



# Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

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## Three new board members named for chamber

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has elected three new Board members to fulfill vacancies through December 31, 2009.

These new directors are: Susan MacRae, co-owner of Bull Run Metal; Whitey Hitchcock, Anderson County Commissioner; Joe Stainback, B&W Y-12.

**SUSAN MACRAE** and her husband have been co-owners of Bull Run Metal Fabricators (BRM) since 1999.

BRM designs, engineers and builds a wide variety of packaging products used in the clean-up and long term storage of nuclear waste.

Susan has stepped out of the day-to-day management of the company but continues to support BRM's business development activities.

Susan previously worked in a variety of public health settings in her native state of Maryland. She received a Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.

**WHITEY HITCHCOCK** is a teacher at Clinton High School and an Anderson County Commissioner, serving District 6. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in Education.

Whitey also serves on both the Anderson County Conservation Board and the Anderson County Children's Advocacy Network Board and is a graduate of Leadership Anderson County.

**JOE STAINBACK** is a Department Manager at



JOE STAINBACK



SUSAN MACRAE



WHITEY HITCHCOCK

B&W Y-12 and responsible for several significant transformation projects, which have earned him three (3) NNSA Defense Program Awards of Excellence. Joe, who is originally from Richmond, Virginia, is currently pursuing a PhD in Industrial Engineering at the University of Tennessee and is expecting to graduate in 2009.

Joe is a member of the East Tennessee Leadership Chapter of the National Management Association, the Institute of Industrial Engineers, the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, the Leadership Anderson County Board, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, and the Navy League. Joe also serves on several local community boards.

## Chamber will host BERO workshop Aug. 6

The Anderson County Chamber and State of Tennessee ECD, BERO and Southeast Community Capital will host a FREE Loan Seminar, Thursday, August 6, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber office, 245 N. Main St., Ste. 200., Clinton.

Ronald Wade, with the State of Tennessee ECD, BERO (Business Enterprise Resource Office) will provide information about the new funding available from USDA Rural Development.

To register, contact Janet Hawkins at the Chamber office, 865-457-2559.

Wade also will be available in the Chamber office by appointment only on August 28, September 25,

and October 23, 2009 to meet with businesses interested in looking to start-up, expand, purchase additional inventory or secure working capital.

Housed in the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, the Business Enterprise Resource Office is the state's primary service organization to Tennessee's entrepreneurs, small businesses, minority- and women owned businesses. Created in

1977, BERO expands economic opportunities for small, rural, minority, and women owned businesses by providing information on entrepreneurship development programs, procurement opportunities and access to capital with Tennessee private industry and government entities.

To schedule your appointment, contact Janet Hawkins at the Chamber, 865-457-2559.

### *New Funding Available for County Businesses*



## President's Message

By Jackie Nichols



In 2008, Anderson County certified as a Benchmark I level for the State Three Star Economic Incentive Program. The Chamber's goal is to reach a Benchmark III level for 2009. The higher level equates to greater economic incentive rewards. It could mean the difference of several thousand dollars in matching funds for fast track and CDBG grants submitted by the County and/or each municipality within the county. As part of the Three Star certification, we get an opportunity to showcase Anderson County by participating in the Community Connection Program where we select a county within 90 miles to visit and exchange information. This year we exchanged visits with Wilson County who brought a busload of Chamber and County officials to visit Anderson County in June.

Good news about the economy! Tim Thompson, President of Anderson County Economic Development Association, reported to the Chamber Board that he continues to receive inquiries from industrial businesses interested in our area. Also, some of the automotive manufacturers are rehiring employees. On the retail scene, Bill Weigel has announced his plans to build a new Weigels on Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Also, the Dollars and Sense Store has opened in Tanner Place.

The Chamber's Business/Retail Development Council and the Operations Council are both working on programs to promote business in Anderson County. The Chamber's partnership with the local ECD Business Enterprise Resource Office (BERO) has proven very beneficial for local businesses. BERO Officer, Ron Wade, keeps us informed about available funds to support entrepreneurs and existing business. BERO will host a seminar on August 6 to announce new funding available from the USDA. Also Ron Wade will be available to meet with individuals the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at the Chamber Office. Please contact the Chamber for an appointment.

Please join the Chamber in our efforts to provide programs and services for the community. We need members to serve on the following Chamber Councils: Chamber Operations, Chairman Rev. Laurence Hesser, Memorial Methodist Church, Business/Retail Development, Chairman, Aaron Madron, AmSouth Bank, Education/Workforce, Chairman Tony Lester, ORAU, and Regional Government/Community Relations, Chairman, Steve Hill, Mercy Health Partners. Also, the Leadership Anderson County and Youth Leadership Anderson County Boards are looking for LAC Alumni to serve.

The dynamic Chamber Ambassadors are looking for fellow Ambassadors. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, please plan to visit the monthly Ambassadors lunch. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.



### Anderson Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Greg Anderson, front center, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of his office held in July. Anderson's office is at 2130 N. Charles Seivers Blvd, Suite 1, across Highway 61 from Anderson County High School. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz** has been named one of the Top 100 law firms for diversity and one of the Top 100 law firms for women by MultiCultural Law magazine.

**Wanda McCrosky** has been elected board chair of **ORNL Federal Credit Union**. She is the first woman and first former bank employee to serve as board chair.

**Paul Divjak**, president of **Bechtel Jacobs Co.** since late 2007 and a longtime Bechtel executive, is retiring effective July 17. Divjak will be succeeded by **Joe Nemec**, another

longtime Bechtel executive who was the initial president of Bechtel Jacobs when the company - a partnership of Bechtel National and Jacobs Engineering - became DOE's Oak Ridge cleanup contractor in 1998.

**Ronald Wade**, Tennessee Economic and Community Development **Business Enterprise Resource Office Specialist**, was named the Small Business Administration's Counselor Champion during SBA's National Small Business Week Celebration.



## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

### The Clinch River Yarn Company

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Sandy Adams  
730 S. Charles Seivers Blvd.  
Clinton, TN 37716  
865-269-4528

### Dollars & Sense

*Specialty Shop*

Rob Karpick  
120 Tanner Place  
Clinton, TN 37716  
865-269-4223

**Dr. Harry C. Hitchcock III**  
*Elected Official*

120 Trenton Drive  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
865-482-6265

### Buzz Patrick

*Individual*

21 Rockingham Lane  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
865-483-7599

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 Cliff Stephens  
 Summit Medical Group  
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### Country Inn & Suites

*The Country Inn & Suites hotel, 710 Park Place, just off of Highway 61 near I-75, hosted a coffee for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce in July. Above, participants visit at the hotel.*



*Holiday Inn Express Casey Anthony, left, general manager for the new Holiday Inn Express at I-75, speaks to the group who recently attended the coffee the hotel held for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce. The new hotel has 80 rooms.*

### Non-profit coffee

*Non-profit organizations in Anderson County showcased their services at a coffee for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce July 2 at the Clinton Community Center.*



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## Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2009

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| 6  | <b>NETWORKING COFFEE</b><br><b>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</b><br>Comfort Inn Oak Ridge<br>433 S. Rutgers Ave.<br>481-8200  | 19 | <b>Youth Leadership County<br/>Anderson County<br/>Board of Directors</b><br><b>7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b> |
|    | <b>USDA Loan Workshop</b><br><b>4:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b><br>presented by the Chamber and<br>State of Tennessee BERO<br>Chamber office<br>To register please call<br>the Chamber office<br>457-2559 |    | <b>Anderson County Chamber<br/>Education Foundation<br/>Board of Directors</b><br><b>8:00 a.m.</b>        |
|    |  |    | <b>Chamber Operations<br/>Council</b><br><b>12:00 noon</b>  |
| 11 | <b>Business/Retail Council</b><br><b>4:30 p.m.</b>   | 20 | <b>NETWORKING COFFEE</b><br><b>8:00- 9:30 a.m.</b><br>United Way<br>of Anderson County<br>Chamber office, |
|    | <b>Education/Workforce<br/>Development Council</b><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b>   |    | <b>Chamber Board<br/>Executive Committee</b><br><b>4:00 p.m.</b>  |
| 12 | <b>Leadership Anderson<br/>County Board of Directors</b><br><b>7:45 a.m.</b>   |    |   |
| 13 | <b>Chamber Ambassadors</b><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b>  | 27 | <b>Chamber Board</b><br><b>8:00 a.m.</b>  |
| 18 | <b>Leadership Anderson<br/>County</b><br>Health/Community  |    |   |

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