

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

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

Roane County was officially founded on November 6, 1801. In 2007, Roane County began celebrating Roane County's birthday with the Founder's Day Celebration by naming a Class of Roane Treasures each year. Every year we take a pause to honor the individuals who have shaped 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. The Treasures are individuals who have helped shape the county's history through different endeavors.

Roane County will be honoring the following individuals at this year's Founders Day Celebration:

Roane Treasures: Millard Fillmore Hendrickson SR., Clyde Jones, Edward Tuell, Melvin Page, Ann Hiegel, and Geraldine Wallick

Golden Treasures: Francis "Berlin" Hood

We will present the Thirteenth Class of Roane Treasures on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 6 pm at the Roane County Courthouse. We welcome all to come celebrate Roane County's 218th birthday as we honor a WWII veteran, Military Veterans, one of the last buffalo soldiers, a Vietnam War Veteran who was zipped up in a body bag presumed dead, as all these individuals have made an impact on our community.

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.roanecountyttn.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
- "The Appropriations and Tax Resolution" 9/4/19
- "Budget Public Hearing" 9/6/19
- "Fall Out"- Managing the Variance" 9/11/19
- "Managing County Capital Assets and Debt" 9/18/19
- "Property Tax Freeze and Property Tax Relief" 10/30/19

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We will be
CLOSED Thursday,
November 28 &
Friday, November
29 in observance of
Thanksgiving!



Laura Conner Awarded Public Health Worker of the Year

{Bonnie Angus, County Executive Office}

Laura Conner, County Director for the Roane and Morgan County Health Departments, was recently awarded Public Health Worker of the Year by the Tennessee Public Health Association (TPHA) at the annual meeting held in Franklin, TN in September. The Public Health Worker of the Year Award is presented to a person in the field of public health who, during the last three years, has provided outstanding service to public health.

Pictured is Dr. Cathy Taylor, 2018-2019 TPHA President, Marianne Sharp, Regional Accountant for the East Tennessee Regional Health Office, Laura Conner, Public Health Worker of the Year, and Dr. Lisa Piercey, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Health.



A Letter From Anna Johnson... Roane County's 4-H Agent {Anna Johnson}

Hello Roane County:

My name is Anna Johnson and I am the 4-H Agent here in Roane County. I come from Rhea County where I served as the 4-H/FCS Agent for nearly 17 years. I had the opportunity to become the 100% 4-H Agent here in Roane County and I couldn't be more excited to be here. I believe in the 4 "H"s of Head, Heart, Hands and Health. We've already contacted all the schools and have started 4-H in the classroom. Monthly newsletters and contest sheets will be posted online. October will be a busy month with clubs, National 4-H Week and Tractor Supply Clover Collection. National 4-H Week was October 6-12 and Tractor Supply Clover Collection is October 9-20. Roane County has a rich history of active 4-H members participating on the local, county, region and state level. I want to continue that tradition.

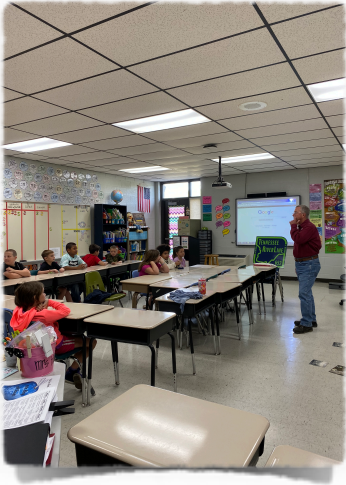
One thing I would like to do is enhance our Honor Club and All-Star Program. In order to be an Honor Club member, you must be in the 6th-8th grade and complete the Honor Club Application and receive 200 points. Those 200 points come from your 4-H involvement. All-Star members are active high school Honor Club members that want to have more service-learning opportunities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Stay tuned to our UT Extension Roane County website as well as on Facebook for announcements and updates about 4-H events and activities. I look forward to a GREAT 4-H year!



-Anna

Mike Beard Visits Midway Elementary {Bonnie Angus, County Executive Office}



On Friday, October 11, 2019, Mike Beard (Parks and Recreation Director) visited the Midway Elementary School fourth graders to speak to them about the fundamentals of camping. He spoke with the students about the importance of budgeting, planning, safety tips, and more when it comes to planning a camping trip. Mike also awarded each student with a certificate for a **FREE** night of camping at Riley Creek Campground.

Fire Prevention week was October 6-12. The Roane County Office of Emergency Services along with the South Roane County Volunteer Fire Department, Roane County Rescue Squad, LifeStar, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol spent the day educating the kids at Midway Elementary School on fire prevention and safety.



Congratulating Roane County tnAchieves Mentors {Allen Lutz, Roane Alliance}

In 2012, when the TnAchieves Scholarship program (with non-profit funding) was established within Roane County, Ron Woody, as the County Executive, became the county official responsible for recruiting the tnAchieves Mentors. Ron immediately asked the Roane Alliance (and me) to be the one to carry out that mission for him.

In 2014, the program expanded to become Tennessee Promise (with funding from the State of Tennessee) and the tnAchieves Mentor recruiting continuing within Roane County.

During the eight years from 2012 to 2019, Roane County has met every mentor recruiting goal set by tnAchieves. There have been seven volunteers that have served as tnAchieves Mentors during all eight years. Additionally, 27 other people have served as mentors from three to seven years.

We would like to say thank you and congratulations to the Roane County tnAchieves mentors and also recognize those who served three (3) or more years serving our graduating high school seniors!

Jane Gibson- 8	Cheryl Laxton- 7	Betty Johnston- 8
Christopher Whaley- 7	Paul Johnston- 8	Penny Woody- 7
Allen Lutz- 8	Vickie Hensley- 6	Scott Mason- 8
Matthew Waters- 6	Dana Peterka- 8	Deanne Dale- 5
Danice Turpin- 8	Susan Pearson- 5	Teresa Duncan- 7
Saundra Stiles- 5	Elizabeth (Liz) Thacker- 5	Elliot Barnett- 4
Carolyn Clemmons- 4	Cynthia Cortesio- 4	Carson Craig- 4
Gary Human- 4	Christina VanMeter- 4	Jake Childs- 3
Mary Coulter- 3	Roslyn Eskridge- 3	Joseph Goss- 3
Nancy Hamilton- 3	Beth Norton- 3	Rebecca Ruppe- 3
Deborah Sumner- 3	Yris Vaca-Burgos- 3	Ellen Warman- 3

We still need more mentors for the Class of 2020 graduating seniors. If you would like to become a mentor, please visit <https://tnachieves.org/mentors/apply/>

Free Flu Shots {Roane County Health Department}

On **November 19, 2019**, the Roane County Health Department will join with other health departments around the state to offer **FREE** Flu shots as part of **#FIGHTFLUTN**. The Health Department will be at Roane State Community College on that day from **11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** in the Walden Ridge Dining Room inside the Student Center (beside the bookstore). Free Flu shots will be provided regardless of insurance status or age. This event is open to anyone in the community.



A Flu shot is one of the best ways that you can protect both you and your loved ones. Additionally, in Tennessee, we are continuing to combat an ongoing outbreak of the Hepatitis A virus. We will have Hepatitis A vaccine available for anyone at risk as well. Please call the Health Department at 354-1220 for any questions or further information.

Student Government Day 2019

County Executive, Ron Woody, will be hosting "Student Government Day 2019" at the Roane County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. This annual event is sponsored by local American Legion Posts and Roane County Government. During this event, students from each high school will spend time with the official whom they were selected to represent. Student Government Day is a great opportunity for the students to see their County Government at work. Approximately 100 students will attend this event. The schools participating are Harriman High School, Rockwood High School, Roane County High School, Midway High School, and Oliver Springs High School.

These students are our future and allowing them to learn all they can about government and how our county operates allows knowledgeable future leaders for the county.



Employees at the Roane County Courthouse wore pink on Friday, October 18, 2019, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

A Word of Thanks from the Director of Accounts and Budgets {Connie Cook}

November, the month of Thanksgiving. For some of us, we may say what we are thankful for each day on Facebook, or plan vacation time to spend with family and friends, we may even start our Christmas shopping, or just stay at home and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. This month I would like to give my word of Thanks to each and every one of my staff that have worked extra hard to cover the work load of Julie Miller. We ask that you still remember Julie in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from surgery.

The month of October we were able to complete and put out on the website our 2019-2020 Budget Book as well as the Capital Report. We are currently working on an additional report the "Popular Annual Financial Report" (PAFR) that will be reviewed by the Governmental Financial Officers Association (GFOA). We hope to have the PAFR available by December. This report is a short version of the county's financial position at June 30, 2019.

From our office to yours. . . May you have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Highway Department Prepares For Winter {Brian Matthews}

Once again, the Roane County Highway Department is planning and preparing to provide firewood for the residents of Roane County that are in need this winter. We encourage you or anyone that is need to call the office at 882-9782 to see if you qualify and to schedule a pick up. We are working on our winter plans because before we know it, we will be hearing about and seeing snow and ice.



The Midtown Recycling Center has a part-time position available! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Midtown Recycling Center at 865-590-7779.

Portraits Returned to Roane County {Robert Bailey, Historian}

The portraits of Thomas N. Clark and his wife, Susannah (Susan) Randolph Payne Clark have been returned to Roane County by some of their descendants. They were donated by Melissa Clark Gay and Julia Lee Clark and will be on display at the Historic Roane County Courthouse.

Thomas Norris Clark was born 5 May 1763, probably in Scotland. He came to America and may have lived with Thomas Norris, a relative or god-father. He married 11 Jun 1788, in Fluvanna County, Virginia, Susannah (Susan) Randolph Payne (born 24 Jan 1768-died 17 Oct 1842), the daughter of William Payne and his second wife, Mary Thompson Payne. Susan was a first cousin to Dolly Payne Madison, the wife of President James Madison. They are buried in the Bethel-Kingston Cemetery.

Thomas N. and his wife came to the North Fork of the Holston River (near current day, Kingsport) about 1795. They later came to Grassy Valley in Knox County about 1796 and moved to what would become Roane County in 1799.

He was one of the first seven city commissioners of Kingston in 1799. He was a charter member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, and named a trustee of the Rittenhouse Academy, in 1809. He leased a ferry from an Indian named Doublehead, which later became known as Clark's Ferry and was operated by the family for over 100 years. He also operated an inn and had the "Big Spring" near Bethel Presbyterian Church which provided water for the city of Kingston until the building of Watts Bar Dam in 1939.

Their son, Thomas Norris Clark, Jr. was born 20 Feb 1802 at "South West Point," and was a lawyer and a county official in the Historic Courthouse.



Pictured from left to right: Danette Godwin, Melissa Clark Gay, Julia Lee Clark, and Roane County Heritage Commission President, Brian Collins

County Government Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
November 3rd	Committee on Committee	QCR	6:30 pm
November 5th	Agriculture Committee	Ag Extension	6:00 pm
November 7th	ERB	CR	6:00 pm
November 7th	Jail Alternatives Committee	QCR	6:00 pm
November 12th	PUB	WWP	5:30 pm
November 12th	Fire Board	OES	6:15 pm
November 14th	Emergency Service	OES	6:15 pm
November 18th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
November 20th	BZA	QCR	6:30 pm
November 20th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:30 pm
November 20th	ADA	QCR	5:30 pm
November 21st	Tourism Committee	Chamber	6:15 pm
November 25th	Building & Codes Cmte	QCR	6:30 pm



We will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, November 11, 2019** in observance of **Veteran's Day!**

Thank you for your service!