

## Dream It. Do It. Kicks Off Its Fourth Season



The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce kicked off its fourth season of Dream It. Do It. East Tennessee on October 19th at Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU).

The program is a partnership with CNS Y-12, Anderson County Schools, Clinton City Schools, and Oak Ridge Schools focusing on middle school students showcasing Anderson County's Manufacturing Industries. With Cannon video cameras, provided by CNS Y-12, six teams of

eighth graders from Anderson County Schools and Oak Ridge Schools are paired with industries to create videos that tell the companies' stories. Sixth grade students from Clinton City Schools will also divide up into teams to create websites that represent each manufacturing company in Anderson County.

This year's teams are: Clinton Middle School and Protomet, Jefferson Middle School and Eagle Bend MAGMA, Lake City Middle School and AISIN Automotive Casting Tennessee; Norris Middle School and Clayton Homes, Norwood Middle School and SL Tennessee, as well as Robertsville Middle School and Techmer PM.



The 2019 Dream It. Do It. East Tennessee kicked off on October 19th at ORAU. Lake City Middle School team is partnering with AISIN Automotive Casting for this year's competition. Will they still hold the title of "Reigning Champions?" We shall see!

## MEMBER FOCUS



**JD'S AUCTIONS**

After a combined 28 years of military service in the U.S. Army, Jason and Natalie Deel decided to move to the Knoxville area to raise their family. They both knew that they wanted to continue to help others thus resulting in them opening JD's Auctions right in the heart of Historic Downtown Clinton. As a child, Jason collected many items and even continued to do so during his time in the Army. Both Jason and Natalie are well experienced and equally educated. After completing his MBA, Jason enrolled in Indiana University to complete his Certified Auctioneers Institute Course. Whereas Natalie also has a degree from the University of Portland Oregon. Natalie's passion is helping families through difficult times and planning fundraising events.

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# YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

## The 18th Annual Clinch River Fall Antique Festival

The 2018 Clinch River Fall Antique Festival took place on Saturday, October 13th in Downtown Historic Clinton, Tennessee. The well attended event started with a Kick-Off Party on Friday, October 12th that featured a Cruze- In, food vendors, live entertainment, a beer garden by Clinch River Brewing, and more! On Saturday, the all-day event brought 15,000 people to the City of Clinton. The festival featured over 90 vendors, artisans, and

crafters along with live entertainment and more. The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following sponsors for this year's festival: The City of Clinton, Clinch River Brewing, Dunkin Donuts, Food City, The Lantern at Morning Pointe, Meadow View Senior Living, Methodist Medical Center, Mortgage Options Lending, ORNL Federal Credit Union, People's Bank of the South, Ray Varner Ford, Remax Tri-Star Realty, and Y-12 Federal Credit Union.



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# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



**Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. Keeton & Associates** has moved their office location. Their new address is 139 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd.



**John Rice Irwin**, founder of the **Museum of Appalachia**, was inducted to the East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame on October 5th. He was honored for his "Outstanding Contribution to East Tennessee Culture and Literacy."



**Emory D. Collings** has been elected a fellow of the American Nuclear Society for his contributions to the advancement of nuclear science and technology. **Jeffrey S. Vetter** has received the ORNL Director's Award for Outstanding Individual Accomplishment in Science and Technology. **Tom Bundy** was awarded the Director's Award for his service and leadership to community initiatives that enhance wellness and economic prosperity in Anderson County and Beyond. **Stephen McNally** accepted the Outstanding Achievement Award in Energy Excellence from the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry. McNally and his team were recognized for their performance in the design and launch of the Summit supercomputer.



**Pinnacle Financial Partners** has made the FORTUNE Magazine's list for the Best Workplace for Women. As well as the award, Melanie Baxter and Sandy Nichols have joined the company as Financial Specialists.



Jason Fox with **Roane State Community College** has been awarded the EMS Education Association's 2017-2018 Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.



**South Made Marketing** has been announced Knoxville's Best Website Designer by Cityview Magazine's 2018 Best of the Best.



**Taylor Martin Photography** has been announced Knoxville's Best Male Wedding Photographer by Cityview Magazine's 2018 Best of the Best.



Executive Director of **United Way of Anderson County**, Naomi Asher spoke on 'Bridges Out of Poverty,' at Presbyterian Church on Monday, October 22nd.



# PARTNERS IN THE NEWS



**All Occasions Catering** has been announced Knoxville's Best Caterer Party, Best Wedding Caterer, and Best Business Caterer by Cityview Magazine's 2018 Best of the Best.



**The City of Clinton** was awarded a \$115,000 state grant for the South Clinton Inclusive Playground through the Local Parks and Recreation Fund.

**ORAU** The Communications team at **Oak Ridge Associated Universities** was recently awarded an Award of Excellence for their work with the Oak Ridge Institute for science and education website.



Steve Croley and Stephen Harris with **Powell Clinch Utility District** have been promoted. Croley now serves as the Vice President of Finance and Harris is now the Vice President of Operations.



**Y-12 Federal Credit Union** hosted a 5k run to raise money for their Gives Foundation on November 3rd.



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# Chamber News

## Today's Woman Expo

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce hosted the Today's Woman Expo on October 27th. This event was held at Anderson County High School and featured over 50 vendors that catered to every aspect of a woman's life. From fashion shows that showcased the latest fall trends to actual make overs taking place- the event was truly a success. The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

would like to thank the following organizations for sponsoring this year's expo: Johnson & Company General Store, First Volunteer Bank, Holiday Inn Express and Suites of Clinton, Community Trust Bank, Enrichment Federal Credit Union, Hampton Inn of Clinton, and All Occasions Party Rentals.



Along with vendors, attendees enjoyed catering by Hannah's Place, Inc. and Pleasantries Catering.



Beauty Redefined offered a plethora of services throughout the day, including Botox.



Rocky Top Dentistry participated in the event as one of the 50 vendors.



Kim Richards with Beauty Redefined was one of the guest speakers at this year's Expo.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### ACT Success Celebrated at High Schools

CHS and ACHS have enjoyed celebrating ACT success this fall in a variety of ways that honor high achieving students. Both high schools held celebrations at football games to honor students with 30+ ACTs, students who met all ACT benchmarks who are honored as the Elite 100, and those who earn state designation as "Ready Graduates" by earning a score of 21 or better. Each level of ACT achievement qualifies a student for different prizes sponsored by GEAR UP and their high school. The goal of the tiered recognition to help students aspire to higher scores to earn greater honors and bigger scholarships. The

ACT is a four hour exam given twice to each graduating class during school and on Saturdays selected as national testing days. A student should take their first ACT when they complete Algebra 2 regardless of their grade level as the majority of the math tested is covered by the end of the Algebra 2 course. ACT tutoring is offered at each high school. For more information about tutoring contact the ACT Prep Coordinator at your high school. ACHS coordinator is Kayla Watson who can be reached at [kaylawatson@acs.ac](mailto:kaylawatson@acs.ac). Karen Campbell is the ACT coordinator at CHS and can be reached at [kcampbell@acs.ac](mailto:kcampbell@acs.ac).



### Hawks Helping Others This Thanksgiving

The student organized club, Hawks Helping Others, at Clinton Middle College and Career Academy are back at it this fall! The organization has started a canned food drive that will provide meals for local families this Thanksgiving. Student, Amber Shelton says, "It feels good to help the students and families in our school." The staff leader of the group, Nicole Patalano says, "Our hope is to

collect enough food that we can use to create 25-30 baskets for families in the area." The Hawks Helping Others Canned Food Drive will be running until November 16th.



## CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

### 3M Donates to Clinton City Schools

A few years ago, Clinton welcomed a new 3M facility to the city. Since then, 3M has annually donated supplies to the schools including post-it notes, notepads, tape, markers, and a wide variety of other supplies. Plant manager, Jason Leslie, has become active in the community serving on the Chamber Board of Directors and participating in community events.



Recently, 3M awarded approximately \$4,000 in STEM grants to CCS! Due to their generosity, Virtual Reality has made its way into our classrooms. We now have a set of VR machines for students to use allowing them to take virtual field trips, travel through the circulatory system, and dissect a variety of specimen. Third graders at North Clinton Elementary now have access to individual student coding and STEM kits called Little Bits. When walking into Mrs. Smythson's classroom, you will find students using creative and analytical skills to build and solve real-world problems. A grant was also funded which purchased materials and supplies for the STEM 1st and 2nd grade club called Blaze Project H2O. Students are using water as the foundation for learning basic science concepts through experiments and exploration. During the first session, students analyzed specimen in the petri dish to learn about the importance of hydration.

All of these would not be possible without the generosity of 3M. They are truly a friend to education and dedicated to being an active participant in our community.

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# ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Where Are They Now?

**G**EAR UP coordinator, Angela Merryman, has spent six years hauling Anderson County Schools students across the state of Tennessee for college and secondary education visits. The GEAR UP program is centered around helping students plan their lives after high school. From helping with finances for secondary education to helping students find their place after high school, the program has helped many students from Anderson County Schools get to where they are today.

So, where exactly are some of the recently graduated ACS students now? They are a little bit of everywhere! At the TCAT Jacksboro Cosmetology Campus are students - J'Kobe Hardin, CHS 2018; Madison Phillips CHS 2018; and Carla Webb CHS 2018. At Carson Newman University, CHS Class of 2018 Graduate, Chris Langston is currently a freshman. At Lee University, two recent graduates from ACHS are currently enrolled for their freshman year, Chase Elkins and Mackenzie Braden.



CHS Class of 2018 Graduates: J'Kobe Hardin, Madison Phillips, and Carla Webb



ACHS Class of 2018 Graduate: Chase Elkins



CHS Class of 2018 Graduate: Chris Langston



ACHS Class of 2018 Graduate: Mackenzie Braden

## 8th Graders Go To College

**3**10 8th graders visited colleges in October through the new GEAR UP grant awarded to Clinton High and its feeder middle schools. Clinton Middle College and Career Academy 8th graders visited Roane State, TCAT Jacksboro, Pellissippi or University of Tennessee Knoxville. The UTK visitors had a special treat as their tour guides were former CMS students/2018 grads Kendall Gregory, Allie Whitaker, Jack Hutchins, Chris Webb and Benny Foster. Norwood Middle School 8th graders visited Tennessee College of Applied Technology Harriman where they saw former NWMS students Brent Broadus and Alan Self along with programs in welding,

automotive technology, diesel technology, cosmetology, industrial maintenance and nursing. Norwood student Andrea Webber says she like visiting the technical college because they had a lot of hands on learning. "It is important for younger students to visit college" says TCAT recruiter Becky Gilbert. "It helps them plan for their classes in high school and get an idea of the many career programs available." TCAT Harriman is adding a CNA course at Clinton High School for student in the Dual Enrollment program and has been approved for the area's first building trades program to be added next year.



NWMS Visted Tennessee College of Applied Technology's Harriman Campus.

CMS visited the University of Tennessee.



# CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

## CCS Students Tackle the Clinton 5K Run

A little rain didn't stop Clinton City students from tackling the 1 Mile Fun Run and 5K race in downtown Clinton on Saturday, October 20, 2018! With loads of smiles and laughter, students were seen effortlessly running the race course attempting to meet a personal goal. Several teachers and students placed in their age category! All proceeds of the annual Clinton 5K go towards health and wellness grants for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. Todd Temple organizes this annual event and is a strong supporter of education in our city. Clinton City Schools appreciates all he does for our students!



## ASAP of Anderson | Prevention Is: Support for Students

ASAP of Anderson celebrated its 10th anniversary this past September. Over the past ten years ASAP has partnered with the Clinton City and Anderson County Schools to support students and encourage the prevention of substance misuse. During Red Ribbon Week on October 23rd to 31st, we are especially involved in raising awareness for substance misuse prevention throughout the schools. Students across all three Clinton City Schools will be participating in prevention activities.

The ASAP Ambassadors are high school students who share ASAP's mission to prevent and reduce substance misuse by youth and adults in Anderson County. These students coordinate efforts in their school, as well as the elementary and middle schools including campaigns to prevent underage tobacco and alcohol use. Each year the Ambassadors travel to Nashville to educate their lawmakers on the issues that matter to them and their fellow students, host events in the schools to increase knowledge such as National Alcohol and Drug Facts Week, and create a prom campaign aimed to prevent underage

drinking. The support of the school administration allows these students to promote campaigns throughout the schools, organize their efforts, and become leaders to make real changes in their schools and community.

Other partnership efforts include working with schools to review their policies to make needed changes to keep current with issues and trends. Ten years ago, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) devices and other A "vaping" products were non-existent in schools and policies needed to be updated. It is vitally important to keep up with these ever-changing trends. ASAP works to keep up with these trends and programs to track progress and ensure effectiveness.

ASAP's work cannot be completed without the help of all community partners. Prevention is support for students, and the Clinton City and Anderson County School systems are saying "I AM ONE who will be proactive against substance abuse" by putting students first and recognizing the importance of a healthy and safe students body.

## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### FASFA Time in Tennessee

**R**egardless of whether your team is winning or losing this football season, every high school senior can be a winner in FAFSA season. The FAFSA, formally called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is required of all students who intend to be enrolled in college in 2019-2020. The FAFSA determines a student's eligibility for Pell grant funds, helps colleges determine financial aid packages based on income, and awards students state need based funds as well as meet requirements for Hope Lottery Scholarships and TN Promise. Parents are required by the federal government to provide tax information on their student's FAFSA unless a student is in guardianship, has been in foster care after age 13, or the student

is emancipated. This requirement remains until a student is 24 years old even if they no longer live with a parent. Seniors in Anderson County Schools may get help with their FAFSAs at their high school. FAFSA help days are announced in students' acs email. Over 100 FAFSAs were completed in Anderson County on six designated GEAR UP FAFSA Frenzy Days in October. Colleges also offer FAFSA help. The website to complete a FAFSA is [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). The FAFSA must be completed by Feb 1 for a student to remain eligible for TN Promise.



CHS teacher, Cheryl Broom, assists a student and parent completing a FAFSA at a GEAR UP FAFSA Frenzy Night.

## CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

### The E.T. Stamey Gym

**T**he Clinton City School Board unanimously voted to name the Clinton Elementary School gym basketball court the "E.T. Stamey Court" at the October School Board meeting. Over the past year, E.T. Stamey has worked endless hours building a Blaze Well-rounded Program for students in all three elementary schools. He has raised approximately \$65,000 from over 40 donors to renovate the gym, pay instructor salaries, and purchase uniforms/equipment. The new gym is simply amazing! E.T. can be seen proudly wearing his Blaze attire throughout the city, marketing the positive impact these programs have on our students. He is often seen giving students high-fives and is known to become tearful when a student meets or exceeds a personal goal. E.T. Stamey was presented with this recognition at the October City Council meeting, which was also the 1st home basketball game of the year. The "E.T. Stamey Court" will provide wonderful experiences and memories for students for many years to come.



### Young Scientists

**F**irst and second grade South Clinton Elementary students are busy having fun while learning about water, hydration, and dehydration during their first ever Blaze Project H2O afterschool club on Thursday afternoon. They read books about the health benefits of water for the human body and learned what proportion of their body is water. They investigated hydration and dehydration through working with specimen in Petri dishes. Science lab specimen for these curious students were frozen grapes, room temperature grapes and raisins. They even learned more about adjectives while completing their Science Lab Reports. Science and literacy can be very engaging in the hands of little learners!



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## CHAMBER CALENDAR

**Thursday, November 22 -23**  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
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# LEADERSHIP

## LAC Class of 2019 Takes on City Government Day

The Leadership Anderson County Class of 2019 set out on October 16th to learn about how city government operates within Anderson County. The day began with the City of Rocky Top, where participants learned about the operations that go within the city. After

a visit with Rocky Top City Manager, Michael Foster, the Leadership class went to tour Clinton City Hall and the Clinton Community Center. After lunch, the class heard from Mark Wilson the City Director of Oak Ridge at Centennial Golf Course.



Clinton City Fire Department Shows off their new fire truck.



City Director of Oak Ridge, Mark Wilson speaks to the LAC Class of 2019.



The Class stopped by Centennial Golf Course to hear from a few Oak Ridge City Government Officials.

It's that time of year again! With the holidays quickly approaching, Anderson County has many fun events in store! The Clinton Christmas Parade will be on December 15th at 6:00 pm. This year's theme is "The Songs of Christmas." Parade Registration forms are currently available at [www.andersoncountycommerce.org](http://www.andersoncountycommerce.org) on the homepage and at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce.

**All parade registration forms are due by Monday, December 10th.**

Saturday, November 24th  
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