



Clarkrange students browse information booths during their recent college and career night.

## Clarkrange seniors explore college and career opportunities

On Tuesday, September 20, students from Clarkrange High School's senior class attended a college and career night organized by Communities in Schools of Tennessee Site Coordinator Misty York and

Clarkrange High School Counselors, Kaye Bridges and Russell Beaty. Representatives from 14 institutions including East Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Roane State, Volunteer State, and several branches of the military engaged with students about future educational and career opportunities, including financial aid resources. The college and career night is just one of several initiatives Misty,

Mrs. Bridges, and Mr. Beaty have planned for this year. Misty is a Site Coordinator with Communities in Schools of Tennessee (CIS of Tennessee), an affiliate of the national organization working to ensure every student, regardless of race, zip code, or history of marginalization has what they need to succeed in school and beyond. Misty, who is based at Clarkrange High School, works to establish one-on-one relationships with students to help them navigate issues and move beyond barriers in the classroom, at home, and in the community. For example, she works with local service providers to help connect students and families with critical resources like food, clothing, housing, healthcare, counseling, transportation, and more.

"I have been very fortunate to get to know so many students and families over the last few years, and I want to see them excel long after they have graduated high school," said Misty. "We assist the students on finding their own path forward because it may not always be clear or easy to navigate. Many of our students face challenges when looking at postsecondary education and careers. The students and fami-

lies may not have time, money, or transportation to tour campuses they are interested in."

"College and career night gave the students exposure to different routes they can pursue after high school," she added. "It brought together so many important resources and opportunities our students may not have otherwise had. It was a great first step as Mrs. Bridges, Mr. Beaty, and I continue to build a postsecondary education and career culture at Clarkrange."

Misty and CIS of Tennessee are in their fourth year of working with Clarkrange High School and 22 other rural high schools across the state. CIS of Tennessee site coordinators are placed in rural high schools through a pilot program developed in partnership with Governor Bill Lee and the

Tennessee General Assembly. Last spring, the Tennessee General Assembly approved \$3 million for CIS of Tennessee to continue its pilot for two more years. In total, the pilot serves 11,500 students at 23

high schools across 15 rural counties.

For more information about CIS Tennessee, Clarkrange High School students and families can contact Misty at [myork@cistn.org](mailto:myork@cistn.org).



Pictured left to right: Rotary Rep. Jim Romer, Co. Executive Jimmy Johnson and VP of the University of TN David Hall

## Rotary Club Guest Speaker Shares Information on New Emergency Room Facility

On Tuesday, September 20, David Hall (executive Vice President of the University of Tennessee) came and spoke to the Jamestown Rotary Club.

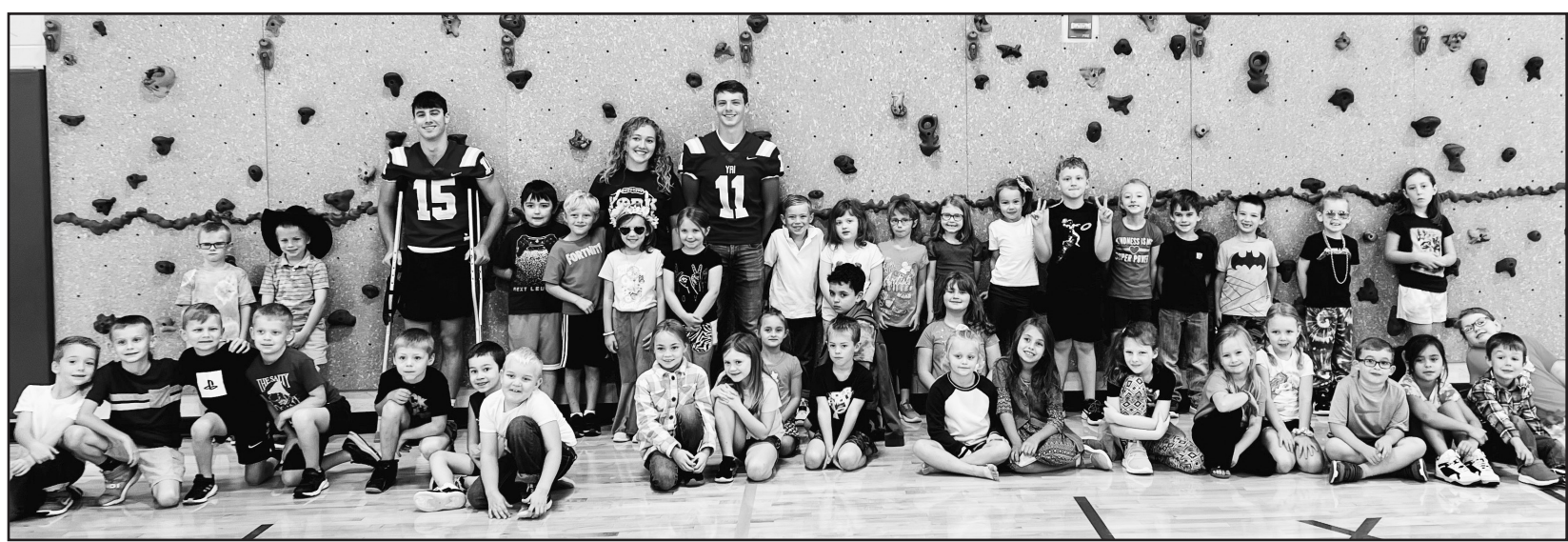
During his 45 minute long informational discussion, Hall gave specifics as to what had taken place and what will need to happen. Because of the pandemic, there have been supply delays and increases. The project was initially budgeted at \$4 million and is now over \$8 million. It is slated to be operational at the first of 2023. UT is looking for monetary benefactors to help fund the remainder of the project.

There will be board certified emergency room doctors on staff 24/7. This is a great for

trauma situations considering our rural demographics. They will also be running a clinic. The clinic will include specialists directly from the main UT hospital such as: urology, neurology, psychiatry, cardiology, and many more. These will be offered as a face to face appointment or tele-health appointment.

Imaging services will also be offered directly on sight so that our local residents can get all imaging needed such as MRI, X-rays, CT scans, etc.

Hall referenced several times at how wonderful and blessed our community was to have Jimmy Johnson. He advocated for our residents to have emergency care.



## Homecoming Queen & Football Players Read to 1st graders at YES & AES

Allardt Elementary and York Elementary celebrated YAI homecoming in a big way this week!! Several members of the football team and the homecoming queen read to our 1st graders this week. The students enjoyed it so much!!

