

Happenings

Live and Let Live Drug Store 20th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, October 2, 9 am—5 pm
225 W. Rockwood St., Rockwood
BBB Communications will be filming the event from 11 am until noon

Chamber Ambassador Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 5, 12 noon
The Roane Alliance Board Room
"Brown Bag" Lunch; if interested in joining please call Aleta Phillips 865-696-1497

ORUD Roane & Oak Ridge Chamber Coffee

Tuesday, October 6, 8 am
120 S. Jefferson Circle, Oak Ridge
Speaker: Dane Bradshaw, Former University of Tennessee Basketball Player

Chamber's Monthly Speaker Series Luncheon

Tuesday, October 20, noon
Roane State Community College
Dept of Energy's Energy Park Initiative
Speaker: Gary Gilmartin, Executive Director, Oak Ridge Energy Corridor at CROET

Chamber After Hours Castleton Farms

Sponsored by:
Michael Martin, General Manager
Thursday, October 22, 5—7 pm
150 Cedar Grove Road,
This new event facility is pure southern elegance—so don't miss this one!
Please RSVP 865-376-5572

"Lunch and Learn" Workshop

Tuesday, September 22, 12—2 pm
The Roane Alliance Board Room
Free to Chamber Members!
Topic: **How to Delight Your Customers**
Sponsored by the **Wal-Mart Foundation**

1st Chamber Town Hall Meeting Live and Let Live Drug Store

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30—6:30 PM
225 W. Rockwood St., Rockwood
Chamber members and the community are invited. Come and ask questions and learn more about our goals and projects.

Breakfast Open House Chase Drug Store

319 N. Roane Street, Harriman
Thursday, October 29, 8:30—10:00 am
Get a sneak preview of Christmas decorations and gift items at their new gift shop.

For more Chamber events and information call 376-5572 or visit www.roanealliance.org/roane-chamber.html

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Visit us online at www.roanealliance.org

For information about joining the Chamber, call the Roane Alliance at 865-376-5572



Chamber and Comcast Host Annual Elected Officials Barbecue



Despite the downpour, nearly 75 people showed up to enjoy this year's Annual Elected Officials Barbecue. Sponsored again this year by Comcast, this annual event is put on by the Chamber of Commerce to honor all the elected officials of Roane County and its municipalities. Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of The Roane Alliance, welcomed the damp but friendly crowd and told the officials that they should take a bow for all their hard work. "We at the Chamber appreciate you!" she said. Comcast officials attending the event included Russell Byrd and Jim Brophy.

Guests enjoyed delicious barbeque catered by **Captain Tom's BBQ** of Oliver Springs, and were entertained by the music of Tommy Hardin. David Webb, owner of **Rocky Top General Store** in Harriman and Chamber Board member, graciously provided both the music and the fall decorations.

Photos of this year's event are posted on the Roane County Chamber's Facebook page. For a link to the photos visit our website at <http://www.roanealliance.org/roane-chamber/chamberevents.html>.

Roane Alliance 2009 Fund-raising Gala Now To Be Held On Nov. 13

"This year we are going with the elegance of the 1940's", says Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of the Alliance, "with big bands and the "Can Do" attitude of the war effort, in the time when The Greatest Generation was just beginning to hit its stride." The Roane Alliance will hold its 8th Annual Gala on Friday, November 13 at Rothschild's in West Knoxville (the date was changed because of a conflict with Roane County's Founder's Day Celebration on Nov. 6). A night of fine dining with a wine reception and exciting live and silent auctions – this event is one of the county's premiere social events. 1940's dress is encouraged but optional.

The Gala's purpose is to raise funds to support the operations of The Alliance throughout the year. These operations cover a wide range of economic and community development activities, which are geared toward making Roane County more prosperous and enhancing the lives of its citizens. The Alliance provides everything from industrial recruitment to community events to technical assistance for existing businesses. The Roane Alliance is comprised of the Roane County Industrial Development Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitor's Bureau.

Besides serving an important economic function for the county's current and future development, the Gala is a fun evening that begins with a wine reception and silent auction. Some of the items to be auctioned include a get-away weekend at an upscale mountain lodge, limo service for two in a 1959 Rolls Royce limousine, sports memorabilia, fine furs and jewelry, and many other valuable items – many donated by Roane County Chamber members. Individual tickets are available at \$150 per person. Sponsorships and tables are still available. To become a Gala supporter through sponsorships or donations of auction items, call the Roane Alliance at 865-376-2093.



US Chamber of Commerce Takes A Stand on Issues Concerning Chamber Members



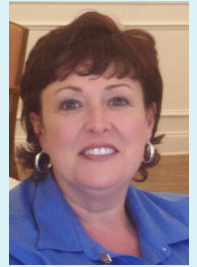
Moore Hallmark, SE Division Director of the US Chamber of Commerce, was the featured speaker during September's Chamber Speaker Series Luncheon, where he spoke on how current Washington legislature and the Federal Budget and Deficit could affect local business. Some of the issues he explained:

- ◆ Energy and Climate Change (The "Cap and Trade" Bill) -- the US Chamber is in favor of legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, however they oppose the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 because, if passed, could result in the loss of up to 3 million American jobs, imposes all but impossible targets in greenhouse gas reductions, but fails to ensure an adequate amount of renewable or alternative energy that would be needed to replace fossil fuels;
- ◆ Health Care Overhaul – they support meaningful, common-sense healthcare reform, but are against the new taxes and healthcare mandates that would be imposed on businesses and individuals and are also against the proposed government-run healthcare program;
- ◆ Employee Free Choice Act "Check Card" -- because this act rewrites federal law as it pertains to labor unions who would no longer need to hold elections in order to form a union within a business they are strongly opposed; and lastly,
- ◆ Campaign for Free Enterprise, a historic initiative which includes a grassroots outreach to the full Chamber membership, special focus on economic literacy for young Americans, an aggressive advocacy program to educate citizens on economic issues, and lobbying to defend free enterprise.

If you would like to know more about the US Chamber of Commerce's position on any of the above issues, please visit their website at www.uschamber.com.

Ambassador of the Month

Besides handling the Admissions Office at the **Harriman Care & Rehabilitation Center**, Victoria Smith has helped the Ambassador program in too many ways to list. Always available and willing to help, Victoria is a wonderful member of this distinguished group of Chamber members. Thank you for all your hard work, Victoria!



Want A Cost-Effective Way To Advertise Your Business?

As a Chamber member you can promote your business or event to other Chamber members for only \$50 by inserting your flyer in next month's Chamber newsletter. Just provide us with 370 flyers (letter-size) by October 25th. For your convenience let **The UPS Store** do all the work — they can print your copies and insert them too. Located at 1824 Roane State Highway in Harriman. Claudette Coulombe can be reached at 376-1773 or by email at store5737@theupsstore.com. Already have your flyers printed? Simply drop them off at the UPS Store at Pinnacle Point. For more information call Maggie at the Chamber at 376-5572.

Welcome New Members

CASA of the Ninth Judicial District
Sandy Weaver, Executive Dir.

P.O. Box 541
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-5906

Express Inn (Formerly Super 8)

Shashi Patel, Owner
1867 S. Roane St.
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-6600

Bowman Oxygen Company
Jabin Stroup, Owner

5141 Roane State Highway
Rockwood, TN 37854
(865) 389-8778

High Tech USA

Lou Goldblatt, Owner
PO Box 324
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
(865) 389-5393

Roane Alliance Website Awarded For Excellence

The Roane Alliance received the 2009 LinkTenn Award recently at a statewide conference for having one of the state's best economic development web sites.

Given to only ten organizations in Tennessee, more than 400 web sites were considered from all over the state. Among the criteria for the award: search engine rankings; availability of downloadable documents and data; effective branding; ease of navigation; interactivity with users; valuable use of maps and overall appearance.

"I am honored to receive this statewide recognition for the Alliance," said Leslie Henderson, President/CEO of The Roane Alliance.

"We have known for some time that much of industrial recruitment nowadays is done through the web and that communities without an effective web site are not even in the ballgame." The Roane Alliance's web site is: www.roanealliance.org.



"Go Green" Tip of the Month



Save paper, money and space — Make copies using both sides of the paper

Community Events

Kingston Country Fair

Friday, October 2, 12—7 pm
Saturday, October 3, 10—5 pm

Crafters ♦ Games ♦ Music ♦ Contests ♦ Food ♦ Cars
Contact Debbie Russell 865-376-1356

Antique Tractor Show & Pull

Saturday, October 3

Show is 8 am—3pm; Pull begins at 4 pm
Roane State Expo Center, Both Arenas
Contact Herman Guttenburg 865-376-9942

Rockwood Fall Festival

Saturday, October 3, 10 am—7 pm
Downtown Rockwood, TN

Art ♦ Crafts ♦ Food ♦ Live Music
Contact John Evans 865-354-1337

Haunting of Harriman

October 9 & 10

Chili Supper Begins at 7 pm
Ghost Tour Begins at 8 pm

Temperance Building, Harriman

A guided ghost tour thru Historic Harriman.
Advance tickets \$10 Tour/\$15 Chili Supper & Tour
Contact Pat Mynatt 865-882-5349 or for tickets
www.corntalkheights.com

Kingston Motorcycle Poker Run

Saturday, October 17

125 W Cumberland St., Kingston

Registration will take place at 10 am in the parking lot across from City Hall

Tennessee Bass Federation State Championship

2009 East Divisional Tournament

October 15-17

Tom Fuller Memorial Park, Rockwood

Registration begins on Thurs., Oct. 15 and the Tournament is held on Fri. & Sat.

Contact the Roane County Visitor's Bureau 865-376-4201 or visit <http://www.tnbass.com>

Oliver Springs'

October Sky Festival

Friday, October 23, 9am—5 pm

Saturday, October 24, 9 am—5 pm

Two days of family fun are planned to raise money to renovate the historic Abston Building. Contact Lorraine Boling 865-435-0385 or hlchannel@comcast.net

A Day In The Trees

October 24, 10 am—6 pm

John Knox Center

Ride the zip line for \$10/ participant. Children under 12 must be with an adult. Lunch provided by River Ridge & John Knox Center. 865-376-2236

Spooktacular Saturday

October 24, 10 am

Southwest Point, Kingston

Lots of spooky fun for the entire family!
Contact Debbie Russell 865-376-1356

For more community events & info:
RoaneTourism.com

Business Briefs

Unemployment Rate—Among State's Lowest

Roane County's unemployment rate for August was 9.6 percent which is an increase of 0.2 percent from July. However, there is good news to report - Roane County has the 10th lowest unemployment rate of Tennessee's 95 counties. Some surrounding county rates were: Loudon 10.1, Anderson 10.6, Cumberland 11.6, Morgan 12.7, Rhea 13.9, and Meigs 14.4. Lauderdale County, located in West Tennessee, had the highest rate in the state at 19.7 percent.



Dr. Toni McGriff, director of **Roane County Schools**, was named superintendent of the year for Tennessee's East District which is made up of 19 school systems in this area. McGriff has served as the Director of Schools for four years and during that time the Roane County school system has received recognition for several school programs.

United Way Kicks Off Campaign

Grilled hot dogs and Breyers' ice cream were enjoyed by all during the "Dog Days at the Courthouse" held on September 17. This was the annual kick-off for the **Roane County United Way** fundraising campaign. Several agencies were represented and spoke about the United Way's message to "reach out a hand to one and influence the condition of all." Robin Wilhoit, WBIR-TV News anchor and local celebrity, was guest speaker.

The next event in this year's campaign will be the annual "Pump Day" on October 20th. Four gas stations around the county will be participating this year. Let someone else pump your gas and have a percentage of the proceeds donated back to the United Way. For more information call Diana Knobloch, Executive Director, Roane County United Way at (865) 882-7711 or visit their website at <http://www.unitedwayroane.org>.



BY THE NUMBERS

Roane County Employment Statistics, August 2009

Labor Force	27,170
Employment	24,570
Unemployment	2,600

Unemployment

	Roane Co.	TN	US
July	9.5	10.7	9.4
August	9.6	10.8	9.7

Consumer Price Index—August 2009

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.4 percent in August, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The index has decreased 1.5 percent over the last 12 months on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The 0.4 percent seasonally adjusted increase in the CPI-U was driven by a 9.1 percent rise in the gasoline index. This increase accounted for almost the entire advance in the energy index and over 80 percent of the overall increase. Despite the August increase, the gasoline index has fallen 30.0 percent over the last 12 months.

21 new business licenses were issued in August 2009

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Chamber Business Celebrations



High and Lenora Strickland with their mascot, Bullet, owners of **Lenora's Bayside Grill and Restaurant**

The Bayside Grill is now **Lenora's Bayside Grill and Restaurant**. New owners, High and Lenora Strickland, recently held a Grand Opening to celebrate their new restaurant. Saturday, September 12, was the perfect day to enjoy BBQ with all the fixings, chatting with all the guests and sitting outside on their deck watching the UT game. The restaurant's mascot, a Yorkshire terrier named Bullet, helped High and Lenora greet everyone and make them feel welcome. For more information, please contact Lenora at (865) 376-2499.

Robert James & Associates, a new Chamber member specializing in financial management, hosted a Chamber Coffee at the Roane Alliance on September 9th. The owner, Bob Tonachio, and his Vice President, Kim Ezzell, were both on hand to speak about their philosophy on investing during the current economy. If you would like more information regarding their services, please contact Kim at (865) 399-2697.



Robert James & Associates
Owner, Bob Tonachio and Vice President, Kim Ezzell

Kevin & Monica Pierce, owners of **Outer Limits Satellites**, celebrated the opening of their new store in Kingston with a Chamber After Hours this month. Flooded out of their previous location in Harriman, they have moved to 226 N. Kentucky Street (next to Sonic), 865-717-7001. Homemade cookies and other assorted goodies were served. The door prizes were won by Cathy McDowell of the **Light Weaver Group**, Darlene Brandel from **WKTS FM, The Bridge**, and by our own Board Chair, Kim Harris of **Roane State Community College**.



(L-R) Drew Bowman, **Best Dressed Media**; Glenda Johnson, **Coldwell Banker-Jim Henry & Associates**; Leslie Henderson and Wanda Pinkerton, **The Roane Alliance**; Kevin, Monica and Joey Pierce, owners of **Outer Limits Satellites**; and, Bernie Dewey, employee of **Outer Limits Satellites**.

RENEWALS

City of Harriman
Mayor Chris Mason
P.O. Box 433
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2123

Holiday Inn Express
Shashi Patel
1885 S. Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748
865-295-0001

William Bennett, MD
415 Devonia Street, Suite 301
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-9775

Rising Sun Cycles
Ross Walls
426 Ruritan Road
Harriman, TN 37748
865-590-1363

Roane County Schools
Dr. Toni McGriff
105 Bluff Road
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-5592

Buddy's Bar-b-q
Suzanne Lindsey
5806 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919
865-376-9686

Greer Family Eye Center
Dr. Mark Greer
127 East Division Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
865-483-6338

Arcelor Mittal Harriman
Bob Kennedy
2404 South Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-5100

Citizens National Bank
Frank Knies
P.O. Box 545
Kingston, TN 37763
865-717-3400

Mid-East Community Action Agency
Jerry Johnson
P.O. Box 43
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0450

Valley Farmers Co-op
George Nelson
3058 Roane State Highway
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2127

ORNL Federal Credit Union
Rockwood Branch
Misty Wright
1102 N. Gateway Avenue
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-425-2730

Kingston Lions Club
Robert Burns
P.O. Box 325
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-9918

Kingston Animal Hospital
Dr. Kathryn Simpson
410 East Race Street
Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-1100

Scandlyn Lumber Company
John Sublett
509 South Gateway Avenue
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0325

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Kingston, TN 37763
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Roane County Farm Bureau
Charles Daniels
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Kingston, TN 37763
865-376-3411

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

Marina & Dock Supply, Inc.
Paul Lequire
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Spring City, TN 37381
865-250-8021

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6598
Jot Raymond
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Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-9904

Walgreens
Joe Bracco
1779 Roane State Highway
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865-717-2835

Eye Surgery Center of Oak Ridge
Kimberley Southmayd
90 Vermont Avenue
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
865-482-8894

H.G. Furniture Company
James "Dub" Harmon
308 Trenton Street
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-9646

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