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New Things Happening at this Year's Fall Festival!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host the 16th annual Clinch River Fall Antiques Festival on October 7th & 8th in Historic Downtown Clinton, TN.

On Friday evening, Oct. 7th from 6-9pm, there will be food vendors in the Hoskins/Lane Park, a "Cruze-In" for muscle cars in the Commerce Street parking lot sponsored by Fox Toyota, and the antique shops, specialty shops and eateries will be open late. This year's entertainment will be provided by "Sanctified Soul", Dave Serratt, "Inman Bluegrass" and "Nissi" playing in Hoskins Park. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs! WATE-TV is sponsoring the night. Admission and parking for the evening's festivities are free.

The Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools will be doing a Reverse Raffle at 7:30 p.m.; 1st prize: \$5000, 2nd Prize: \$500,

and 3rd Prize: \$500. Tickets must be purchased before the event from any school official. Only 2000 tickets will be sold for \$20 each. Get yours before they are gone. You do not need to be present to win.

On Saturday, October 8th from 9am-5pm, over 90 antique dealers and artisans will line the streets in the historic district for an old-time street festival. Dealers from throughout the southeast will gather to provide shoppers and visitors a great selection of antiques and collectibles. Antique appraiser, Joe Rosson will be on hand to appraise your treasures in the Clinton Antique Mall for \$5 per item from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Joe Rosson is a well-known antique appraiser and has been featured on PBS programs such as "Treasure's In Your Attic" and "Antiques Roadshow." Beautiful antique cars and trucks will be on display on Main Street. There will be a de-

licious variety of foods in two food courts and a new Kid's Fun Area with a Bounce House, Face Painters and more. Musical entertainment will be on the Hoskins Park stage all day beginning with Quinn Erwin at 9 a.m., "The Walker Boys" at 11 a.m., and the "Pale Root" band at 1 p.m. and "The Unnamed Band" at 3 p.m. sponsored by Peoples Bank of the South and Y-12 Federal Credit Union. A re-enactment of the historic Burr-Hamilton duel at 12:30 p.m. in the "flat" on Market Street in front of the Hoskins/Lane Park.

Back for the third year will be shuttles to area parking lots on Saturday, sponsored by Ray Varner Ford. No need to fight the traffic close to Market Street. The shuttle is free to ride to and from the event. Parking signs downtown will mark the lots where the shuttle

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Above:
 The 16th annual Clinch River Fall Antiques Festival will be held October 7th & 8th.

Left:
 Quinn Erwin currently is a worship intern at Two Rivers Church in Knoxville and has also toured extensively.

Governor Haslam Visits Anderson County

By Lynda Edwards of the Knoxville News Sentinel

CLINTON — Tennessee's economic recovery from the Great Recession has surged ahead of the national average, thanks in part to a falling unemployment rate and increased foreign investment, Gov. Bill Haslam said Thursday.

Haslam outlined his take on the recovery and discussed the state's educational successes and challenges during a luncheon hosted by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce at the Hollingsworth Center for

Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Haslam described the unemployment rate as falling more swiftly and foreign investment as increasing more rapidly for Tennessee than other states in the nation.

The governor called Tennessee's drop in unemployment faster than the nationwide norm and praised Tennessee Promise, the program that gives two years' community college tuition to any of the state's high school graduates. He said the program should



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Governor Bill Haslam speaks before an audience of over 250.

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PARTNERS IN THE NEWS

LBMC has announced executive leadership appointments to bolster strategic initiatives centered around client service and company growth; **Janice Sansing**, physician practice tax leader, **Justin W. Follis**, returns to Knoxville as corporate tax outsourcing expert.



Michael Brady, Inc. has hired **Dawn L. Skeans** as a human resource administrator.



Regions has named **Lynn Thompson** as its newest portfolio manager.



Y-12 Federal Credit Union has announced **Gregory Shultz** as its new manager of applications and systems programming.



Enrichment Federal Credit Union recently announced staff promotions; **Nancy Donsbach** to chief operations officer, **Jeremy Hodges** to chief financial officer, **Beth Chancey** to vice-president of accounting; **John Merritt** to chief information officer; **Laurie Craig** to assistant vice-president of human resources; **Mark Hembree** to assistant vice-president of member business loans; and **Felicia Langley** to assistant vice-president of consumer/indirect lending.



Haslam

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give hope to even Tennesseans who were "55 and failed the last grade they attended" that a new chance to earn a good living in a secure job was possible.

Haslam told the audience that 9,000 Tennesseans had volunteered to be mentors to students who were the first in their families to go to college. Haslam said volunteers can support a timid first-time college student by checking to make sure they show up to take their SATs and seeing them off to their first day of college.

When an audience member expressed concerns about the Tennessee Department of Transportation getting adequate

funding for road improvements, Haslam conceded better technology has created a revenue problem.

"Cars get better gas mileage now, so there is less money coming from gas taxes to use for roads and bridges," he said.

The governor had noted earlier that the state's rainy day fund had tripled in size but said even if that money were spent on infrastructure, a more permanent solution to the continuing need for road repairs had to be found.

Haslam told the audience that when he visited China recently, he was surprised by the pomp and ceremony with which he was greeted. At one point, a dignitary brought him a rose bouquet so enormous, Haslam's wife said it contained more flow-

American Employer Group, Appalachian Underwriters and Madison Insurance Group employees donated over \$1,677 to the **Oak Ridge Animal Shelter** on Friday, September 16 after a friendly competition between the groups to see who could raise the most money for the organization.



President Rick Meredith presents the Silver Community Partner plaque to Ronnie Fox, Stanley Fox and Becky Fox-Grubb at their 50th Anniversary Business After Hours.



ers than he had given her in their entire marriage.

Later a Chinese official told Haslam the roses and the formality had all been a rehearsal for an American guest who would be arriving in a few weeks. The Chinese were pretending Haslam was President Barack Obama so they could practice their big welcome.

Haslam's first stop in Anderson County was the South Clinton Elementary School as part of his Capitol to Classroom tours in which he gets feedback from members of his Teachers Cabinet, such as fourth-grade teacher Abbey Kidwell. The governor watched Kidwell as she taught a math lesson. He said he meets with the 17 teachers in his cabinet four times annu-

ally to hear their concerns and brainstorm solutions.

Haslam said the state would give various colleges that produce outstanding teachers a system of letter grades so as to make teacher recruitment easier for Tennessee. He said the state had invested \$400 million more in teachers' salaries under his administration.

The governor also noted some challenges facing Tennessee education, especially shortages of teachers in rural areas.

"In one part of the state, there is one physics teacher for five schools," he said. He didn't say where.

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 Tennova Wound Healing Center
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Individuals
 Jeff Cole
 William Jones



OCTOBER Chamber Calendar

Thursday, October 6,
8 – 9:30 a.m.
 Networking Coffee –
 Ray Varner Ford
 2026 N. Charles Seivers Blvd.,
 457-0704

Friday, October 7,
6 – 9 p.m.
 Friday Night Kick-Off For
 Antique Festival
 Muscle Car Cruze-In,
 Food, and Music

Saturday, October 8,
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Clinch River Fall
 Antique Festival
 Historic Downtown Clinton

Wednesday, October 19
9 – 11 a.m.
 Small Business Seminar –
 Marketing on a Shoestring
 Presented by
 Jutta Bangs,
 Director TSBDC Oak Ridge
 RSVP due to limited seating at
 (865) 483-2668

**Thursday – Saturday,
October 20 - 22**
 Walmart FLW
 Fishing Tournament

Tuesday, October 25,
8 – 9:30 a.m.
 Member Orientation – Presented
 by Norm Nelson, Director of
 Membership
 Chamber Office, RSVP due to
 limited seating at 457-2559

**Wednesday,
October 26,**
3 – 7 p.m.
 Job Fair at Anderson County
 High School

Thursday, October 27,
8 – 9:30 a.m.
 Networking Coffee –
 Samuel Franklin
 362 N. Main St. Clinton,
 457-1133

*To register online:
 Go to www.andersoncountychamber.org, go to on chamber calendar, click on event and it will prompt you to register.*

Economic Indicators

New Business Licenses Issued - 40
Building Permits Issued – 75
Unemployment – 5.2%

Ribbon Cutting Coffee



East Tennessee Orthodontics

East Tennessee Orthodontics held their official Ribbon Cutting with a great turnout from Chamber members, friends and family. Dr. Justin and Kelly Trisler greeted everyone and offered tours of the new office which is located at 1143 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite 206 in Oak Ridge. You may find out more about the services they offer by calling 865-312-6264 or by visiting their website at www.easttennesseoothodontics.com



Summit View of Rocky Top

Summit View of Rocky Top hosted a coffee on September 1st. Pictured are Norm Nelson, Director of Membership, Anna Martin, Magen Smith and Jessica Perkey. Summit View of Rocky Top is a state-of-the-art facility with a full range of therapy services which enables them to provide superior, personalized care to each resident. Focus is on improving each resident's quality of life. www.summitviewofrockytop.com

Ribbon Cutting Coffee



Promo Joe by Jessica

Jessica Diveto, owner of Promo Joe by Jessica, cuts the ribbon while Anderson County Chamber and Oak Ridge Chamber representatives watch! Check out her new location at 136 East Division Road, Oak Ridge. Promo Joe by Jessica is a locally owned family business with a large corporate reach. We serve small local businesses to international corporations, we can accommodate any size and need your business desires. www.promojoebyjessica.com



Farm Bureau Insurance

Farm Bureau Insurance hosted a coffee to kick off their Farm Day which is held annually to educate children about animals, farms and the crops they grow. The crowd enjoyed the cool morning and the networking. Our Clinton Farm Bureau Insurance agents are here to help you for all of your home, car, and life insurance needs. Contact me today, and find out why Clinton turns to us for insurance. Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee has agents in more communities than any other insurance company. We cover more homes in Tennessee than any other insurance company. We are the second largest writer of auto and individual life insurance policies in the state. www.fbitn.com



Fox Toyota's 50th Anniversary

Fox Toyota celebrated 50 years as a Toyota dealership with a Business After Hours event. Seen here: Ronnie Fox, Stanley Fox and Becky Fox-Grubb accepting the President's Award from Toyota General Manager of the Cincinnati region, Scott Wracher.

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Wednesday, October 26
3 – 7 p.m.

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| 3M Anderson County Sheriff's Dept. Clayton Homes Eagle Bend Manufacturing Emory Valley Center Express Employment Professionals Greenfield Senior Living HealthMarkets MAG-USA, Inc. Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) Protomet Corporation | Regions Bank Roane State Community College SL Tennessee Techmer PM Temp Systems, Inc. Tennessee Truck Driving School TN College of Applied Technology, Knoxville + MORE |
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Last day for early bird registration for employers is October 3. Cost: \$150 for Chamber Members, \$200 for non-Chamber Members.

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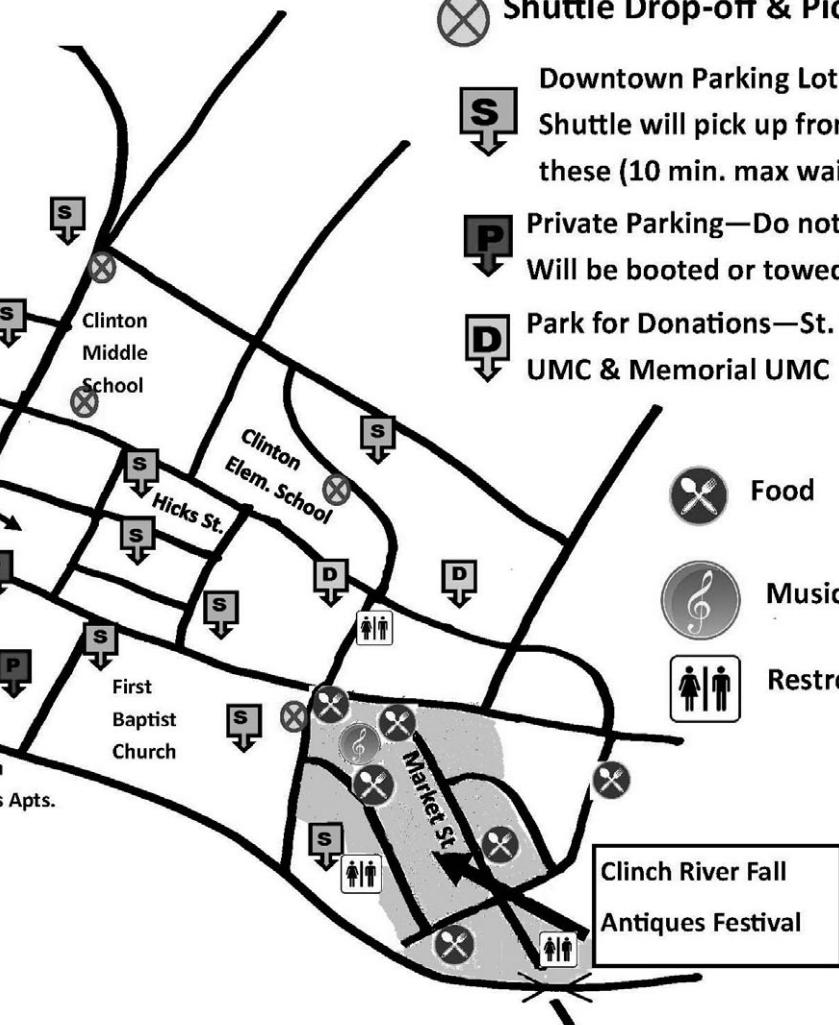
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will pick up visitors. There will also be a map printed in the Clinton Courier News and The Oak Ridger showing where these parking areas are located. Shuttles are sponsored by Clinton Drug Store.

History will come to life through our annual re-enactment of the 1804 pistol duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Burr, first term Vice President of the United States under Thomas Jefferson, shot Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, in a duel fueled by years of animosity and personal tensions between the two political rivals. Learn what the significance of this duel between national leaders had on Clinton's history and why a town once named Burrville changed its name to Clinton. The re-enactors from the Anderson County Sons of the Revolution will also have a booth set up on Main Street to display their re-enactment items. There will also be an encampment set up by the Sons of the Confederacy to allow history enthusiasts to visualize

a Civil War camp.

Chamber President Rick Meredith announces, "The Anderson County of Commerce is pleased to present a festival that attracts local, out of town and out of state visitors to our area. This festival supports local businesses, boosts our local economy and encourages visitors to return to the area." The event is being sponsored by SunTrust Bank, Methodist Medical Center, Promo Joe by Jessica, City of Clinton, Clinton Drug Store, Fox Toyota, Peoples Bank of the South, WATE-TV, Y-12 Federal Credit Union, Allee Antiques, Clinton Antique Mall, Historic Clinton Antiques, Food City and Wal-Mart.

Clinton, Tennessee is located 5 miles west of Interstate 75 at Exit 122 on Hwy. 61, 15 minutes north of Knoxville, Tn. on Hwy. 25W, or 10 minutes east of Oak Ridge, Tn. on Hwy. 61. For more information on the 16th Annual Clinch River Fall Antique Festival, contact the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce @ 865-457-2559 or visit: www.clinchriverfallantiquefestival.com



Clockwise from left: **The Unnamed:** Local boys Andy Howe, Steve Coker, Charlie Smith, Danny Stinnett & George Charles play Rockabilly and R & B.

Pale Root: Knoxville based Americana band featuring songwriters Jordan Burris and Aaron Freeman.

Inman Bluegrass

Walker Boys: The Walker Boys are a Clinton family bluegrass band consisting of five brothers and their father.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Clayton Homes Appalachia has met a milestone by producing its 30,000th home according to Ronny Robertson, plant manager. Also announced this month, a partnership with **Anderson County Career and Technical School** to create a new work-based learning project for the Carpentry class at the school. Clayton will partner with the school to build a Clayton modular home with the instruction from Clayton employees. Clayton will also furnish the building materials and donate the completed home to a needy family in Anderson County.

Pugh CPAs announced the following promotions; in the audit department, **Michelle Huffman**, senior manager, **Gary Mitchell**, manager, **Jonathan Huddleston**, senior, **Lauren Thompson**, senior; in the tax department, **Carol Faircloth**, senior manager and

Jennifer Gaylor, senior.

Pinnacle Financial Partners has hired **Sheri Leonard** as a senior vice president and mortgage advisor.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory announced that **Bryan Chakoumakos**, a researcher at the DOE facility, has been elected a fellow of the American Crystallographic Association and has been recognized for his excellence in research, service and leadership in the world of crystallography. Deigo del-Castillo-Negrete, senior research scientist, has been named to the Knoxville Museum of Art board of directors. ORNL's Phillip Britt, director of Chemical Services Division, has won the 2016 Henry H. Storch Award in Fuel Science from the Energy and Fuels Division of the American Chemical Society.

Studio Four Design was listed in the Inc. Magazine's 5,000 fastest-growing privately held companies at number 4,015.

@Work Group was listed in the Inc. Magazine's 5,000 fastest-growing privately held companies for the third year in a row at 2,605.

Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services received a proclamation from Oak Ridge Mayor Warren Gooch declaring September 2016 as Suicide Awareness Month in Oak Ridge.

Anderson County Emergency Medical Services has named Shift Supervisor **Danny McCreary** as the new Deputy Director.

Roane State Community College had two faculty members honored for their long-time service to the Emergency

Medical Services education community. **Roger Badger** received the Full-Time Excellence in Teaching Award and **Kirk Harris** received the Lige Turman Lifetime Achievement Award. **Holly Hansen** has been named director of the Cumberland County campus. They have also received a \$2 million federal grant to support student success initiatives from the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions grant.

Summit Medical Group of Oak Ridge has added **Dr. Jason Eskew** as a family physician.

Emory Valley Center's Early Learning Center received three stars on their Star Quality Child Care Program report card. Three stars is the highest rating that can be achieved.

Morning Pointe of Clinton, in partnership with the Morning Pointe Foundation and the Ten-

nessee College of Applied Technology, honored three Morning Pointe Foundation Scholarship recipients during the 2016 Scholar Banquet.

The University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business has added **Sara Easler** as director of international programs and study abroad.

The City of Rocky Top has named **Michael Foster** as the new City Manager.



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