

Happenings

Roane County Employer's Association (RCEA)

Tuesday, August 9, noon
Roane State Community College
Faculty Lounge
RSVP by calling 865-376-2093

Chamber's August "Speaker Series" Luncheon
Featured Speaker: Mike McElhinney
Topic: The Latest & Greatest at Michael Dunn Center

Tuesday, August 16, noon
Michael Dunn Center
629 Gallaher Rd, Kingston
Lunch is \$12
Must reserve a spot by Friday, August 12
by calling 865-376-5572

"Lunch and Learn" Workshop
Topic: Time Management

Thursday, August 25, noon — 2 pm
The Roane Alliance Board Room
Sponsored by SCORE
Free to Chamber Members

Vintage Salon
Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, August 25
Ribbon cutting at 8:15 am
700 N. Gateway Ave, Rockwood
865-354-9050

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Harriman Rotary Club

Meets every Thursday at noon
Roane State Faculty Dining Room
Mike McElhinney 865-376-3416 x 215

Kingston Rotary Club

Meets every Tuesday at 6 pm
2 Chefs Deli & Bakery
865-376-3715

Kingston Lions Club

Meets every 2nd & 4th Monday 6:30 pm
Shoney's Family Restaurant
Martin Skinner 865-376-6894

Harriman Lions Club

Meets every 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 pm
Donna's Diner
James Yankie 865-376-9218

For a complete Chamber calendar visit
www.roanealliance.org/chamber/calendar.html



This Year's Chamber Board "Catches the Wave" at Retreat

The Annual Chamber Retreat, held Wednesday, July 20 at the Roane Alliance, 'waved' in the new fiscal year as well as new members for the Chamber Board. The Chamber welcomed new Board members **Ann Davis** and **Johnny Griffin**, **Griffin Insurance**.

Facilitated by **Millie Callaway, TVA**, new Chamber Board Chair **Danice Turpin**, Director of **Tennessee Technology Center in Harriman**, led the board with her vision for the coming year, encouraging everyone to "Catch the Wave," going forward and continuing to build on the momentum from the past year. Attendees also learned about the history of the Alliance, the county's Economic Development Priorities, the Chamber's 2011-12 budget, Chamber membership trends and benefits of being a Chamber member.



Catching the wave (L-R): **Tami Wright**, The Roane Alliance; **Buddy Bowers**; **Jeff Nichols**, ORNL; **Al Reardon**, BWXT Y-12; and **Dr. Toni McGriff**, Roane County Schools.



Danice Turpin

Following a breakout session allowing the committees to come up with their goal and objectives for the coming year, each committee shared their three top priorities for the year. (See the *Chamber Committees Choose Top 3 Priorities at Annual Retreat* on page 2 to see those priorities). Lunch was sponsored and provided by The Gibson Girls Southern Goodies.

Turpin is this year's chair. She is a long-time resident of Tennessee with professional experience in workforce development and adult technical education. She has a BS degree in engineering, holds a Master's degree in adult education, and an Ed.S degree in Instructional Leadership. Turpin has previously served as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee.



Ann Davis

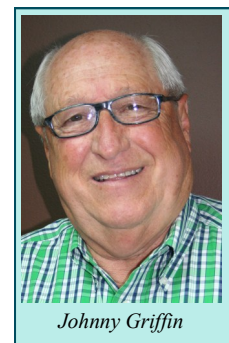
Kenyon Mee is this year's Chair-Elect. He grew up in Harriman where he currently lives, serving six years in the United States Air Force. He has been employed for nineteen years at **Diversified Scientific Services**, a subsidiary of Perma-Fix Environmental Services, in Kingston where he serves as the Facility Manager. He is a member of the **Harriman City Council**.



Kenyon Mee

Ann Davis is a new Board Member this year. She was a long-time Administrative Assistant for County Executive **Ken Yager** and former Roane County Purchasing Agent. Davis was the original chair of the Roane County Association of Women Executives, 1995 Athena Award winner, alumnus and former board member of Leadership Roane County. She currently is co-founder of Direct Pro Group.

Johnny Griffin, owner of **Griffin Insurance** in Kingston, is a new but returning Board member, having been Chairman in 1984. Griffin is a member of the Leadership Roane County Alumni Board and the **Harriman Rotary Club**. Griffin started his business in 1980 and has been a Chamber member from the very beginning.



Johnny Griffin

First Lady Haslam Kicks Off Roane Reading

On Thursday, July 21, First Lady Crissy Haslam joined a host of Roane County leaders to celebrate the establishment of the **Children's Reading Foundation of the Tennessee Valley**. The goal of the Reading Foundation is to encourage parents, family members, and other caring adults to "read to a child twenty minutes every day," Which is one of the most important investments that an adult can make toward the future success of the child," according to Allen Lutz, the Roane Alliance representative working with the foundation.

"The Reading Foundation has received tremendous support from The Roane Chamber," said Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of the Roane Alliance, a sponsor of the foundation, "in fact, every organization sponsoring the Reading Foundation's Kick-Off today are Chamber mem-

bers: **Rotary Club of Kingston, TVA, UT-Battelle, EnergySolutions, Kingston Lions Club, Griffin Insurance, ORNL Federal Credit Union, and Senator Ken Yager.**

A resolution in support of the Children's Reading Foundation was signed by county leaders at the crowded event, including all of the city's mayors and the County Executive.



Ron Woody, **Roane County Executive**, signs the resolution as (l-r) Leslie Henderson, **The Roane Alliance**; Dr. Gary Goff, **Roane State Community College**; and Dr. Tony McGriff, **Roane County Schools**, who also signed the resolution, look on

Welcome New Members

Daycab Company, Inc.
Marc Wagers
 128 Manufacturer's Rd
 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-671-2996

Vintage Salon
Wendy Garrett
 700 N. Gateway Ave.
 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-354-9050

Affordable Arctic Air
Jeff Brock
 111 Garfield St.
 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-354-8100

Big Lots
Sally Melvin
 1426 N. Gateway Ave.
 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-354-1691

Roane County Parks Offerings Highlighted At July's Chamber Luncheon

Roane County Parks and Recreation Director Tony Brown was not only the featured speaker but also played host and sponsor for last month's Chamber Speaker Series Luncheon.

Held at the renovated conference center inside Roane County Park, Brown presented photos and information on all the parks and campgrounds in the county. Not only were attendees impressed by the facilities and recreational opportunities in Roane County but also by the fabulous lunch that was cooked and provided by Brown.

"Roane County Park's Splash Pad brought in three bus loads from other counties this past Saturday," said Brown, "while the disc golf course is now a 'Certified Professional' course and one of the best in the state." Brown also showed impressive photos of the new Riley Creek Campground as well as aerial shots of the returning corn maze, stating that "to better reflect all the County offers, we changed our name to include recreation, and now known as Roane County Parks & Recreation."

Chamber Committees Choose Top 3 Priorities at Annual Retreat



Chamber committees worked during afternoon breakout sessions to identify action plans for the coming fiscal year. Here are the top three priorities from each committee:

Legislative & Public Affairs Committee:

- Elected Officials Annual Barbecue
- Legislative Initiatives 2012
- Legislative Breakfast & Day on the Hill

Education Committee:

- Continue Teacher's Supply Closet, Tennessee Scholars and High School Career Fair
- Establish Workforce/Education Team
- Establish Adult Enrichment Program

Membership Committee:

- Survey & work to recapture former members
- Increase use of multiple directory listings by members
- Implement Orientation Program for new members

Leadership Committee:

- Ensure funding to continue Roane Youth Leadership
- Partner with Education Committee in support of TN Scholars Program
- Roane Youth Leadership students recognized at Chamber, School Board & community meetings

Tourism Committee:

- Implement a Roane Concierge Training Program
- Expand Lodging Association to Hospitality Assoc.
- Explore new recreation ideas to promote tourism



Community Events

National Night Out 2011

Tuesday, August 2, 5 - 9 pm
Kingston City Park
Call 865-376-2081

Cotton Patch Gospel

August 5, 6 & 7
Roane State's O'Brien Theatre, Harriman
Contact: Malinda Yager 865-354-3000 ext
4710 or yagerMR@roanestate.edu

Rockwood Cruise-In

August 6, 4 - 7 pm
Historic Downtown Rockwood
For information 865-617-1548

Cruisin' in Harriman

August 13, 4 - 7 pm
Historic Downtown Harriman
Don't miss the last one of the season!
Contact: "Doc" Mullins 865-717-2818

"Music & Melons"

Babahatchie Band Concert

Sunday, August 14, 3 pm
Riverfront Park, Harriman
Harriman Lions club will host a watermelon
cutting for the audience

Area-Wide Gospel Singing

Saturday, August 20, 6 - 8:30 pm
Kellytown Baptist Church Activities Building
939 W. Tri County Blvd, Oliver Springs
Free! Contact Jerry White 865-414-3690 or
Pat Crowe at pcrowe435@comcast.net

'30 Years of WeddedBliss?'

August 20 & 27, 8 pm
Creative Arts Co-op
426 Ruritan Rd, Harriman
A murder mystery show & dessert evening
Tickets \$20/person /12 & under \$10/person
For reservations call 865-765-1129 or visit
www.creativeartsco-op.com

Storm the Fort Triathlon & Family Festival

Saturday, August 27, 8 am - 6 pm
Fort Southwest Point, Kingston
Come experience live music, BBQ and a
whole lot of endurance!
Race for the cannon will begin at 8 am from 58
Landing Pier & end by noon at the fort
Festival begins at 11:30 am
Sign up for race: www.racedayevents.net

And Coming in September:

Hooray for Harriman Labor Day Festival
Monday, September 5, 10 am - 6 pm
Roane Street, Harriman
www.hoorayforharriman.info

For more community events:
www.RoaneTourism.com/events

Business Briefs

Teachers Supply Closet Donations Needed



It's that time of year when parents, teachers and students start thinking about the new school year...and with a new school year comes the need for supplies.

In its ninth year, the Teachers' Supply Closet provides a one-day free "shopping" experience for supplies. Through donations from area businesses and individuals, public school teachers get to shop for basic supplies as well as arts and crafts materials—anything to help make student activities and learning more effective.

The Supply Closet is sponsored by the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, **Roane State Community College, Tennessee Technology Center in Harriman, and Roane County United Way.**

However, it could not be the successful effort that it is without the donations from businesses and individuals. Financial donations or supplies can be dropped off by Monday, September 19 at The Roane Alliance, 1209 N. Kentucky Street in Kingston or the Roane County United Way, 2735 Roane State Highway in Harriman. For questions please call the Chamber at 865-376-5572.

Let's Help Storm the Fort!

On August 27, athletes will be 'Racing for the Cannon' during the Storm the Fort Olympic Distance Triathlon in Kingston. Many of these athletes will be coming to Roane County for the first time so let's make them feel welcome. Here are some suggestions:

Any business with a marquis can show their support or provide water and a station for the runners. Individuals can waive and cheer the athletes on as they swim, run or bike past. For instance, those living on River Road between 58 and the old Methodist Luminary Church will have the perfect location to put up signs or cheer the bikers on.

Volunteers are also needed at various water stations for the run and the bike turnaround on River Road. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Pam May, The Roane Alliance, 865-376-4201 or tourism@roanealliance.org.



Consumer Price Index June 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in June on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.6 percent before seasonal adjustment.

30 new business licenses were issued in June 2011

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Chamber Members Celebrate



Large Crowd Enjoys Annual Cookout

The Kingston City Park Pavilion was packed with city employees, area business owners, and community leaders during the **City of Kingston's** Annual Cookout on Friday, July 1.

Prior to everyone lining up to feast on hot dogs, hamburgers, and smoked bologna, Mayor Troy Beets, **City of Kingston**, presented a slide show and recognized all the former Kingston mayors seated at the head table.

Harriman Care & Rehab Has Celebration

Harriman Care and Rehabilitation Center, located at 240 Hannah Road in Harriman held a Celebration of their new Trach Unit and new Private Suites while providing a delicious meal to everyone who attended on Friday, July 22.

The event started with a personal tour of the whole facility. Each of the Trach Unit beds comes with their own generators. The new Private Suites come with no extra charge and have such amenities as large screen TV, Wi-Fi, personal telephone numbers and many more.

Administrator Peter Falk thanked all who came and gave some history of the **Harriman Care and Rehabilitation Center**, mentioning their 12 "Guiding Points that have made them successful in business and keeping their residents happy .



RENEWALS

Kimberly Southmayd
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 408 Roane Street, Suite 200
 Harriman, TN 37748
 865-882-3135

Leggins & Associates
William Leggins
 519 Old Johnston Valley Rd
 Kingston, TN 37763
 865-376-5721

Senator Ken Yager
 P.O. Box 346
 Harriman, TN 37748
 865-285-9797

Kinser Drugs, Inc
Homer Hamby
 142 East Cumberland Street
 Kingston, TN 37763
 865-376-5157

Loden's Auto Center, Inc.
Jon Loden
 1259 Gallaher Road
 Kingston, TN 37763
 865-376-5843

Sauter Timber, LLC
Reinhard Sauter
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 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-354-6363

Steward Construction Company
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B&W Y-12
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Meghan Turvey
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 865-483-1551

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