



Happenings

Anderson/Oak Ridge/Roane Chamber Coffee at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge

Tuesday, December 6, 8 - 9:30 am
MMC Main Lobby
990 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge
Chamber members are urged to bring lots of business cards for networking!

We're Wireless Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, December 7
11 am - 1 pm
1828 Roane State Hwy, Harriman
For more information call 865-717-3737

Super Saturday

Saturday, December 10
The Chamber urges you to spend at least \$50 at a Roane Chamber business on this day. For a list of these retailers visit:
www.roanealliance.org/whats-new.html

Roane County Employer's Association (RCEA)

Topic: *Hiring Veterans & Working with Veteran Owned Businesses*
Speakers: Stephanie Gates and Jonathan Williams
Tuesday, December 13, noon
RSCC Faculty Lounge
RSVP by calling 865-376-2093

The Roane Alliance Annual Christmas Open House

Friday, December 16, 11 - 2pm
Potluck buffet provided by the Board members and staff of the Alliance. Come enjoy the food & fun! The shopping spree drawing will be held at noon
To RSVP call 865-376-2093

Roane Writers' Group

3rd Annual Student Writing Contest Awards Ceremony
Friday, December 16, 6 pm
Roane State Theater

Roane Alliance Offices Will Be Closed:

Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 23 &
Monday, December 26

New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 2

'Shop Roane First' - We All Benefit, Including One Lucky Shopper!

The Roane County Chamber is once again promoting the 'Shop Roane First' program by calling for a special 'shop local' day this holiday season.

The Chamber has named **December 10** as 'Super Saturday' and is asking everyone in the County to commit to spending at least \$50 at a Roane County Chamber retail business on that day. By doing this, it not only helps our locally-owned Chamber businesses be more successful, but it also helps everyone, because when residents spend local, nearly half of the money spent in a locally-owned business stays in Roane County.

Shop Roane First
Shop at any participating Chamber retailer through **December 14** and enter the Shopping Spree contest



The 'Shop Roane First' is an annual campaign that the Chamber kicks off during the holiday season to remind people of the need to support local businesses and how important it is to the local economy. Each time money is spent at a locally-owned business, the tax stays in Roane

County to support local resources such as schools, parks, police, fire, etc.

As part of the program, the Chamber has again teamed up with the Roane County News to host a contest for a \$500 holiday shopping spree for a lucky individual. Reinforcing "Shop Roane First," the prize money will be spent in participating Chamber businesses.

To register for the drawing shop at a participating business, fill out an entry form, and place it in the "Shop Roane First" box. The winning name will be drawn at the Roane Alliance' Christmas Open House at noon on Friday, December 16. You do not need to be present to win. For more information and where to find a complete list of participating businesses visit <http://roanealliance.org/chamber/chamberevents/shopping spree.html>

10th Annual Roane Alliance Gala - A Rousing Success!



Seated at the Roane State-sponsored table from L-R: Jerry Duncan, Teresa Duncan, Dr. Gary Goff, and Heidi Goff.

The 2011 Roane Alliance Gala was held Friday, November 4. This Gala not only reached a milestone - the 10th annual - but was called "best ever" by many of the more than 300 attendees.

"One of the most gratifying parts about this year's Gala is how much support we got even though times have been tough for many of us," said Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of The Roane Alliance.

"We had a record number of donors this year and more table sponsors than we've had for years. They may have had to cut back just a little, but they still came through

for us. What that says to me is that our business community believes in us and they believe in what we're doing. That sure feels good."

The Gala sponsors this year included: Platinum: CROET; Bronze: **Oak Ridge Utility District**, and WSI of Oak Ridge; along with 25 Gold: **AGA Insurance**, Team Health,

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To view complete calendar click on "Calendar" link at: www.RoaneChamber.com

Physician's Plaza Provides a New Home For Several of Our Chamber Members

"We are super happy," said **Physicians Plaza** developer Heath Thorne during the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 25.

The new 43,000 square-foot medical facility in Midtown is located at 1855 Tanner Way, just down from the new Roane Medical Center Hospital location and across from Pinnacle Pointe shopping center, which Thorne explained "is great. We are 100-percent leased, which is pretty rare for a building that's just getting up and going. This a real upbeat kind of thing for the community."

"Physicians Plaza tenants and local officials attending the celebration seemed very pleased with the new building," said Darrell Williams, Roane Alliance Director of Business Development." According to Larry Hill, owner of **Chase Pharmacy**, and a tenant located on the 1st floor, "the plaza exceeded my expectations." Other Chamber members now located in the new building include **Amedysis Health Services** and **Dr. Terry Bingham**.



From L-R: Leslie Henderson, Roane Alliance; Dr. Randy Denton; Dr. Matthew Bridges; **Kingston** Mayor Troy Beets; Dr. Rodney McMillin; Larry Hill, **Chase Pharmacy**; State Senator **Ken Yager**; Joyce Nall, **Roane County Government**; Dr. Brad Luttrell; Dr. Mark Hellman; and Chip Ladd.

Oran's Flower Shop—Providing More Reasons to 'Shop Roane First'



Pictured (l-r); **Kingston** Mayor Troy Beets, Darlene Brandle, **The Bridge**, Owner Kristi Oran, Tammi Cribbs, Sammie Oran and Shelbie Oran, **Oran's Flower Shop**.

Oran's Flower Shop recently celebrated a ribbon cutting at their new larger location at 164 E. Race Street in Kingston. With the additional space Oran's has become more than a flower shop.

Not only are owners Sam and Kristy Oran now offering tuxedo rentals and wedding and special event coordinating, but the additional space gave them the opportunity to help other entrepreneurs by providing the space to start their businesses.

Currently, Oran's is home to nine additional businesses, from photography to embroidery to personal items to gifts - all under one roof, and working as one shop (not multiple separate booths).

In addition, Oran's has incorporated a work-based study group from Harriman High School, teaching students business skills in a real-life work environment.

"Oran's Flower Shop is not only making it easier to 'Shop Roane First,'" says Darrell Williams, Director of Business Development, "but also helping mentor the next generation of small business owners in Roane County."

Welcome New Members

The Lewis Group Architects
Craig Lewis
6515 Deane Hill Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37919
865-581-5000

A+ Defensive Driving &
DUI Schools
Randy Jenkins
3419 Hackworth Rd
Knoxville, TN 37931
865-335-5286

TNInvestco - Providing Capital to Small Start-ups

A Chamber Speaker Series Luncheon was held on November 15, featuring Jim Phillips, Vice President and CFO, of XMi High Growth Development Fund, LLC (XHG).

XHG, a recipient of the TNInvestco program pursuant to the State of Tennessee "Tennessee Small Business Investment Company Credit Act" passed in 2009, provides capital to small startup companies. Mentoring, expertise and support are also part of the program.

Phillips explained that the TNInvestco program is interested in companies that are involved with technology, clean energy, and manufacturing - among others. TNInvestco is looking for companies with less than 100 employees that have 60% of their workers within Tennessee.

Once the capital is in place, XMi controls a portion of the company and uses its experienced business leaders to help the company grow.

For more information about the TNInvestco program visit www.state.tn.us/eecd/tinvestco/index.html

Community Events

Christmas Parades

Harriman, December 1, 7 pm
 Kingston, Friday, December 2, 7 pm
 Oliver Springs, Saturday, December 3, 5:30 pm
 Rockwood, Monday, December 5, 7 pm

Celebration of Lights Benefit

December 2, 6 - 9 pm

Blue Springs Marina

Come out and enjoy the lights to raise money for OperationREACH. Free food & drink!

TN Valley Kennel Club Agility Trial

December 2-4

Roane State Expo Center, outdoor arena
 Contact: Dawn Darr 865-584-6553

"The Nutcracker" performance by Arts in Motion

December 2 & 3, 7 pm | December 4, 2 pm

Roane State's O'Brien Theater
 Tickets are \$15; advance recommended,
 call Arts in Motion at 865-376-0295

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 2, 7 pm

Homecoming Park, downtown Rockwood
 Photos & storytelling with Santa
 (bring camera & warm clothes)

Christmas Shopping in the Park

Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 3 pm

Roane County Park cottage
 Contact Tony Brown at 865-882-2640

Merry TubaChristmas

Saturday, December 3, 11:30 am

Harriman High School Auditorium
 Contact Dr. Joseph J. Williams 865-882-3446

Rockwood Christmas Home Tour

Saturday, December 3, 1 - 7 pm

Sunday, December 4, 1 - 6 pm

Tickets are \$15 at **Live & Let Live** or
O'Those Were the Days
www.rockwood2000.com

Santa Train

Secret City Excursion Train

December 3 & 10, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

December 4 & 11, 1pm, 3pm

Heritage Center (former K-25 site)

Information and ticket prices call 865-241-2140

Public Stargazing

Tamke-Allan Observatory

December 3 & 17, 7 pm

Located on Caney Creek Road, Harriman

Contact David Fields at 865-927-5155

A Song is Born Holiday Concert

December 9, 7 pm | December 11, 3 pm

Contact Malinda Yager, 865-354-3000 ext. 4710

Historic Harriman Christmas Tour

December 10, 12 - 6 pm

December 11, 1 - 6 pm

Tickets are \$15 purchased at Carnegie Library

www.cornstalkheights.com

Candlelight Christmas Tour

Saturday, December 10, 6 pm

Fort Southwest Point

www.southwestpoint.com, 865-376-3641

For more information:
www.RoaneTourism.com/events

Business Briefs

EnergySolutions received the Volunteer STAR (Safety Through Accountability and Recognition) award from the state. This is the state's highest honor for workplace safety and health, and a nationally recognized program. This is their second time to receive this award. There are currently only 35 Volunteer STAR sites in Tennessee.

King College was featured on *Colleges of Distinction.com*, an online guide that looks at colleges and universities appealing to students' unique and varied interests. Based on the opinions of guidance counselors, educators, and admissions professionals, King College was required to demonstrate excellence in four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities, and successful outcomes

Amedysis Home Health Care was named to the 2011 HomeCare Elite™ top 500 home health agencies in the country. The HomeCare Elite is a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the US.

The **Whitestone Country Inn and City of Harriman's Historic Home**

Tours were recently highlighted in a three-page article in *VIP Midsouth*. The magazine is a social and entertainment magazine distributed in cities throughout the south. To view the online article (page 33 - 35) visit www.vipmag.com/South_eMag/index.html



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Covenant Health, Daycab Company, EnergySolutions, Foothills Care, Griffin Insurance, City of Rockwood, Kimble Chase/Thermo Fisher Scientific, McGill Associates, Perma-Fix Environmental Services, B&W Y-12, Pro2Serve, Regions Corporate, Regions Bank, Roane County Officials, Roane County Government, Roane County Industrial Development Board, TVA Kingston Fossil Plant, Roane State Community College, Roane Transportation/Roane Metals, ORNL Federal Credit Union, Toho Tenax America, UCOR, and USEC.

For a link to see the photos taken by Matt Pavel, **Pavel Studios Photography**, visit www.roanealliance.org/gala.

BY THE NUMBERS

Roane County Employment Statistics

	September 2011	October 2011	
Labor Force	28,350	Labor Force	28,220
Employment	25,940	Employment	26,010
Unemployment	2,420	Unemployment	2,200

Unemployment

	Roane Co. %	TN %	US %
September	8.5	9.8	9.1
October	7.8	9.6	9.0

Consumer Price Index October 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent in October on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased.

31 new business licenses were issued in October 2011

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Chamber Members Celebrate



Frank Knies, *Citizens National Bank* and Johnny Griffin, *Griffin Insurance* enjoy the refreshments.

Sears of Harriman and its owner, Charlie Jones, celebrated a milestone on Friday, November 4th. A grand reopening celebration was held to honor the Jones' 30-year affiliation with Sears. Jones started at Sears as a retail worker and worked his way to owner.

The store has grown from a little more than a catalog store, to a showroom of around 3,000 square feet to now close to 8,000 square feet. Jones is proud of the store and the services his store offers. "We not only include all types of top-of-the line appliances but also the repair services for those appliances" said Jones.

Located at 236 South Roane Street, Sears of Harriman was recognized as a premier dealer store last January - an honor that only 20% of Sears stores receive annually.

A record crowd came out Friday, November 18, to attend **Ken Yager's Annual Chili Supper** at **Roane State Community College**.

A silent auction was also held, raising nearly \$3,000 for **The United Way of Roane County**.

Senator Yager recognized other state officials in attendance and thanked everyone for coming out, especially those volunteers who helped make it such a success event.



Senator **Ken Yager** speaks to the crowd during the chili supper



Bill Landry autographing his new book at **Rocky Top General Store**

From host of the Heartland Series to author, Bill Landry spent Saturday afternoon, November 12 at **Rocky Top General Store** in Harriman signing his new book, "Appalachian Tales & Heartland Adventures."

Store owner David Webb was very pleased with the large crowd who were excited to meet and talk with Landry while he signed their books.

Webb thanked Landry for spending the afternoon at the store, stating "by the size of this crowd, you can tell it was a success!" In fact, according to Webb, Landry acknowledged that

it was one of the largest book-signings he had ever had.

Rocky Top General Store is located at 316 Ruritan Road in Harriman.

RENEWALS

Whitestone Country Inn
Paul Cowell
1200 Paint Rock Road
Kingston, TN 37763
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Kingston Family Practice
Andrea Beatty
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Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-3406

Horsehead Resource Development Co.
Tony Frazier
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Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0955

Environmental Standards
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Magnifical Painting
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