

Workforce Development Resources Luncheon featured Randy Boyd

Leaders from business, local and post-secondary education across Anderson County gathered at the Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Tuesday for an Anderson County Workforce Development Training Resources Luncheon hosted by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Education & Workforce Development Council. The council plans for this to be the first of a series of in-depth county-wide discussions about how to ensure that our educational resources are focused at meeting the businesses workforce needs in Anderson County.

Randy Boyd, Governor Bill Haslam's Special Advisor on Higher Education, spoke about Tennessee's "Drive to 55"

initiative and the five main aspects to this statewide initiative: get students ready, get them into school, get them out of school, finish what we started with adult students and tie education directly to workforce needs. Mr. Boyd stated that "there are nearly a million Tennesseans that have some college credit but no degree – that's an untapped pool of people that we can get to complete a certificate or degree." He also discussed the tremendous opportunity that Tennessee Promise provides for our high school graduates by providing two years of community college with no tuition or fees and with the added support of a mentor for each student!

A panel of experts discussed the train-

ing opportunities available for local industries in Anderson County as well as resources for job creation tax credits and other workforce development initiatives currently underway locally. The panel consisted of: Dr. Chris Whaley of Roane State Community College; Teri Brahams of Pellissippi State Community College; Dwight Murphy from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology; Hoppy Merryman from GEAR UP; Larry Foster from Anderson County Schools; Gary Human from Tennessee Economic & Community Development; and Chris Tiller with East Tennessee Human Resource Agency.

A special thanks to Junior Achievement President Chip Reed for hosting the event and Pam Wilson, Director Ander-

son County Schools Culinary Arts Program for providing the lunch.

The Council is working to continue the dialogue on how our county can create a workforce development system that connects all the available resources in our communities. In addition to learning about the educational resources we have available, top employers that were in attendance will now be asked to help to identify action steps for this council and other community leaders to put in place an effective workforce pipeline that meets the demand of businesses and promotes job creation now and in the future.

For more information, contact the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce at 865-457-2559.

Member Focus:

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Shannan Greenhouse, the lead graphic designer, comes to us from Pellissippi State, where he studied Computer Information Technologies. He has extensive experience in graphic design, digital printing, bindery operations and more. He loves sharing his knowledge and passion for great design.

Jeff Mason, has over 20 years' ex-

perience working for printers all over the Southeast, and brings a wealth of experience to American Reprographics. Jeff's keen editing eye and precise organizational skills are informed by his wealth of knowledge in the field of print.

American Reprographics is a member of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce where establishing and maintaining business relationships is a vital part of their business.

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Leadership Anderson County Project

The Leadership Anderson County Class, sponsored by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, focused on the Child Advocacy Center of Anderson County (CAC) for their community project. The children, who visit the CAC, have not been able to use the playground for over a year due to safety issues. The Leadership class obtained donated perennial plants, trees, picnic tables and other materials to beautify the playground as well as the building's exterior. The CAC executive director, Margaret Durgin, was grateful for the class' work and "overwhelmed" by the impact on the facility.



Youth Leadership Agriculture/Tourism Day



Youth Leadership Anderson County participated in Agriculture/Tourism Day on October 7. Mike Smith, Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery Manager, explains the importance of turtles in the environment and how they carry salmonella. The class also visited Willow Ridge Garden Center, Sequoyah Farms and Norris Dam Marina. Samantha Jones, Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau, gave a presentation on tourism in Anderson County. Bear Stephenson, Stephenson Realty and Auction, addressed the importance being a leader and making wise choices in pursuing educational and career goals. Diversified Product Inspections, LLC (DPI) sponsored lunch for the class.

Chamber Seminar Series

Protect Your Small Business from Fraud

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce welcomes Jason Mooney, Regions Bank, who will present a seminar "Protect Your Small Business from Fraud", scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chamber office.

Financial loss due to fraud is something that companies are experiencing more and more. This seminar is geared to help business owners spot and mitigate the risk of potential financial loss due to fraudulent activity. This course will go over the different types of fraud that occur, as well as go over steps that can help prevent these different types of fraud from occurring. Actual fraud cases and the lessons learned

will be reviewed during this informative seminar.

Jason Mooney has been with Regions in Branch Banking for over 9 years. Before joining Regions, Jason was in the Risk Management and Insurance business for 4 years. Jason has assisted law enforcement and internal security in several instances to help stop fraudulent activity.

Free to Chamber members - \$10 for non-Chamber members

Limited number of seats available. Reserve your space for this valuable presentation by Tuesday, November 4. Call the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or email: accc@andersoncountychamber.org to reserve.



Anderson County Chamber Job Fair Held October 16

Over 250 in attendance



The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all who attended our first Industrial Job Fair on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Roane State Community College Clinton Higher Education and Workforce Training Facility. A special thanks to Roane State for the use of their facility, the Chamber Ambassadors for hosting and Michael Ousley who championed the idea and event.

Special appreciation to all exhibitors who joined us to recruit employees to fill jobs in Anderson County: Aerotek at Nelson Global Products, Aisin Auto-

motive Casting Tennessee, Eagle Bend Manufacturing, Express Employment Professionals, King University, Precision Resource Co., SL Tennessee, TempSystems/TSI Industrial, Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Knoxville, and Valley Apparel.

The Job Fair was a great success with over 250 in attendance.

For more information about the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, contact the Chamber at 865-457-2559.

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Coffee



Samuel Franklin

Sam George, Samuel Franklin, welcomed Chamber members to the 29th Annual Christmas Open House Kickoff with a Chamber coffee. Chamber members were the first to reap the storewide discounts and get into the Christmas spirit.

Coffee



United Way

Chamber members gathered at the Chamber office for the annual United Way of Anderson County coffee. Executive Director Rick Morrow and Campaign Chair Lydia Birk encouraged Chamber members to support United Way, its 35 agency partners and their 50 programs.

Ribbon Cutting



Willow Run Apartments

Willow Run Apartments, 517 Douglas Lane, Clinton celebrated the grand opening of their new luxury apartments on October 22 with an open house and Chamber ribbon cutting. L-R: Chamber Membership Executive Norm Nelson, Willow Run Property Manager Kim Henley, Willow Run Assistant Manager Patty Curtis and Chamber President Jackie Nichols.

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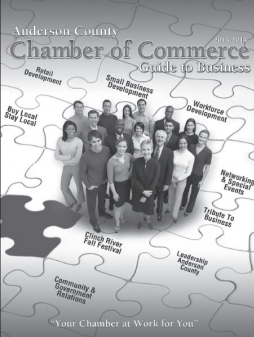
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“Protect Your Small Business from Fraud”
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*RSVP to 457-2559 due to limited space.
Bring your own lunch.*

Thursday, November 6
4 – 5:30 p.m.
**RIBBON CUTTING/
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Thursday, November 7
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
**6 COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA PRESENTATION**
Holiday Inn,
111 Hillvale Rd., Clinton

Wednesday, November 26
8:00 a.m.
**COFFEE/
SNEEK PEAK**
East Tennessee Children’s Hospital
Fantasy of Trees at Santa’s Skybox
Knoxville Convention Center
*RSVP by Nov. 19 to Jessica Boyd at
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SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, December 13,
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**Economic
Indicators
September**

**New Business
Licenses Issued – 22
Building Permits
Issued – 31
Unemployment – 7%**

Antique Festival

A success in spite of the weather!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all who attended the Fourteenth Annual Clinch River Antiques Festival, Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, in Historic Downtown Clinton. In spite of the damp weather a crowd joined us on Festival day. Local businesses and visiting vendors were pleased with their sales. Please join me in thanking the festival sponsors **Tennova Healthcare, Methodist Medical Center, SL Tennessee and Fox Toyota.**

A special thanks to **Clinton City Manager Roger Houck** and his department heads for city services provided for the festival. A special thanks to **Clinton's Event Coordinator Jason Brown** and **Clinton Police Department's Sgt. Jim Campbell.** A special thanks to the Downtown Merchants for their support and promotion of the fall festival and sharing the street on Saturday with a multitude of antique/artisan vendors.

I express my special thanks and appreciation to the Chamber Staff, Janet Hawkins and Kim Mitchell. Their contribution was major. They spent many hours problem solving, coordinating and attention to last minute details, facilitated a shuttle service, additional vendor space plus they were on site Friday and Saturday.

A Festival of this magnitude requires a host of volunteers and community support.

The success of this event can be contributed to these dedicated individuals. In addition to their efforts prior to the festival, they volunteered on Friday and Saturday.

Community Support: Thank you to all the **local businesses and organizations** for their cooperation and support of this event. Thank you to **Hoskins Medical Supply** for their parking lot; **Clinton Antique Mall** for sponsoring appraiser Joe Rosson and Rick Crane; **Clinton Baptist Association, Black Oak Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church-Oak Ridge** for the vendor's Hospitality Suite; **Comfort Inn-Oak Ridge and Hampton Inn-Oak Ridge** for Festival lodging discount; **Anderson Farmers Co-op** for beautiful mums and hay bales; **Clinton Drug Store, Peoples Bank of the South, Walgreen's, Stephanie Wells, Anderson County Tourism** for digital sign coverage; **Fox Chevro-**

let, Memorial United Methodist Church, Shoney's-Clinton, and Walgreen's I-75 for banner placement; **City of Clinton** for the stage; **Clinton Elementary School** for use of parking lot.

Entertainment: Our special thanks to **Dean & Danna Axley, Lisa Brock, Harry & Libby Bumgardner, David & Charity Daly, Lynn Fox, Jim & Paula Green, Mike & Rachel Walker, Faith Walker, Sarah Grace Walker and Joe Allen** for the Aaron Burr/Alexander Hamilton Duel Re-enactment; **The Walker Boys, Denim & Diamonds Square Dance Club, The Real McCoys and Adam Whipple** for entertainment.

Volunteers: Our special thanks to **Chamber Board Members: Chairman Terry Payne, Vice Chairman Stephen Harris, Dave Conrad, Natalie Erb and Tim Isbel; Additional Chamber Staff: Norm Nelson; Chamber Ambassadors: Diane Allred, Susan McGetrick, Michael Ousley; Leadership Anderson County Board and Class Members: Michael Foster and Suzanne Oliver;** Other valuable volunteers: **Dan Hawkins, Don Hughes, Hugh Nichols, Jimmy Olsen, and Kristin Olsen.**

Our special thanks to **100+ Antique, Artisan and Food Vendors; Local Antique Car Owners** for Antique Car Exhibit; **Beth Hickman, Patricia Kullman, Martha Rauch,** for manning the information booth; **Charlotte Bowers, Teresa Grayson, Kim Harris,** for hosting the Hospitality Suite; **Phyllis Booth** for decorating the Gazebo area, **Hoppy Merryman and Gear Up Students;** and the **Clinton High School ACES Students,; TNAchieves Students; Events Council Members: Co-Chair Natalie Erb, Phyllis Booth, Charlotte Bowers, Margaret Durgin, Stephen Harris, Crystal Huskey, Teresa Portwood, Martha Rauch, Sandra Shannon, and Tena Tarver.**

Very special thanks to **Museum of Appalachia's Director Elaine Meyer.** The number of out-of-state attendees was directly related to festival flyers distributed at the Museum of Appalachia Homecoming. We also express our appreciation for the excellent coverage received from newspaper, radio and TV media throughout the region. This cooperative effort resulted in a boost to our community and the local economy.

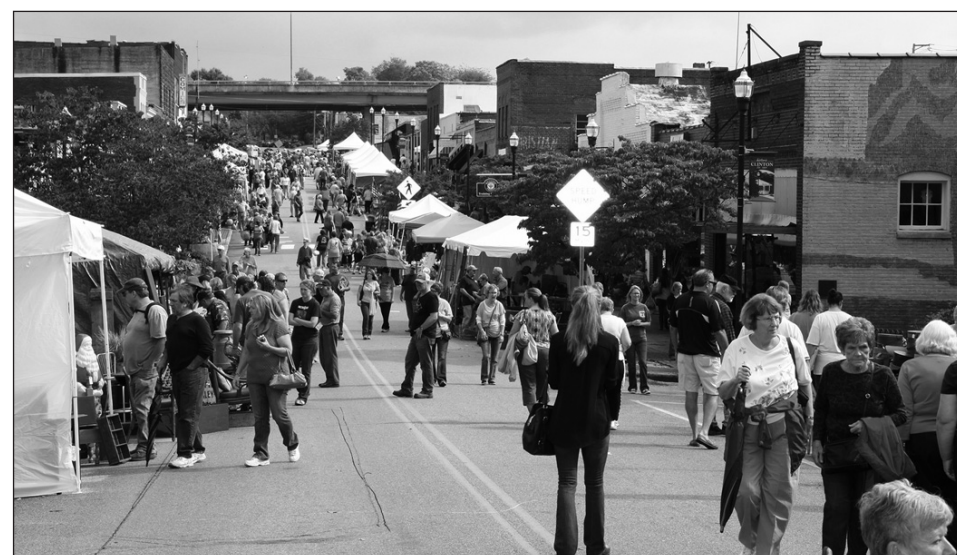
We hope we have not missed thanking anyone who helped make this Festival such a success. If so, we apologize...and **THANK YOU!!!**

Photos, from top: The Fall Festival continues to be one of the places to be on the 2nd Saturday in October.

Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton prepare to step off in the Re-enactment of the famous duel that changed the name of a town from Burrville to Clinton.

The Real McCoys were a crowd pleaser with their unique take on bluegrass. Also performing: Denim & Diamonds Square Dance Club, and Adam Whipple & Friends. The Walker Boys performed on Friday night.

Festival Shoppers enjoy a break from the showers to catch the best in antiques.





MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

King University in Bristol has been named one of the Best Regional Universities in the South by U.S. News and World Report.

East Tennessee Children's Hospital's director of critical care nursing **Sherrie Smith** has received a Partners and Leadership Award from the Tennessee Public Health Association. **East Tennessee Children's Hospital** has named **Dr. Lise Christensen** chief clinical officer.

Pellissippi State Community College has received \$1 million in funds to integrate new educational and career training strategies for students with disabilities. **Pellissippi State Community College's** foreign languages program coordinator and

an associate professor of Spanish, **Marilyn Palatinus**, has been named this year's Jacqueline Elliott Award recipient by the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association. For the second year in a row, **Pellissippi State** leads the state in the number of associate's degrees awarded by a two-year college.

In the 2013-2014 school year, **Pellissippi State** awarded 1,286 associate's degrees—more than last year's record-setting 1,265 degrees. According to the Tennessee Board of Regents, **Pellissippi State's** governing body, the college also awarded 693 certificates.

Anderson County High School's Future Farmers of America State CDE (Career

Development Event) teams will represent Tennessee at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY in October. Competing teams include: Food Science and Technology, the Milk Quality and Products, and Veterinary Science.

Roane State Community College's associate professor of business, **Brad Fox**, was selected as a recipient of the 2014 Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Award.

TNBank has hired **Heather Emert** as assistant vice president in real estate lending and **Lauren Turpin** has been named a customer service representative in the main Oak Ridge office.

Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Canon, Inc., announces **Tom Minyard** has

joined the firm as the Civil Works Program Manager. Prior to joining **Barge Waggoner, Minyard** served as Engineering and Construction (E&C) Division Chief for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USAED)-Memphis District.

The Free Medical Clinic

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