

# Roane State | Today





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**Alumnus Keith McDaniel, shown in his Oak Ridge studio, is an award-winning documentary filmmaker.**

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# Letter | from the President

East Tennessee would be a poorer place without Roane State Community College . . . about \$72 million per year poorer. That's the conclusion of the recent study of the college's five-year economic impact on its 8-county service area. During 2002-2006, Roane State contributed over \$361 million to the region's economy—an average of \$72 million per year.

Roane State Community College has served the East Tennessee area since 1971. Our report represents an analysis of the 2002-2006 economic impact of Roane State on its local service area. The results of our economic impact study clearly demonstrate that Roane State Community College is a major contributor to the economic well-being within our 8-county service area. In addition to the impact of Roane State on the improved productivity and quality of life achieved through increased education, the economic impact is significant.

Our economic impact is expressed in terms of jobs created, business volume generated and personal income earned. Local full-time jobs created by Roane State's presence were 13,973 during 2002-2006, including the college's own 2,132 full-time jobs counted over the five-year period. The local business volume generated by college expenditures equaled \$184 million during 2002-2006. Individual income generated by college expenditures was \$177 million during the five-year study period.



Money spent at Roane State proved to be a good investment, too. It's significant, that every \$1.00 of local revenues flowing into Roane State generated \$3.09 of local business volume and \$3.40 of individual income. That's a total return on investment (ROI) of \$6.49 on the local dollar.

Also worth noting is what the study doesn't include. We didn't factor in the value that results from having a trained and educated workforce available to local businesses or for recruitment of industries as a result of the college's presence. That sort of indirect economic impact is important, though. Companies simply wouldn't locate here if they couldn't find the skilled workers they need.

As Roane State continues to grow in enrollment, its economic impact on the service area will increase similarly. Roane State has clearly become a major partner and force in the economic vitality of East Tennessee.

*Gary Goff*



# Vistas | of Roane State

## Roane County Campus

The interior of the library on the main campus got a much-needed redecoration earlier this year. The building has new carpet, tile, paint and furnishings. You're invited to stop by the library to check out the user-friendly atmosphere.



## Oak Ridge Campus

The more than 2,100 students attending the Oak Ridge Campus have a new breakfast/lunch option. Anderson's Grille on campus officially re-opened on Jan. 22, featuring fruits, vegetables, snacks and short orders. Angela Sexton of Morgan County runs the facility, which is open from 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The grill is open to the public.



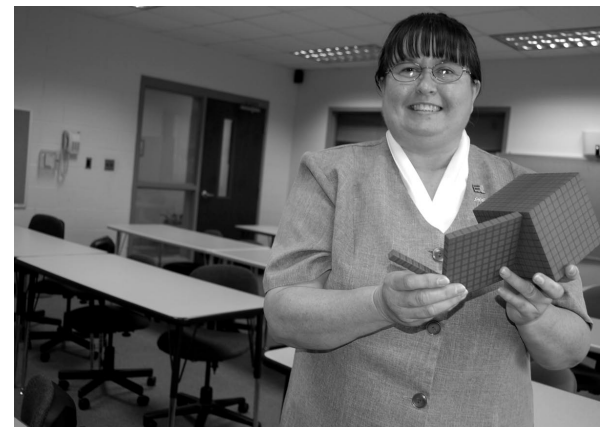
## Campbell County Campus

Enrollment at Roane State's newest campus, the Campbell County Higher Education Center, has grown since the new building opened in LaFollette last fall. Enrollment between spring 2006 and this term jumped 11 percent. The Roane State Foundation is raising funds to finish the second floor of the new campus to accommodate students. To contribute, call (423) 562-7021.



## Cumberland County Campus

A state grant is helping Roane State train better elementary math and science teachers. The college's Cumberland County campus is a pilot site for a Tennessee Board of Regents "Teacher Preparedness Partnership." The grant "has allowed us to buy furniture and lab equipment," said Joye Gowan, Roane State math professor and coordinator of the grant. "It's opened up a lot of doors for our elementary education majors." The lab includes modeling systems for fractions and other mathematical areas. "This lets students visualize concepts," Gowan said. In a broad sense, "we're giving (our students) the theory behind mathematical principles," Gowan noted. "We're not just asking them to memorize and learn by rote."



# Vistas **continued**

## Fentress County Campus

The campus in Jamestown got a second interactive “IDEA” room this term. IDEA—Interactive Distance Education Access—technology allows students on the Fentress campus to participate in live classes taking place on other Roane State campuses. Local students can ask questions of the professor and interact with students on other campuses via IDEA’s closed-circuit television. The second IDEA room on the Fentress campus was made possible by gifts from Tommy Duncan and Union Bank, and Guy and Claudine Pinckley.

## Knox County Campus

This campus houses some of the college’s most rigorous academic programs—nursing and allied health. To give students and faculty a fun and healthful diversion from lectures, labs and clinicals, the campus now has a basketball goal. The center has also upgraded its kitchen area.

## Loudon County Campus

Michaela Pierce is taking care of her first two years of college at the Loudon County Campus. Then she’ll be off to the Oak Ridge campus to earn her degree in elementary education via the 2+2 program with Tennessee Tech. As a volunteer coach for 6- and 7-year olds, Pierce already has honed a knack for teaching. “I love it when you are teaching children a concept and they start to ‘get it,’” Pierce said. “They get a big smile on their face.”

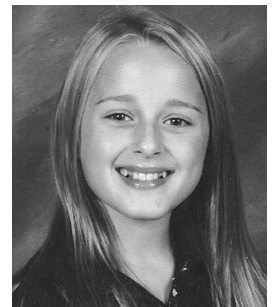
## Morgan County Campus

The Hines family has donated six acres to the Roane State Community College Foundation for the planned construction of a higher education center in Wartburg. Lawrence and Eva Hines made the generous gift in honor of Savannah and Shianne Hines, their young granddaughters. The center will be located on six acres of prime commercial property off Highway 62 in Wartburg behind Tennessee Coatings and the Morgan County Ambulatory Care Center.

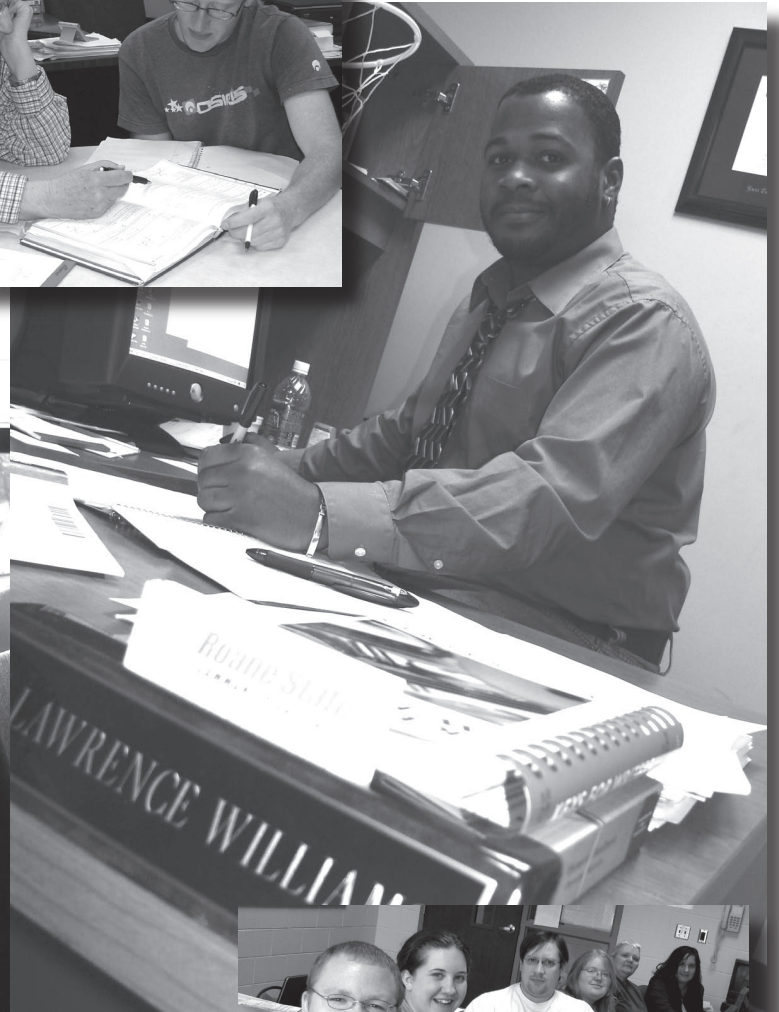
The campus could be completed as early as spring 2008. Savannah and Shianne Hines, the daughters of Scott and Marla Hines, are students at Central Middle and Central Elementary Schools in Wartburg.

## Scott County Campus

This campus now has new lobby furniture to accommodate students and community members. Roane State Foundation monies for the Scott County campus were used to purchase two matching sofas and armchairs for the facility.

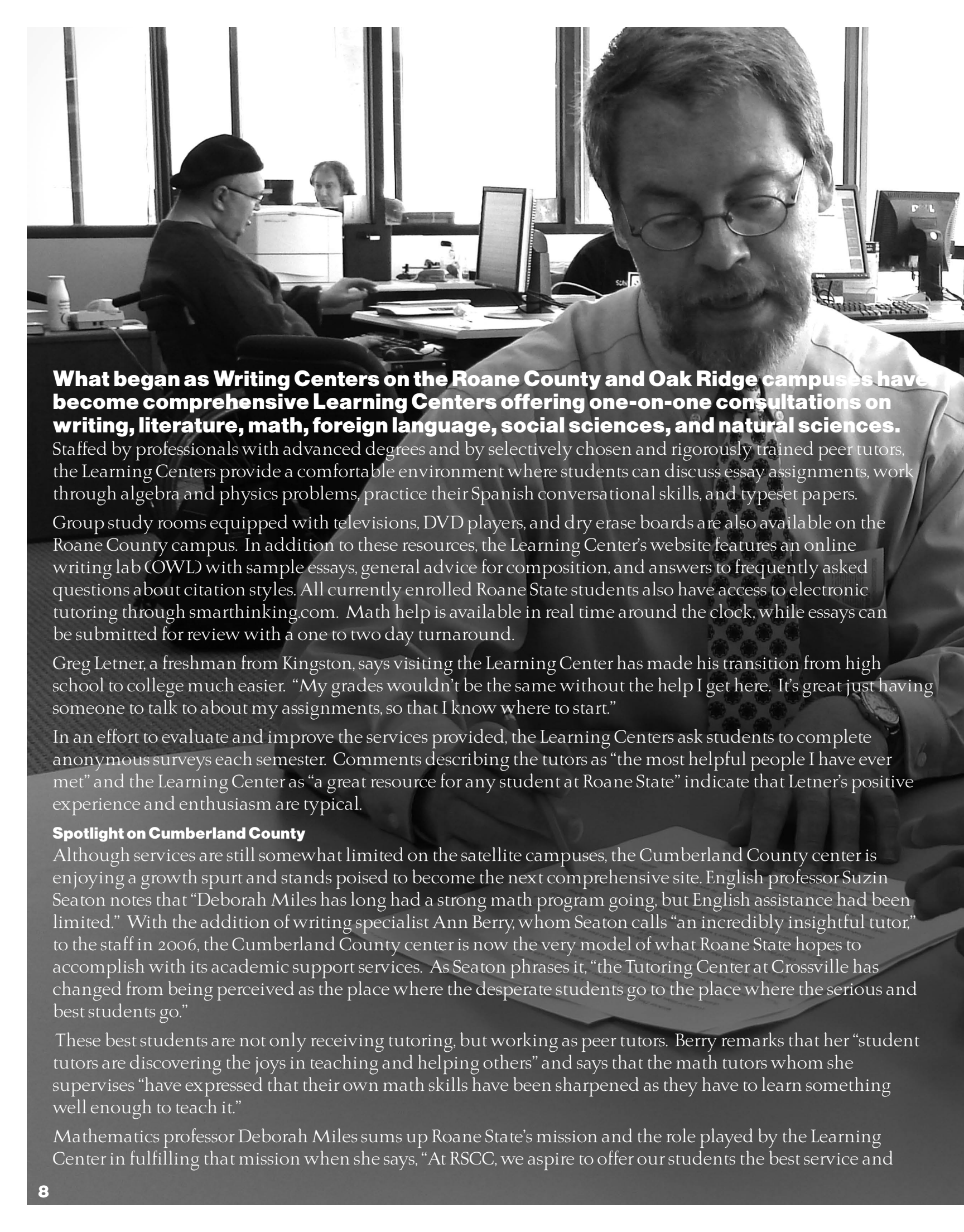






*Clockwise from left: Anne Berry, director of the Cumberland County Learning Center; tutor Bill Ihde works with a student; Lawrence Williams, director of the Oak Ridge Learning Center; Cumberland County tutors, from front to back, Justin Hurley, Kristina Turner, Jeremy Seal, Nekesha Matthews, Dianna Melton and Rebekah Kerley; Dr. Robert Alfonso, director of the Learning Centers, reviews an assignment with a student.*

**Just as Roane State has expanded from a single location to eight campuses, the college's tutoring services have grown to meet the needs of our far-flung students and community.** (continued on next page)



**What began as Writing Centers on the Roane County and Oak Ridge campuses have become comprehensive Learning Centers offering one-on-one consultations on writing, literature, math, foreign language, social sciences, and natural sciences.**

Staffed by professionals with advanced degrees and by selectively chosen and rigorously trained peer tutors, the Learning Centers provide a comfortable environment where students can discuss essay assignments, work through algebra and physics problems, practice their Spanish conversational skills, and typeset papers.

Group study rooms equipped with televisions, DVD players, and dry erase boards are also available on the Roane County campus. In addition to these resources, the Learning Center's website features an online writing lab (OWL) with sample essays, general advice for composition, and answers to frequently asked questions about citation styles. All currently enrolled Roane State students also have access to electronic tutoring through smarthinking.com. Math help is available in real time around the clock, while essays can be submitted for review with a one to two day turnaround.

Greg Letner, a freshman from Kingston, says visiting the Learning Center has made his transition from high school to college much easier. "My grades wouldn't be the same without the help I get here. It's great just having someone to talk to about my assignments, so that I know where to start."

In an effort to evaluate and improve the services provided, the Learning Centers ask students to complete anonymous surveys each semester. Comments describing the tutors as "the most helpful people I have ever met" and the Learning Center as "a great resource for any student at Roane State" indicate that Letner's positive experience and enthusiasm are typical.

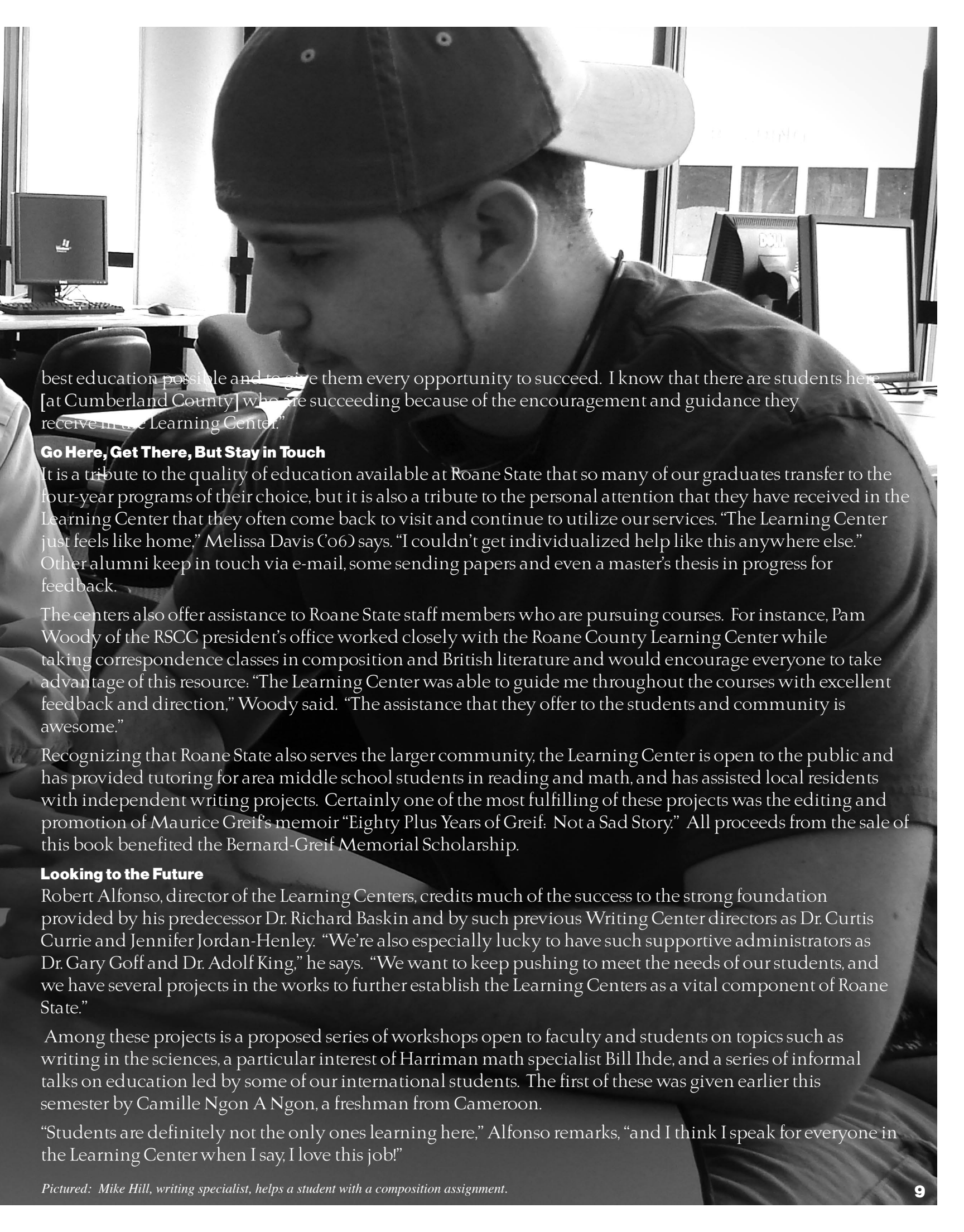
**Spotlight on Cumberland County**

Although services are still somewhat limited on the satellite campuses, the Cumberland County center is enjoying a growth spurt and stands poised to become the next comprehensive site. English professor Suzin Seaton notes that "Deborah Miles has long had a strong math program going, but English assistance had been limited." With the addition of writing specialist Ann Berry, whom Seaton calls "an incredibly insightful tutor," to the staff in 2006, the Cumberland County center is now the very model of what Roane State hopes to accomplish with its academic support services. As Seaton phrases it, "the Tutoring Center at Crossville has changed from being perceived as the place where the desperate students go to the place where the serious and best students go."

These best students are not only receiving tutoring, but working as peer tutors. Berry remarks that her "student tutors are discovering the joys in teaching and helping others" and says that the math tutors whom she supervises "have expressed that their own math skills have been sharpened as they have to learn something well enough to teach it."

Mathematics professor Deborah Miles sums up Roane State's mission and the role played by the Learning Center in fulfilling that mission when she says, "At RSCC, we aspire to offer our students the best service and





best education possible and to give them every opportunity to succeed. I know that there are students here [at Cumberland County] who are succeeding because of the encouragement and guidance they receive in the Learning Center.”

### **Go Here, Get There, But Stay in Touch**

It is a tribute to the quality of education available at Roane State that so many of our graduates transfer to the four-year programs of their choice, but it is also a tribute to the personal attention that they have received in the Learning Center that they often come back to visit and continue to utilize our services. “The Learning Center just feels like home,” Melissa Davis (’06) says. “I couldn’t get individualized help like this anywhere else.” Other alumni keep in touch via e-mail, some sending papers and even a master’s thesis in progress for feedback.

The centers also offer assistance to Roane State staff members who are pursuing courses. For instance, Pam Woody of the RSCC president’s office worked closely with the Roane County Learning Center while taking correspondence classes in composition and British literature and would encourage everyone to take advantage of this resource: “The Learning Center was able to guide me throughout the courses with excellent feedback and direction,” Woody said. “The assistance that they offer to the students and community is awesome.”

Recognizing that Roane State also serves the larger community, the Learning Center is open to the public and has provided tutoring for area middle school students in reading and math, and has assisted local residents with independent writing projects. Certainly one of the most fulfilling of these projects was the editing and promotion of Maurice Greif’s memoir “Eighty Plus Years of Greif: Not a Sad Story.” All proceeds from the sale of this book benefited the Bernard-Greif Memorial Scholarship.

### **Looking to the Future**

Robert Alfonso, director of the Learning Centers, credits much of the success to the strong foundation provided by his predecessor Dr. Richard Baskin and by such previous Writing Center directors as Dr. Curtis Currie and Jennifer Jordan-Henley. “We’re also especially lucky to have such supportive administrators as Dr. Gary Goff and Dr. Adolf King,” he says. “We want to keep pushing to meet the needs of our students, and we have several projects in the works to further establish the Learning Centers as a vital component of Roane State.”

Among these projects is a proposed series of workshops open to faculty and students on topics such as writing in the sciences, a particular interest of Harriman math specialist Bill Ihde, and a series of informal talks on education led by some of our international students. The first of these was given earlier this semester by Camille Ngon A Ngon, a freshman from Cameroon.

“Students are definitely not the only ones learning here,” Alfonso remarks, “and I think I speak for everyone in the Learning Center when I say, I love this job!”

Feature |

# Tennessee Tales

*By Tammy Stanford, Alumni Publications Editor*

Through light, sound and motion, Keith [unclear] the extraordinary tales of East Tennessee never heard. The award-winning document is, ultimately, “a storyteller.”





McDaniel conveys  
e that the world has  
mentary filmmaker

“I’m an artist,”  
McDaniel, a Roane  
State alumnus, says at  
his Secret City Films  
studio in Oak Ridge.  
“I’m also a business  
person. I can’t just do  
films and hope they  
sell.”

Not a problem when  
you have an eye and  
ear for what resonates,  
as McDaniel does.

His most recent work,  
“The Clinton 12,” chronicles  
the integration of the first  
public high school in the  
South after the Brown v.  
Board of Education decision  
by the U.S. Supreme Court.  
The film has won national  
awards and accolades, most  
recently the Nashville  
Public Television Human  
Spirit Award. (continued)

## **HOLLYWOOD, SCHMOLLYWOOD.**

Keith McDaniel says there's plenty of talent, ambition and creativity in the film industry right here in Tennessee.

An award-winning documentarian, McDaniel is ready to foster that fire in young filmmakers. "I had a lot of mentors," he said. "I want to do the same thing."

His annual Secret City Film Festival, for up-and-comers in feature and documentary work, is the perfect vehicle. The Oak Ridge event will next be held in October this year.

McDaniel oftentimes works with organizations such as the Green McAdoo Cultural Center, which assisted with the production of "The Clinton 12."

The City of Oak Ridge, and city mayor David Bradshaw in particular, cultivated McDaniel's talent in putting together the "Secret City" film series.

McDaniel is ready to help other talents take flight. Having a mentor might make the difference, he noted. "I worried for a long time about what people thought about the chances I was taking. I'm way past that."



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"The stories that draw me are those significant tales that have not been told," McDaniel said. "The Clinton 12' is one of the most important stories in American history. Period."

Regional residents sometimes miss the significance of happenings in their own backyard. McDaniel looks to change that. "I grew up in Kingston. I knew 'something' happened at Clinton High School, but I didn't know the details, or the historical significance."

When it came to finding a narrator for "The Clinton 12," there was one obvious choice. "For the narrator, I wanted an African-American male over the age of 50," McDaniel recalls. "We were six weeks from the film's premiere, and I still didn't have a narrator. I was losing sleep."

So McDaniel, who holds a bachelor's degree in communications and theatre from Carson-Newman, went all in. He contacted James Earl Jones. "He really liked the story," McDaniel said. "He recognized the significance." A short time later, McDaniel was in New York City recording Jones, one of the country's most recognizable voices.

Local folks are "proud of their stories," and McDaniel is happy to showcase those narratives. "I really enjoy interviewing people, hearing their stories," he said. "I also like putting the pieces together—using the words, images and music to evoke thought and emotion."

A former newspaper reporter, McDaniel said he learned in those seven years "how to be brief and concise—how to tell a story." His theatrical experiences—as a Roane State student he was featured in several productions and has been involved with the Oak Ridge Playhouse productions for years—"taught me about pacing and 'beats.'" He also has 15 years' experience as a graphic designer. Said McDaniel: "Being a performer and a writer and an artist helped me get where I am. I've really drawn on my experiences."

He declines to claim the title of journalist. "People think of documentary film and they think of journalism," McDaniel said. "That's not what I do. Even though my agenda is always historical accuracy, I'm a storyteller."

McDaniel's mother and father, Aileen and Henry McDaniel of Kingston, "always said 'you can do anything you want,' he said. "I believed them. That's why when I was 40 years old, I decided I was going to be a documentary filmmaker," he says with a laugh.

Don't expect McDaniel to go Hollywood. He's too busy back home, singing the song of Tennessee. "People say, 'Do you want to make (fictional) movies?' I say, 'Not really. That's a whole different animal.'"

He and his wife, Dana, are raising two sons, Ethan, 9, and Bailey, 6, in their native East Tennessee.

"The Clinton 12" is to be featured this spring in the Nashville Film Festival, commonly called the "Sundance of the South."

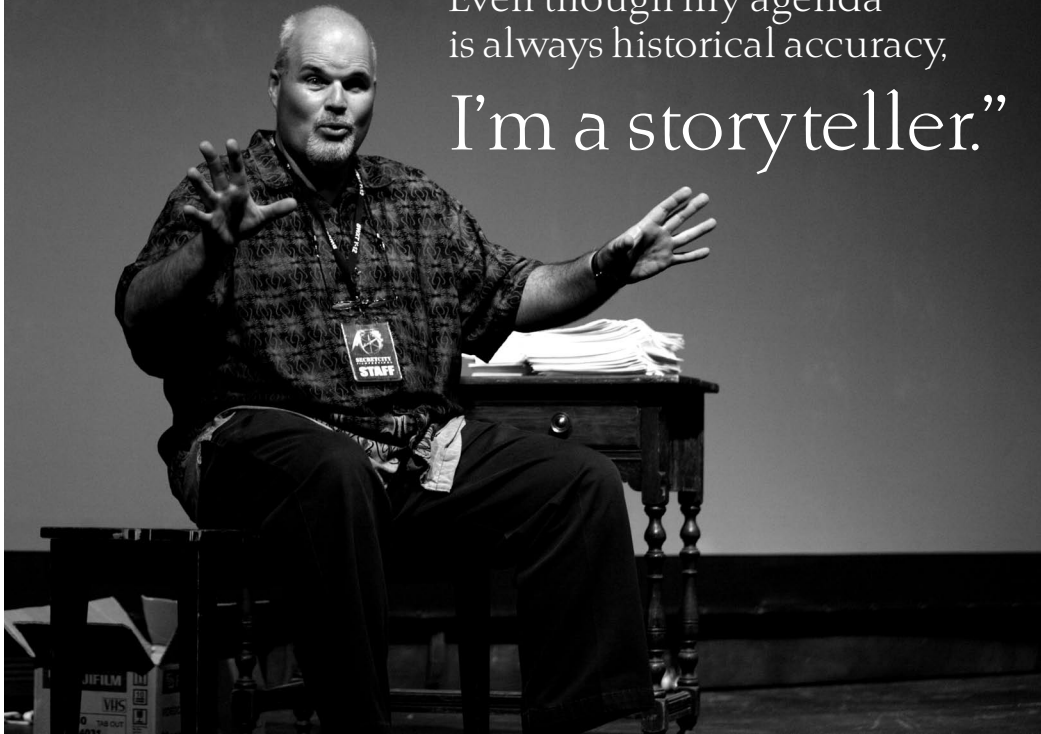
McDaniel is branching out professionally. Though he can't divulge details, his next documentary will be about an "historically significant event in East Tennessee in the early 1900s."

He also plans to be the executive producer for "Boys of Summerville," a feature film to be directed by Brooks Benjamin of Harriman. The romantic comedy will be filmed in Roane County and other areas of East Tennessee.





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Top left: McDaniel celebrates winning the Best Documentary Award at the 2007 Southern Fried Flicks Film Festival in Augusta, Georgia with Alabama filmmakers Griffin Hood and Barry Battles; Top right: McDaniel works with Cinematographer Gary Brooks in Clinton, Tennessee; Center: McDaniel conducts a filmmaking workshop at the 2006 Secret City Film Festival in Oak Ridge; Bottom: James Earl Jones and McDaniel take a break from recording the narration for McDaniel's latest film, "The Clinton 12."

On August 27, 1956, twelve black teenagers entered Clinton High School for the first time.  
What followed shocked the world...and changed a nation.



## The Clinton 12

A DOCUMENTARY FILM

NARRATED BY JAMES EARL JONES

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY KEITH MCDANIEL  
ORIGINAL SCORE BY JON CLARK & JOSH MOLEN  
PRODUCED BY GREEN MCADOO CULTURAL ORGANIZATION  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
SECRET CITY FILMS & HP VIDEO, INC.

**They don't call 'em "The Greatest Generation" for nothin'.**

**Keith McDaniel's groundbreaking series, "Secret City: The Oak Ridge Story" chronicles how that generation helped to save America as we know it today.**

**"Secret City' is about a group of ordinary people coming together to do something extraordinary," McDaniel said.**

**People at the time took it on faith that they were contributing mightily to the war effort, since few details were relayed to the average worker. Only after the atomic bombs fell on Japan did it become clear what they had wrought.**

**McDaniel's first production was "Stories of Our Heritage: A History of Roane County, Tennessee." Through that work, he says, "I fell in love with historical documentaries."**

**After McDaniel filmed a documentary on the history of the Oak Ridge Playhouse, Oak Ridge Mayor David Bradshaw approached him about a history of Oak Ridge.**

**The result is the two-part "Secret City" series that covers the war years and the city's ensuing role in the Cold War and beyond.**

**Based on those hugely successful films. McDaniel was chosen to do "The Clinton 12," about the dozen teens who integrated the first public high school in the South.**

**"Everything I've done so far are truly national stories," McDaniel said. "I am really content with what I'm doing."**

# You Must Remember This

## main campus library

High-speed Internet, snack machines and computer databases. This is not your mother's college library.

But the books are still here—and still essential to the mission.

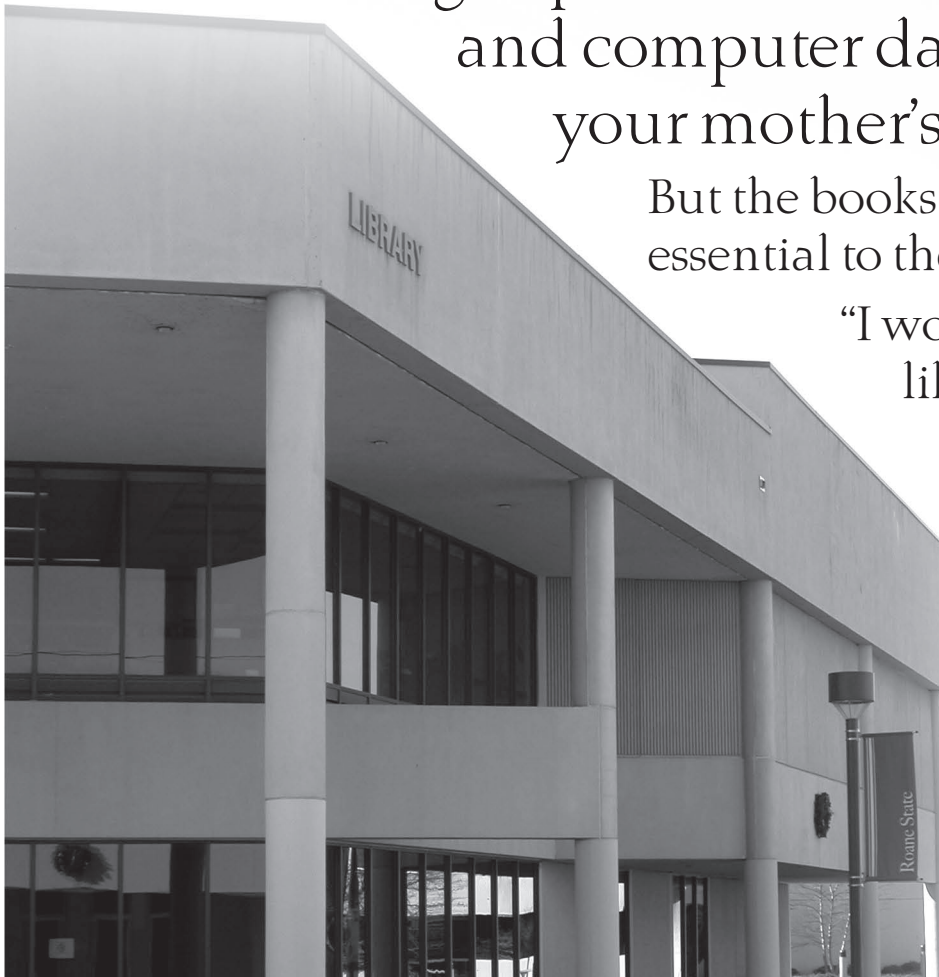
“I worry sometimes that ideals like knowledge, wisdom and learning get lost in the electronic shuffle,” said Robert Benson, Roane State's director of Library Services. “That, I believe, is one of the biggest challenges facing our librarians today to help our users make the most of the available information technologies while making sure these technologies are useful to solve human problems.”

Roane State's library on the main campus got a makeover recently with new carpet, paint and furniture brightening the facility.

The college also operates branch libraries at campuses in Oak Ridge, Cumberland and Scott counties.

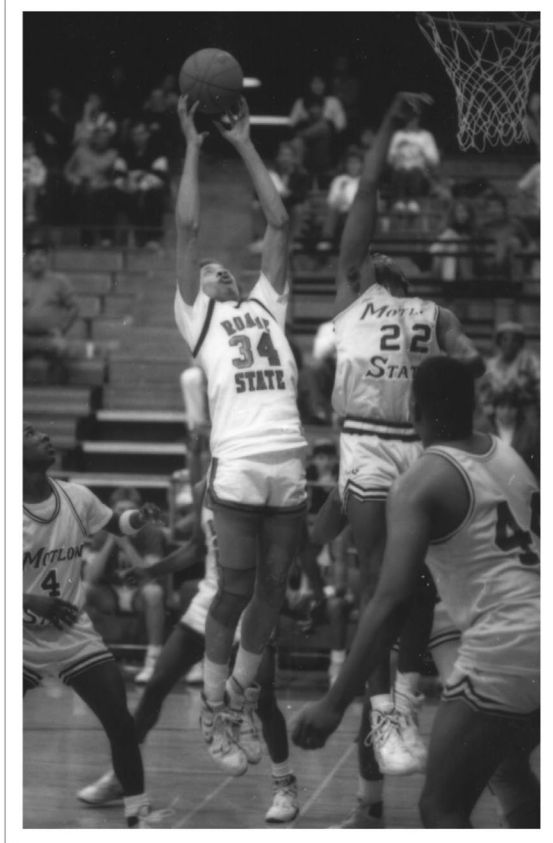
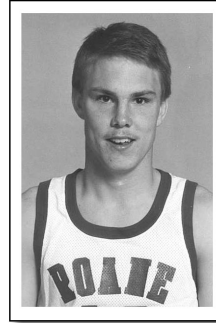
“Today's technology makes it easier to serve Roane State's student population scattered throughout eight campuses,” Benson said. For one, he noted, “The advent of the Internet has been a tremendous blessing for libraries in the way we work and the services we're able to provide.”

And the world just keeps growing. “The challenge used to be finding the right book,” Benson noted. “Now librarians worry about selecting the right ‘resource’ from among full text databases, eBooks, web sites, streaming audio/video and other emerging technologies.”





# Spirit | roster call



**Did you play or participate in a varsity sport (not intramurals) at Roane State? We want to hear from you. We plan to identify all athletes with hopes of bringing you together for a reunion.**

**If you have kept up with some of your teammates and would like to share that information with us that would be great!**



**Complete the attached form or e-mail the information to: Office of Alumni Relations, Roane State Community College, 276 Patton Lane, Harriman, TN 37748 or [alumni@roanestate.edu](mailto:alumni@roanestate.edu)**

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Spotlight |

Roane State's schedule of  
**Summer  
Camps**  
for kids gets bigger and  
better every year.



**Adventures in Flight**

Boys and girls (rising 5th graders and up) will learn the art of flying radio-controlled model airplanes. Great for those interested in science and engineering. Cost: \$110.

June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roane County Campus  
 June 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus

**Amazing Race Challenge**

Teams will face fun challenges and prove themselves in new and unexpected ways. Cost: \$55.

June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus (rising 1st-3rd grades)  
 June 25-29 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus (rising 4th-6th grades)

**Atomic Chess**

Boys and girls will learn to play a variety of types of chess. Cost: \$90  
 Call (865) 483-8453 for dates and times for each age group.

**Awesome Kids**

Rising 1st through 3rd graders will learn the importance of making good choices, using good manners and developing the art of cooperation.

Cost: \$55  
 June 11-15 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus  
 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon Oak Ridge Campus

**Baseball**

June 4-7 from 9 a.m.-noon Roane County Campus (ages 7-12)  
 June 25-27 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus (ages 13- high school seniors)

**Basketball (boys)**

June 11-15 Roane County Campus (ages 5-9)  
 June 18-22 Roane County Campus (ages 9-14)

**Basketball (girls)**

June 25-29 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Roane County Campus (ages 9-14)  
 July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus (ages 5-8)  
 July 9-10 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Roane County Campus (perimeter players)  
 July 11-12 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Roane County Campus (post players)

**Challenging Art Projects**

Campers (rising 4th-6th graders) will work in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and other art forms.

June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to noon Scott County Campus  
 June 25-29 from 1-4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus  
 July 16-20 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus

**Cheer, Chant and Yell!**

This camp is for the inexperienced and will focus on beginning skills necessary to become part of a cheerleading squad. Cost: \$55

July 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus (rising 1st-3rd graders)  
 July 16-20 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus (rising 4th-6th graders)

**Cool Contraptions LEGO Camp**

Team-building activities will culminate in a massive LEGO contest for rising 1st through 4th graders. Cost: \$55

June 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus  
 June 25-29 from 1-4 p.m. Loudon County Campus  
 July 16-20 from 1-4 p.m. Scott County Campus  
 July 23-27 from 1-4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus

**Creative Kids Computer Camp**

Youngsters will learn how to use PowerPoint software to create a fun presentation. Call (865) 483-8453 for dates, costs and times for each age group.

**Cub Carpenters**

Rising 1st through 4th graders will learn some of the basics of carpentry. No power tools will be used. Cost: \$55

June 18-22 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus

**Groovy Kids**

Rising 1st through 4th graders will be introduced to different art techniques. Cost: \$55

June 4-8 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus  
 June 11-15 from 1-4 p.m. Scott County Campus  
 June 18-22 from 1-4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus  
 July 9-14 from 1-4 p.m. Loudon County Campus

**Digital Photo Editing**

Campers will learn to use the computer to edit and present photographs. Call (865) 483-8453 for dates, costs and times for each age group.

**Horsemanship**

Rising 4th graders and up will learn basic skills, with an emphasis on safety. Horses provided. Cost: \$145

July 9-12 or July 31-Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roane State Expo Center

**Let's Learn American Sign Language**

To be held at Roane, Oak Ridge, Loudon and Scott campuses. Call (865) 882-4509 for dates, costs and times for each age group.

**Mind-Blowing Science**

Campers will touch, see hear, smell and taste what science is about. For rising 5th graders and up. Cost: \$110

June 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roane County Campus  
 July 9-12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus

**Soccer**

This camp is open to players of all skill levels. Cost: \$125

July 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus (ages 8-11)  
 July 16-20 from 1-4 pm. Roane County Campus (ages 12 and up)

**Secret Agent**

Campers will learn to use mini-spy cameras, collect evidence, create disguises and more. For rising 5th graders and up. Cost: \$110

June 4-8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roane County Campus  
 July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus

**Spanish for Kids**

Rising 1st through 4th graders will learn the language, as well as hear about Spanish-speaking cultures. Cost: \$55

June 4-8 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus  
 June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to noon Oak Ridge Campus  
 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon Loudon County Campus  
 July 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon Scott County Campus

**Teen Style**

Rising 6th graders and up will learn how to develop image, from hair styling to fashion to make-up. Cost: \$110

July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roane County Campus

**What's Cooking Around the World**

Rising 1st through 4th graders will be inspired and excited by this intro course. Cost: \$55

June 11-15 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus  
 July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to noon Oak Ridge Campus

**Totally Awesome Science**

This hands-on camp combines science, engineering and chemistry. Cost: \$55

June 4-8 from 1-4 p.m. Loudon County Campus (rising 4th-6th graders)  
 June 25-29 from 1-4 p.m. Oak Ridge Campus (rising 1st-4th graders)  
 July 23-27 from 9 a.m. to noon Roane County Campus (rising 1st-4th graders)

**Young Playwrights**

Rising 1st through 3rd graders will write a script and perform a play on stage. Cost: \$55

June 25-20 from 1-4 p.m. Roane County Campus

**To register or find out more, contact Jennifer Fugate at (865) 882-4509 or fugatejj@roanestate.edu. For computer camp registration, contact Amy Carter at (865) 483-8453 or carterac@roanestate.edu.**

**And see [www.roanestate.edu/summercamps](http://www.roanestate.edu/summercamps) for more details. (all times listed are Eastern).**

# Roane State Foundation

Roxie (Guettner) McClendon, who turned working newspaper columnist.



Miss Roxie's grandparents emigrated from Germany to the present children. The family moved to Rockwood when Miss Roxie was 8. She worked at a hosiery mill to help support her family.

She married Charlie McClendon in 1922 and they raised their children.

Today Mrs. McClendon is noted for her sharpness of mind and presence in the Church for 87 years, and is considered to be the oldest active member.

Mrs. McClendon's niece, Tina Crisp, reports that her aunt enjoys reading at 1000 Ave., Rockwood TN 37854.

To find out more about the Roane State scholarship in honor of Tina Crisp, contact us at (865) 882-4503 or [bradleyjc@roanestate.edu](mailto:bradleyjc@roanestate.edu).



## 104 in January, may be the country's oldest

For decades, she has informed and delighted readers of the Rockwood Times with her homespun delivery of community news via her "Eureka" column.

Now a Roane State Foundation scholarship has been established to honor Miss Roxie, as she is known throughout her community:

Mrs. McClendon was in her mid-70s when she began writing her newspaper column. Fittingly, the Roxie (Guettner) McClendon Scholarship will benefit an adult female student, preferably from Roane County, majoring in English or education.

-day Poplar Springs community of Roane County when they were Roxie, the middle child among 9, quit school after the third grade to

children in the Rockwood area.

precise recall of details. She has been a member of Eureka Baptist  
member of the Baptist church in the United States.

receiving mail. Correspond with Miss Roxie at 241 S. Chamberlain

For this extraordinary woman, contact the Roane State Foundation

# News Notes |

## from the headlines

**Students give Roane State Community College high marks** in a recent assessment by Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). Survey results show that Roane State students are actively engaged in the learning process and have a high level of positive interaction with professors. “The outstanding results of this national student survey are directly attributed to our world-class faculty,” said Roane State President Dr. Gary Goff. “Our faculty definitely engages our students in the learning process. We are very proud that we ranked above our national and state peer community colleges.”

**East Tennessee would be a poorer place without Roane State Community College**—about \$72 million per year poorer. That’s the conclusion of a recent study by Dr. Fred H. Martin, an educational consultant who has done extensive research on Roane State’s financial impact in the community. The study found that during 2002-2006, Roane State contributed more than \$361 million to the region’s economy, an average of \$72 million annually.

Roane State’s popular **health fair** for the community will be held in the fall rather than the spring this year. The event, sponsored by the college and Roane Medical Center, will be revamped and expanded. Call (865) 882-4607 or 882-4509 for more information. Or check the college’s web site at [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu).

**Gail Russell**, director of the Center for Teaching Arts and Technology, has been named a Maxine Smith Fellow by the Tennessee Board of Regents. The Maxine Smith Fellowship Program recognizes and trains top African-American administrators working at TBR colleges and universities. The program enhances administrators’ work experience and career development, allowing participants to gain experience in policy-making and administrative roles.

**Dr. Larry Bouldin**, dean of the Math/Science division, has received the Chair Academy’s 2007 International Exemplary Leader Award. The award recognizes leaders who have modeled “best practices” in leadership in order to advance academic and administrative leadership.

Roane State participated in the Community College **Legislative Day** at the state capitol this spring. In the spotlight were Roane State’s popular health science programs.

Roane State’s Dental Hygiene students recently raised money for the **Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund**, an organization that has built a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas for members of the armed forces who have been severely injured in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. **Jan Newport**, a second-year Dental Hygiene student and also a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve, spearheaded the Roane State fund drive.

**Russ Schubert** has been named Roane State vice president for the Oak Ridge Campus and satellite centers. The longtime Roane State administrator will continue to handle daily operation of the Oak Ridge Campus and oversee the operation of the college’s six other outlying campuses. The position previously carried the title of dean.

Professor **Bruce Borin** recently presented “An Evening with Walt Whitman,” his popular one-man show, at the Oak Ridge Campus. The Roane State humanities professor has directed more than 30 shows for the college and for the Oak Ridge Playhouse. Borin has been a professional actor and director in a variety of venues across the country.

**Charlene Hall** brings a world of experience to Roane State’s Cumberland County campus. A licensed professional counselor, the new campus director has worked in the airline industry, in sales, and most recently with Cumberland County Schools. Named the county’s 2001 Advocate of the Year for Children, Hall has also taught GED classes and worked with the Cumberland Housing Authority.



(News Notes continued)



From top: Charlene Hall; Larry Bouldin; Gail Russell; Dental Hygiene students; Roane State at Legislative Day; scene from past health fair; Russ Schubert; Bruce Borin.

# Roane State Presents performing and visual arts

If you didn't make it to a performance this year, here's a taste of what you missed:

**Holiday Concert with the Roane State Music Department; "Nutcracker" by Arts in Motion Dance Studio (a & d); Spring Dance Concert with Arts in Motion Dance Studio (b); "Oklahoma!" by Roane State Playmakers (c); "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Roane State Playmakers (e); "The Nerd" by Roane State Playmakers (f); and the Annual Student Art Show.**



**If you would like to be added to our mailing list for upcoming performances, please e-mail: [miller@roanestate.edu](mailto:miller@roanestate.edu) or call (865) 882-4640. Check our Website frequently for updates and additional performances at: [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: Roane State Presents**

# Alumni

## alumni news and class notes

### Ellis D. Cordell '79 (A.S. in political science)

Roane State graduates are known not only for their dedication to their profession but to their country as well. After graduating from Roane State Ellis Cordell attended the Tennessee Military Academy and received a commission in the US Army Reserve. He transferred to the University of Tennessee and graduated with a B.S. in education in 1983.

A native of Harriman (his parents and daughter still reside there), he was an assistant instructor at the State Area Vocational Technical School until 1978, leaving to work for Magnavox (North American Phillips) in Jefferson City as a lead technician. In 1979 he began a long career in keeping our nuclear plants running smoothly, efficiently and safely.

During his career he has worked at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Spring City; Kingston Steam Plant, Kingston; South Texas Steam Plant; Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant, Glen Rose.; Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant; and the Sequoia Nuclear Plant, near Soddy Daisy. He then accepted a job with Exiced Electronics Corporation as a lead test supervisor.

During this time he worked toward and received his degree in electrical engineering from LaSalle University. In addition to his working career he has completed 36 years in the Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve. He is a lieutenant colonel in the US Army Reserve and was mobilized in September 2005 for two years. He is still a mobilized reservist.

Currently working and residing in Atlanta, Ellis has completed his MBA. In his spare time he serves with the Federal Aviation Administration.

'78

Larry W. Saffles '78 (A.S.) resides in Knoxville and is retired from TVA after 33 years of service. He has served with the Tennessee Air National Guard for 21 years. He is a certified PADI open water SCUBA instructor working with Adventure SCUBA Diving in Knoxville. He is married to Rebecca and they have two adult children, Kimberly and Christopher.

'80

Lori (Smith) Roets '80 (A.S.) is the director of Process Improvement for CSX Transportation and owner of Lazy R Investments, which operates the Lazy R Ranch in Monroe. She raises miniature horses and rare Gypsy Vanner horses, imported from the United Kingdom. She is married to Thomas G. Roets Jr. and they have two sons, Ryan, 18, a freshman at NCSA majoring in drama and Joshua, 15.

Steve Keeton works with enrollment development at Lewis-Clark State College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He is a 1st lieutenant in the Idaho National Guard and is currently working on his graduate degree. He is married to Deborah Halley and they have three children, Sommersby, 13; Taylor, 11; and Zachary, 7. Steve attended Roane State 1987 to 1990.

'82

Tammy S. Jones '82 (A.S.) is co-owner of Coastal Termite and Pest Control in Murrells Inlet, SC.

### In memoriam

Ashley Nichole Brummett Henning, March 28, 2007



## Outstanding Alumni Sought

**We're seeking nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Awards to be given to an RSCC alumna and alumnus in recognition of outstanding service to their profession, to RSCC and to the community.**

Nominations can be made by anyone and must include a Nominee Information Form and a letter of recommendation. Nominees must have attended Roane State Community College for at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours to be considered eligible for this award. A complete synopsis of selection criteria is contained in the Nomination Form and on the web.

If you know someone you feel should be recognized, it's easy to make your nomination. Call for a nomination form or print the nomination form and a complete list of criteria from [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: alumni

Selections will be made by the RSCC Alumni Recognition Committee.

Submit all nominations and materials by May 25, 2007 to:

Office of Alumni Relations  
Roane State Community College  
276 Patton Lane  
Harriman, TN 37854  
865.882.4503  
e-mail: [alumni@roanestate.edu](mailto:alumni@roanestate.edu)

**We've missed you! Let us know where you have been by filling out the coupon below and send to:**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Initial or Maiden) (Last)

RSCC Degree(s) and/or Year(s) Attended/Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to add to online directory? Yes No

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names/Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Other news (marriages, births, promotions, awards, major accomplishments, retirement, other items of interest). Send photos (digital preferred). \_\_\_\_\_

Activities while attending Roane State (Student Government, Sports, . . .) \_\_\_\_\_



# Calendar |

## coming up at your community college

### may

- May 4-5            Commencement
- May 4-6        ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- May 4-6        ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- May 11-13     ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- May 18-19     ■ Smoky Mountain Walking Horse Association
- May 26-27     ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club
- May 31-June 3 ■ Region III Hillbilly Classic Quarter Horse Show

### july

- July 2            Summer second-term classes begin
- July 4            Independence Day holiday
- July 6-8        ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- July 7            ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- July 9-10       Basketball perimeter position camp for middle/high school girls
- July 9-13       Basketball camp for girls ages 5-8
- July 11-12      Basketball post position camp for middle/high school girls
- July 13-15     ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- July 14           ■ East Tennessee Barrel Racing Association
- July 19-22     ■ East Coast Reined Cowhorse Classic
- July 24-29     ■ Country Music Circuit Quarter Horse Show
- July 30           Last day of summer classes

### june

- June 4            Summer first and full-term classes begin
- June 6-8        Basketball camp for high school girls' teams
- June 7-9        ■ Smoky Mountain District 4-H Horse Show
- June 11-15     Basketball camp for boys ages 5-8
- June 12-17     ■ Dogwood Classic Quarter Horse Show
- June 18-22     Basketball camp for boys ages 9-14
- June 22-24     ■ Fortune 5 Barrel Show
- June 25-29     Basketball camp for girls ages 9-14
- June 29-July 1 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association

### aug

- Aug. 3-5        ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- Aug. 4            STAR/Special Olympics
- Aug. 10-12     ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- Aug. 19         ■ Volunteer Riding Association Barrel Race
- Aug. 25         ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- Aug. 27           Fall semester classes begin
- Aug. 30           Last day to register for fall classes
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association

- Call the Henry/Stafford Agricultural Exposition Center at (865) 882-4590 for details.
- Roane State Presents: All events are in the theatre on the Roane County Campus. Call the numbers listed on page 5 for more information.
- ▲ Games listed are played on the Roane County Campus.

Found one!



**Isabella Jolly, 2, of Rockwood locates one of the prize eggs at Roane State's annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and coordinated by Roane State's student activities guru Sammie Mowery, draws students' children as well as other community members.**



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