



New Board Members Announced



Nick Forrester



Joey Smith



Kristin Waldschlager



Gordon Williams



John Wright

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce our newly elected board members for the 2018 – 2020 board. **B.J. Baxter**, of Methodist Medical Center Oak Ridge, will be this year's Board Chair and **Robin Hunley**, of Powell Clinch Utility District, will be the Chair-Elect. **Nick Forrester** has 10 years' experience in the political, government and higher education arenas. Nick has been a part of TCAT Knoxville since November 2016 and serves as Leap Grant Coordinator, which leads 8 high schools in Anderson, Blount and Knox counties in starting advanced manufacturing programs. As a partner in Titan Political Strategies, Nick utilizes his vast experience in budgets, business

development and government relations to advise our clients in the most comprehensive ways possible. In addition to being a certified public administrator, Nick has his M.B.A. and served on the Roane County Commission from 2010 to 2014. He lives in Kingston and has a 4-year-old son named Easton. **Joey Smith** is married to Susan and they have two children: Caroline and Bennett. He has 16 years' experience in advertising, marketing, and visual presentation. His education experience is: Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRI), Graduate of Leadership Anderson County, Graduate of Leadership KAAR, Graduate of Clinton High School and Freed-Hardeman University. He is also a member of the Clinton City

Schools Board of Education, and a Deacon, and Treasurer at Clinton Church of Christ. **Joey** works at Sellers Realty and is a 2013 - 2017 Multi-Million Dollar Real Estate Producer. He has earned the 2014 KAAR Gold Award of Excellence as well as the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2013 KAAR Silver Award of Excellence, and the Robert Gonia Regional Leadership Award. **Kristin Waldschlager** works as an Education Outreach Specialist with Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC. In this role, Kristin supports education by investing in versatile program partnerships which

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MEMBER FOCUS Ace Hardware of Clinton

Locally, Ace Hardware of Clinton has been serving the community in its current location at 929 N Charles G Seivers Blvd since late 2011 and before that it was at its former location 356 Market Street downtown Clinton from 1949-2011. In our community we are committed to be the most helpful and knowledgeable hardware store that we can be, and are also committed having the best selection of products for our consumers at competitive prices. In January 2018, we are going to completely reset our plumbing department from top to bottom to continue to insure we have the best mix along with new innovative products available to you. We pride ourselves in our ability to help you find what you need fast and to give you the helpful hardware advice to help get your job completed. Our Associates are well trained and knowledgeable, and if they can't personally answer your question they will find someone in our facility that can.



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Anderson County Receives ThreeStar Award For Fifteenth Year

The ThreeStar Governor's Award Certification program is designed to focus activity for improvements in five key community development areas: Jobs & Economic Development, Fiscal Strength & Efficient Government, Public Safety, Education & Workforce Development, and Health & Welfare. These priority areas have been identified as critical to ensuring the success of Tennessee communities. Participation in the ThreeStar program is based on an annual evaluation and activity plan. Local community leaders and Joint Economic and Community Development Boards are encouraged to implement activities that will impact the

community's competitiveness in a global economy. Participating counties (and cities in these counties) are eligible for a discount (for eligible projects) on both the business development and community development ability-to-pay calculations (CDBG and FastTrack) each year the county fulfills the requirements of the ThreeStar program. Additionally, only cities and counties that are active participants in the ThreeStar program are eligible to participate in other select TNECD Rural and Community Development programs. Finally, there is an annual grant for counties to serve as seed

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Brooxie Carlton, TCECd Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Jody Sliger, TCECd Community Development Director, Bob Rolfe, TCECd Commissioner, Rick Meredith, Governor Bill Haslam, Tim Thompson, Amy New, TCECd Assistant Commissioner, Rural Development

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Kick Off Event



President of Roane State Community College Chris Whaley takes a photo of the students participating in this year's "Dream it. Do it!" East Tennessee during the kick off for the event.

Networking Coffee



Peoples Bank of the South held a networking coffee and Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager Don Whitaker welcomed the guests. Several items were given out in recognition of Peoples Bank's 100th year in business.



SL Tennessee hosted a coffee and Plant Manager Scott Laska gave a presentation to a packed house after which the crowd was given a tour of the facility.

Ambassadors



The Chamber Ambassadors enjoyed lunch at River View Grill while preparing for the next month's events.

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835 on a 1,000-point scale. According to surveyed consumers, Ace performs particularly well in the categories of staff and service, as well as store facility."

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce has been very supportive of our business and helpful at every turn. Through the Chamber, we had the honor of being nominated for the 2016 Small Business Excellence Award and had the privilege of accepting it at the Tribute to Business. Although,

we have recently just started taking advantage of the Chamber's opportunities, we have seen the value in meeting with other local business owners and operators. We look forward to a bright future here in Anderson County along with the Chamber's help and resources.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Five Star Food Service will retrofit its existing micromarket coolers and freezers and equip new ones with TriTeq Lock and Security LLC's health timer door locks over the next two years. The health timer locks continually monitor the temperature and power source to the cooler so that power outages or incorrect temperature will cause the glass door cooler/freezer to lock down to prevent the consumer from accessing product that is potentially unsafe.

StrataG recently helped Habitat for Humanity to repair two veteran's homes in Anderson County.

Habitat for Humanity announced that **Nancy Culberson** was their volunteer of the month of September and **Jennifer Walker** was the volunteer of the month of October. They also thanked David Vudragovich for sponsoring their communications this month.

Small Paws Bed and Biscuit and owner, **Kristin Olsen**, are celebrating 10 years in business. Congratulations Kristin!

Morning Pointe Assisted Living/The Lantern announced that **Joni Howard** received the **Exceeding Expectations Associate** accolades.

ASAP of Anderson County raised more than \$33,000 to close a funding gap by Camping for Community on the front steps of the Anderson County Courthouse.

Centrus has signed a contract with **ORNL/UTBattelle** to continue advancing the US gas centrifuge uranium enrichment technology at its Oak Ridge Facilities.

ORNL announced their top scientist award during their annual Awards Night recently. **Georgia Tourassi**, who works in the Computational Sciences and Engineering Division and is director of the Health Data Sciences Institute at ORNL, received the top scientist award, "Outstanding Individual Accomplishment in Science and Technology." She also received the "Distinguished Researcher" Award. **Brian Weston**, Neutron Sciences Directorates' Research Reactors Division, received the **Director's Award** for Outstanding Individual Accomplishment in Mission Support. He was also cited for distinguished contribution to the High Flux Isotope Reactor's outstanding performance and for sustained contributions to other laboratory and DOE projects. **Timothy Burress**, **Jason Pries**,

Lixin Tang and Randy H. Wiles received the Director's Award for Outstanding Team Accomplishment for their development of a low cost, high power density prototype motor. **ORNL** has also partnered with the **City of Oak Ridge** to develop UrbanSense, a sensor network and real-time visualization platform that helps cities evaluate trends in urban activity. **Michael Fitzsimmons** has been elected Vice President of the Materials Research Society. **Teressa McKinney**, a program manager in the Nonproliferation Safeguards and Security Directorate, has been elected fellow of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management.

StudioFour Design won the "2017 Solomon Award for design" by the Worship Facilities Network for their work on the Grace Baptist Church student ministry building.

AtWork Group was honored with their fifth Top 200+ ranking from the Franchise Times' list which ranks the top franchise systems in the U.S. based on system-wide year over year sales growth. **AtWork** was listed at No. 198, up 16 places from last year.

CNS/Y-12 National Security Complex announced that Ray Smith, the Y-12 National Security Complex Historian, received the U.S. Department of Energy Gold Medal Award for his contribution to helping establish the new national park.

City of Oak Ridge's City Manager Mark Watson was honored recently with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas University City Managers and Trainees Alumni Organization. The award recognizes individuals who have, through cumulative career achievements and successes, furthered the purpose of the KUCIMAT organization, the press release said. Speaking about the award, Watson said: "I was deeply surprised and honored that my fellow city managers from across the nation and United Kingdom had recognized me for my work. Members of my family, a number of friends, and many of my past interns, who are now practicing city managers, were there honoring me with their attendance." Watson is a graduate of the University of Kansas and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration in city management.

TNBank welcomes **Sarah Nickel-Robinson** as Controller.

PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

Y-12 Federal Credit Union was recognized by CUNA Mutual Group for outstanding lending programs with the "2017 Excellence In Lending Award for Consumer Lending". They were honored for their multifaceted approach to growing consumer lending, including improving the borrower experience, saying yes to more loans and enhancing operational efficiency. After hiring a new director of lending, the credit union reorganized and centralized its lending staff and rewrote its loan policy and manual with a major shift to manage risk, not avoid it. Direct and indirect lending were consolidated into a single new platform, and e-signatures were introduced to further streamline the process. Y-12 also introduced new products, like the ULTRA personal loan with terms up to 6 years, which is unique in its market, and a simplified, more member-friendly HELOC loan. All of those improvements combined to increase loan volume by 30 percent in 2015 and 24 percent in 2016.



ORAU partnered with **Habitat for Humanity** to build a home in Oak Ridge. **ORAU** Volunteers from **ORAU** have worked every weekend to finish the home as soon as possible.



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Thermocopy has been recognized by Ricoh Corporation and has announced that 13 of their service technicians have earned the 2017 Ricoh Prestige Certification. The designation demonstrates knowledge and skill that makes them the "Best of the Best" as part of Ricoh's Service Excellence Program. Out of 1600 technicians who started the testing process only 115 technicians were certified with 13 of them being

Thermocopy technicians. Also, two members of the **Thermocopy** team were awarded the highest designation, "Prestige Elite" out of 13 in the US. **Thermocopy** was also recognized as an official RFG Circle of Excellence Certified Dealership and for the third year in a row have been named the country's highest-ranked certification dealer. **Thermocopy of TN** renewed their Silver Community Partnership this month! Thank you **Thermocopy!**

ORNL Federal Credit Union has appointed **Stephen McAtee** as Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer.



Community Trust Bank renewed their Bronze Community Partnership this month. Thank you Community Trust Bank!

Anderson County School Board member **Jo Williams** was named an outstanding school board member by the Tennessee School Boards Association and appointed to the All Tennessee School Board. Members were selected by a panel of judges using a criterion that included quality of service, participation in activities, and local leadership. **Anderson County Schools Superintendent Tim Parrott** said, "During her 10 years as a school board member, **Jo Williams** has served the students of Anderson county at the highest level of commitment. She is also a champion for all public education at the state and national level." Congratulations Jo!



Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge renewed their Silver Community Partnership this month. Thank you MMC!

Lt. Governor Randy McNally was presented with the Impact Award by the **Boys & Girls Club of North Anderson County**.



December Upcoming Events

Friday, December 1

Ribbon Cutting—JD's Auctions

11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
316 Market Street, Clinton

Wednesday, December 6

Ribbon Cutting—Diversicare of Oak Ridge

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
100 Elmhurst Drive, Oak Ridge

Thursday, December 7

Networking Coffee—Community Bank of East TN.

8 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
151 East Broad St., Clinton
The 3rd grade class of South Clinton Elementary will be entertaining the guests with Christmas songs.

Chamber's Annual Christmas Open House Reception

5—7 p.m.
Regions Bank Lobby, 245 N. Main St. Clinton
Food, Drinks, and Prizes
Sponsored by Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, Anderson County Economic Development Association, Adventure Anderson County, and Regions Bank

Saturday, December 9

Clinton Christmas Parade

2—3 p.m.
Downtown Clinton

Tuesday, December 12

Networking Coffee/Open House—Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge

8—9:30 a.m.
In conjunction with Oak Ridge Chamber, Roane Alliance and Rocky Top Chambers

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas—Chamber will be closed



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SCHOOL NEWS

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Robotics team at CHS earning high scores And 'wins' in competitions

Heather Miller

The Courier News

The 2017-2018 RoboDragons were recognized at the Anderson County Schools Board of Education meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9, for the outstanding achievements they have accomplished in securing not one, but two, first place trophies in recent competitions.

ACCTC Director Kelly Myers introduced the team and their adviser to the school board.

Jimmy Davis, from Norwood Middle School, is the team's coach. Davis replaced Ben Barrington, the former coach who retired last year.

RoboDragon students showed the board the two first place trophies. The first trophy was won in September at a 'Robo Rodeo' competition at the Tennessee State Fair. The other trophy, won two weeks ago, was a first place obtained from the Battle for the Bluegrass competition in

Corbin, Ky. Students also showed board members their newest creation, a robot they designed, coded, and built themselves "from scratch," and is the robot they are currently using for competitions--and winning.

"I can't take the credit for this. It's

these kids who have done it," said Davis, who noted that it was the students' determination and hard work that made it possible.

More important than winning is the real-world experience students are getting,

Davis said. "This is an actual realworld application--these kids can get scholarships to college," he said.

Anderson County Director of Schools Dr. Tim Parrott agreed, adding that the Robotics class has opened up many doors for former Robotics students. Parrott pointed out to the board that some of the former students have been accepted into strong engineering schools like MIT and UT, and many others, and that their experiences on the Robotics team helped them gain a leverage. The Robotics team also asked the school board to provide funding to build a new robot pit.

A new pit would cost about \$2,500, said Davis. "A pit is kind of like a pit used in stock car (racing). It's where you take the robot during breaks and work on it, fix and adjust things. Our pit right now could use a little help.

We would love to see if we can get a new pit this year to continue and bring home some more first place trophies," said Davis.



CHS Robotics students pictured in the photo at the Anderson County School Board meeting Thursday were Dylan Butler, Jack Hutchins, Mac Taylor, and Anna Cardall.

CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

STUDENTS ACE THE SHAKE!

Ask any business or corporation what is lacking in today's workforce. It won't be long before you hear the word "soft skills" mentioned. First impressions matter. Attendance and punctuality are essential. Interpersonal skills are key. In an effort to develop well-rounded students, CCS 4th grade students are participating in a program called Ace of Shakes in partnership with CNS.

Lt. Campbell, with Clinton Police Department, kicked off the program by teaching students the meaning of soft skills and strategies for shaking hands and introducing themselves to other individuals: eye contact, firm hand grip, smiles, confident stance, strong voice, etc. Students will now have several practice opportunities each

week. Students practiced in their classroom for 2 weeks before implementing these strategies on other adults. This past week, they practiced with staff members in the building. Over the next few weeks, they will have additional opportunities with business/community leaders, elected officials, and media personalities.

At the end of November, they will participate in an Ace of Shakes graduation and receive a medal. Students will have additional opportunities to practice these skills during their time at Clinton City Schools through field trips, BizTown, job shadowing, and a Career Fair. Soft skills will soon be hard-wired into students as CCS strives to develop confident, competent individuals!



ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Appreciation

Grand Oaks Elementary school honored Director of Anderson County Schools, Dr. Parrott on Tuesday, November 7th for the UTrust Superintendent Appreciation Day.

Dr. Parrott visited with several of the student during the day and was shown pictures of 2nd grade students reading books that were donated to each classroom in honor of Dr. Parrott. During the visit, Dr. Parrott took the opportunity to read one of the books donated to the students.

Thank you Dr. Parrott for all you do for EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!



Ms. Elizabeth Evans(2nd grade teacher) sharing pictures of students reading the books that were donated to each classroom in honor of Dr. Parrott.



Dr. Parrott reading to Grand Oaks Students.



Dr. Parrott shaking hands with 4th grade student Damon Alston.

Veteran Appreciation

Grand Oaks Elementary students had the privilege and honor of paying tribute to our local veterans on Wednesday, November 8th. The school started with an assembly complete with a flag ceremony presented by Safety Patrol members.

The 5th grade students, under the direction of Ms. Sarah Hunley, performed various pieces of music to thank and honor our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Fifth graders Ellie Murrel, Jameson Taylor, and Ethan Bray perform their skit written by themselves as well as fellow 5th grade students; Mykalah Cantrell, Damian Childs, Rebecca Hopper, Kairi Hollingsworth, and Rylan Stansberry.

After the assembly, our veterans and their families enjoyed a brunch provided by the Grand Oaks' staff. The Grand Oaks school staff and students appreciate the service of all our veterans!



Local Veteran and former Anderson County High School History teacher, Jim Medley joins his grandchildren Glenn and Ellie Murrell(2nd and 5th graders) at the honorary brunch.



Mrs. Jessica Bray (Kindergarten teacher), with her mother and father, Veteran L.B. Crowley, and her children Ethan and Caroline Bray(5th and 1st graders).



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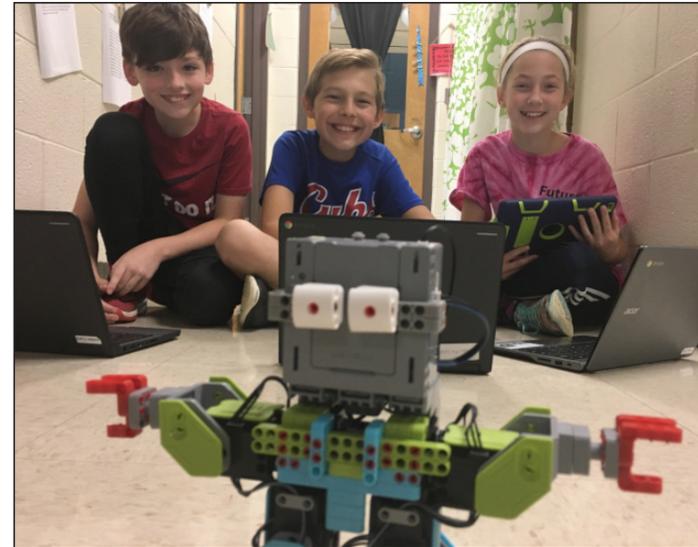
Safety Patrol members Sarah Conatser and Terry Wallace presenting the flags.

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Coding and Spanish at SCES

Students at South Clinton Elementary school are participating in several different enrichment opportunities in after school clubs this year. One of the opportunities being offered is an after school "Coding Club" for 5th and 6th grade students. Coding Club meets once a week and is led by 5th grade teachers Erin Collier and Rebecca Sharp. At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, Mrs. Collier applied for a grant from ORAU for a set of iPads and robots in order to get this project started. She received five iPads and five robots for a total of \$2,400 worth of equipment! 5th and 6th grade students were so excited about the opportunity to participate in the after school club that it filled up quickly! Imagine students being excited to stay after school on a Friday afternoon! Each Friday, students in coding club use the iPads to program the robots to do a variety of different actions and perform different tasks.

Another after school enrichment opportunity that is currently being offered is Spanish Club. Spanish Club is offered for students in grades 2nd through 4th grade. Spanish Club also meets once a week on Monday afternoons and is led by 3rd grade teacher Lindsay Dungan. Spanish Club sign ups received a great response that there are students on the waiting list. In Spanish Club, students learn basic Spanish vocabulary, geography, and Hispanic culture. Students at South Clinton Elementary are taking advantage of many different after school opportunities!



Just Hangin' Out

Who loves to hang out with friends and do good things for the community? Sixth graders at North Clinton Elementary do! Students hang out after school for homework help, cooking, crafts, working out, and leadership opportunities.

Red Ribbon Week occurs in October and focuses on making good choices and being kind to others. The students

in the Sixth Grade Hangout at NCES wasted no time making posters with inspirational statements and a kindness chain for students school-wide to write down kind things being done at school. The students also read messages each morning during announcements about ways to make good choices in life. What a great opportunity for students to spend time with friends and be leaders in their community!



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Clinch River Community School

Anderson County High School football players took CRCS elementary students trick or treating on Halloween. The players picked the students up at Clinch River Community School and took them down to the courtyard area on AC's campus where they went table to table getting treats from students and staff.



INNOVATION ACADEMY



Students, parents, and staff in the Anderson County Online Learning Academy (ACOLA) met for their bimonthly class meeting on November 13 to practice for EOCs (state End of Course exams) with their academic teachers. Students had received Chromebooks through the Anderson County Schools 1:1 initiative,

and brought their Chromebooks to the meeting to practice utilizing the software before test day. Students who are not taking EOCs this semester were able to receive extra help from our math teacher, Ginger Sills, with their math classes. Students Madison Byrge and Haley Stephens are shown hard at work on their Chromebooks.

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Did you know...

- That CCS has a new kiln and all students are currently working on a pottery project to benefit Second Harvest?
- That CCS has a new 5th and 6th grade basketball team called The Blaze for both boys and girls? The season has started!
- That students have access to several online instructional programs to use at home including iReady, Big Universe, Think Central, Social Studies Weekly, Moby Max, and Study Island?
- That NCES offers a 6th grade Hangout after school that provides enrichment and leadership activities to students?
- That students can take Spanish at SCES as an after-school enrichment?
- That the 6th grade Yearbook Club is creating the system-wide yearbook?

CES Hosts Annual STEM Night

Clinton Elementary School hosted their annual STEM Night on October 24th. Students worked together with their families to become a "STEM Genius" by completing activities that were guided by their teachers. CES partnered with the University of Tennessee and the Clinton High School Robo-Dragons to provide an evening of hands-on learning for science, technology, engineering and math. Over 300 projects were completed using an engineering design process to solve problems! The STEM workstations focused on topics such as Biomedical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and Robotics. CES staff and the Clinton Community were able to work together to make this a wonderful learning opportunity for students and their families!



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COMMUNITY LEADERS GRADUATE FROM REGIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association (ETRLA) Board of Directors hosted the graduation of the Class of 2017 on Tuesday, November 14. The evening celebration was held at the beautiful, premier event center in Knoxville, the Hunter Valley Farm Pavilion. Graduates, ETRLA alumni, and guests enjoyed the gathering catered by Aubrey's Restaurant, and music was provided by DJ Preston Husk. The Keynote Speaker was Joan Cronan, the inaugural recipient of the NCAA President's Pat Summitt Award. She challenged the class to reach out to other community leaders, current and upcoming who they meet in their lives after their experience in completing the ETRLA Program.

The 2017 class was the largest in the history of the Organization that hales almost 500 alumni from the 16 county East Tennessee region. Members of this class of community leaders and the counties they represented included:

Anderson Jerry Wood, Associate Professor, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Lindsey Wilson College

Anderson, Annette Eaves, Project Services Lead, UCOR Oak Ridge

Anderson, Jessica Langstaff, Systems Engineer, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

At-Large, Amy Pangelinan, Market Executive, Highlands Union Bank

At-Large, Kelly Ellenburg, Dir. of Service-Learning and Smart Communities Initiative, Office of Service-Learning, UTK

At-Large, Kim Raia, Environmental Consultant/ President, UTK, Institute for Public Service/ East Tennessee Quality Growth

At-Large, Leslie Fawaz, Studio Design Director, East Tennessee Community Design Center

At-Large, Paul Jordan, General Manager, Hilton Knoxville Hotel

At-Large, Rick Yakubic, Deputy Director/Fiscal Officer, East Tennessee Development District

Blount, Drew Miles, President, Miles Insurance Agency

Blount, Lance Smith, Senior Director Enrollment Operations, K12, Inc.

Blount, Marion O'Briant, Public Information Officer, Blount County Sheriff's Office

Campbell, Angie Poteet, Vice President/Market Manager, Home Federal Bank

Campbell, Chandy Hensley, Instructor, Administrative Office Technology, Tennessee College of Applied Technology

Campbell, Zacherly Sheets, Financial Advisor, AAMS, Edward Jones Investments



Representing Anderson County in East Tennessee Regional Leadership: Annette Eaves, Jerry Wood and Jessica Langstaff.

Cocke, Claude Gatlin, Board Chair, Newport Utilities

Hamblen, Cindi Husk, Graduate Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, Lincoln Memorial University

Jefferson, Adele Sensing, Recent Director of Tourism, Economic Development Alliance, Home Federal Bank

Jefferson, Melissa Peagler, Town Administrator, Town of Dandridge

Knox, Patrick Wade, Executive Director, The Pat Summitt Foundation

Knox, Sandi Swilley, Vice President, Leadership Knoxville

Knox, Nazy Hashemian, Architectural Design Editor/ Artist

Loudon, Alicia Johnson-Fossett, Recently Executive Director, Crisis Center for Women - IVAS Place

Loudon, Erica Ammons, Administrative Assistant, Tate & Lyle

Loudon, Rachel Baker, Executive Director, Visit Loudon County

Loudon, Sarah Linginfelter, Owner/Broker, Dead Man's Farm Haunted House, LLC/ Realty Executives Associate

Monroe, Nicholas Woolard, Owner/Sales Executive, Storm Front Communications LLC

Roane, Chris Barton, Assistant Vice President, First Bank of Tennessee

Roane, Dina Jackson, Executive Director, United Way of Roane County

Roane, Jason Pilant, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Roane Medical Center

Roane, Michael Butler, Vice President of Public Relations and Development, Michael Dunn Center

Roane, Sandra Bandy, Marketing Director, Harriman Care & Rehabilitation Center/ Signature Healthcare of Rockwood and Pigeon Forge Care and Rehabilitation Center

Sevier, Brian Stoika, IT Manager, Sevier County Utility District

Sevier, Allen Robbins, Superintendent, Sevier County Electric System

Sevier, Emily Whaley, Assistant Director, Sevier County Economic Development Council

Sevier, Mignonne Coykendall, Director of Public Relations, Hospitality Solutions, Inc.

Sevier, Tonya Jordan, Director of Human Services, the Park Vista Doubletree by Hilton

Throughout the year the class visited 9 counties learning about how those counties handled various issues common to issues and concerns of the region. Their final program day was a regional, one-day conference hosting ~200 people focusing on Regional Cooperation and Local Action: Facing East Tennessee's Changing Housing Needs at the Downtown Knoxville Hilton.

Class members were chosen by their local Leadership Organizations for their leadership skills and their commitment to participate in program day planning and complete the program year. They began the year with a two day retreat in February, meeting one day each month, the final program day and graduation being November 8th and 14th. The outcomes for participants include honing leadership skills, learning about the similarities and unique features of counties throughout the region, and developing lifelong friends and establishing stronger networks.

The mission of East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association is to unite existing and emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds and perspectives to increase their understanding of community issues, broaden their vision, and enhance their individual and collective ability to lead, while at all times championing its values of service, diversity, inclusion, and openness to change. Clayton Pangle is the Executive Director of ETRLA and Monty Ross is the Program Director.



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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Christy Davis, Member Service Leader with **Y-12 Federal Credit Union** has been elected to serve a 3-year term on the Leadership Anderson County Advisory Board of Directors. Christ is a 2012 graduate of Leadership Anderson County. Welcome to the Board Christy!



Annette Eaves, Jessica Langstaff, and Jerry Woods completed East Tennessee Regional Leadership this month. Congratulations! Annette Eaves, Clayton Pangle, Director of ETRLA, and Jessica Langstaff

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Young Professional of the Month

April Lively with Lularoe was this month's Young Professional of the Month. J. R. Herwig, Chair of the Young Professionals interviewed April.

J.R.: Tell us a little about Lularoe.

April: The company is based out of California and although I would love to, I don't get to pick the items that I receive each month or even the patterns that I'm sent. But we do sell mens, womens, and kids clothing in several styles. Each month when I get the packages of products, it's kinda like Christmas because you never know what is going to be in the box! Each pattern has 2500 pieces available at any one time. I do in home events at my house, your house or online.

J. R.: Christmas is coming up so do you have any specials?

April: Lularoe has an Elegant line that is suitable for Christmas parties and other holiday or office parties and should be available soon. We also have Christmas patterned leggings and every woman loves leggings.

J. R.: How would someone get in touch with you?

April: Go to my facebook page LuLaRoe April Lively or email me at livelylularoe@gmail.com. If you go to the facebook page, I answer almost immediately because I have it with me at all times.

J.R.: Last question. What do you like most about the Young Professionals of Anderson County?

April: When you are dealing with young people, it's hard to find like-minded people. With the Young Professionals of Anderson County group, you do have that like-mindedness. We are all the relatively same age, all enjoy the same things, so we can network together and help each other.

J. R.: Thank you for being a member!

April: It's my pleasure. Thank you!



Mix and Mingle



The Young Professionals of Anderson County gathered at Harrison's Grill for their Quarterly Mix and Mingle.

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money for activities (not to offset general operating expenses) focused on improving at least one of the five areas of the program.

Each year, TNECD will provide participating counties with a scorecard that documents progress indicators in the five focus areas. These indicators are used to aid the county in evaluating these key areas, the scorecard will document progress toward achieving the community goals set by local community leaders.

Again, this year, Janet Hawkins, Chamber Vice-President and Tim Thompson, President of Anderson County Economic Development Association, worked together to secure this award for Anderson County. Anderson County has received this award every year since 2002.

The County also received a \$5000 ThreeStar grant. The grants will be used for a variety of local programs addressing economic development, public safety, health, education and workforce development.

To be eligible to apply for these grants, each community must meet all ThreeStar program requirements. ThreeStar focuses on best practices in five key community areas, including jobs and economic development, fiscal strength and efficient government, public safety, health, education and workforce development.

"I want to congratulate these 63 communities on being awarded ThreeStar Competitive Grants," TNECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe said. "I am excited to see these communities thrive with the assistance of these grants. The projects that each awarded county will be working on are innovative and show that these Tennessee counties are committed to improving as a community, which, in turn, will make our state succeed as a whole."

"TNECD is proud to partner with these 63 communities as they make strides to invest in themselves and succeed," TNECD Assistant Commissioner of Rural Development Amy New said. "The ThreeStar dollars serve as a seed money for future economic investments and local initiatives across Tennessee as we continue to build our state's economy."

In total, TNECD has awarded \$975,000 to Tennessee communities through this round of the ThreeStar Competitive Enhancement Grant program. Funding for the program comes through the department's existing budget. TNECD is committed to helping communities in the areas that they prioritize on a local level. The projects are new programs or expand upon existing programs. All are based on the communities' ThreeStar planning process. The 63 counties selected were chosen out of 75 applications.

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support STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) experiences for youth in local schools and organizations to ensure the development of critical skills in the future workforce at Y-12.

Kristin is a licensed teaching professional and holds a B. S. in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee and a M. A. in Christina Education from Newburgh Seminary. Before joining CNS in 2015, Kristin worked for 20+ years in public and private education sectors.

In this role, Kristin is responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating support to Junior Achievement, FIRST Robotics, Engineering Week, Introduce a Girl to Engineering, Dream It. Do It. And DOE Science Bowl.

Gordon Williams is the Program Director for Mechatronics at Roane State Community College. He is responsible for the day to day management of the Mechatronics AAS Degree and Certificate

programs and the Clinton Higher Education and Workforce Development Facility. He also serves on the Tennessee Department of Education's STEM Leadership Committee.

Mr. Williams holds bachelors and master's degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University and an Education Specialist Degree in Instructional Leadership from Tennessee Tech. He worked 20 plus years as a design engineer and engineering manager in the textile instrumentation and needle trades industry. He is the co-inventor on 9 US patents pertaining to textile fiber testing and measurement.

Mr. Williams embarked on a second career in education and has taught mathematics and engineering in Anderson County and Oak Ridge Schools. His Oak Ridge High School Engineering Program was recognized as the Most Outstanding Career and Technical Education program in the State of Tennessee in 2013. He was named a National Instruments "Elite Educator" in 2014, and is the co-founder of Oak Ridge High School's award winning

FIRST Robotics team which earned a place in the FIRST Robotics World Championship event each of the four years he led the program and finished 2nd in those World Championships in 2015.

He is a Siemens Mechatronics Level 1 and Level 2 certified instructor and a FANUC Robotics Certified Instructor. He joined Roane State in May of 2015.

Gordon and his wife, Angela, celebrated 33 years of marriage this year. They live in Norris and have a daughter, Elizabeth, who lives and works in New York City.

John Wright is the Publisher of The Courier News in Clinton and is also the Director of Operations at WFIV, 105.3FM in Farragut. He is married to Jennifer and has two lovely daughters, Lucy and Emma. He's a graduate of Bearden High School and the University of Tennessee. John enjoys music and the mountains and is a lifelong fan of the Vols and NASCAR.

Not pictured is Jason Leslie, Plant Manager of 3M in Clinton.



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