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Prestige Tuxedo recently had the opportunity to outfit the men for the 85th Anniversary Gala and used that opportunity to join the Chamber and offer the gentlemen a discount on their rentals. The tuxedos made for a very dapper looking crowd. Together, the Chamber and Prestige Tuxedo will have a grand anniversary year!

For more information, contact Michael Shuemaker, Director of Marketing and Brand Management, 865-293-0938 or go to prestigetuxedo.com.

85th Anniversary a Gala success!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 85th Anniversary with a Gala at the New Hope Center in Oak Ridge. Sponsors for the event included Michael Brady, Inc. (MBI), Edward Jones – Jim Charles, The Kincaid House Event Venue and Prestige Tuxedo.

Guests were greeted by a team of valets, then coats were taken by high school students from Anderson County. Ariel Wills was available to take photographs of the guests as they arrived. The evening began with a Partner's Reception complete with a full bar and hors d'oeuvres. As other

guests arrived, the party moved to the main dining area where gorgeous centerpieces from Samuel Franklin Florist adorned the tables and All Occasions Party Rentals supplied the chairs and table linens. All Occasions Catering served a sumptuous dinner beginning with a spinach salad with cranberries, feta and vinaigrette. Next, each table was presented with a Filet of Black Angus Beef with Burgundy Demi-Glaze, Pecan Encrusted Chicken Breast in Sherry Maple Sauce, Fresh Asparagus with Truffle Oil and Roasted Red Potatoes with Rosemary by its own server. The meal was capped off with a

Chocolate Molten Cake and fresh coffee.

Randy Boyd, former Tennessee Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, was the speaker for the event at what he called his last official speech as Commissioner. CNS spokesperson Gene Patterson acted as emcee for the evening. President Rick Meredith recognized Community Partners and past chairs of the board of directors. Anderson County's top ten employers were recognized as were the top five companies with the longest standing memberships. Sterling

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YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

Guidebook Release

Coffee Break



New Guidebook available at Chamber office

Healthy Visions Networking Coffee

The Chamber had a Guidebook Release Party jointly hosted by the Courier News, who published the book. Once again there was standing room only at the Chamber with 80+ guests at the event. The new guidebook cover was unveiled and all members at the coffee received the new book hot off the press. Please stop by our office if you would like to pick up your copy.

Healthy Visions hosted the coffee on February 16 at their Market Street location. Owner Ron Eslinger talked about the many programs his company teaches and the many countries people come from to learn about his sedation and nurse anesthesiologist programs. Ron also spoke about his time in the military medical corps and how it led to his current occupation. A drawing was held for several different videos and books that are available at this location. It was another packed event.

Ribbon Cutting



Countryside Tire and Auto Services

Standing room only is becoming the new norm at Chamber functions as seen at Countryside Tire and Auto Services' ribbon cutting. The event was a joint venture with the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce and during the event, Jeff Cheek, owner of Countryside, donated a PT Cruiser to the Emory Valley Center. It was a great event and a great way to welcome Countryside to their new location at 220 S. Rutgers Avenue in Oak Ridge.

PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

Merit Construction

Merit Construction is currently constructing the Buffalo Creek Shopping Plaza on N. Charles Seivers Blvd. next door to the Anderson County Tourism office. The plaza will be opening soon featuring Firehouse Subs, Petros Chili and Chips, Venus Nails and Advanced Financial.



Michael Brady Inc.

Michael Brady Inc. added **Eric Russell** as CAD Technician in the sign department, **Dipakkumar Patel** in the architectural department, and **Rhonda Ellison** to the surveying department. **Russ Smith** had become a Certified Construction Manager. **David Foster** from the Electrical Engineering Department was named "Young Member Engineer of the Year" from SAME.



Computer Application Lab. As the business instructor, **Mikkal Jenkins** has taught this program for the last year at Clinton High School. It is growing into a Photoshop, Chrome, News Media department with his knowledge and expertise. Now the students will benefit from better tools at the Center!



Also, leasing coordinator, **Kim Payne**, was recognized as a SUPERSTAR by GreatAmerica Financial Services for going above and beyond! Thermocopy's service department was ranked #1 Nationally by Ricoh Circle of Excellence Program. **Mark DeNicola**, Chief Financial Officer, was featured as Corporate Vision Magazine's 2017 CFO of the Year (USA).

Oak Ridge Associated Universities

Oak Ridge Associated Universities has hired **Terry Payne** as Business Manager for ORAU's programs related to science, education, assessment and workforce development.



LBMC

LBMC's Lisa Nix accepted an official Wear Red Day Resolution at the State Capitol, on the Senate Floor. **Leisa Gill** was honored today at the Women of Influence luncheon.



Chamber President Rick Meredith presents the City of Clinton City Manager Roger Houck with the City's Community Partner Plaque. The Chamber appreciates the City of Clinton's support.

ORNL Federal Credit Union

ORNL Federal Credit Union employees raised over \$12,000 for **American Red Cross of East Tennessee** and \$10,000 to Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the Gatlinburg wildfire relief.



Y-12 Federal Credit Union

Y-12 Federal Credit Union promoted **Rusty Curtis**, Regional Branch Manager; **Jennifer Shepherd**, Regional Branch Manager; and **Melanie Smith**, Branch Manager Oak Ridge.



Thermocopy

Thermocopy's Keith Young, Account Representative in Anderson County, and **Jane Haney**, Anderson County Chamber Tenured Ambassador, recently presented the Anderson County Career & Technology Center with a Fujitsu Scanner to be used going forward for all their slide presentations. **Daphne Douglas** runs the only Mac computer room at the Technology Center and has been struggling along with an old scanner version, monochrome only, and no feeder, etc. for years. Jane and Keith also presented a Thermocopy Fujitsu Scanner to the school's Digital Production

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

Thursday, March 2, 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Networking Coffee- Junior Achievement of East TN
The Hollingsworth Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership
2135 N. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton, 457-9564

Tuesday, March 14, 8 – 9:00 a.m.
Seminar- Website Class
Learn how to use the Chamber's website to promote your business.
Chamber Office, RSVP to 457-2559 due to limited space

Tuesday, March 14, 3 – 5 p.m.
Small Business Start-Up Seminar
Presented by Jutta Bangs, TSBDC
RSVP due to limited space online or call Chamber, 457-2559

Thursday, March 16, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Business After Hours- Lone Mountain Travel- Dream Vacations
Chamber Office, 457-2559

Friday, March 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting- Sears Authorized Home Store
142 Fairbanks Rd., Suite 100, Oak Ridge, 482-2087
Joint Event w/ Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

New Business Licenses Issued 24
Building Permits Issued 72
Unemployment 5.1%

Roane State Community College's Ted Stryk, associate professor, has been honored by NASA for his role in investigating Pluto and its moon. He received a certificate of achievement for his help with the optical systems and image processing techniques used in the first flyby of Pluto. **Owen Driskill** has been named the executive director for the Oak Ridge Campus and Community Relations.

Studio Four Design, a top architecture and design firm, has developed plans for the renovation of the new OneLife Church campus, located at the entrance of the Knoxville Center mall.

Allies For Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County announced its "Ally of the Year" award goes to **Dr. Bruce Borchers** of Oak Ridge Schools. **HealthMarkets' David A. Vudragovich** received the Kris Stults Distinguished Service Award for the hours invested in our community since 2011.

Farm Bureau Insurance of Clinton has announced **Michael Bowers** as the new

Agency Manager and welcomes **Jarrett Galloway** as a new agent.

The Anderson County Health Department announced that they have received a \$5000 grant for the Healthier Tennessee program. Recently, Stacy Baugues, regional director of the Healthier Tennessee program, spoke with area Rotary Clubs about the program and helped Anderson County meet the goal for number of churches involved. To learn more, follow the local program on Facebook at activeandersontn or on Twitter with @activeandersontn. Clinton High School Art Student **Danny Cantillion** designed the Active Anderson TN logo and was awarded a FitBit tracker as a thank you.

Emory Valley Center's Early Learning Center has benefitted from a employee-directed community grant from **Consolidated Nuclear Security**.

The American Cancer Society is looking for teams to participate in this year's Relay for Life which will be held on May 5th at Melton Lake Park in Oak Ridge. To register, contact **Kelly Lenz** at **Clinton Physical Therapy Center**.

Past Chairs of the Board at the Gala:
Larry Stephens, Tennessee Strategies, 2013; **Steve Heatherly**, Merit Construction, 2016; **Bear Stephenson**, Stephenson Auction and Realty, 1989 & 2004; **Rick Meredith**, Chamber President, 1995; **Joe Hollingsworth, Jr.**, Hollingsworth Companies, 1982; **George Paynter**, Edward Jones, 2007; **Stephen Harris**, Powell Clinch Utilities District, 2015.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Andersonville Elementary Students at Kennedy Dentistry.

Students invited to “shadow” industry leaders to gain career insight

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Groundhog Day this year and 2007 Anderson County students saw their future. On February 2, Anderson County Schools (ACS) held its first Job Shadow Day.

Students across the district ventured out of the traditional classroom to determine where their shadow might lead them in a career. Dr. Tim Parrott, ACS Director of Schools and Kelly Myers, ACS Director of Career and Technical Education, had 2007 students in the district participate in some aspect of local business and industry.

The day was planned to give students a glimpse into the career they might aspire while opening the doors to business and industry partners in our local communities. Students experienced the jobs that are available, trends in industry that will affect those jobs in our local economy and learned how they can develop the work ethic to prepare for a career in that field.

The assistance of parents, community leaders, Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and other industry partners



NMS student observing roof bolted in underground mine.

was instrumental in making Groundhog Day possible.

On the morning of February 2, district 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders were able to

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Principal
Jenna Sharp



Assistant Principal
Monica Rael

Clinton Elementary enhancing student growth

Ask around and anyone will tell you that Clinton Elementary School is a wonderful place. Parents, staff, and students agree that the culture of high expectations which takes place at Clinton Elementary School is what sets it apart. With approximately 520 students, the staff at CES strive to make learning individualized for each student by providing an educational path that will enhance student growth and achievement at all levels. Clinton Elementary has been repeatedly recognized as a Reward School, placing it in the top 5% of all schools in Tennessee. This honor has been achieved because of the collaborative learning environment that has been created.

CES has adopted a “Growth Mindset,” where students at CES are taught that intelligence is not a fixed trait. Students are given daily encouragements such as “continue to practice to make progress” and that “challenges grow our brains”. Teachers at CES attend weekly PLC meetings that are facilitated by academic coaches or administration. These meetings provide resources, build on best practices, and analyze student data in order to develop the next step to student learning. Teachers have data discussions and academic conferences with each individual student regularly. Teachers communicate student learning goals. Student success is often celebrated through the following actions:

class and building-level incentives, morning announcement “shout-outs”, and in monthly assemblies! Additionally, CES builds a unique relationship with students, families, and stakeholders that focus on the importance of working together to meet student needs for both academic achievement and social/emotional health.

The students’ well-being must be a priority before they can learn. Clinton Elementary School provides a free, nutritious breakfast as one way to meet this need. A student running club meets after school, two times a week, where the students learn healthy habits and exercise. CES recognizes a “Student of the Month” from each class for possessing characteristics such as kindness, responsibility, and perseverance. The students learn about a variety of life skills; including conflict resolution, bullying, and personal safety. Clinton Elementary partners with The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce to learn about career exploration by attending Biztown and a Career Day in the spring. A lunch bunch meets periodically to focus on study habits and friendship. While students are at CES, the staff commits to providing a healthy, safe, engaging, supportive, and challenging learning environment. These are just a few of the reasons that Clinton Elementary is such an amazing place to be! Come see great learning occur!

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go to work with a parent, guardian or family member to experience what a day of work looks like for these adults and experience their work first hand.

Eighth and Eleventh graders had the opportunity to visit local industry to get an idea of jobs available and the kind of work being done in Anderson County. Twelve busloads of students were taken to Clayton Homes, SL Tennessee, Magna/Eagle Bend Manufacturing, Northrop Grumman Remotec and CNS Y-12. These industries hosted students and gave them an up-close look at what they do and what it takes to work in these industries.

Twelve of the Criminal Justice students were able to job shadow with the Sheriff's Department, D.A., Chancery Court and Sessions Court. One student was hired for an internship that day.

Overall the day was a great success! Students learned real life lessons and had a taste of just what their parents do each day. Anderson County Schools believe our future is our students and for them to be successful, they have to know what work looks like in order to make great decisions for their future.

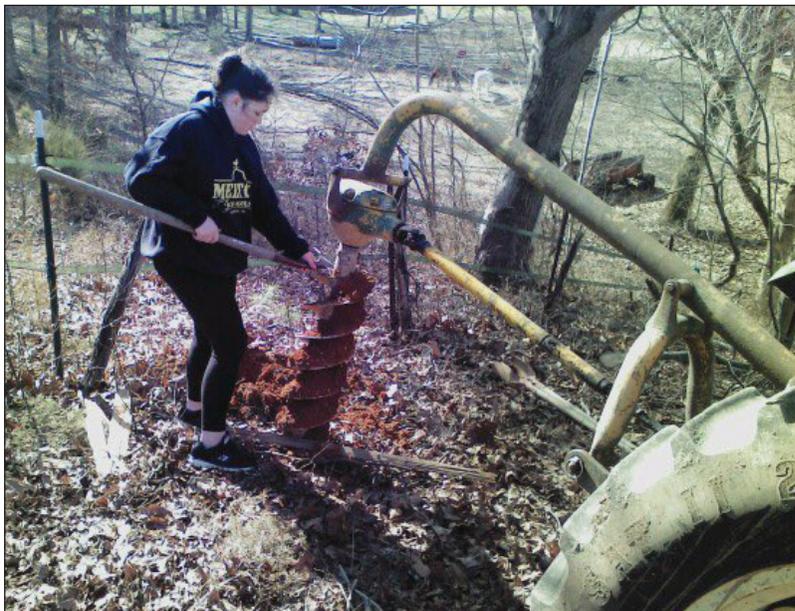
Additionally, ACHS and CHS Criminal Justice students had the opportunity to job shadow at the Anderson County Court House. Throughout the day, students and their shadows posted TWEETS about their experience by tagging @ACSchoolTN and the hashtag #GroundHogDay4ACStudents. Top tweets of the day from students or shadows earned gift cards for students for their effort in sharing their experience on social media.

We would like to thank the many parents, business, companies, vendors, offices, and employees for making this day so special for our students. Also, a big thanks to our school administrative offices for the countless hours of hard work... making this instructional day very meaningful.

Anderson County is a great place to live, great community support for education!



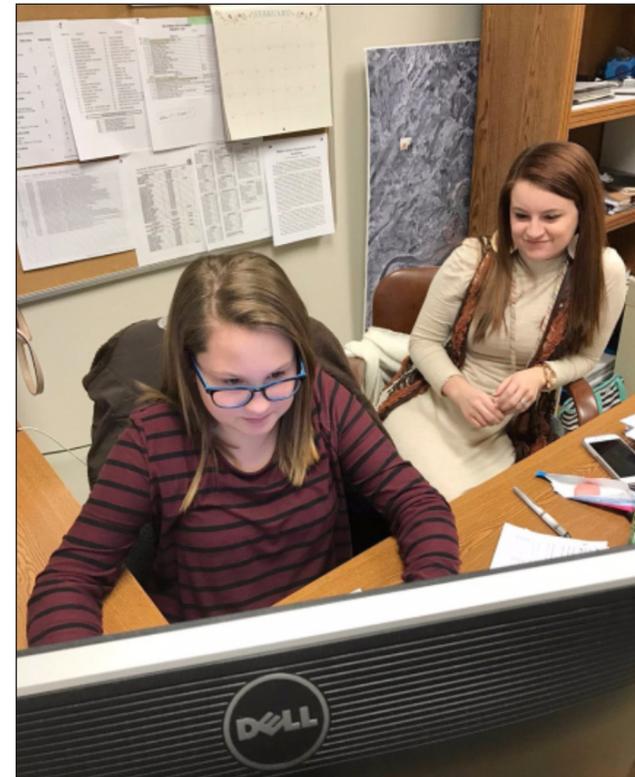
NMS Student helping his Dad at the ACHD. He absolutely loved it. Right up his alley.



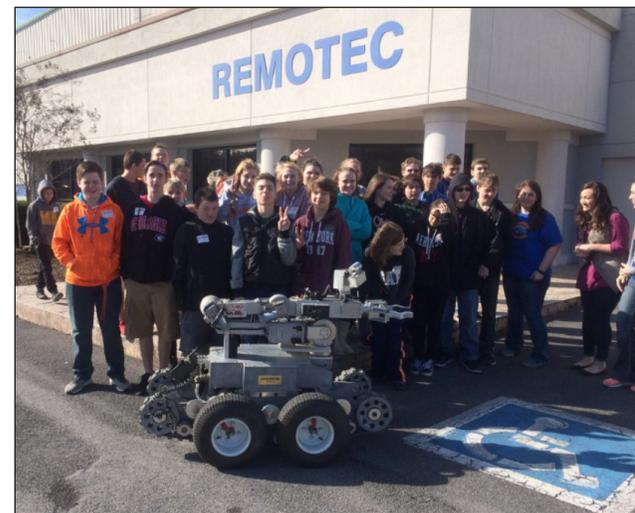
LCMS student building a fence - a farmer's job is never done!



CMS Student hard at work at The Bloomers Company in Knoxville



Student job shadowing at Clinton Utilites Board



Students pose with a robot at Remotec



Decorating and sampling treats at Kroger.

Technology used to instill sense of accomplishment in students

If you were to walk into Mindy Wilson's room at North Clinton after school, you might think that students are playing with LEGO Bricks. You would be partially right! However, there is great learning taking place.

Meet Dot and Dash. These are two robots which can be programmed to move in certain directions through something called computer coding. An iPad is used to program the robots to move in the appropriate direction. Students work to build a path with the LEGO Bricks. They must then use their coding skills to program Dot and Dash to move correctly through the LEGO Bricks path without bumping into

the borders! This enrichment activity allows students to problem solve and develop critical thinking skills while learning the basic concepts of computer coding. Students experience such a sense of accomplishment when they successfully "code" their robot to maneuver the LEGO Bricks path with success. A great amount of learning is taking place while having a tremendous amount of fun! It is amazing to see what young minds can create and how they can implement vast problem solving skills when given the opportunity. Clinton City Schools has three sets of Dot and Dash, so computer coding will be seen in all three schools!



North Clinton students show off their Dot and Dash robots.



Left to right: Kelly Johnson, DeAnna Sparkes, Mindy Wilson, Wendy Williams, Caitlin Simmons, Patty Shoemaker, Laura Roop, Stephanie Brock, Abbey Kidwell, Dr. Tim Bible and Lynn Neal

Teachers Receive Tenure

At the January School Board Meeting, nine Clinton City Schools teachers received tenure status. A few years ago, state law changed, making tenure a very difficult honor to achieve. In order to achieve tenure, a teacher must have taught in Clinton City Schools for five consecutive years. In addition, they must have maintained an overall level of effectiveness of a 4 or 5 (out of 5) for the past two consecutive years. Given the fact that a level 3 is considered highly proficient, this is not

an easy bar to reach. We are proud of each of these teachers for achieving tenure with our district. Having nine teachers receive this honor is proof that Clinton City maintains high expectation for providing an effective educator in each classroom. It also proves that Clinton City has the ability to recruit and maintain educators who effectively grow students academically. We are honored that these teachers choose to teach with Clinton City Schools. Congratulations to each of them!

CCS Partnership with Clinton Public Library Boosts Reading!

Clinton City Schools' partnership with the Clinton Public Library through the Regional EBook and Audio Download System (READS) has been a tremendous success! Through this partnership, students gain access to thousands of digital eBooks that they may download to their computers both at home or at school.

Since the students were introduced to the program in November, there has been a significant increase in usage for both students and adults. In January, the READS system had 3,348 downloads with 864 of these being students. Circulation has increased among our students by over 800 books since November. Currently, the Clinton Public Library ranks 4th in the state for the largest number of books in circulation; thereby, creating additional opportunities for our students to have access to high quality pieces of literature. If you want more information regarding this program, or need to obtain your child's access information, please contact your child's principal.

Research indicates the best way to become a better reader is to simply read! In the words of author Tomie dePaola, "Reading is important because, if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything."

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Third Graders Receive Dictionaries from Rotary Club

An annual event which brings excitement to all 3rd graders across the district is the Clinton Rotary Club personal dictionary donation to all 3rd grade students. In January, members of the club visit each 3rd grade classroom and hand deliver a dictionary to each student. Eager students immediately put their name in the book and begin to look through the dictionary to find words. Principals challenge the students to

discover a new word and its meaning to “trick” the principals. Students excitedly take on the challenge to learn new words to teach their principals. While technology has eased the process of finding meaning for unknown words, dictionary skills still remain a standard in elementary school. We appreciate the support of the Rotary Club and know that the dictionaries will be put to good use both in and out of the classrooms!

DID YOU KNOW?

- That CCS has a 3-D Printer?
- That CCS has a Coordinated School Health Program that provides dental, vision, hearing, and health screenings to students for free?
- That Abbey Kidwell, a fourth grade teacher at SCES, serves on the Governor’s Teacher Advisory Board? She is one of twelve teachers across the state to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity.
- That we participate in the

Universal Breakfast Program, which allows all students to eat breakfast for free?

- That all three schools offer Healthier Life Running Clubs to students after school?
- That each school offers before and after-school tutoring and enrichment opportunities to students?
- That band is offered to 6th grade students at all three schools taught by an in-house band instructor?



CHS HOSA wins at competition

HOSA Class Sponsors Lori Hill and Anita Hill recently led their students to wins at a state competition. HOSA-Future Health Professionals is a great club located at Clinton High School and Anderson County High School.

Founded in 1976, HOSA is an international career and technical student organization endorsed by the U.S Department of Education. According to the HOSA website, the mission of HOSA is to “enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping the student meet the needs

of the health care community.” HOSA offers over 50 competitive events, ranging from skill-based to leadership and team-based. Members compete at the regional, state, and national levels. Those who place in the top three positions at the state level are given the opportunity to compete at the national level.

The following students placed in recent Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) competition at the state level: Samantha Mack 2nd place Dental Science; Hope Disney 4th place Sports Medicine; Health Education 4th place - Landyn Ford, Halie Martin, Emily Phillips, Kinsley Williams; Ciara Riedlinger 4th place Transcultural Healthcare

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Norris Middle School student helps at Morning Pointe Assisted Living



CMS student at Eye Center of Oak Ridge! Thank you Dr Powers.



Gavin had fun learning about Realty and showing a house.



Norwood Middle School students at CNS Y-12

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Hinton, “Sterl the Pearl,” provided entertainment for a night of dancing.

More than 170 guests were in attendance, including Lt. Governor Randy McNally and wife Jan, Rep. John Ragan and wife, Liz, Joe Hollingsworth, Jr. and Brenda Starwalt, Ed and Rosena Steinebach, Scott and Shelly Laska, Brian and Beth Ann Carter, Dennis and Kay Dockery, Bruce and Sharon Bosse, Tim and Rachel Parrott, Rodney and Callie Archer, Scott Gillenwaters, Tim Isbel, William and Amy Jones, Teresa Portwood, Theresa Scott, Joey and Susan Smith, E. T. Stamey and Rita Ballinger, Tim Thompson, Michael Foster, Jim and Melissa Charles, Jim and Patty Zonar, Brian and B.J. Baxter, Harold and Redith Edwards, Phil and Tammy Kirby, Steve and Sheree Heatherly, Thomas and Betsy Myers, Robin Proffitt and Mark Hunley, Larry and Kenna Stephens, Clyde and Cheryl Wood, Steve and Heather Emert, Tom and



Board Chair Melissa Charles, Speaker Randy Boyd and President Rick Meredith

Sherry Bundy and Amber Price.

Many of the guests commented that they believed it was the first black tie event that had ever been held in Anderson County and are anxious for another similar event.

So, if you missed this one, you will have another chance. Watch our calendar for more 85th Anniversary celebrations during the year. Thank you to all the sponsors, speakers, volunteers and guests that made this



Robin Proffitt, Powell Clinch Utility District; Melissa Charles, Board Chair and owner, The Kincaid House; B. J. Baxter, MMC Healthworks; and Susan Smith, Myers Family Dentistry were the committee charged with putting together the 85th Anniversary Gala!



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Small business start-up

- DATE:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017
- TIME:** 3:30 pm—5:00 pm
- WHERE:** Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, Clinton
- COST:** FREE!!
- SPEAKER:** Jutta Bangs, Director TSBDc Oak Ridge Center

This seminar discusses the forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, an overview of business planning, and financing options (to include SBA loan guarantees).

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Methodist shares a “health” of information with Youth Leadership Anderson County

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., February 14, 2017 – Anderson County Youth Leadership recently visited Methodist Medical Center for their class Healthcare Day. Students from Anderson County and Clinton High Schools take part in Youth Leadership, which is a program offered by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce. Students must apply and be selected for the program. Youth Leadership is designed to foster leadership skills, acquaint students with their community’s needs, opportunities, problems, resources, and infrastructure, and familiarize students with career and leadership opportunities available in their community.

While at Methodist, Youth Leadership participants learned about the broad range of careers available in healthcare as they listened to job descriptions and asked questions with staff representing the pharmacy, medical imaging, physical therapy and the dietitians.

Interactive demonstrations showed students the organization and teamwork required to keep a hospital running effectively. Additionally, they had an opportunity to gain hands-on experience as they participated in special lab stations. Students tested their skills using endoscopy equipment, learned how to give CPR on adults and infants, and discovered

the complexities of hand hygiene and infection control.

Students participating in this year’s Youth Leadership program include, in alphabetical order: Sarah Abbott, Makayla Andrews, Austin Bernard, Claudia Bible, Rhett Bowling, Samantha Campbell, Sarah Cardall, Hope Disney, Cameron Dupree, Molly Hembree, Molly Herrell, Samantha Johnson, Joey Keathley, Kiki Krohn, Samantha Mack, Halie Martin, Stanton Martin, Wes McSpadden, Cole McSpadden, Georgia Pietrzak, Evan Pyles, Brisha Roxberry, Jessica Saganich, Makayla Seiber, Thomas Sexton, and Kaylee Webber.



Students learn to maneuver endoscopy equipment and work as a team as one person operates the camera and the other directs the surgeon’s controls.



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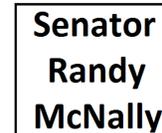
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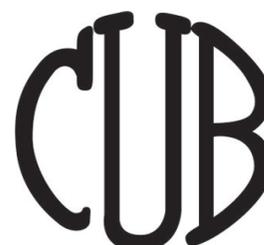
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