennessee. **Jordan Bowling** won the statewide essay contest in 4H for her essay title, “Tennessee 4 -H; Made from Scratch.” Three 4-H students were elected as delegates to the 4-H Congress; **Treythan Beaty**, **Jordan Bowling**, and **Nicholas Monday**.

Thermocopy staff run in April 5K

Thermocopy participated in the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon in April. Their 5k runners were **Matthew Coleman**, **Jeff Nieto**, **Alex Sams** and **Josh Fincher**. For each of our half marathon runners—**Chris Sizemore**, **Jennifer Nieto**, **Stephanie Wiggs** and **Heather Testerman**—this was their first time running an official half marathon. **Keith Young** and **Jane Haney** joined the Chamber Ambassador program.



Thermocopy garners 2017 CFO of the Year

Thermocopy CFO and executive director of sales/marketing **J. Mark DeNicola** has been recognized by Corporate Vision Magazine as it’s 2017 CFO of the Year – USA.

AC Chief Jailer inducted to Hall of Fame

Anderson County announced that **Chief Jailer Avery Johnson** was recently presented with the Jail Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee Corrections Institute. **Anderson County Sheriff Paul White** was recently inducted into the Anderson County Hall of Fame in the category Public Official.



MBI staff recognized

MBI CEO **Eddie Jett** received his partner plaque, seen here with President **Rick Meredith**. Also, **Beth Ann Carter**, Office Administrator of MBI, graduated from Leadership Anderson County.





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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Oak Ridge National Laboratory announced that **Dr. Budhu Bhaduri** has been selected for the **2017 Carolyn Merry Mentoring Award** by UCGIS for nurturing a widely successful mentoring and workforce training program in Geographic Information Science and Technology which has become a model for programs elsewhere connecting national labs with academic institutions in workforce training.

Roane State Community College announced graduates of their paramedic program that have received promotions within their agencies; **Carrissa Keathley** and **Misti Smiddy**, have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the Anderson County EMS operation. For the fourth consecutive year, **Roane State** is the only two-year educational institution in Tennessee whose students were invited to participate as volunteers at the Country Radio Seminar in downtown Nashville; music students **Elana Douglas**, **Bryce Laughlin**, **Cassi Maggard**, **Raegan Kennedy** and **Olivia Parker**. **Myra Peavyhouse**, **Roane State's Dean of Humanities**, also attended. RSCC has named **Owen Driskill** as executive director for the Oak Ridge campus and community relations. Assistant **Professor Elizabeth Genovise** has released a fictional story called "**The Stone Pear.**"

Steve Emert, County Commissioner and owner of **Emert Construction**, announced that he will be running for County Mayor in the 2018 election.

The Historic Downtown Clinton Merchants Association announced that Clinton had been chosen in the "**Top Ten Antiquing Towns in the US**" in Fodor's list for 2017.

City of Oak Ridge Recreation Manager Matt Reedy was named one of ten "**2017 Community Hero**" award winners from the International City/County Management Association. The honor is part of an ICMA initiative called "Life, Well Run," which aims to raise awareness of and appreciation for the value professional managers bring to build ethical, efficient, effective local governments and great communities that people are proud to call home.

Harrison Construction Company announced **Hoagie Carmichael** has been elected to the **Tennessee Concrete Association's Lifetime Hall of Fame for 2017.**



Anderson County Health Department's Healthier TN Active Anderson program received a grant check from the state for \$5000 for completing the first phase of the Healthier TN program. Pictured From left to right; Front row: **Anna Hurt**, Coordinated School Health; **Mayor Terry Frank**; **Kathy Scruggs**; **Nan Lynch**, Health Dept; **Kim Mitchell**, Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Back: **Jan Laurendine**, Coordinated School Health for Oak Ridge; **Stacey Pratt**, ASAP; **Art Miller**; **Tyler Daugherty**, Clinton Drugs and South College faculty; **Adam Guinn**, ASAP; **Kelly Johnson**, Clinton City Schools

Anderson County School's Board of Education member **John Burrell, Jr.** was named to the Anderson County Hall of Fame in the category Entrepreneur.

Lauren Biloski of The Law Office of Biloski and Miller was selected as a Top 40 Criminal Defense Lawyer Under 40 in the state of Tennessee.

East Tennessee Children's Hospital welcomed its first surgery patients to its new surgery center which is part of a 245,000-square foot expansion project. Also, ETCH recently partnered with **Kohl's Care** and donated bicycle safety helmets to Norris and Fairview Elementary students.

Design Innovation Architects have two architects who have accepted key leadership roles in the American Institute of Architects on a statewide level; **Greg Campbell**, Vice President of Operations, incoming President of the TN Chapter of AIA, and **Paul McCall** as a board member.

Helen Ross McNabb Center has promoted its senior finance director, **Jason Lay**, CPA to chief financial officer.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory has announced that **Collen Iversen**, ecosystem ecologist has been named an early career fellow of the Ecological Society of America, elected for a five-year term. Also, four technologies developed at the site have

earned Federal Laboratory Consortium awards for excellence in technology transfer. **ORNL** earned recognition for the following technologies; piranha text mining tool, open port sampling interfaces for mass spectrometry, superhydrophobic transparent glass thin film innovation and miniature ion trap mass analyzer.

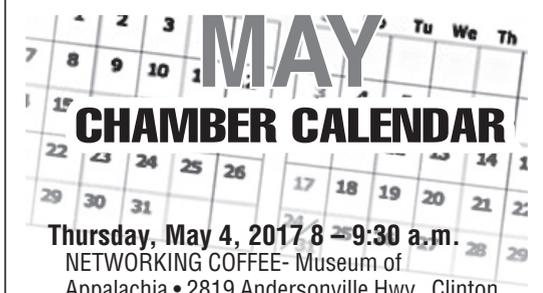
Y-12 National Security Complex was recently recognized by the **Tennessee Chamber of Commerce** with the Comprehensive Energy Excellence Award for taking advantage of the opportunities provided by Energy Savings Performance Contracts and implementing diverse energy improvement projects.

DesignSensory hired **Taylor Walters** as director of studio production, **Taylor Montgomery** as project coordinator and **Diana Lowrie** as graphic designer.

Larry Foster was inducted into the Anderson County Hall of Fame in the category of K-12 Education.

Studio Four Design has hired **Matt Johnson** as a design technician.

Bear Stephenson, of Stephenson Auction and Realty was inducted into the Tennessee 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame and as such joins the Tennessee 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame Benefactors Society.



Thursday, May 4, 2017 8 – 9:30 a.m.

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Friday, May 5, 2017 8 – 9:20 a.m.

RIBBON CUTTING – City of Clinton
Clinton City Hall, 100 N. Bowling St., 457-4651

Tuesday, May 16, 8:30 – 10 a.m.

SEMINAR - Business Planning
Jutta Bangs, TSBDC
Chamber Office. RSVP due to limited space, 865-457-2559

Thursday, May 18, 8- 9:30 a.m.

NETWORKING COFFEE
Community Trust Bank-Clinton
2106 N. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton, 865-457-8684

Tuesday, May 23, 10 a.m.

RIBBON CUTTING – ORNL Federal Credit Union – Clinton
1117 N. Charles Seivers, Clinton, (865) 688-9555

Wednesday, May 24, 4 – 5 p.m.

SEMINAR - Facebook Advertising
Daniel Monday, SlamDot
Chamber Office, RSVP due to limited space, 865-457-2559

Thursday, May 25, 3 – 4:30 p.m

SEMINAR - Cyber Security – Alicia Hall, Roane State Community College
Chamber Office RSVP due to limited space, 865-457-2559

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day
Office Closed

SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday, June 2, 6 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO BUSINESS – CASINO NIGHT
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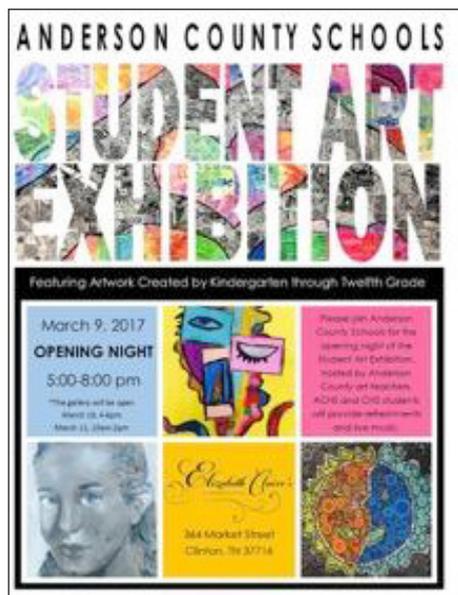
SCHOOL NEWS

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Student Art Show a Success!

A huge event packed downtown Clinton on Thursday, March 9th. It was Opening Night of the 1st Annual Anderson County Schools Student Art Exhibition, which was held at Elizabeth Claire's on Market Street.

Folks lined up down the block to get in and see some of the wonderful art projects, across different mediums, including painting and sculpture, made by students from every school in all grade levels.



Our awesome art teachers and Dr. Tim Parrott.

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Commissioner of Education Visits CES

Dr. Candace McQueen, Commissioner of Education for the state of Tennessee, visited Clinton Elementary School on Monday, March 27 as part of her "Classroom Chronicles" tour. Clinton City Schools was slated on her first day of spring school tours focusing on early literacy in elementary schools. Our system is a recipient of a state grant called "Read to Be Ready." The professional development and instructional materials provided in this grant are part of the state vision of achieving a 75% proficiency rate in Reading by 3rd grade.

During her visit, Dr. McQueen visited several classrooms including Kindergarten, First Grade, Fifth Grade and Sixth Grade. She observed shared reading, interactive read alouds, writing, vocabulary, and student engagement through Chrome Books. Afterwards, she met with school and district leadership in the library to discuss the CCS literacy framework and asked what supports schools needed from Tennessee State Department of Education to continue moving the needle in literacy. While talking to a reporter, Dr. McQueen stated, "It is exactly what we had hoped would be happening. Most impressive, is how the school district has created their own vision of the state's vision with a local group of talented educational leaders that have already bought into the state's goals and laid the foundation for building better



reading proficiency in schools. There has to be a foundation or framework in place for best practices and changes to occur. Clinton City Schools already has that framework in place." While exiting the door, Dr. McQueen stated that she would like to come back and highlight some of the best practices that she observed in her visit.

Dr. McQueen has been Commissioner of Education for approximately a year and a half. During this time, she has made a conscious effort to listen to a variety of stakeholders and use relevant data to make decisions for education in Tennessee. Her focus on children is evident by her interactions during classroom visits. Talking with the students is her main priority in school visits, and she is often seen kneeling down smiling and laughing with children. She has made early literacy one of her priorities, and Clinton City Schools appreciates her taking the time to see our practices in action.

AES First to Initiate First Book program

Andersonville Elementary School (AES) staff members realize education requires a partnership with our students, parents, and community. Recently, AES became the first Anderson County School to initiate the First Book digital library program using the Open eBooks iOS and android app. This corporately funded program provides access to thousands of digital books suitable for elementary school students through the New York City library and is free of charge to Title I schools.

The identification and login code for every AES student is supplied to his or her parents and provides years of access to the elementary school book collection. Headed by AES staff members, parent meetings, held after school hours, furnish training in the purpose and use of the app. Unlike personal devices which can be accessed without an internet connection, the First Book program, using the Open eBooks app, provides one way our AES staff partners with parents to meet the literary needs of every child every day.

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Summer Bridge Learning Program

The Summer Bridge Learning Program is another way AES promotes Parent and Community Involvement. This program helps keep AES students involved in learning activities throughout the summer break. Parents of student participants purchase, at a significantly reduced price, a summer workbook designed to review state educational standards in language arts, math, science, and social studies. Through this program, parents encourage their children to complete short daily assignments. Data gathered after the first year of this program indicates that most students who complete the program avoided educational regression during the summer break. Several students who were unable to purchase books were provided with books through the generosity of other students and

AES supporters.

A special aspect of the Summer Bridge Learning Program involves community partners who provide weekly incentives for students who complete an assigned portion of the workbook. Participation in this aspect of the program is voluntary and designed to support the extra efforts of our students and their parents. Students who complete the workbook are eligible to win prizes during a drawing held at a special school assembly in the fall. Prizes for the drawing are provided by several community partners and individual supporters of AES.

Community partners who supported our Summer Bridge Learning Program included: Andersonville Post Office, Chunky Monkey Ice Cream Shop, Fox Toyota, Junior

Achievement, Meadow View Senior Living, Museum of Appalachia, Norris Community Library, Pizza Plus, Ray Varner Ford, Sharp's Hardware, and Valero. We also had generous, anonymous donors who helped provide some end of program prizes. We are thankful for support from anonymous donors and community partners and look forward to a long relationship with them. As the Summer Bridge Learning Program expands, we welcome new community partner relationships and look forward to working with them on behalf of AES students.

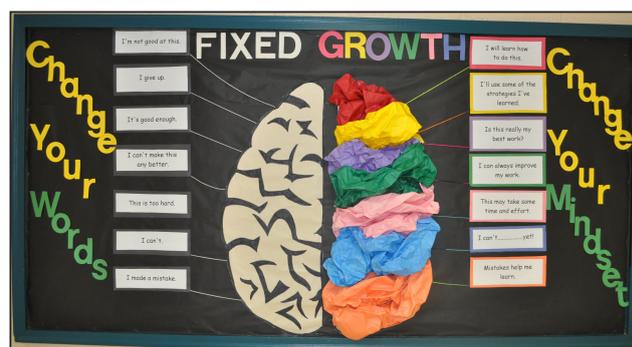
The Andersonville Elementary School staff is proud to support initiatives which highlight educational partnerships and focus on EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY... in and out of school.

“We Can Change How Smart We Are!”

Changing Growth Mindsets at Andersonville Elementary!

School culture has been a focus at Andersonville Elementary School for several years. Educating the whole child is a philosophy embraced by the staff. Last year, and continuing this year, Andersonville Elementary School launched a school-wide initiative revolving around increasing student motivation and effort by fostering a growth mindset with the students. Fostering a growth mindset is based on the research of **Dr. Carol Dweck**. Individuals with a growth mindset believe they can change how smart they are through utilizing non-cognitive factors when faced with personal and academic challenges. Students and staff that develop a growth mindset within themselves are able to face personal and academic challenges in a more constructive and effective manner by utilizing non-cognitive factors.

The staff introduced, educated and reinforced non-cognitive factors such as resilience, perseverance, grit, self-control, respect and responsibility to the students with the intent of impacting student attitudes and academic achievement. The methods and strategies our school utilized throughout the year included; growth mindset mini lessons delivered to all students, six character traits introduced to



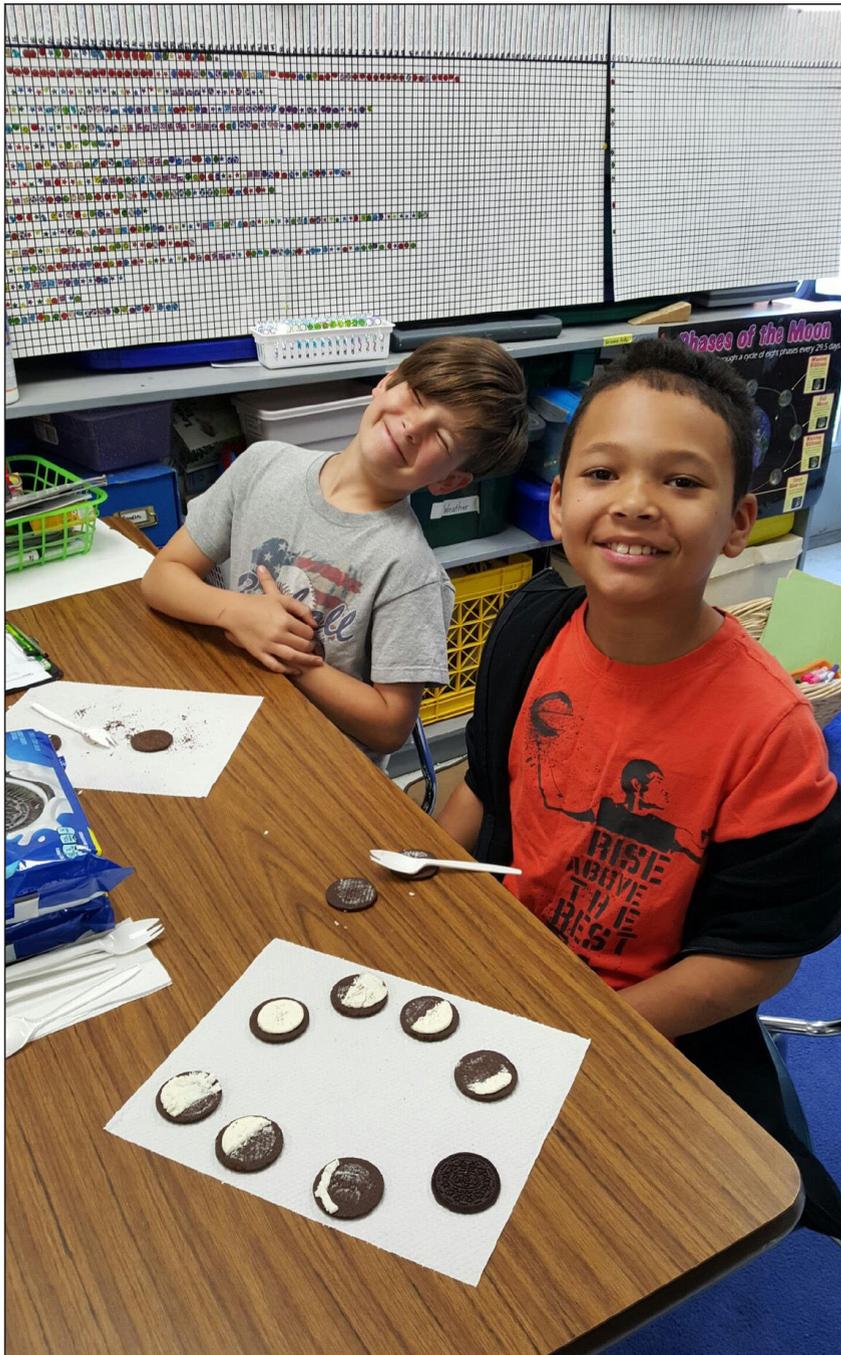
the school body through special assemblies, character trait videos featuring the staff, teacher brags of students during weekly assemblies reinforcing character traits, bulletin boards reflecting growth mindset student work, targeted classroom read alouds reinforcing the character traits, praise to students for effort, consistent growth mindset posters used school wide and home-school connections with parents through newsletters on the growth mindset initiative. The special growth mindset character trait assemblies are the heart of the initiative. During these special assemblies, the students are provided a definition of the character trait, shown a video clip related to the trait, individual students recognized by teachers providing peer examples of the trait,

staff featured videos acting out the trait, and a chant off between students and staff.

In the first year of the initiative, we conducted a survey in the fall and spring. The statements the students responded to were: Everyone Can Learn New Things, Some Kids are Born Smarter Than Others, and We Can Change How Smart We Are. The survey we used came from a resource written by education consultant and author, Mary Cay Ricci. By the spring, all three survey statements reflected an increase in a growth mindset belief system in student responses. The most significant change was a 10% increase in the belief of the students to the statement, We Can Change How Smart We Are. This data provides evidence that the growth mindset initiative is indeed impacting student attitudes, work ethic and how they are approaching academic challenges throughout the school day!

Several other Anderson County elementary schools have contacted Andersonville Elementary School about our growth mindset initiative and are now implementing the concept in their schools as well. In the fall of 2016, Andersonville Elementary School was invited to present at the SCORE (State Collaborative on Reforming Education) Summit Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, where one of the topics we discussed with the audience was the growth mindset initiative.

Edible Moons



If you visit Mrs. Tammy Pack's 4th grade class at NCES, you will see students integrating Science and Social Studies into their reading class. Recently, students were working to analyze the patterns, relative movements, and relationships among the sun, moon, and Earth. The learning outcome of the lesson was for students to organize the phases of the moon in the correct sequence and infer that the moon's phases are caused by the revolution of the moon and Earth around the sun. Students rotated through 7 learning centers which included creating their own moon phase flash cards, chalk drawings of the moon phase cycle, moon phase flap books, moon phase "motion" booklet, a discovery basket, and a teacher table. The culminating activity was edible!!! The students used Oreo cookies to construct the phases of the moon. In order for this activity to be considered a success,

students had to place the phases in the correct order, describe the phase, and the cause of the various phases. Afterwards, the students were rewarded by eating all their hard work! Who would want to pass up such a "treat" to learn about moon phases! CCS makes learning fun!!!

CCS Receives Fitness Grant from Education Foundation

The Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools awarded two grants to Clinton City Schools to support Physical Education programs in all three schools. The competitive grants were funded from the proceeds of the Clinton 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run on October 22, 2016. A total of approximately \$4,428 in grants were awarded in Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. The purpose of these grants is to initiate, maintain, or continue health and wellness activities for students. Terri Kerley, PE teacher at



Clinton Elementary, won a set of Math and Movement mats for addition and subtraction. Leslie Tumblin, PE teacher at North and South Clinton Elementary Schools, won an American Ninja Obstacle Course. The Education Foundation recognized the recipients at the Annual Teacher of the Year Banquet.

The Education Foundation began

sponsoring the Clinton 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run with the intent of developing a funding source, through competitive grants, for schools to directly impact the health and wellness programs and activities in our community schools.

The 6th Annual Clinton 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run is scheduled for October 21, 2017 in downtown Clinton. All proceeds from the race will be utilized for the Education Foundation competitive grants. For more information, please visit <http://www.theeducationfoundation.info> or <http://www.clinton5k.com>.



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Innovation Academy: A Hidden Gem

Innovation Academy is Anderson County Schools' online program for high school students. There are three different programs in Innovation Academy. The first program is Bridge Academy, where students who are behind can earn credits to catch up and graduate with their cohort. The second program is Opportunity Credits. Students in Opportunity Credits can either complete Credit Recovery to earn credit for a course they previously failed, or take a class which doesn't fit into their schedule on campus. The third program is the Anderson County Online Learning Academy, or ACOLA. These students are

home-based learners and work on their curriculum at home with the supervision of our certified teachers. ACOLA students may take all classes online, or may participate in on-campus classes. ACOLA students have taken on-campus classes such as ROTC, band, digital arts, cosmetology, culinary arts, and welding. ACOLA staff, students and parents have a class meeting bi-monthly. Students Anna, Caitlyn, Shelby, Bryce, and Dawson are shown at the April meeting. Jared Forgety of the Life Development Center led the students in team-building exercises which stressed cooperation and working together.

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SCES STEM Night

Thursday, March 2nd marked the very first STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) family night at South Clinton Elementary. Students and families were invited to come for dinner in the cafeteria to begin the evening. All SCES students were invited to eat for free, and family members could get a hot dog, chips, a drink, and a dessert for \$1.00. The Clinton High School robotics team was set up in the gym where they had several different stations set up for students. They also reserved an area of the gym for demonstrations with robots and invited students to play a game. Many of the students on the robotics team are Clinton City Schools alumni!

Each grade level had two different sessions where families could come in and complete a STEM activity. The first session took place from 6:00-6:30, and the second session was from 6:30-7:00. Each grade level team of teachers researched and planned their own unique STEM activity. Some of the activities included building catapults, building nests, finding the perfect amount of water to flip a water bottle using fractions, finding the best strategy for building a structure using plastic cups, and many more fun activities!

Mrs. Schlandt also had the book fair open during STEM night. Students and families had the opportunity to come in and browse the selection of books, posters, and accessories in between STEM sessions. Many families headed home with new books to read together as a family. The participation in our first STEM Family Night was exceptional. It is our goal this annual opportunity will spark students' interest in the various STEM careers.



Chamber Hosts Business Planning Seminar

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will host a free workshop for small business owners and entrepreneurs who want a better understanding of the business planning process. 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 Tuesday, May 16th, 2017 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce office, 245 N. Main St., Ste., 200, Clinton, with Jutta Bangs, Director of the

TSBDC at Roane State Community College. The seminar discussion includes the fundamentals of writing a business plan, market research, and financial projections. The workshop is also useful for existing businesses who are looking into obtaining financing. Business plans are required by lenders.

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, please visit www.tsbdc.org.

Facebook Advertising Seminar

Daniel Monday of Slamdot, Inc. will be teaching a seminar at the chamber on Facebook Advertising. Come learn how to most effectively use Facebook advertising to gain visibility and grow your business online. You'll get insight into using demographic and geographic targeting, as well as other aspects that will help you reach your ideal customers. RSVP to 457-2559 due to limited seating.

Wednesday, May 24 at 4 p.m.

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Members are asked to nominate their favorite businesses in each category.

Tickets are \$50 each or couples for \$90, and may be purchased at the Chamber Office or online at Chamber website, <http://tinyurl.com/znaqv98>. All tickets purchased will receive \$25k in chips to use at the casino. Extra chips will be available before the event for \$20. As soon as the casino starts, the purchasing stops.

This prestigious event has grown from a "great idea concept" to a "must attend event" for the Anderson County business community. The event will be held in an air-conditioned venue and guests will enjoy the small town atmosphere that is projected by the "BizTown" of Junior Achievement while playing games and enjoying the company of fellow business associates. Casual dress is the suggestion but you can wear whatever you might to a casino.

When the gaming ends, you can cash in your chips for tickets to place in boxes for a drawing of prizes. You must be present to win the great prizes that will be available and the tickets will be drawn and all prizes awarded at the end of the event.

There will also be a silent auction for those that aren't gamers and would like to bid and know they will be taking a prize home with them.

LBMC (Lattimore, Black, Morgan and Cain) is the exclusive sponsor for the casino with Trademark Advertising sponsoring the photo booth, Junior Achievement sponsoring the venue, Constellation Wines & Knox Beverage Company sponsoring the wine and Aubrey's sponsoring the beer. For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 865-457-2559.

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New Leadership Anderson County Advisory Board Members



Alice Crawley



Michael Ousley



Kim Maes



RaeAnn Owens

Leadership Anderson County welcomes four new members to their advisory board. Alice Crawley of Realty Executive Relocation, Kim Maes of Methodist Medical Center and RaeAnn Owens, Principal of Clinton Middle School, graduated from the Leadership Anderson County Program last month and were eager to join the advisory board and help continue to see this wonderful program grow. Also, Michael Ousley of Edward Jones joined the board and was a graduate of the 2016 Leadership class.

New Youth Leadership Advisory Board Members



Paula Sellers



Regina Copeland



Kristin Waldschlager

Youth Leadership Anderson County welcomes three new advisory board members from this year's Leadership Anderson County graduating class: Regina Copeland, Anderson County E911; Paula Sellers, Anderson County Schools; and Kristin Waldschlager, Consolidated Nuclear Securities.

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YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK



The Government/Community Relations Committee held their Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Clinton Community Center. Lt. Governor Randy McNally, Rep. John Ragan and Rep. Dennis Powers were in attendance and presented the Chamber with a Resolution from the State honoring the Chamber's 85th Anniversary. Pictured are B. J. Baxter, Chair-elect, Harold Edwards, Committee Co-chair, Rep. John Ragan, Melissa Charles, Board Chair, Lt. Gov. Randy McNally, Rick Meredith, Chamber President, David Erb, Committee Co-chair, and Larry Stephens, Board member.



Rick Meredith, President and Janet Hawkins, Executive Vice-President/Retail Development with the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce are presented with their graduation diplomas from 2017 Institute Chairman, Melinda Shepard and TCCE President, Bryan Daniels. Institute is a 2-year program sponsored by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, which aids in the advancement of leadership development of those in the field of Chambers of Commerce. Graduates learn about all aspects of Chamber Management. Kim Mitchell, Director of Marketing and Marsha Stapleton, Executive Assistant, completed their first year of the Institute.



Youth Leadership Anderson County Class of 2017 participated in Graduation ceremonies at Clinton High School School on April 11, graduating 25 students. YLAC Board Chair Renee Branham emceed the event.

Chuck Carringer with Chuck Carringer Executive Coaching, LLC presented the keynote address, followed by a reception. Numerous board members and parents attended graduation.

Graduating in the 2017 class: Sarah Abbott, MaKayla Andrews, Austin Bernard, Claudia Bible, Rhett Bowling, Samantha Campbell, Sarah Cardall, Hope Disney, Cameron Dupree, Molly Hembree, Molly

Herrell, Samantha Johnson, Kiki Krohn, Samantha Mack, Halie Martin, Stanton Martin, Cole McSpadden, Wes McSpadden, Georgia Pietrzak, Evan Pyles, Brisha Roxberry, Jessica Saganich, Makayla Seiber, Thomas Sexton, and Kaylee Webber.

Graduates were presented certificates by Chamber President Rick Meredith. The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce presents the Youth Leadership Anderson County program for Anderson County and Clinton High School sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students are now registering for fall of 2017. For more information contact the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or visit www.andersoncountychamber.org.

Jutta Bang of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center held a "Small Business Startup" seminar at the Chamber and spoke to a full house!



Leadership Anderson County graduated 24 students from their 27th year of the program. The graduates were treated to a ceremony at Calhoun's Oak Ridge, a PowerPoint of their year in pictures and an after party which was attended by Leadership Alumni, Young Professionals of Anderson County, and Lt. Governor Randy McNally. Trademark Advertising donated photos from a computerized photo booth.

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