



Roane County Executive's - February 2020 Newsletter to the Community

2020 Tennessee RiverLine Summit (Jamie Kinard, Grant Administrator)

Roane County leaders had the pleasure of attending the 2020 TN RiverLine Summit on January 22nd, 2020. The University of Tennessee graciously hosted this special summit. The Summit brought together the five TN RiverLine pilot communities that were selected in April of 2019 to form a partnership to support the vision for a continuous system of multimodal trail experiences along the Tennessee River from Knoxville, TN to Paducah, KY. The Tennessee River spans 38 miles through our beautiful county.



The Summit focused on gathering project stakeholders in order to reflect together on the experiences from this past year, to facilitate discussions between community representatives, the partnership and stakeholders, and to chart a course for how the Tennessee RiverLine and its supporting partnership will move forward regionally and in our communities.

The Summit featured pilot community summary reports, program findings, allied regional project presentations, round table discussions, remarks by TVA, recognition and networking. The evening portion of the event featured an, "Exhibition of Student Work," in which the UT Landscape Architecture students presented their unique conceptual designs for the pilot communities. Roane County thanks all of the very talented students who spent time in our beautiful county. Their hard work showed in the detail and outstanding creativity of their projects.

A fantastic summit for all and Roane County looks forward to future TN RiverLine!

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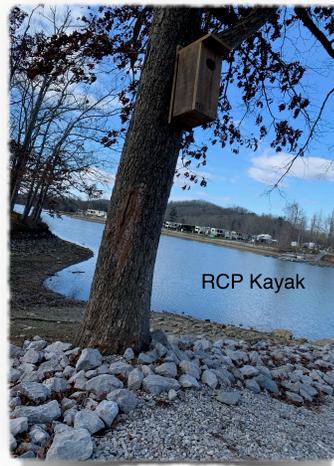
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The Courthouse
will be **CLOSED**
Monday,
February 17th in
observance of
President's Day!

Emory, Clinch and Watts Bar Watersheds Habitat and Recreation Restoration Grant

(Jamie Kinard, Grant Administrator)

Roane County just completed a grant from the TN Department of Environment & Conservation, funded through the Natural Resource Trustee Program for the Emory, Clinch, and Watts Bar Watersheds Habitat and Restoration Rehabilitation Grant to improve recreational assets. With the support and collaboration with the TN Wild Life Resource Agency and the TN Valley Authority; Roane County was able to install nine (9) courtesy docks; three (3) of which are ADA assessable, one (1) boat slip/ courtesy dock, one (1) ADA accessible canoe/ kayak launch, nine (9) solar lights for safety, twelve (12) duck boxes and 1600 linear feet of shoreline stabilization. This was a multi-year grant with a total project cost of \$456,923. This grant funded \$297,000 of the total project with a local investment of \$159,923. This project has been a huge undertaking and the results have been rewarding as Roane County has significantly increased accessibility to various water points with safety, wildlife and stabilization in mind. Due to this effort, all can celebrate and enjoy our counties abundance of raw natural resources. Thank you to all who made this incredible project happen. It takes hard work, numerous partnerships, and endless hours of dedicated people to improve the quality of life here in our beautiful county.



Roane County Parks and Recreation

Avid Duck Hunter - "That light at Shady Grove Courtesy Dock really helps you get loaded safely at 5AM, in the dark."

Scarborough Trail (Mike Beard, Park & Rec Director)

The Parks and Recreation crew has been busy working on the re-opening of the Scarborough Trail in Roane County Park. The entrance is right off the walking path near the park entrance and leads you to a 4/10 of a mile trail loop in the forest. Just follow the blue trail blazes and enjoy more of what Roane County Park has to offer.



Campsite Seating for TnRiverLine 652

The Tennessee RiverLine 652 campsite seating is nearing completion at the Roane County Parks and Recreation woodworking shop.



Welcome to Roane County

"Sparky!"

(Amanda Daugherty, OES Administrative Assistant)

Roane County Office of Emergency Services was recently awarded an FM Global Fire Prevention Grant.

This grant went to purchase an animatronic "Sparky" suit from Robotronics.

Sparky made his grand appearance at Roane County's January Fire Board meeting.

We are very excited to have Sparky join our department and look forward to utilizing him throughout the county to educate and encourage everyone to practice fire safety.

He will be an asset to not just our department, but to our volunteer departments as well.



Tim Suter, EMS Director



Pictured left to right: Fire Board Commissioners Junior Hendrickson, Ben Wilson, Ben Gann, Benny East



Jamie Kinard, Grant Administrator



Pictured above: Chief Keith Farmer with Midtown Vol Fire Dept and Chief Brandon Burke with West Vol Fire Dept

Congratulations to Chuck Hiatt, Chief of Operations Officer, who successfully earned his national EMS certification on January 6, 2020!



Congratulations to Sergeant Junior Templeton who is retiring after serving over 30 years with the Roane County Sheriff's Department! We want to thank you for your many years of service and wish you luck on your new journey!



Ask a Master Gardener Gardening Panel (Ag-Extension)

The Master Gardeners of Roane County will host their Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Series **Saturday, February 8 at 12:00** in the **UT Extension Office** located at **3074 Roane State Hwy. in Midtown**. This session will be "Ask a Master Gardener" with a panel of Certified Master Gardeners. Do you have questions about your garden you'd like to ask Master Gardeners? How can I improve my soil? When should I prune blueberries? When is it safe to plant my garden in the spring? From vegetables to flowers, whatever your question, bring it to our Ask-a-Master Gardener Panel.

This is an ongoing series which will be the 2nd Saturday of each month. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch or snack to enjoy while they listen to the presentation. The Master Gardeners of Roane County are trained by University of Tennessee Extension and are part of the Tennessee Master Gardener Program. Come join us for this free class!

Highway Department (Brian Matthews)

We want to thank everyone for their patience as we have cut trees, opened up roadways for travel, and then returned for further clean up of trees that fell during the recent wind storm that came through Roane County. Everyone knows that we love our volunteers that pick up litter and partner with us to Help Keep Roane Litter Free. The residents on Peninsula Road picked up and then set up a display to show their thoughts on people that throw litter out on their road. If you want to partner with us please let us know.



2020 Census Update

(Bonnie Angus, County Executive Office)

The Census Bureau is still hiring for the 2020 Census! Roane County has only 280 of the 525 workers needed! They offer paid training, flexible hours, weekly pay, and the pay rate is \$26.00 per hour and 58 cents per mile. For more information on how to apply for the 2020 Census visit 2020census.gov/jobs

United States[®] Census 2020

The RCCC (Roane County Census Committee) will be holding their 4th meeting on February 19, 2020. In order for the 2020 Census to be a success, it depends on "everyone's" participation. The RCCC needs businesses, agencies, schools, and facilities to put Census messaging in their lobbies to help get out the information needed to make the 2020 Census a success and they can be found and uploaded by visiting 2020census.gov/en/partners

For more information about how you can help or Census posters to help spread the message about the 2020 Census, contact Bonnie Angus at bonnie.angus@roanecountytn.org

Accounts and Budgets /Connie Cook, Director of Accounts & Budgets/

It is that time of year where the 2020-2021 Budget is being formulated. Each Department has received their budget request forms. We are requesting those forms be returned to our office no later than **February 24th**.

I would like to also take this time to mention that if you are a Non-Profit Organization and would like for the county to contribute to your cause, please look on our website at the link below.

<http://roanebudgets.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Non-Profit-Application-2020-2021-FY-2.pdf>

The applications for Non-Profit must be turned into my office no later than **March 31, 2020**. We will add a reminder of the deadline in the Roane County News.

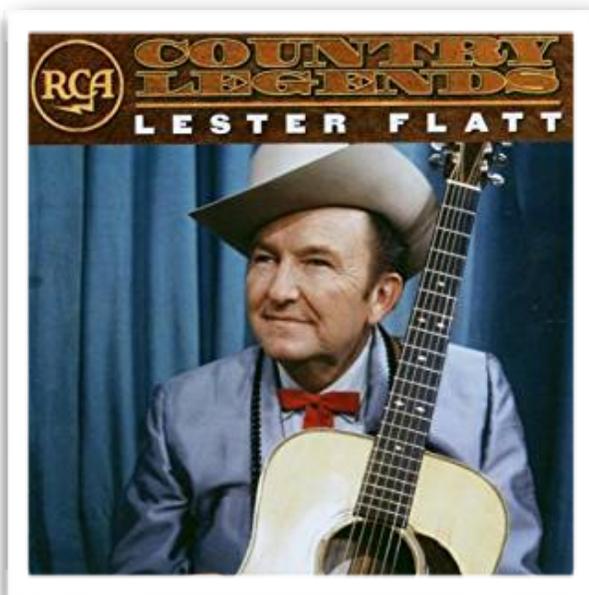
We will give more updates on the budget as the Budget Committee approves the Funds.

Did You Know About Lester Flatt and His Connection to Roane County . . . ? /Robert Bailey, Historian/

Many people may remember the theme song of the television show, "The Beverly Hillbillies". The theme was from a song called "The Ballad of Jed Clampett," which was first recorded by Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs. The song spent three weeks at number 1 on the country charts while it made it to #44 on the Billboard Top 100 in 1962. Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs also appeared on the television show as themselves. Although Flatt sang on the record, it was performed by Jerry Scoggins on the television show. However, the music was still performed by Flatt and Scruggs. Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs had formed a partnership in 1948 and in the 1970s Flatt had joined "The Foggy Mountain Boys."

Lester Flatt's great-grandfather was Isaac Columbus Flatt who was born 4 Jun 1811 in Roane County. Later the family removed to Jackson County, Tennessee.

He passed away on 11 May 1979 in Nashville, TN and is buried in the Oak Lawn Memorial Park, White Co., Tennessee. He was inducted in the County Music Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 1991.



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
- "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
- "Making Decisions" 11/15/19

HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

County Government Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
February 3rd	Road Committee	HWY	6:30 pm
February 6th	ERB	CR	6:00 pm
February 6th	Cable TV	QCR	5:30 pm
February 10th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
February 10th	Emergency Services	QCR	6:00 pm
February 11th	PUB	WWP	5:30 pm
February 11th	Fire	OES	6:15 pm
February 13th	Emergency Services	OES	6:15 pm
February 19th	BZA	QCR	6:30 pm
February 19th	Planning Committee	QCR	7:30 pm
February 20th	Ag Committee	CR	6:00 pm
February 24th	Building & Codes	QCR	6:30 pm