

Happenings

**“Lunch and Learn” Workshop:
How to Delight Your Customers**
Thursday, May 5, noon - 2 pm
Rockwood Street Grill
215 W. Rockwood St., Rockwood
RSVP 865-376-5572
Free to Chamber members;
\$35 to non-Chamber members

**Roane County Employer’s
Association (RCEA)**
Featured Speaker: Sarah McCain
Topic: HR and Strategic Planning
Tuesday, May 10, noon
Roane State Community College
Faculty Lounge
RSVP - Allen Lutz 865-376-2093

**State Business Enterprise
Resource Counseling Day**
Thursday, May 12
Begins at 10 am, Roane Alliance
Small Business Resource Center
For counseling appointments call
Beth at 865-376-2093

**Chamber’s Monthly
“Speaker Series” Luncheon**
**Featured Speaker: Jim Gann,
CAO, Roane Medical Center**
Topic: New Hospital Update
Tuesday, May 17, noon
Roane State Community College
276 Patton Lane, Harriman
Call to reserve a place: 865-376-5572

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](http://www.roanealliance.org/chamber/calendar.html)



Chamber Hosts Conversation With Roane’s Two New Congressmen

The Roane Alliance and the Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee hosted their first-ever “Conversation with your Congressmen” luncheon on April 19 to a packed crowd of business and community leaders.

Congressmen Scott DesJarlais and Chuck Fleischmann, both of

whom represent portions of Roane County in Washington, took time out of their busy district work schedule to visit the Chamber and discuss current federal issues.

The luncheon, sponsored by the **Michael Dunn Center**, “provided an opportunity for Chamber members and Roane Alliance supporters to get to know our Congressmen and to have an informal discussion on issues of concern to them,” said Roane Alliance President/CEO Leslie Henderson.

The Congressmen addressed such issues as the federal budget, job creation, and federal regulations that burden businesses of all types. Each of them also expressed continued support for the missions of the **Oak Ridge National Laboratory** and the **Y-12** plant, as well as the cleanup efforts at East Tennessee Technology Park. Both also indicated they favored moving forward with plans by **TVA** to build a modular nuclear power plant at the old Clinch River Breeder Reactor site.

“We are very pleased that both of our Congressmen made themselves available. It is my hope that this event is the first of many opportunities for dialogue with our representatives in Washington as they debate how best to keep our country moving forward,” said Buddy Bowers, Chair of the Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee.



Chamber Career Day - Gets Juniors Thinking About Their Future



Holli Molnar, Pastry Chef at **Gibson Girls** talks to Roane County juniors.

“By all accounts, this has been our best Career Day Ever,” said Allen Lutz, Education and Workforce Development Specialist for the Roane Alliance. “Almost 150 representatives from 49 businesses met with more than 550 juniors from the five **Roane County** high schools at the popular event held on April 8 at **Roane State Community College**.

According to Scott Mason, Principal of Midway High School, “The students came back raving about what a good experience it was,” and Dr. Toni McGriff, Director of

Roane County Schools, said, “I’m really impressed at the variety of occupations represented. We even had a chef representing culinary arts, and she is a graduate of Harriman High School.”

For a complete list of participating businesses (Chamber members are designated in bold) and more information about the Career Day visit www.roanealliance.org/workforce/education.html

Chamber Members Hosted Lots of Events Last Month...

Express Employment Professionals recently held a grand re-opening & ribbon cutting for their new location at 1470 N. Gateway Avenue, Rockwood. A large crowd enjoyed refreshments, and one lucky winner got to take home a large gift basket!



L-R: Diana Knobloch, **United Way**; Mayor James Watts, **City of Rockwood**; Cathi Arwood, Erin Human, Shawn Human, Jessica Coffey, Celia Smith, Christy Morrow, and Stan Bishop, **Express Employment Professionals**; Loren Bone, **Capstan**; and Wayne Duggin, **City of Rockwood**.

Blue Springs Boat Company held their annual open house to a great crowd, even adding some boat owners to their 'family.' Besides great boat deals there was good food, music and family fun that included inflatables for the kids, hoops, and door prizes.



Bunch Marine pulled out all the stops during their three-day Open House. Seminars, vendor booths, boat deals, and door prizes were part of the festivities.

Boat enthusiasts and visitors also got to see the new showroom and meet with boat manufacturers.

Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc. (McLinc) held a Customer Appreciation Breakfast on April 12 at their new conference area at the entrance to the Heritage Center at the East Tennessee Technology Park.



Around 60 people met Chef Walter at **Woodland Cove B&B** on April 2, while enjoying homemade goodies, punch, and picking up his latest book—*Here's What's Cooking With Chef Walter*.

Walter has been hosting a cooking show on a local news channel for 21 years and was more than glad to sign his newest cookbook.

Goodys Clothing Store is back in Roane County! So it is only fitting that they are back in their original location—the Roane County Shopping Plaza in Rockwood. A grand re-opening celebration and ribbon cutting was held recently with lots of fanfare and excitement that included a performance from the Rockwood High School Band.

Roane County Executive Ron Woody, Rockwood Mayor James Watts and Diana Knobloch, Roane Chamber Board Chair, spoke about how happy Rockwood, as well as the entire county, are to have Goody's back in Roane County.



Welcome New Members

**Russell Johnson
Individual**

P.O. Box 703
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-2145

**Chuck Smith
Individual**

114 Crosswinds Cove Rd
Ten Mile, TN 37880
865-376-1370



The Roane County Convenience Center on Post Oak Valley Road accepts used household paint every Tuesday from 7:30 - 5:30. Call Ralph Stewart for info 865-590-7779.

**Roane County's
Household Hazardous Waste Day**
May 21, 9 am - 2 pm
Midtown Recycling Center
215 White Pine Road (behind Bob's Burgers)

FREE one-day-only event! Get rid of your household hazardous waste. Only households are allowed to participate. For questions call Ralph Stewart, **Roane County Solid Waste Coordinator**, 865-590-7779.

Community Events

**Yonder Hollow Productions
Bluegrass & Mountain Music**
Saturday, May 7, 4 and 7:30 pm
319 W. Rockwood Street, Rockwood
For information call 865-250-6717

Music of the Masters
Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kingston
May 1, 3 pm

**Spring Dance Concert
Roane State Theatre**
May 13 & 14, 7pm
May 15, 2 pm
For tickets, call (865) 376-0295

**Tennessee "Polk Salad"
Festival and Pageant**
Riverfront Park
May 14, 10 am-6 pm
100 Emory Drive, Harriman
Contact 865-882-8867

**Living History Day at the Fort
Fort Southwest Point, Kingston**
Saturday, May 14, 10 am - 4 pm
Contact 865-376-3641

**Hyperflight Skyhoundz Canine Disc
Championship**
Southwest Point, Kingston
May 14, 10 am - noon
Small entry fee to enter, all dogs welcome.
Free to attend
Contact Debbie 865-376-9476

**Cruisin' in Harriman
Historic Downtown Harriman**
May 14, 4pm - 7 pm
Come see Jeff Gordon's car!
Contact "Doc" Mullins 865-717-2818

Bradbury Club Bluegrass Concert
Saturday May 21, 7 pm
3343 Buttermilk Road, Kingston
For more information call
The Visitor's Bureau at 865-376-4201

**Memorial Day Parade
Harriman High School to Riverfront Park**
Saturday, May 28, 2011 (rain date 5/29)
9:30 am line up; 10:30 am start time
Contact Sarah McCain, 865-251-5152

And every Tuesday...

Bradbury Club Jammin' Sessions
Every Tuesday 6 - 10 pm
3343 Buttermilk Road, Kingston
For more information call
The Visitor's Bureau at 865-376-4201

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

Business Briefs

Free Business Resources at the Alliance Building

Just a reminder that there are business resources available in the Small Business Resource Center at the Roane Alliance. These resources are free and available to any small business in Roane County.

A computer, provided by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) and U.S. Small Business Administration, can be reserved to connect businesses with the statewide online counseling center in Oak Ridge.

To make an appointment to use the computer please call 865-376-2093.

National Travel & Tourism Week is May 7 - 15

If you are in the hospitality industry and would like to have a voice and become involved in helping to bring in more visitors, join our Roane County Lodging/Hospitality Association. The next meeting is planned for the week of May 7-15. If interested in joining, please call Pam May at 865-376-4201.

Rotary Clubs—Keeping Busy

In June Harriman's Rotary Club will host the Roane Rotary Ryder Cup Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 8, at 2 pm, at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

Donations received from the golf tournament will be directed to the Rotary International to aid their work in ridding the world of polio.

The competitive event will have two-man teams playing 18 holes. To determine the team's score - the holes will be divided in groups of six for "best ball," "alternate shot," and "select shot."

There are two levels of sponsorships available - \$200 & \$500. Individual player's cost is \$75 for the golf cart, \$85 day of the tournament. For more information on sponsorship or the tournament call Jack Warner at 865-882-0818 or 865-310-2265.

In addition, both the Rotary Club of Harriman and the Kingston Rotary Club will be hosting Rotary visitors from Thailand in early May. Learning more about our culture, the visitors will stay with host families and tour local businesses and attractions like the Bradbury Community Center.

BY THE NUMBERS

Roane County Employment Statistics

	<u>January 2011</u>	<u>February 2011</u>	<u>March 2011</u>
Labor Force	28,110	Labor Force 28,240	Labor Force 28,250
Employment	25,720	Employment 25,860	Employment 26,060
Unemployment	2,380	Unemployment 2,370	Unemployment 2,190

Unemployment

	<u>Roane Co. %</u>	<u>TN %</u>	<u>US %</u>
January	8.5	9.4	9.4
February	8.5	9.5	8.9
March	7.8	9.5	8.8

Consumer Price Index—March 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in March on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

30 new business licenses were issued in March 2011

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Jim Gann To Speak This Month at Chamber Speaker Series Luncheon

Jim Gann, CAO, Roane Medical Center, will be May's Speaker during the Chamber Speaker Series Luncheon on May 17 at noon. The topic will be on the new hospital coming to Midtown.

The cost for the Chamber luncheon is just \$12 per person. Reserve your spot today by calling the Chamber at 865-376-5572.

Lunch and Learn Workshop Series



If you have always wanted to attend the Lunch & Learn work-

shops but couldn't come to Kingston, this month the Chamber/SCORE workshops are coming to Rockwood. **The Rockwood Street Grill** will play host on Thursday, May 5 from noon to 2 pm at 215 W. Rockwood Street.

Presented by **Dana Peterka** of SCORE, this popular workshop covers many important topics to help businesses increase their bottom line. You will also hear from Darrell Williams and Pam May, Roane Alliance, about Chamber benefits as well as ways to promote your business to visitors coming to Roane County.

Lunch is provided free of charge for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Space is limited so call 865-376-5572 to reserve your spot today.

Burn Baby Burn!

How many people does it take to burn a note? Well, quite a few, actually. On Friday, April 15, those who were instrumental in the initial vision for organizing The Roane Alliance and purchasing its present home joined in to make sure the mortgage note on the Alliance building did indeed burn.

Because of a generous donation from an anonymous donor, the Roane Alliance now owns the building at 1209 N. Kentucky Street free and clear. "The one stipulation required of The Roane Alliance is that we have to invest \$1,000 every month for the building's upkeep," said President and CEO, Leslie Henderson. "We have to do this for a 10-year period."

To help celebrate the occasion, **Oak Ridge Utility District (ORUD)** provided and grilled hotdogs for everyone that attended, and donations went to **Roane Imagination Library**.

With its beautiful location on Watts Bar Lake, the Alliance building which is home to the Visitors Bureau, the Chamber, and the Industrial Board, has had quite a transformation, according to the newspaper clippings from 2001 when it all began. State Commissioner for Intellectual Disabilities Jim Henry, reminisced at the event about those early days and all the hard work that led to this moment.



L-R: Leslie Henderson, President/CEO, Roane Alliance; Jim Henry, State Commissioner; Jim Gann, CEO, Roane Medical Center; Jerry Duncan, **Jerry Duncan Ford**; Steve Kirkham; and Jerry Stephens, **AGA Insurance**.

RENEWALS

LEM-DEC

Laurie Betts

3114 River Road
Ten Mile, TN 37880
865-717-6695

Roane Choral Society

Louanne Bennett

P.O. Box 24
Kingston, TN 37763

(Kids First) Child Advocacy Center of the 9th Judicial District

Christine Longmire
P.O. Box 928
Lenoir City, TN 37771
865-986-1505

Alba Health

Dee Bolin

425 N Gateway Ave.
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0410

Tennessee Lakefront Cottages

Linda Donson-Shearer

1800 Indian Shadows Drive
Ten Mile, TN 37880
423-334-3377

Food City of Harriman

Danny Waddle

1130 S Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-0117

Valley Farmers Co-op

George Nelson

3058 Roane State Highway
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2127

Daniels Uselton and Clay, P.C.

Keith Uselton

107 Armour Rd
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-9564

Food City of Kingston

James Peacock

1000 Ladd Landing Blvd
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-9219

Maverick Systems, Inc.

Gary Armstrong

165 Woods Lane
Knoxville TN 37933
865-617-3211

Jerry Goddard

Individual

121 Cemetary Lane
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-3262

Old Capital Travel, Inc.

John Robinson

205 East Race Street, Suite 1
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-9494

UPS Store

Claudette Coulombe

1824 Roane St. Hwy
Harriman, TN 37748
865-376-1773

Clinch River Home Health, Inc.,

Beth Fee

416 Roane St.
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2006

Teresa Kirkham

Individual

200 East Race Street, Suite 5
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-4362

O' Those Were the Days/JC Penney

Angie Couch & Alisa C. Smith

224 West Rockwood St
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-9629

Castleton Farms

Darla Walker

150 Cedar Grove Rd
Loudon, TN 37774
865-376-9040

S & ME, Inc.

Randy Martin

1413 Topside Road
Louisville, TN 37777
865-970-0003

Roane Imagination Library

Jill McMaster

P.O. Box 128
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-3767

UT-Battelle

Leigha Edwards

1201 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Ste100
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
865-241-9309