



Arbor Day in Kingston



Ms. Whitson's third grade class at Kingston Elementary School helped the City of Kingston celebrate Arbor Day on April 3rd with a Proclamation read by Mayor Troy Beets. City Parks Director Rick Ross initiated the idea of Kingston as a Tree City and the City Council passed an ordinance as part of the requirements to earn

this honor—there are only 40 cities in the state recognized as Tree Cities. Tom Simpson, East Tennessee Regional Forester and Ted Bailey, our Local Forester, were on hand to present a plaque and a flag to Mayor Beets for the city. Students attending were: Abigail Alexander, Jarvare' Ashford

Erin Bailey, Caleigh Bryant, Peyton Croley, Elijah Drinnon, Hannah Harris, Wyatt Heidle, Eric Johnson, Maliyah Martin, Parker Miller, Isaac Pettitt, Tolly Reynolds, Jordan Ross, Gabriel Sawyer, Makayla Snow, Bryson Turnbill, Jimmie Watson, and Caitlin White.

Library Grant

State and Local Officials met on April 26th in the new computer lab at the Kingston Library to close the USDA/RDA grant that allowed the purchase of the necessary computer equipment for the lab.

Seated left to right: Bobby Goode, State Director of USDA Rural Development; Kingston Mayor Troy Beets; Joe Woody, Area Director, USDA/RDA. Standing left to right: Steve Jacks, Library Director; Joyce Nall, Assistant to the County Executive; Evetta Franklin, USDA/RDA Area Technician; Jim Pinkerton Kingston City Manager; John Byrkit, Kingston City Council Member/Library Council Representative.



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Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

Department News



Work in progress on Gallaher Road to extend a section of the sewer line.

Is Tim Clark sorry he volunteered Public Works employees for this job? Hmmm!



Story Time at the Kingston Public Library



Fire Department employees visited the Kingston Public Library recently during their "Story Time." The children enjoyed checking out the fire truck and learning about the duties of our fire fighters (as shown in the picture on the left).

Thanks Explorers!

We can always count on the Police Department's Explorers to assist the city with whatever the needs might be! They were on hand during the most recent Hands of Mercy Food Drive at the Community Center (along with our State Representative Julia Hurley and several Council members). What a fabulous group of young people!

Thanks for all you do guys!!!



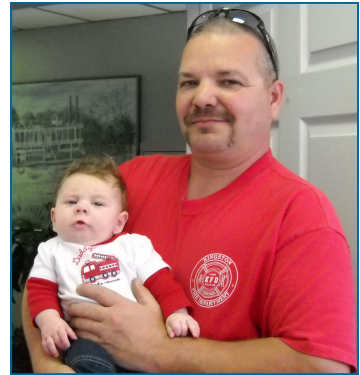
Personal Notes, Etc.

- **Mr. Pinkerton's** Mother-In-Law, **Ms. Thelma Thurman** is in the Rhea County Health Care facility.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager **Tony Workman's** and his wife **Amy** recently made another trip to Florida for tests to determine whether her cancer treatment is working. Sadly it appears they came home with more questions than answers.
- **Police Reserve Officer Tim Arnold's** Mother **Velma Arnold** is in the Harriman

Rehabilitation Facility in Harriman.

- **Water Department** employee **David Loy's** wife **Teresa** continues her battle with cancer.
- **Police Training Officer Roy Montgomery's** family is especially in need of prayer. His wife has been ill and he recently lost his Aunt Oma I. Bolton and a cousin, Wilma Dunn.

Please keep these folks and their families in your prayers!



What are you feeding that boy Kelby? Corben Jeffrey Rice was pictured in the February newsletter as a newborn and look at him now!

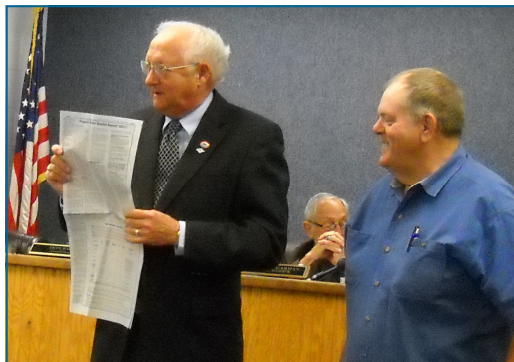
Employees Honored During the City Council Meeting



Police Chief Jim Washam celebrated 25 years of service with the city with cake and punch at City Hall on April 2. Mayor Beets presented the Chief with a Certificate of Appreciation during the Kingston City Council Meeting on April 10.



At the April 10th Council meeting Mayor Beets recognized the excellence of our Water Treatment Plant employees, Ed Roberts, Manager and Chuck Moore. He reference the 2011 Consumer Confidence Report published several weeks ago in the Roane County News. According to Water Department Director Jim Pinkerton the information in this report places the Kingston Water Treatment Plant in the top 10 percent in the nation.



Remember, people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold; but so does a hard-boiled egg.

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The trouble with stretching the truth is that
it's apt to snap back.

*A false witness shall not be unpunished and
he that speaketh lies shall not escape.*

—Proverbs 19:5

May Birthdays

Jamie Melton	5/11
David Brandon	5/14
David Lewis	5/22
Cathy Rakestraw	5/27
Lawrence Russell	5/29
Tim Arnold	5/29

Dealing with Substance Abuse in Your Family

Although a great amount of research has been done, no one knows why some people can use certain alcohol and drugs and not become dependent while others cannot. Although there may be different reasons why people become dependent, it is not because of a lack of willpower or morals.

Alcohol and drug dependence is a condition that can be helped with treatment. The first step is admitting that it has become an issue and you want to take back control. Then it is time to seek the help of others.

Often, family and friends share the same concerns and can provide a great amount of support. Alcoholics Anonymous and related programs can be helpful. It also is very important to talk to a professional about your concerns.

Talk to your primary care physician or a behavioral health provider about the effect alcohol or drugs has on your life. He or she can help you decide what the best treatment is for you and how to access it. The road to recovery may not be easy, but it is possible with the right help.

Support groups such as Al-Anon are designed to help people who have loved ones with an alcohol or drug dependence problem. Even if your loved one is not ready to seek help, you can learn how to deal with this issue in your family.

Additional information, self-help tools and other resources are available online at www.Here4TN.com. Or call the PartNers EAP at 1.855.Here4TN (1.855.437.3486) for more information, treatment information, help and support. Counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide confidential assistance at no cost to you.

Know that your health benefits include inpatient and outpatient treatment for drug and alcohol abuse.

"Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change
and when we are right, make us easy to live with."

Meetings & Events

April 2012

3	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.
10	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10	Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)	
10	Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)	
17	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m.
20	Council Budget Workshop	All Day

May 2012

1	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.
8	Public Hearing	6:45 p.m.
8	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
8	Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)	
8	Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)	
15	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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