

Happenings

"It's All About You!"**Member Appreciation Day**

Thursday, June 2, 4 - 6 pm
Honoring our 10+ years
Chamber members
The Roane Alliance
1209 N. Kentucky St., Kingston
RSVP 865-376-5572

**"Lunch and Learn" Workshop:
How to Delight Your Customers**

Thursday, June 9, noon - 2 pm
Fort Southwest Point
1226 S. Kentucky St., Kingston
RSVP 865-376-5572
Free to Chamber members;
\$35 to non-Chamber members

**Roane County Employer's
Association (RCEA)**

**Featured Speaker: Barry Brown,
President, Effective Resources, Inc.**

**"It's More Than Pay That
Makes Them Stay"**

Tuesday, June 14, noon
Roane State Community College
Faculty Lounge
RSVP - Allen Lutz 865-376-2093

"The 30 Minute Business Plan"

(for existing businesses)
Thursday, June 16, 8:30 - 9:30 am
Counseling Sessions also available from
9:30 am to noon by appointment;
Call Jutta Bangs at 865-483-2668 or
Beth at 865-376-2093
Roane Alliance Small Business
Resource Center

Chamber's Monthly**"Speaker Series" Luncheon**

**Featured Speaker: Amy Bunton,
Sr Vice President, Pathway Lending**
**"Energy Efficiency Loans
for Small Business"**

Tuesday, June 21, noon
Roane State Community College
276 Patton Lane, Harriman
Call to reserve a place: 865-376-5572

**Free Business Counseling Day
State Business Enterprise Resource**

Wednesday, June 22
Begins at 10 am, Roane Alliance
Small Business Resource Center
For counseling appointments call Beth at
865-376-2093

For a complete Chamber calendar visit
[www.roanealliance.org/
chamber/calendar.html](http://www.roanealliance.org/chamber/calendar.html)

**Long-Time Chamber Member Named 2011 Roane Industry of Year**

Oldcastle Adams Building Products was named 2011 Roane County Industry of the Year by the Roane County Industrial Development Board at their Annual Industry Appreciation Breakfast held at Roane State Community College in Harriman on May 19.

Oldcastle Adams provides masonry and ornamental concrete building products, with their parent company being the largest building products manufacturer in the country – ranked 129 in the Fortune 500.

According to Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of The Roane Alliance, in announcing the award, "though Oldcastle came to Roane County less than a decade ago, they have always felt like – and acted like – they were a part of the very fabric that is Roane County."

Known for treating both their employees and the community well, Henderson named numerous building projects in the county where Oldcastle generously donated the block and/or pavers. Among these projects were not only the new Kingston City Park Pavilion but also the Roane Alliance building, and the wall surrounding the new entrance sign at the Roane County Industrial Park, and the list went on and on.

Roane Industrial Board Chairman David Webb said in presenting the award "We appreciate Oldcastle Adams' commitment to our county and to their employees. We want Oldcastle Adams to know how much we appreciate the good they do for our community and we wish them the best in the coming years."

**Chamber Presents Top Awards at 65th Annual Banquet**

The Roane County Chamber's Annual Banquet was recently held at **Whitestone Country Inn** and this year's top business awards were presented before a packed and lively crowd of community and business leaders. The awards are an integral part of the annual banquet which was headlined by Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State, as the keynote speaker and sponsored by **PermaFix Environmental Services**.

Winning this year's Business of the Year award was **AGA Insurance** for years of outstanding corporate citizenry - owner Jerry Stephens accepted the award, with Leslie Henderson, President/

CEO Roane Alliance, saying "there can be little doubt to anyone...as to the importance of this business to our community, and especially its owner, to the growth, progress and success of Roane County."

The prestigious Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Gary Goff, President of **Roane State Community College**, who was honored for his outstanding contributions both to Roane County and the Chamber, after "no less than three different people...nominated him," said Henderson, "I don't remember ever having that happen."

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New Hospital Unveiled at May Luncheon

Jim Gann, **Roane Medical Center** President, spoke at the Chamber's Speakers Series luncheon in May about the upcoming new \$72 million replacement hospital that has already broken ground near Pinnacle Point Shopping Center in Midtown.

The new 42-acre campus is to include new patient and family amenities such as private rooms, more accessible parking, and larger nursing units. There will also be room for future expansion. For more information about this project visit www.roanealliance.org/whats-new.html

Covenant Health is the parent company of Roane Medical Center and this facility will be their third new hospital construction project in less than ten years.

June's speaker will be Amy Bunton, Senior Vice President at Pathway Lending. Held on June 21 at noon at Roane State, Bunton will discuss a New Energy Efficiency Loan Program that will greatly assist small businesses!

Space is limited so RSVP by contacting the Chamber at 865-376-5572 or chamber@roanealliance.org to assure your seat at this month's luncheon.



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The Paul E. Goldberg Young Professional Award was presented to Chris Ahler, a Roane County native, owner of **Visionary Horizons** in Harriman, and "a visionary...[seeing] possibilities in every situation and... unlimited energy to achieve his goals," Henderson quoted from the nomination form.

Lynn Spires, **Citizens National Bank**, was recognized with the International Athena Award for being active in the community for decades with numerous membership and leadership roles. "She truly exemplifies the 'service to the community' aspect of this award," said Gail Lyke, of **First Bank of Tennessee**, who presented the award as this year's Athena sponsor.



Southwest Point—Next Lunch & Learn Locale

Promising to "take it to the streets," Kingston's Fort Southwest Point, 1226 S. Kentucky Street, is the next stop for the Chamber/SCORE Lunch and Learn Workshop entitled "How to Delight Your Customers."

Scheduled for Thursday, June 9, noon - 2 pm, the workshop will be presented by Chamber Board member and SCORE Counselor **Dana Peterka**. Attendees will also hear from Tourism Director Pam May about how visitors not only affect the county's coffers but can also increase business for Chamber members. Chamber Membership Director Darrell Williams will speak on the benefits of membership and how taking advantage of those benefits can help increase their 'bottom line.'

Last month the customer service workshop was held at the **Rockwood Street Grill** in downtown Rockwood to a big crowd of Chamber members.

The workshop is free to Chamber members and is \$35 for non-members. Lunch is included. Space is limited so call 865-376-5572.

Welcome New Members

Amazing Bakes Cookies & Cakes
William Smith
 611 Queen Street
 Harriman, TN 37748
 865-285-9627

Ann Davis
Individual
 231 Westshore Dr
 Harriman, TN 37748
 865-441-5722

City of Oak Ridge
Mark S. Watson
 200 S. Tulane Ave
 Oak Ridge, TN 37831
 865-425-3550

Memory Lane Antiquities
James R. Gilmore
 507 N Roane St
 Harriman, TN 37748
 865-766-9563

American Alternative Fuels
Joe Kaufman
 2475 Westel Rd
 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-245-9699

Children's Reading Foundation of the TN Valley
James Leitnaker
 5000 Fairgrounds Place
 Kingston, TN 37763
 865-376-7702

Tractor Supply Company
Susan Brown
 1494 N. Gateway Ave
 Rockwood, TN 37854
 865-354-0446

Cheryl Laxton
Individual
 109 Happy Ending Lane
 Kingston, TN 37763
 865-740-2440

Buckeye Home Medical Equipment
Bryan Dailey
 315 E. Race St
 Kingston, TN 37763
 888-783-0199

Crete Carrier Company
Jeff Hazelwood
 2229 W. Buttermilk Rd
 Lenoir City, TN 37771
 865-988-7260

Paul Hester Excavating
Paul Hester
 639 Laurel Bluff Rd
 Kingston, TN 37763
 865-376-1500

Community Events

Early American Celebration & Trade Days
Fort Southwest Point
June 4 & 5, 9 am - 6 pm
Free admission; call 865-376-3641

Rockwood Cruise-In
Historic Downtown Rockwood
June 4, 4 - 7 pm
Call 865-617-1548

Babahatchie Community Band
Harriman's Riverfront Park
June 5, 3 pm, Free

Roane Rotary Ryder Cup
Oak Ridge Country Club
Wednesday, June 8, 2 pm
A fundraiser in the fight against polio
Call Jack Warner, 865-882-0818 or 310-2265

Summer Fest
Roane County Park
Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 6 pm
Disc Golf, 5K Run, "Cruisin for the Kids" Motorcycle Ride & Law vs Order Softball Game
Call Kym Abernathy 865-399-5725 or Tony Brown 865-466-0294

Harriman Farmers Market
Riverfront Park, Harriman
Held on Saturdays & Wednesdays
beginning June 11

Flag Day Golf Tournament
Southwest Point Golf Course
Saturday, June 11, 8 am
Two-person teams, \$65/person
Includes lunch, green fee and cart for 18 holes; Call 865-376-5282

Cruisin' in Harriman
Roane Street
June 11, 4pm - 7:30pm
Free entry - Free Registration
Call "Doc" Mullins 865-717-2818

"Corporate Killings"—A Murder Mystery
Creative Arts Co-op
June 11 & 18, 8pm
Adults \$20; Children 12 & under \$10
Includes dessert bar; Call 865-765-1129

"Frog Giggling" Tournament/Fundraiser
Kingston City Park
Saturday, June 11, Weigh-in at 11:30 pm
\$25 entry fee per team; 2-4 persons/team
Pre-registration required: 6/10 by 6 pm at Regions Bank in Kingston, 865-376-6065 or by 6/11 before 7 pm at Kingston City Park, 615-306-6000

2011 AT&T Disc Golf Tournament
Roane County Park
June 19, 9:30 am
Register online at BluegrassDiscGolf.org or at event from 8 - 9 am; players meet at 9:15 am

...and coming in July:
Smokin the Water & Half Moon Music Festival

For more community events:
www.RoaneTourism.com

Business Briefs

Graduating TN Scholars - Nearly 50% More This Year

The Roane County Chamber, in partnership with the **Roane County Schools**, recognized 123 graduating seniors as Tennessee Scholars at a breakfast ceremony on May 11 – nearly 50% more than last year.

"This increase is a clear sign that the Tennessee Scholars program is having a very positive influence on the county's student's academic goals and accomplishments," said Allen Lutz, Education and Workforce Development Specialist for The Roane Alliance. "To be a Tennessee Scholar, these students met strict academic, attendance, discipline, and community service requirements."

"Without the support of the Chamber and business community, this program would not be available to our schools," said Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of the Roane Alliance. Businesses and individuals who donated to the program were: **All Star Promotions, Troy Beets, James Brummett Insurance Agency, First Bank of Tennessee, Griffin Insurance, Kiwanis Club of Roane County, Roane**



Front row (l-r): Autumn Adkisson; Sarah Reid; Shelby Miller; back row: Taylor Narramore; Chris Whaley, **Roane State Community College**, and Cory Reed received the RSCC TN Scholar scholarships

County Chamber of Commerce, Roane County Schools, Roane State Community College, Roane County News and Johnny Teglas, Roane County United Way, Tennessee Technology Center in Harriman, Innovation Valley Inc. and Worldwide Interactive Network.

To read more about this program visit www.roanealliance.org/workforce/tnscholar

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\$50 charge for insertion
Call **The UPS Store**, 376-1773 and have them print/insert for you
Or provide 400 flyers (8.5x11) by the 25th to the Chamber, 1209 N. Kentucky St, Kingston

BY THE NUMBERS

Roane County Employment Statistics

April 2011

Labor Force	28,530
Employment	26,140
Unemployment	2,380

Unemployment

	<u>Roane Co. %</u>	<u>TN %</u>	<u>US %</u>
March	7.8	9.5	8.8
April	8.4	9.6	9.0

Consumer Price Index—April 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.4 percent in April on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.2 percent before seasonal adjustment.

29 new business licenses were issued in April 2011

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New Chamber Members Celebrate in May



Don Eduardo's Mexican Grill knew how to impress fellow Chamber members at their grand opening celebration Tuesday, May 10 - by providing a big spread of Mexican dishes. Owner Eduardo Garcia thanked everyone who played a part in bringing his restaurant to Roane County, and specifically Kingston, at 1202 N. Kentucky St, 865-248-8226.

Front Row (l-r): Lynn Spires, Citizens' National Bank; Jan Treadway, Griffin Insurance Agency; Darrell Williams, Roane Alliance; Pepe Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Don Eduardo's; Hojo Kala, Bootleggers; Dean and Amy Kala, Knights' Inn; Nick Morris, ORUD; Stephanie Ferguson, AGA Insurance; Back Row (l-r): Johnny Griffin, Griffin Insurance; Phillip Kelly, Tennessee Career Center; Juanita Garcia, Don Eduardo's; and Eric Bacon, AGA Insurance.

The new **Tractor Supply Company** in Rockwood held their grand opening Saturday, May 21 to a large crowd excited to see the new facilities at 1494 N. Gateway Avenue, 865-354-0446.

The largest retail farm and ranch store chain in the US, they provide unique products to support their customers' rural lifestyle, while also providing expert advice on products.



Front Row (l-r): Ken Evans, Gary Guinn, Tractor Supply; Mayor James Watts, City of Rockwood; Susan Brown, James Linger, Cheryl Daniels, Keith Morelan, Tractor Supply. Back Row (l-r): Bruce Dunkle; Philip Kelly, Tennessee Career Center; Vickie Watts, City of Rockwood; Gail Lyke, First Bank of Tennessee; Jim Owens, JR Global; Staci Votaw, Coldwell Banker; Harold Ishman, City of Rockwood; Bob Tonachio, Robert James & Associates; Larry Brabham, Tractor Supply; Ed Roberts, and Dudley Evans, City of Rockwood.



Pictured (l-r): Pat Mynatt, Red Door Antiquities; Councilman Ken Mynatt, City of Harriman; Jimbo Duncan; Mayor Chris Mason, City of Harriman; Steffany and Ronnie Gilmore, Owners, Memory Lane Antiquities; Councilmen Chase Tedder and Kenyon Mee, City of Harriman; Philip Kelly, Tennessee Career Center; and Heather Williams.

Memory Lane Antiquities opened their doors and immediately joined the Chamber to quickly spread the word about their distinctive new antique shop in Historic Harriman. Located at 507 N. Roane Street, 865-766-9563, they are right next door to **Red Door Antiquities**.

RENEWALS

Elizabeth Howard
Individual
183 Cabot Lane
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-809-6069

High Tech USA Corp
Lou Goldblatt
P.O. Box 324
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
865-389-5393

Accu-Rite Machining
Tom Grizzard
816 Swan Pond Circle
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2519

Representative Julia C. Hurley
Individual
119 Lee Dr.
Lenoir City, TN 37771
865-237-7328

Capstan Tennessee
Loren Bone
315 Cardiff Valley Road
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-5602

Clean Living Solutions
Mary & Michelle Colyer
2155 Sugar Grove Valley Rd
Harriman, TN 37748
865-603-1506

Executive Choice Real Estate
Charlotte Branson
613 North Kentucky Street
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-7775

Citizens First Bank
Micki Ganzert
1017 S. Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2265

Roane County Health Department
Laura Conner
1362 N. Gateway Avenue
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-1220

Roane County Republican Party
Flo Charles
3883 Buttermilk Rd W
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-5651

Watts Bar Utility District
Mickey Barger
123 Pawnook Farm Rd
Lenoir City, TN 37771
865-270-8070

Jerry's Exterminating
Jerry Hicks
526 Devonia Street
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-1010

Coleman Bird Associates
Charlie Bird
131 Shady Oaks Lane
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-1454

The Rockwood Street Grill
Lynda Moore
215 W. Rockwood Street
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-8298

Woodland Cove Bed & Breakfast
Della & Bruce Marshall
144 Helton Vojtkofsky Lane
Ten Mile, TN 37880
865-717-3719

Terry Bingham MD
Individual
P.O. Box 228
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2442

United Community Bank
Darryl Meadows
223 North Third Street
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-1400

Gateway Supermarket
Roger Sharp
524 North Gateway Avenue
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-8303

Title One, Inc.
Elizabeth Guerrero
1025 Waterford Place
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-9052

U.S. Title of Tennessee
Ginny Ruiz
119 N. Third Street
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-0670