

Happenings



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Roane County Employer's Association (RCEA)

Topic: Wellness

Speaker: Cathy Upchurch, Company Benefits Store

Tuesday, February 14, noon
RSCC Faculty Lounge

RSVP by calling 865-376-2093



Roane State Expo Center
Saturday, March 24

10 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$2/Adults, \$1/Children

Sign Up Now!

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Kiwanis Club

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at noon

Roane State Community College

Fran Puckett 865-376-5901

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 more clubs & meetings visit:
roanealliance.org/chamber/clubs.html

Alliance Hosts Lively Business Roundtable with Congressman

The Roane Alliance hosted a business roundtable discussion with Congressman Chuck Fleischmann recently with a select group of Roane business leaders from a variety of sectors, including representatives from private industry, health services, education, and government. The discussion included an opportunity for each of the participants to share issues of concern directly with Fleischmann.

Fleishmann answered questions from each member of the group and took notes, promising to follow up. Some of the topics included: the Small Modular Reactor (SMR) plans at the former Clinch River Breeder Reactor site and funding of the Chicamaugua Lock to ensure the Tennessee River traffic is not interrupted and that it does not negatively affect the area's economy and future commerce.

Fleischmann also spoke about his first year in the Third Congressional District and how excited he is about the newly re-drawn district beginning in 2013 that will include all of Roane and Anderson Counties. During his first year as Congressmen, he said funding for Y-12 and ORNL has been good and he expects to keep working to keep it that way. Fleischmann also talked about the depth of disciplines that were available at **Roane State Community College** and vowed to continue his support.

The Congressman thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Roane Alliance for hosting the roundtable, with hopes that there would be more opportunities for these types of discussions in the future.



Sponsor Deadline Nearing for Chamber Home & Garden Show

Plans are underway for the Home & Garden Show this year and it's not too late to be a part of it. The 6th Annual Home & Garden Show, hosted by The Roane Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Roane State Expo Center, Saturday March 24 from 10am – 4pm.



Vendor booths are filling quickly and there isn't much time left to become a Platinum or Gold sponsor. To become a sponsor, please contact the Chamber by February 10 to take full advantage of everything a sponsorship provides - name/logo

included on all marketing materials as well as preferential choice of booth space.

Workshops, kid's attractions and entertainment are all planned to be part of the 2012 Home & Garden Show, including more vendor booths than ever before. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to promote your business!

For sponsorships and vendor information call Home and Garden Show Chair Jenny Tippens at 865-376-6065 or contact the Chamber at 865-376-5572.

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

Employers Group Hears About Pay Systems

The Roane County Employers' Association (RCEA) meeting on January 10 featured David Lopater, co-owner of Sensible HR Solutions, who spoke about what is and is not a skilled-based pay system; key design and implementation issues; plan maintenance and revisions; as well as key 'dos, don'ts and pitfalls.'

The next RCEA meeting - on February 14, will be about "Wellness Programs." Cathy Upchurch, Company Benefits Store, will explain the benefits of a wellness program, components of the program; what results to expect; and what programs might be available to you for free. These programs are not just for big companies - in this presentation you will learn how a successful wellness program can help you manage, and even reduce, your business and healthcare expenses.

The RCEA meets at noon at **Roane State Community College** in the Dunbar Building, ground floor cafeteria in the faculty lounge.

For more information about the RCEA visit www.roanealliance.org/workforce/RCEA.html or call 865-376-2093.



David Lopater of Sensible HR Solutions talks with Kathy May-Martin, Coldwell Banker Jim Henry & Associates at last month's RCEA meeting.



Career Exploration Day, 2011

Businesses - We Need Your Help!

The Chamber has two education initiatives that provide opportunities for businesses to have a direct affect on the quality of the county's future workforce.

The Roane County High School Career Day, held on March 30, provides an opportunity to help shape our youth and help develop the next generation of our workforce. As a professional or business owner you will have the chance to reach 550 juniors from the five **Roane County** high schools.

A number of career fields have not been represented at past career day events so there may be a specific need for your type of business. If you are interested in helping students understand what it takes to be successful in your career field or business then make plans to be available to talk to students during Career Day.

The event will from 9 am to noon in the **Roane State Community College** gym. To learn more visit www.roanealliance.org/workforce/education.html.

The Tennessee Scholars program, a Roane Chamber led partnership between local businesses and **Roane County Schools**, prepares graduates for higher learning, the workforce, or the military.

"One of the purposes of Tennessee Scholars is to increase the number of students graduating from high school with a rigorous, defined academic course of study that prepares them for higher education, the workforce, or the military," said Allen Lutz, Education and Workforce Specialist for the Roane Alliance.

"The other major purpose is to help provide a better pool of future workers to our local business community," said Chamber President Leslie Henderson. "A Tennessee Scholar stamp on a job candidate's transcript helps our employers know that here is a potential employee who has shown that he or she has gone the extra mile."

Currently, students are only recognized in the 9th grade and then not again until graduation when they receive their medallions. The goal is to recognize scholar students every year, but additional funding is needed.

To learn more about the Tennessee Scholars program: www.roanealliance.org/workforce/TNScholar

To participate in any of these Chamber education initiatives or to donate, contact Allen Lutz at 865-376-2093 or alutz@roanealliance.org.

To Advertise in Newsletter:

Only available to Chamber members.

\$50 charge for insertion

Call **The UPS Store,**

865-376-1773 to have them print & insert for you or provide 380 flyers (8.5x11) by the 25th

to the Chamber at:

1209 N. Kentucky St, Kingston

Welcome New Members

UCOR

Leo Sain
P.O. Box 4699
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
865-576-2458

Kent Calfee

476 Dogwood Valley Rd.
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-3517



Community Events

Oak Ridge Kennel Club Agility Trials

February 3 - 5

Roane State Expo Center, indoor arena
Contact Dawn Darr Barrett, 865-406-2362

Day of Chocolate

Saturday, February 4, 9 am - 4 pm

Whitestone Country Inn

\$75/person (tax included)

Register now by calling 865-376-0113

Public Stargazing

Tamke-Allan Observatory

Saturday, February 4 & 18, 7 pm

Caney Creek Road, Harriman

(entrance is near TWRA launch & Keller Rd)

www.roanestate.edu/obs or

David Fields at 865-927-5155

National Barrel Horse Association

February 10 & 11

Roane State Expo Center, Indoor Arena

Contact Mary Cunningham, 865-617-8126

Secret City Excursion Valentine

Dinner Train

February 11 & 12, 5 pm

February 13 & 14, 6 pm

Cost: \$17/adults, \$13/children 12 and under,
free for children 2 and under

Reservations are required for dinner train
Train located at the Heritage Center (former
K-25 site), 2010 Highway 58, Oak Ridge
For more info: 865-241-2140

East TN Black Angus Show/ Sale

Saturday, February 18

Roane State Expo Center, Indoor Arena

Contact Connie Wright, 423-380-3116

Live Bluegrass Music Show

Saturday, February 18, 7 pm

Bradbury Community Club

Also - Live Bluegrass Music every Tuesday

night! Contact the Visitors Bureau,

865-376-4201

East TN Cutting Horse Association

February 24-26

Roane State Expo Center, Indoor Arena

Contact Doug Neal, 423-477-7844

Project: Unfinished

February 24-26, 2012

John Knox Center, Kingston

Retreat Cost: \$115

A weekend get-away to finish those projects
you never seem to have time for!

Call John Knox at 865-376-2236

Whitestone 30K & Relay

Sunday, February 26

Whitestone Country Inn, Kingston

Contact Bobby Holcombe, 865-671-4854

For more information:
www.RoaneTourism.com/events

Business Briefs

Kingston City has started the year celebrating the completion of several new infrastructure projects. These projects include a water-line project connecting Rockwood and Kingston and Phase II of the sewer project, all on Gallaher, as well as the automated meter project that will result in savings equivalent to a full-time employee's salary. In addition, a groundbreaking for the Patton Ferry Wastewater Treatment Plant is to be on January 30.

The cities of **Harriman**, **Kingston**, and **Rockwood** will soon be included on a new National Scenic Byway called The Walton Road. Starting at Fort Southwest Point in Kingston, the byway will head west following Highway 70, which was an important early pioneer road across the Cumberland



Plateau. The kick-off was held on January 26 in which a Corridor Management Plan was started with the help of Pam May, The Roane County Visitors Bureau and Joyce Nall, **Roane County Government**.

Tennessee Technology Center at Harriman is the recipient of a 2012 SkillsUSA/Lowes Community Improvement Grant.



With the grant, students, faculty and staff will work together to build a practice field, storage building, observation deck and nature trail at an area school.

Food City stores in Harriman and Kingston recently recognized employees who are active volunteers in the community. Through Food City's Claude P. Varney Volunteer Recognition Program, the chain strives to encourage their associates to grow both personally and professionally, which includes volunteering their time and talents to numerous service organizations in the area.

Live & Let Live Drug Store's own Sherry Hill was honored recently for her contributions to Rockwood, including serving as the first president of Rockwood2000. Hill was said to have left a legacy in education, beautification, and historic preservation in Rockwood.

BY THE NUMBERS

Roane County Employment Statistics

December 2011

Labor Force	28,160
Employment	26,080
Unemployment	2,080

Unemployment

	Roane Co. %	TN %	US %
November	7.3	9.1	8.6
December	7.4	8.7	8.5

Consumer Price Index December 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in December on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.0 percent before seasonal adjustment.

17 new business licenses were issued in December 2011

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Chamber Members Celebrate

Chamber member **Kids First Child Advocacy Center** held their popular 7th Annual “Soup’s On” fundraiser on Wednesday, January 25 at the Community Church of Tellico Village.

Guests enjoyed a variety of soups like Blackfoot Potato and Sausage and Elvis Presley Vegetable. Breads and desserts were also included during the lunch and dinner event.

The mission of Kids First is to help heal the pain of child abuse. They are a private/non-profit agency serving severely abused children and their non-offending family members in are counties, including Roane. For more information call Denise at 865-986-1505.



Frank Knies, Citizens Bank talks to the new director, Roger Parker as guests network during the event.

Renaissance Terrace Care & Rehabilitation Center held a coffee to introduce their new director, Roger Parker, and new admissions director, Emily Young, on January 26.

Breakfast casserole, along with croissants and biscuits, prepared by their cafeteria staff, were enjoyed by the crowd.

The center is located at 257 Patton Lane in Harri- man. For more information call 865-354-3941.

Active Family & Sports Chiropractor held their grand opening with a ribbon cutting on January 27. Many fellow Chamber members and friends came out to welcome the new business to Roane County and enjoy the wonderful refreshments and networking.

Their facility is located at 1260 Gallaher Rd, Ste B & C in Kingston. Give them a call at 865-248-8167 and tell them the Chamber sent you!



Front Row l-r: Susie Dutton, Rachel Mullins, Joyce Nall, Roane County Government; Kingston City Mayor Troy Beets; Barbara Miller, Dr. Jude Miller, Dr. Holly Tucker, Active Family & Sports' Chiropractic; Harry Miller; Julia Hurley; Danice Turpin, Tennessee Technology Center; David Webb, Rocky Top General Store; and Ernie Fraker, Fraker Funeral Home. Back row l-r: Randy Nesbitt, Roane State; Nathan Marsh, Jon Loden, Loden's Auto Body Center; Emily Young, Renaissance Terrace; Carolyn Beets; Johnny Griffin, Griffin Insurance Agency; Kent and Marilyn Calfee; Mike Barkley, All Star Promotions; Bob Adkins, Farm Bureau Insurance and Rebecca Fraker, Fraker Funeral Home.

RENEWALS

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Knoxville, TN 37919
865-330-9600

Rockwood Water & Gas

Rodney King
110 North Chamberlain Avenue
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0163

Jamestowne Assisted Living

Fay Jago
851 Lawnville Road
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-3030

All Occasions Party Rentals

Jeff Diviney
P.O. Box 51924
Knoxville, TN 37950
865-588-1131

Citizens National Bank

Frank Knies
202 N Kentucky St
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-3400

Baggett Pharmacy, Inc.

Ronnie Baggett
133 East Race Street
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-6452

Bootleggers Liquor & Wine

Hojo Kala
1202 N. Kentucky St., Suite 100
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-0510

Buddy's Bar-b-q

Suzanne Lindsey
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Knoxville, TN 37919
865-376-9686

City of Kingston

James Pinkerton
125 W. Cumberland Street
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-6584

Dr. Bert Cunningham

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Enrichment Federal Credit Union

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Eye Surgery Center of Oak Ridge

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Hardee's Food Systems, Inc.

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Kingston Animal Hospital

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