

## Happenings

## Chamber Coffee

Hosted By: Indoor Air Quality  
SpecialistsTuesday, September 13, 8 - 10 am  
The Roane Alliance Board Room  
RSVP by calling 865-376-5572Roane County Employer's  
Association (RCEA)Topic: Violence in the Workplace: Are  
You at Risk? What Can You Do?  
Speaker: John Rose, Holston  
International Training & Consulting  
Tuesday, September 13, noon  
Roane State Community College  
Faculty Lounge  
RSVP by calling 865-376-2093Chamber's September  
Luncheon Partners with  
United Way's KickoffTuesday, September 20, noon  
Kingston City Park Pavilion  
RSVP by calling 865-376-5572Harriman Care & Rehab  
"Hometown Heroes"Thursday, September 22, 5:45 pm  
240 Hannah Rd, Harriman  
RSVP by 9/12 at 865-882-9159

## Teachers Supply Closet

Wednesday, September 28, 4 - 6 pm  
Roane State Community College  
Theater Entrance  
Free School Supplies for all Roane  
County Public School Teachers  
For donations: Allen Lutz 865-376-20932011  
**Gala**  
is a  
**CABARET**  
Friday, November 4  
To RSVP Call The Roane Alliance  
865-376-2093For a complete Chamber calendar visit  
[www.roanealliance.org/  
chamber/calendar.html](http://www.roanealliance.org/chamber/calendar.html)

## 2011 Gala is a Cabaret: "Right This Way Your Table's Waiting"

As the hit song from the musical *Cabaret* goes, "Come taste the wine, come hear the band...right this way, your table's waiting," so does the invitation to this year's Annual Roane Alliance Gala on Friday, November 4.

This year the Gala is a Cabaret so you will not want to miss it. Besides being one of the region's premiere social events of the season and a wonderful evening of fun, it is also the primary annual fundraising event for The Alliance - so why not "Come to the Cabaret!"



The evening begins with a wine reception, silent auction, and gourmet dinner followed with a live auction. The auctions will feature items such as weekend getaways, fur coats, jewelry, beauty baskets and much more. The event will be held at Rothchild's in West Knoxville.

We invite you to come as your favorite Cabaret star...Liza Minnelli...or other night club entertainers from the era of the classic musical. Or just come dressed for night clubbing from other eras you prefer...or not, as costumes are optional.

"The money raised from the Gala goes toward funding the many programs The Alliance administers throughout the year to make sure high-quality growth continues to come our way," said Alliance Board Chair, Gary Goff, President of **Roane State Community College**. "Our focus at The Alliance is to make the economic climate flourish so that Roane County can expand and grow and be as healthy as it can be for all our businesses and citizens."

Individual tickets are available at \$150 per person. Sponsorships and tables are also available. To become a Gala supporter through sponsorships or donations of auction items, call the Roane Alliance at 865-376-2093..."because life is a Cabaret, old chum...come to the Cabaret!"

## Mentors Needed to Help Roane County Students Get to College

RoaneAchieves is part of the tnAchieves program - a college access, last-dollar scholarship program designed to provide an opportunity for **Roane County** public high school graduates to receive up to \$3,000 annually for community college tuition. An important part of the program is that each student is assigned a volunteer mentor to help the student understand and complete the paperwork required to request financial aid and college admission.

Every mentor receives the necessary training so he or she will feel confident in their ability to be a successful mentor for their students. Mentors meet and work with other mentors, and share in each other's successes. The funding for this program is provided by private donors. In return, the student recipients volunteer their time and energy by giving back eight hours of community service for every semester they receive funding.

For more information go to [www.tnachieves.org](http://www.tnachieves.org) or contact Allen Lutz, Alliance Education and Workforce Development Specialist, at 376-2093 or [alutz@roanealliance.org](mailto:alutz@roanealliance.org).



## State Treasurer Tours Roane County, Chats With Chamber Board Members & Supporters

Tennessee State Treasurer David H. Lillard, Jr. spoke to members of the Roane County Chamber on Thursday, August 25. The first stop at The Roane Alliance was part of a day-long “whistle-stop” tour of Roane County arranged by State Representative **Julia Hurley**. Attendees were treated to a breakfast donated by **United Community Bank of Kingston**.



Elected by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2009 and subsequently reelected in 2011, Lillard explained the duties of his position with the state and answered questions from the audience.

Lillard’s tour also included visits to the **Roane County** courthouse and sheriff’s office, **Roane State Community College**, and Kingston Community Center where he held a ‘Meet & Greet’ with **Harriman City, Rockwood City, and Kingston City** mayors, councilman, and officials, as well as the **Roane County Republican Party**.

## It’s Not Too Late to Donate to the Teachers Supply Closet!

The closet provides a free “shopping” day for Roane County public school teachers for much-needed supplies

Financial donations or supplies can be dropped off until Monday, September 19 at The Roane Alliance, 1209 N. Kentucky Street in Kingston or the Roane County United Way, 2735 Roane State Highway in Harriman.

For questions please call the Chamber at 865-376-5572

## Welcome New Members

**Graphic Creations Inc**  
**Jim Caughorn**  
1809 Lake Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37916  
865-522-6221

**Forbes Environmental LLC**  
**Shelley Forbes**  
304 Pine Ridge Road  
Harriman, TN 37748  
865-882-3763



*Darrell Williams, Chamber Member Services, recently attended the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives Annual Conference in Johnson City. Shown here with Leland Gregory, spokesperson for the Complete College Act and a New York Times bestseller, at the reception held at Bristol Motor Speedway.*

## Employer’s Association Provides Professional Development

The Roane County Employer’s Association (RCEA) provides HR and operations managers the opportunity to stay up-to-date with many issues facing businesses in Roane County and great networking opportunities.



*RCEA participants learn how difficult it is to coordinate team actions in maneuvering a hula-hoop during a recent RCEA meeting*

The next meeting is on September 13

and features John Rose, founder and owner of Holston International Training and Consulting, presenting *Violence in the Workplace: Are You At Risk? What Can You Do?*

The RCEA meets at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Roane State Community College, main campus in Harriman.

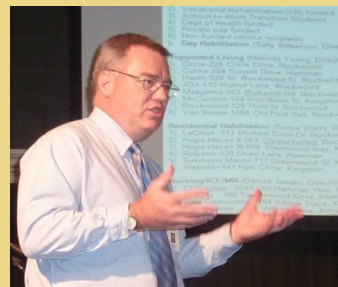
For information about joining the RCEA, contact Allen Lutz at [alutz@roanealliance.org](mailto:alutz@roanealliance.org) or 865-376-1790.

## Chamber Luncheon at Michael Dunn

The Chamber Speaker Series Luncheon was hosted by the **Michael Dunn Center** on Tuesday, August 16, providing attendees a chance to see first-hand the center’s facilities and learn about how the center runs. Market Street Fountain provided the wonderful food.

President and CEO Mike McElhinney spoke briefly, explaining how their budget worked in keeping the Michael Dunn Center going strong for their causes, while Vice President of Development and Public Relations, Wade Creswell, spoke on the center’s mission.

Next month’s Chamber Speaker Series luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Roane County United Way “Kickoff Luncheon” on September 20 at noon at the Kingston City Park Pavilion. The cost is free for this event.



*Mike McElhinney, Michael Dunn Center, speaks to the Roane County Chamber*

## Community Events

### Roane County Corn Maze

Open now through November 19  
 Fridays 1 - 8 pm  
 Saturdays 10 am - 8 pm | Sundays 1 - 6 pm  
 Across from Roane State College  
[www.roanetourism.com/cornmaze](http://www.roanetourism.com/cornmaze)

### Rockwood Cruise-In

September 3, 4 - 7 pm  
 Historic Downtown Rockwood  
 Street Rods, Classic Cars, Live Music  
 For information call 865-617-1548

### Hooray for Harriman Labor Day Festival

Monday, September 5, 10 am - 6 pm  
 Roane Street, Harriman  
 Contact Randy Ellis 865-335-7981  
 or Wayne Best 865-398-9693  
[www.hoorayforharriman.info](http://www.hoorayforharriman.info)

### Live Celtic & Irish Music

Saturday, September 17, 7 - 10 pm  
 Bradbury Community Club  
 Admission is \$2  
 Contact Visitor Bureau 865-376-4201

### 2nd Annual Old-Fashioned Fall Festival

September 24, 10 am - 5 pm  
 Rockwood Village Apartments  
 A free event - Bluegrass, hayrides, & food  
 Contact Victoria Cox 865-354-3945

### Babahatchie Community Band

September 25, 3 pm  
 David Webb Riverfront Park, Harriman  
 Listen to classic concert tunes on the lawn

### TN Quarter Horse Assoc. Circuit

Sept 15 - 18 (both arenas)  
 Roane State Expo Center  
 Contact Amy Bailey 931-260-3910

### TN Paint Horse Club

Saturday, Sept 24 (both arenas)  
 Roane State Expo Center  
 Contact Charles Spurlock 615-876-2030

### Three Rivers Antique Tractor Show & Pull

Friday, Sept 30, 7 pm  
 Saturday, Oct 1, 4 pm  
 Roane State Expo Center  
 Contact Margaret Guttenberg 865-376-9942

### And on Saturday, October 1!

**Historic Courthouse Gala, 6:30 pm**  
**Kingston's Country Fair, 9 am - 6 pm**  
**Rockwood Fall Festival, 10 am - 7 pm**  
**Moonlight For Sight 5K Run, 8:30 pm**

**For more information:**  
[www.RoaneTourism.com/events](http://www.RoaneTourism.com/events)

## Business Briefs

### Lunch & Learn Workshops Helping Manage Our Time



Time Management was the subject of the latest Lunch & Learn Workshop at The Roane Alliance.

The workshops are presented by Dana Peterka, SCORE, providing Chamber members an insightful workshop and free lunch. The next workshop will be held in October.

Visit the Chamber website for a calendar of events and workshops at [www.roanealliance.org/chamber/calendar.html](http://www.roanealliance.org/chamber/calendar.html)

### New Michael Dunn Building Dedicated in Ceremony

On Friday, July 29, the Michael Dunn Center Work Programs held a dedication ceremony for the Charlie Parks Building, which will store goods waiting for processing or shipping.

Parks worked tirelessly for many years as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dunn Diversified Industries. Speaking at the dedication were Tennessee Department of Intellectual

and Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Jim Henry; State Representative **Julia Hurley**; and Mike McElhinney, President, Michael Dunn Center. Parks' grandson, Ryan Hay, also spoke at the ceremony.

For information about Michael Dunn Center Work Programs contact Melanie Harmon at 865-376-1337, ext. 230.

#### To Advertise in Newsletter:

Only available to Chamber members  
 \$50 charge for insertion

Call **The UPS Store**, 376-1773 and have them print/insert for you

Or provide 380 flyers (8.5x11) by the 25<sup>th</sup> to the Chamber at 1209 N. Kentucky St, Kingston

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### Roane County Employment Statistics

	<u>June 2011</u>		<u>July 2011</u>
Labor Force	28,650	Labor Force	28,480
Employment	26,010	Employment	26,050
Unemployment	2,640	Unemployment	2,430

#### Unemployment

	<u>Roane Co. %</u>	<u>TN %</u>	<u>US %</u>
July	8.5	9.8	9.1
June	9.2	9.8	9.2

#### Consumer Price Index June 2011

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in July on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.6 percent before seasonal adjustment.

**21 new business licenses were issued in July 2011**

#### Roane County Chamber of Commerce

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## Chamber Members Celebrate



Front Row (l-r): Christie Carr, **Regions Bank of Rockwood**; Jenny Tippens, **Regions Bank of Kingston**; Owners Brenda and Wendy Garrett, **Vintage Salon**; Kathy Parks, **The Bridge at Rockwood**; Back Row (l-r): Lena Bennett, **Regions Bank of Rockwood**; Shawn Human, **Employment Express Professionals**; and Tenika Colyer, **Citizens National Bank of Kingston**.

### New Vintage Salon Joins Chamber

New Roane Chamber Member **Vintage Salon**, located at 700 North Gateway Avenue in Rockwood, held a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Thursday, July 28. Owners Wendy and Brenda Garrett thanked everyone who came out to meet them at the opening of their new shop.

Offering hair styling for both men and women, along with manicures and pedicures, Vintage Salon also offers a special discount of 10% to all military any day (active and non-active) and senior citizens on Wednesdays. For an appointment call 865-354-9050.

### Storm the Fort Triathlon - 177 Athletes Came to Roane County to 'Race to the Cannon!'



Mike Woody, Fort Southwest Point, fires the cannon during the triathlon

On a picture-perfect summer Saturday, 177 athletes arrived in Kingston to 'Race for the Cannon' in the inaugural Storm the Fort Triathlon.

"So many people came out to show their support and I was so proud of Roane County," said Pam May, Tourism Manager, Roane Alliance. "We had athletes from as far away as Ohio, and everyone seemed to love this event, making suggestions and plans for next year, so I would call that a success."

The **City of Kingston** was instrumental in helping bring in this event, especially Rick Ross, Kingston Parks & Rec and Chief Jim Washam, Kingston City Police. Also, the **Roane County Sheriff's** office helped make it possible, along with numerous volunteers, such as Jenny Tippens,

**Regions Bank** of Kingston, who handed out water at one of the stations, and Mike Woody and his crew of re-enactors at Fort Southwest Point who provided a special event for not only the athletes but also the spectators.

## RENEWALS

**Blue Springs Boat Company, LLC**  
Teddy Haywood  
685 Ladd Landing Way  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-376-1472

**Harriman Public Library**  
Barbara Pelfrey Milsaps  
601 Walden Street  
Harriman, TN 37748  
865-882-3195

**Gondolier Harriman**  
George Delos  
1822 Roane State Highway  
Harriman, TN 37748  
865-717-0277

**PSC Metals**  
Jason Bullington  
440 South Front Street  
Rockwood, TN 37854  
865-354-2790

**East Tennessee Pool & Spa, Inc.**  
Dennis Keeling  
P. O. Box 1025  
Harriman, TN 37748  
865-882-1709

**U.S. Department of Energy**  
Deborah Booher  
P.O. Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831  
865-576-4444

**American Forest Management, Inc.**  
Jake Almond Jr.  
103 Barrie Lane  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-354-2131

**McMillin Ridge, LLC**  
Larry Miller  
320 Seven Springs Way Ste 120  
Brentwood, TN 37027  
615-370-8576

**Dana Peterka**  
1008 Eagle Furnace Road  
Rockwood, TN 37854  
865-354-4715

**Y-12 Federal Credit Union**  
Cindi Pyles  
P.O. Box 2512  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831  
865-376-8820

**City of Rockwood**  
James Hines  
110 North Chamberlain Avenue  
Rockwood, TN 37854  
865-354-0163

**Red Bones on the River**  
Barry Childs  
316 W. Race St.  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-376-9696

**McGill Associates, P.A.**  
Greg Eidam  
118 Mabry Hood Road, Suite 400  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-376-5157

**Sail Away Learning & Academy**  
Brenda Murphy  
106 Armour Road  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-376-7005

**Roane County United Way**  
Diana Knobloch  
P.O. Box 317  
Harriman, TN 37748  
865-882-7711

**Marilyn Calfee**  
476 Dogwood Valley Rd  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-376-3517

**World Finance Corporation**  
John Osborne  
1124 N Gateway Ave., Ste 3  
Rockwood, TN 37854  
865-590-0253

**Lynne Spiers**  
124 Clower Road  
Kingston, TN 37763  
865-376-1462

**Methodist Medical Center**  
P.O. Box 2529  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831  
865-835-4400

**Van Dan & Sons**  
Danny Van Dan  
198 Hillcrest Drive  
Kingston, TN 37763  
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