

County Executive's Newsletter to the County Commission



Roane County Government

"CVMR Moves Headquarters to Roane County"

By Ron Woody, County Executive

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Good Friday-
April 3rd



Roane County and Oak Ridge welcome CVMR's headquarters, research and manufacturing operations to the Horizon Center. On Friday, March 13, 2015, Governor Bill Haslam, County Executive Woody, Oak Ridge Mayor Warren Gooch, along with Oak Ridge National Lab Director Thom Mason and Commissioner of Economic Community Development Randy Byrd, welcomed CVMR to become our new neighbor and partner.

CVMR Chairman and President Kamron Khozan along with President of CVMR USA Mike Hargett spoke about CVMR's vision and plan for their Tennessee corporate home. Roane County News headlines of March 16 stated, "Start of a great wave"- "620 High Paying Jobs"- "High Tech International Headquarters Moving to Roane County."

CVMR Corporation (CVMR®) is a privately held multinational organization. It is engaged in:

Mining and metal refining, using its own proprietary vapour metallurgy processes and its own mineral resources;

Manufacturing of high value metal powders, nano-powders, net shapes and super alloys, using CVMR's proprietary processes;

Providing feed materials for 2D, 3D and 4D Printing (Additive Manufacturing);

Manufacturing graphite films on nickel substrates, using cold-wall chemical vapour deposition (CVD) from a mixture of hydrogen and methane;

Manufacturing of graphene, refining of graphite and creation of materials coated or imbedded with nano metal powders; and

Providing a range of technologically innovative solutions to the mining, refining and metal powder manufacturing industries.

Executive Woody's remarks at the celebration can be found on the county website www.roanecountytn.gov - County Executive - Published Article/Speeches.

More information about CVMR can be found on their website at www.cvmr.ca.

CVMR- Are You Looking for a Job or Wanting to Be a Vendor?

Mike Hargett, CVMR US President, indicated at the announcement celebration that CVMR's website www.cvmr.ca would be updated on April 1, 2015 in order to start accepting applications for positions at their new Roane County facilities. Individuals can complete and submit applications on the website starting April 1st.

Businesses and individuals interested in being a vendor for CVMR are also directed to the website starting April 1st where vendor registration will be accepted.

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YOU ARE INVITED

Meet & Greet

With

State Rep. Ron Travis

Thursday, April 9th

6:30 pm at

Rockwood Events Center
116 W Rockwood St
Rockwood, TN

For more information
contact Ron Berry @
354-1892

"Changing Government through Research, Study and Analysis"

Celebrating TDOT Road Projects

On March 20th a general groundbreaking project took place on Highway 27 in north Roane County/south Morgan County. Commissioner John Schroer, Sen. Ken Yager, State Rep. Kent Calfee, Morgan County Executive Don Edward and Executive Woody broke ground for the expansion of Highway 27 from a 2-lane to a 4-lane and for a straightening project.

EMS Says Farewell and Best Wishes to Michael Pennington

After 42 years with the Roane County Emergency Medical Service, Michael "Mike" Pennington is retiring. Mike has served Roane County as an EMT-Advanced and has been instrumental in many successful outcomes for Roane County citizens.

Mike has served in a number of positions during his tenure, including Acting

Director, Shift Captain and Deputy Coroner.

The Roane County Commission has passed a resolution honoring Mike and his dedication to public service within Roane County.

There will be a reception honoring his retirement at 6:00 pm immediately preceding the Commission

meeting on April 13th in Judge Wick's court room. Everyone is invited to attend and wish Mike all the best as he enters this new stage in his life.

Thank you Mike for all your years of hard work and dedication on behalf of Roane County. You will be missed, but we wish you all the best in the future.

The Courthouse Courts and Business Offices

Will be closed Friday, April 3, 2015

In observance of Good Friday Holiday

Reappraisal 2015-

How can you begin to estimate your property tax for 2016? First, we are a long way out from both budget adoption and, even more important, reappraisal of 2015.

Second, the reappraisal process will have a large impact of proper-

ty tax changes. The reappraisal process changes each property tax owner's liability by shifting the taxes as property values are equalized or adjusted during the reappraisal year. For instance, if your property value drops 10% and the county average drops 20%,

you will automatically have a property tax increase. This increase has nothing to do with the budget and everything to do with the equalization of property reassessment. A calculator for this impact will be available in the near future at www.roanecountytn.gov.

Five Star Update by Ron Woody

We continue our management based on the five point star focus where five major or focus points have been identified as important and often time-consuming.

A review of the five items are:

1. 2016 Budget Work
2. 2015 Reappraisal
3. Departmental Review— Focus Notebooks
4. Capital Planning Review
5. Planning to Go Forward (future article will explore)

Additional information is available on the county website www.roanecountytn.gov

Congratulations

Marilyn & Kent Calfee

Recipients of the

2015 Good Scout Award

Presented by



Great Smoky Mountain Council

Catoosa District

Marilyn & Kent were honored at a dinner on March 20, 2015 at White Stone Inn.

We would like to thank Marilyn and Kent for all their hard work and dedication to public service.

Did You Know About . . . Pruneface?

By Robert Bailey, Roane County Historian

Pruneface was the character in the 1990 movie “Dick Tracy” which was played by a veteran actor named Robert Golden (R.G.) Armstrong, Jr., who had Roane County roots. After his parents, Robert Golden & Ermyne (Robbins) Armstrong, Sr., were married here in 1915, they removed to Birmingham, Alabama where R.G. Jr. was born in 1917.

He went to college in North Carolina and became friends with Andy Griffith. He guest starred in almost all of the Western series in the 1950s and 1960s including Gunsmoke, Bonanza, The Big Valley and Maverick among others.

Besides appearing in Dick Tracy he also appeared in two other Warren Beaty films, “Reds” and

“Heaven Can Wait.” He appeared with James Earl Jones in “The Great White Hope” and with Arnold Schwarzenegger in “Predator” among the over 30 movies that he appeared in.

Shortly before his death he came to East Tennessee and made an appearance on the Marshal Andy Show on the Knoxville PBS station.

Manhattan Project National Historical Park Update by Ron Woody

Roane County, Anderson County and Oak Ridge City leaders hosted the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Parks Service to begin the planning of the Oak Ridge portion of the Manhattan Project Historical National Park (MPHNP). As we prepare for the MPHNP we thought we would share a bit of history each month.

1. There were three main Manhattan Project sites. Oak Ridge was the very first. The other two sites are Hanford, Washington and Los Alamos, New Mexico.
2. There were four (4) first of their kind nuclear facilities in Oak Ridge: Y-12, K-25, X-10 & S-50. S-50 was located on the Clinch River at the K-25 site.
3. On September 19, 1942, General Leslie R. Groves chose Oak Ridge. A site on the Emory River in Harriman has been rumored to have been considered also.
4. The “Secret City” grew from 0 to 75,000 people in 2½ years, all in total secrecy. Over 100,000 workers were secretly brought in to build and operate the huge nuclear plants.
5. Oak Ridge became a city in 1959.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Apr. 2nd	BOE/CC Jt Meeting	RCHS	5:30 pm
Apr. 2nd	ERB	CR	6:00 pm
Apr. 3rd	COURTHOUSE CLOSED		
Apr. 6th	In Lieu of Tax Cmte	QCR	6:00 pm
Apr. 7th	Solid Waste Advisory Board	3CR	5:00 pm
Apr. 7th	Tourism Cmte	CR	5:30 pm
Apr. 7th	Solid Waste Cmte	QCR	6:30 pm
Apr. 9th	Emergency Services	OES	6:00 pm
Apr. 9th	Risk Management	OES	7:00 pm
Apr. 9th	Ron Travis Reception	Rwood Events Center	6:30 pm
Apr. 13th	Commissioin	QCR	7:00 pm
Apr. 14th	Fire Board	QCR	6:00 pm
Apr. 15th	Board of Zoning Appeals	QCR	6:00 pm
Apr. 15th	Planning Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
Apr. 16th	Budget Cmte	CR	6:00 pm
Apr. 20th	Codes Review	QCR	6:00 pm
Apr. 23rd	Public Utility Board	WWP	5:30 pm
Apr. 27th	Budget Cmte	QCR	6:00 pm
Apr. 28th	Budget Cmte	CR	9:00 am

Please submit articles/items of interest to Melanie at melanie.townsend@roanecountytn.gov by the 20th of the month. ~Ron

Roane Alliance— RC's Economic Development Organization

Recently, The Roane Alliance released their 2014 Annual Report, which is available at www.roanealliance.org. President/CEO Wade Creswell and staff have outlined in the Annual Report many successes achieved through the Industrial Development Board, Alliance, Tourism and Chamber of Commerce.

These success include new retail, new industries and expansions of Omni Visions, Inc, Arcelon Mittal, Proton Power, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and Santer Timber to name a few.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted 73 events with increased membership. The Visitor Bureau has reported an increase in Hotel/Motel tax which indicates an increase in visitors. Roane County is also seeing an in-

crease in hosting and sponsoring athletic events. The 2014 Alliance Gala was the largest in it's history. Education Matters has seen more Roane County scholars than ever. Success is occurring in all aspects of economic development.

Projects in the works:

- ◆ Industrial inquiries are improving, in particular the recent announcement of CVMR (see separate article)
- ◆ Work on Manhattan Project National Park as a travel destination
- ◆ Application for InvestPrep Grant to improve industrial site at RRBTP
- ◆ Site evaluations are being conducted with City of Oak Ridge to develop industrial plans to make multi shovel ready sites.
- ◆ Marketing of Roane County to the corporate leadership of CVMR.



2015 Chamber Awards Banquet

Friday, May 1, 2015

Whitestone Country Inn

Reserve your seat today!

Please RSVP to Melanie

@717-4101

2016 Budget Work by Ron Woody

The county Budget Committee (Ron Berry, Bobby Collier, Randy Ellis, Steve Kelley, Chair County Executive Ron Woody, and Secretary Director of Accounts and Budgets Kaley Walker) began deliberations on the 2016 budget during March.

Recommendations on the three county debt service funds were approved unanimously with the same revenue level at the same tax rate as last year. The county continues to pay down outstanding principal without issuing new debt. ✓ Other recommended budgets were several agency funds. ✓

The Ambulance (118), Convenience Centers (116), and Recycling (123)

budgets were also recommended but with split votes. ✓ These funds needed additional revenue to maintain existing operations and thus a recommendation of a tax increase. The Ambulance Fund (118) had a recommended 2¢ tax increase with both the Convenience Center (116) and the Recycling Center (123) recommended at 1¢ increase each.

The General Capital Fund (171) was reviewed and partially recommended as follows:

1. No 2016 investments in Convenience Centers or Recycling. ✓
2. Ambulance capital received an additional one cent for the purpose of purchasing an additional ambulance. ✓

The budgets for the Ambulance, Convenience Center and Recycling funds will be presented to their respective committees for review. The committees will be asked to recommend change in services if additional revenue is not made available.

The Budget Committee also reviewed the county fiscal policies along with the appropriation and tax rate resolutions. ✓

More information about the 2016 budget, along with copies of minutes can be found at www.roanecountytn.gov - County Executive-Departments-Accounting