

Roane County Executive's - October 2019 Newsletter to the Community

50+ Experienced the Tennessee River Saturday Morning... {Pam May, Roane Alliance}

Roane County held its first ever TN RiverLine Paddle event on September 28th, 2019. The event hosted over 50 kayaking/ paddle boarding enthusiasts who experienced the beauty of the Tennessee River by paddling from Riley Creek Campground, four (4) miles to the Kingston City Park.

Roane County was selected to be a pilot community by the TN RiverLine 652 Program back in May. The program initiative is to connect, catalyze and celebrate the 652 miles of the Tennessee RiverLine from Paducah, Kentucky to Knoxville, Tennessee. The TN RiverLine's vision is a continuous multi-modal hiking, biking, kayaking trail combining greenways and blueways, on or along the Tennessee River.

The TN RiverLine Paddle was the first of many events to come celebrating Roane Counties 30 plus miles of beautiful river line. Our counties abundance of natural resources, unique culture and incredible community makes any event a true success!

Thank you to all of the organizations who helped make the experience great: Kingston City Parks and Recreation, Kingston Fire and Rescue, Roane Alliance, Roane County Parks and Recreation, Roane County Schools, Roane County Sheriff's Office and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.



Founder's Day {Amber Cofer, County Executive Office}

Every year we take a pause to honor the individuals who have helped shape Roane County into the county it is today. These individuals have made tremendous contributions not only to our county, but also the state and nation. These Treasures are individuals who have helped shape the county's history through different endeavors.

This celebration is usually held on the founding date of Roane County, November 6th, but due to some scheduling conflicts, this year's Founder's Day celebration will be held on November 26th, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Roane County Courthouse.

We welcome all to celebrate Roane County's 218th birthday as we honor the Thirteenth Class of Roane Treasures!

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The regular
scheduled
Commission
meeting has
been moved to
**Thursday, October
17, 2019!**

Randy Ellis Re-elected

{Bonnie Angus, County Executive Office}



Congratulations Randy Ellis on your re-election as chairman of the Roane County Commission. The Commission picks its chairman each September. Ellis was elected as chairman for the first time in 2018.

Master Gardener's Waterfall at Roane County Park

{Mike Beard, Director of Parks and Recreation}



The next time you drive by Roane County Park, please stop by the Master Gardener's waterfall. They have been working hard to make your park a pleasant place to visit.



Roane County Animal Shelter

{Stacey Whittenberg}

Coach Treadway featured Shire on the field at the Midway High School football game Friday, September 13, 2019. She was the star of the football game! She did a meet and greet as everyone came through the gates to watch the game. She represented the Roane County Animal Shelter in efforts to promote adoptions for herself and other lovable pets available for adoption at the shelter. A donation box was placed at the concession stand for the Roane County Animal Shelter. Shire stole the hearts of so many! She is still available for adoption at this time.



The Roane County Animal Shelter also has two events scheduled for October! They will be at PetSense in Lenoir City on **Saturday, October 6, 2019 from 10-2 pm** for their annual Adoption Event. They will also be at Earl Duff Subaru on **Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10-1 pm** for their annual fall "Subaru Loves Pets" adoption event.

Burn Permit Season to Start Early In Tennessee

The summer heat and dry weather just won't quit. With the current conditions in mind, the Division of Forestry launched the burn permit system a few weeks early.

A permit is now required for outdoor burning starting September 23, 2019.

Typically, burn permits are required statewide October 15- May 15. Many cities and municipalities require permits year around.

Although Tennessee has not seen an increase in wild fires, safety is our top priority. The early launch is a precautionary measure to help protect our state and citizens from any wild fire threat. The Division of Forestry will continue to monitor the weather situation and will not issue permits on days when burning carries a greater risk.

For more information, tips to conduct a safe debris burn, and to apply for a **FREE** burn permit online, check out www.BurnSafeTN.org

Riggs Chapel Road Update...

{Tony Brown, Deputy Road Superintendent}

We want to give an update on Riggs Chapel Road. At \$942,495.00, Blalock won the bid and is currently performing the work and is still on schedule for a December opening, of course, that is if they do not have any significant delays. We want to remind people that the area is a construction zone and they do not need to enter the area where the work is being performed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 882-9782.



Transform Roane County's Students - Become a tnAchieves Mentor!

{Pam May, Roane Alliance}

Every student graduating high school in Tennessee will have the opportunity to receive training that can help them obtain a good, well-paying job. Through the Tennessee Promise last-dollar scholarship program, students will be able to attend a community or technical college in the state. And, to help the students transition from high school to college, they are assigned a tnAchieves mentor who can make a substantial impact on a student's success, which in turn, can transform their lives and our community.

tnAchieves mentors are needed now in Roane County! For around one hour a month a mentor can play a critical role in the success of students across this county, and the state. All it takes is an investment of 10-15 hours annually to reach 5-10 high school seniors by being a resource, sharing your own experiences, and offering encouragement and support to help them reach their full potential. Training is available to ensure even the busiest executive, parent or young professional can make a meaningful impact.

Roane County has had a strong mentor program, with a long list of mentors committed to impacting Roane County students for three or more years. But more mentors are needed. To become a mentor or learn more about becoming a mentor, go to <https://tnachieves.org/mentors> or contact Allen Lutz at alutz@roanealliance.org.

To all tnAchieves mentors, thank you for helping change the lives of Roane County and Tennessee students! And a special congratulations goes to Allane Lutz, Director of Education and Workforce, Roane Alliance for being selected the tnAchieves Mentor of the Month.

Did you know about ... the ghost of Dr. John Jackson?

{Robert Bailey, Historian}

Since October is recognized as a time of ghosts and goblins, it is appropriate to share a ghost story that was written in a newspaper account in the 1800s. It is the story of the spirit of Dr. John Jackson who died in 1840 in Roane County. He lived in the Eagle Furnace area and was quite prominent and wealthy. Since the banks were unstable at that time, he stored his money at his house. A great flood in 1840 threatened to destroy the building where about \$10,000 or \$12,000 in coins was kept. He was able to get the money to higher ground, and he buried it in a field nearby. He became sick from exposure to the rain and died. During his delirium, he tried to tell his family where the money was hidden but died before he could reveal the exact location.

The family was never able to find the money, and the property was sold soon after the flood. It was sold to a Dr. Hoyle who lived there about a month and left without giving any cause to his leaving. Later, other families tried to live in the house but they also soon moved. It was said that the key would turn in the lock without any cause and the door would open. No sooner did they close and lock the door when it would open again. The form of a man, recognized as Dr. Jackson, would move about the yard as if looking for his treasure. But as soon as someone would approach he would disappear. The sound of money could be heard as though a coin had been dropped from the ceiling to the floor whirling around on the floor and stopping, but no money could be found. Whoever slept in the house could witness the opening of doors, the ghostly form in the yard and hear the clinking of coins. No one would live in the house, and it was abandoned in a few months, and through the years the house had fallen to pieces. However, the form of Dr. Jackson could be seen searching for his hidden treasure.

The Roane County Ag Extension would like to congratulate the first ever graduates of the Roane County Master Backyard Poultry Producer program.



We encourage you to visit our Facebook page for events and agriculture programs available.

Roane County Needs You

2 Opportunities to Get Involved in Roane County Government

1. Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) needs an Alternate from Oliver Springs: The purpose of the BZA is to rule on the application of existing zoning laws. It is difficult to create zoning regulations that universally apply to all parcels of land. The BZA allows property owners with unique conditions on their parcels a means to appeal for an exception. **Meets monthly at the courthouse every 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm**



2. Board of Equalization (BOE) Alternate: The BOE is responsible for adjusting and equalizing the valuation of real and personal property of Roane County. The BOE is also responsible for providing an estimate of all revenue that will be available for appropriation in the coming fiscal year. **Meets annually throughout the month of June.**

For more information,
contact the Roane County Executive's Office:

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Learn More

County Executive, Ron Woody, is currently working on several articles for the Roane County Newspaper which is generally published each week. A few articles have already been published and are listed below. You can also find these articles on our website at www.roanecountytn.gov

- "Does Roane County Have an Emergency Fund?" 5/1/19
- "Roane County's Ambulance Operations" 5/8/19
- "Rural Services of Fire Protection and Animal Control" 5/15/19
- "Three Debt Fund" 5/22/19
- "Schools and Jails: Roane County Investment in Capital Assets" 6/5/19
- "Why Do We Have to Have Tax Increases?" 6/12/19
- "Why Is Roane County Not Growing?" 6/28/19
- "Some Funds (Companies) Do Not Have a Tax Rate" 7/3/19
- "A Follow-Up On Why Roane County Isn't Growing" 7/10/19
- "Explaining the Economic Development Agency Fund" 7/17/19
- "What Do I Get For My Taxes?" 8/7/19
- "Formal Financial Management Policies" 8/14/19
- "Managing Around the Fund Balance" 8/23/19
- "Fall Out"- Managing the Variance" 9/11/19
- "Managing County Capital Assets and Debt" 9/18/19



County Government Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
October 3rd	ERB	QCR	6:00 pm
October 8th	PUB	WWP	5:30 pm
October 8th	Fire Board	OES	6:15 pm
October 10th	Emergency Service	OES	6:15 pm
October 15th	Roane Academy	QCR	6:30 pm
October 17th	Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
October 23rd	BZA	QCR	6:30 pm
October 23rd	Planning Commission	QCR	7:30 pm