



# Chamber Luncheon features Eric Benson

## Why Seeking “Work-Life Balance” Will Drive You NUTS!!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome featured speaker Eric Benson, to our Quarterly Networking Luncheon on Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Pollard Technology Conference Center, 205 Badger Ave., Oak Ridge. Benson will present Why Seeking “Work-Life Balance” Will Drive You NUTS!! (...and what you should be seeking instead....)

Reserve your seat for the luncheon and receive “The 4 Checkpoints” to getting on your path to wholeness so you can “Smile More & Stress Less”. High-energy and humor are hallmarks of Eric’s presentations, so get ready to be engaged as he shares

the starting points for putting it all together and creating a life you love!

For more than 30 years, Eric Benson has been studying people in action. Eric has seen the high performers and the low performers, the motivated and the unmotivated, as well as the happy and the unhappy. Working with people across the spectrum has convinced Eric that too many people are too stressed to truly love their life. Bound by beliefs and behaviors that lock them into a perpetual cycle of “sameness”, Eric now concentrates his efforts on providing people with the keys for unlocking their full potential for living the extraordinary life they were always meant to live.

Eric's formal education includes a B.S. in Industrial Technology, an A.A.S. in Personnel Administration, and coursework in Leadership and Communication as well as Productivity Enhancement & Measurement Techniques. His professional development continues through his affiliation with speakers' associations and his personal studies into the psychology of human potential.

The public is invited to this informative luncheon. Tickets - \$25 for Chamber members - \$40 for guests - are available at the Chamber office or by visiting the Chamber's website [www.andersoncounty-chamber.org](http://www.andersoncounty-chamber.org).



## Member Focus: Coal Creek Smokehouse

Coal Creek Smokehouse is a family owned business that sells Bar-B-Que in a small restaurant in Rocky Top, Tennessee. In business since October 22, 2014, products are sold through dine-in, takeout, catering, and delivery, offering pulled pork, St. Louis style ribs, pulled chicken, chicken leg quarters, chicken wings, bologna, candied bacon, smoked sausage, and

more. All meat is dry rubbed and smoked low and slow with hickory and oak. Sides and desserts are made from scratch, including baked beans, coleslaw, jalapeno coleslaw, mac and cheese, hash brown casserole and more. Desserts include buttermilk pie, rocky top special, and other seasonal items. The menu can be found on [www.coldcreeksmokehouse.com](http://www.coldcreeksmokehouse.com) and Coal Creek Smokehouse can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The response from people in Anderson County, Campbell County, Knox County, and travelers from out of state who find them on yelp or driving thru town has been tre-



mendous. Another Lang smoker and a walk-in cooler will be added to meet demand. Future plans include purchasing a food truck to sell their products at festivals and customers at the various industrial parks in Anderson and Campbell County. Within the month their logo will be on the food highway sign for I-75 Exit 128 to Rocky Top, Tn which should attract more customers.

The business was a dream of Sean Dougherty who is the pit master and it was his idea to honor the history of the town when the coal miners took on the State of Tennessee over the use of convicts in the mines back in the 1890s. The restaurant is situated next to the future site of the Coal Creek Miners Museum. A dream of Sean's brother John to have his own restaurant business has come to fruition with Coal Creek Smokehouse. John, who is our operations manager and has over 30 years of experience in restaurant management, left his general manager position in Kentucky to fulfill this dream. Luci "Mama

Bates" is the product developer who thinks of herself as the Paula Dean of the smokehouse. She has developed all the recipes for our sides and two BBQ sauces (tomato based and mustard) which we plan to bottle and sell in the store as well as thru shipping.

"We joined the Chamber in October 2014 because we felt it would provide positive benefits for our business. Our investment in the Chamber has paid off handsomely. The Chamber has provided us with excellent networking opportunities and has allowed us to showcase our product as well as advertise ourselves to other businesses. In addition, seminars have been presented that assisted us in our operations and exposed us to resources such as the Small Business Administration, Tennessee Small Business Development Center, and opportunities for small business loans. Through the Chamber we have found our insurance agent, health care insurance, and opportunities for potential future business. In addition the Chamber personnel have been an excellent resource in providing us with ideas and support for our business."

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# PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

**ORAU** received a contract from the Department of Energy for a five-year, \$23 million contract to continue managing its National Supplemental Screening Program. **ORAU** has managed this worker health screening program for DOE since 2005. The screening programs are free for former energy workers who may have been exposed to hazardous substances at work.



## Leadership Anderson County



Above left - "During their Technology/Industry Day, the 2015 class of Leadership Anderson County visited the Y-12 National Security Complex, starting with the Y-12 History Center."

Above right – "During a tour of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Manufacturing Demonstration Facility (ORNL MDF), the 2015 class of Leadership Anderson County checks out the Shelby Cobra replica that was manufactured at ORNL using a 3-D printing process. The Cobra is the same vehicle on display during a visit from President Obama and Vice President Biden to Techmer PM in Clinton, manufacturer of the carbon fiber composite material used in the 3-D printing process."



Leadership Anderson County is now accepting nominations/applications for the 2016 Class.

For more information or to obtain an application call the Chamber office or visit the website:

[www.andersoncountychamber.org/the-chamber/leadership/](http://www.andersoncountychamber.org/the-chamber/leadership/)

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# Thank you for your Renewal!

Anderson County Health Department  
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CONSOL Energy  
Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC  
Coldwell Banker – Wallace & Wallace  
Cooley Signs, Inc.  
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Express Employment Professionals  
Girl Scouts Council of the  
Southern Appalachians  
Gondolier Italian Restaurant & Pizza  
G. T. Discount Tire & Auto Repair  
Hampton Inn  
Harrison's, LLC  
H & R Block – Martin Gerbman  
Healthy Visions Training Company  
Hoskins Medical Supply  
Imprint Impressions  
L. K. Williams Inc.  
Mortgage Options Lending

Museum of Appalachia  
Peoples Bank of the South  
Pleasantries Cakes and Catering  
Slamdot  
Summit Medical Group of Oak Ridge  
Tennessee Tool & Engineering, Inc.  
Tennova Digestive Disease Center  
Thermocopy  
Waste Connections of TN, Inc.  
Woodhaven Funeral Home and  
Memorial Gardens  
Zaxby's

### Individuals

Lydia Birk  
Jeff Cole, Anderson County Clerk  
Rep. Dennis Powers  
Tim Shelton,  
Anderson County Register of Deeds



### Thursday, April 2

8-9:30 a.m.  
COFFEE  
Auto Medic  
811 Clinch Avenue  
South Clinton  
457-7070

### Tuesday, April 7

11:30 – 1 p.m.  
SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR –  
Business Planning  
Jutta Bangs, TSBDC  
Chamber Office  
RSVP due to Limited Space  
457-2559

### Thursday, April 16

8 – 9:30 a.m.  
COFFEE  
Hoskin's Drug Store  
85th Anniversary  
111 N. Main St., Clinton  
457-4340

### Friday, April 17

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
QUARTERLY LUNCHEON  
Eric Benson, Keynote Speaker  
“Why Seeking ‘Work-Life Balance’  
Will Drive You NUTS!”  
Pollard Technology Conference Center  
210 Badger Ave.  
Oak Ridge  
RSVP for tickets to 457-2559  
Members \$25  
Non-Members \$40

## Economic Indicators February

New Business  
Licenses Issued – 17  
Building Permits Issued – 9  
Unemployment – 6.5%

### Thursday, April 30

3 – 7 p.m.  
JOB FAIR  
New Hope Center  
602 Scarboro Road  
Oak Ridge

### Thursday, April 30

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS  
Costco  
New Hope Center  
602 Scarboro Road  
Oak Ridge

## SAVE THE DATE!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 6 P.M.**  
TRIBUTE TO BUSINESS  
“Dinner on the Lawn”  
Museum of Appalachia

Scheduled meetings at Chamber office  
unless otherwise indicated.

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# Coffee



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## Bristol Park of Oak Ridge

Laura Aslinger, Assistant Community Manager, and Kim Klemm, Community Manager, Bristol Park of Oak Ridge stand ready to greet Chamber members and guests that braved the weather to attend the Chamber Coffee on March 5. Bristol Park features one, two, three bedroom luxury apartment homes with 24-hour maintenance and resort style amenity package. Visit Bristol Park at: <http://www.bristolparkoakridge.com/>

# Ribbon Cutting



## Neighborhood Urgent Care

Neighborhood Urgent Care opened their new office at 120 Tanner Lane, Clinton, on Thursday, March 12 with an Anderson County Chamber Ribbon Cutting. Front row L-R: Richard Helm, Accountant; Lindsey Longmire, Nurse; Erica Nelson, Executive Assistant; Maxwell Meyers, Amelia Meyers, Holly Smith, COO; Debra Davidson, Occupational Medical Coordinator; Matthew Meyers, CEO; Chamber members: Robin Singleton, Jeanne Mitchell, Robin Proffitt; Mary Fowler, Receptionist; Norm Nelson, Chamber Membership Executive. Second row L-R: Shirley Webber; Hutson Meyers; Chamber Member Dave Conrad; Douglas Lillifield, PA; Chamber Members Jasper Young, Don Whitaker, Nicki Ward, Pam Forgyt. Neighborhood Urgent Care provides primary and urgent care services on a scheduled and walk-in basis.

## Clinch River Home Health

Clinch River Home Health celebrated their 40th Anniversary of serving Anderson and surrounding counties with a Chamber Coffee on Thursday, March 19 at the Chamber office. Executive Director Beth Fee welcomed Chamber members and guests and invited them to learn more about the services of CRHH by visiting their office or [www.crhh.net](http://www.crhh.net).

# Seminar



## Small Business Seminar

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Small Business Start-Up Seminar presented by Jutta Bangs, TSBDC (Tennessee Small Business Development Center) on Tuesday, March 10. For more information on future seminars contact the Chamber at 865-457-2559 or for more information about TSBDC visit: [www.tsbd.org](http://www.tsbd.org).

# Announcing Job Fair

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce will host a Job Fair to recruit employees for our local businesses and industries on Thursday, April 30, 3 – 7 p.m., New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd., Oak Ridge. This one-day event allows job seekers to connect face-to-face with local businesses and industries seeking employees.

Job Fair employers/vendors to date include: Eagle Bend Manufacturing,

Express Personnel MAG-USA, SL Tennessee, Temp Systems, Inc., Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Knoxville, and Y-12 National Security Complex, Premier Solutions International.

Attendees may be able to submit



Professionals, resumes,

complete applications, schedule interviews and make contacts for future job openings. Free admission and free parking.

Space is available for employers seeking employees. An 8 x 8 space with 6 ft. table, 2 chairs will be pro-

vided. Rooms will be available for on-the-spot interviews. Registration: Chamber Members \$150, Non-Chamber Members - \$200. (\$50 may be applied to Chamber membership).

For a registration form or for more information contact the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce at 865-457-2559, email: [accc@andersoncountychamber.org](mailto:accc@andersoncountychamber.org), or visit: [www.andersoncountychamber.org](http://www.andersoncountychamber.org).

## Anderson County Vendors Breakfast

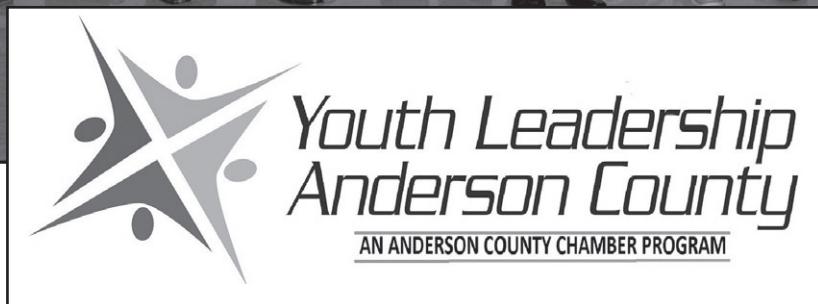


The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce participated in the first Anderson County Vendors Breakfast for Anderson County Business Owners on Tuesday, March 24, at 205 Main. The breakfast focused on how business owners can do business with Anderson County Government so procurement dollars can be reinvested back into the local economy. Pictured L-R: Chamber Membership Executive Norm Nelson, Anderson County Purchasing Department Staff Karen Whaley, Toni Romero, Sheila Davis, Purchasing Agent Pamela Cotham; Mayor Terry Frank, and Vendor Registry's Brian Strong.

## HealthCare and Tax Preparers Seminar



David Vudragovich, HealthMarkets Agent, presented an informative seminar "HealthCare and Tax Preparers – How to be Your Client's Hero" at the Chamber office clarifying how HealthCare and Taxes work together. For your Healthcare needs call David Vudragovich at 865-806-5837 or email [david@vudragovich.com](mailto:david@vudragovich.com). If you missed the 2015 HealthCare Enrollment, you have a second chance....call now to see how to qualify!



Youth Leadership Anderson County visited the State Capitol for State Government Day on March 11, touring the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, State Capitol and participating in a Mock Session with State Senator Randy McNally. Y-12 Federal Credit Union participated as a lunch sponsor. The class posed for a photo with Governor Bill Haslam and Senator Randy McNally. Youth Leadership Anderson County is a program of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce consisting of sophomores, juniors and seniors from Anderson County and Clinton High Schools. Applications are now being received for the 2015-2016 class. For more information contact the Chamber or a high school counselor.

## Post Your Employment Needs!

**Are you hiring?** The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce will list your Job Opening for free on the Job Postings page on our website. Please send the details to [janet@andersoncountychamber.org](mailto:janet@andersoncountychamber.org) or fax to 865-463-7480.



# Chamber Hosts Business Planning Seminar

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center will host a free workshop for potential and existing 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, April 7, 2015, 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, Director of the TSBDC center at Roane State Community College.

The workshop covers the fundamentals of writing a business plan, as well as specifics of market research, operations, and financial projections.

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](mailto:accc@andersoncountychamber.org). To learn more about the TSBDC, please visit [www.tsbdc.org](http://www.tsbdc.org).



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# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**BarberMcMurry** has hired **Andrew Newman** as a LEED accredited designer.

**Pinnacle Financial Partners** has hired **Misty Bailey** and **Karen Shorter** as service specialists.

**Kramer Rayson's Robert Bowman** has earned the Rule 31 Listed General Civil Media-tor credential from the Tennessee Supreme Court.

**CTP Transportation Services,**

formerly Carlisle Tire & Wheel, is now **The Carlstar Group**.

**Pellissippi State Community College** and the **Tennessee Board of Regents** presented **Clayton Homes and the Clayton Family Foundation** with the Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy at a legislative breakfast.

**Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc.'s** Community Fund made a \$2500 donation to the Salvation Army's Angel Tree

Program.

**Oak Ridge National Laboratory's** materials scientist Sergei Kalinin has been awarded the inaugural Medal for Scanning Probe Microscopy (SPM) by the Royal Microscopical Society (RMS).

**The Town of Oliver Springs** has announced that **Becky Campbell** has been named City Manager and **Lisa Relford** has been hired as her assistant.

**Michael Brady, Inc.** is celebrating their 25th anniversary. MBI announces **Jamie Day** has joined the firm as an electrical designer and **Cindy Moore** has joined as a marketing director in the architectural department.

**All Occasions Party Rentals'** President **Terry Turner** has been named the President of the American Rental Association Board of Directors.

**Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS)** President and

Chief Executive Officer **Jim Haynes** recently presented the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Clinch Valley with a donation of \$25,000 to help improve the clubs' Oak Ridge facility.

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