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# City Scenes

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# **Congratulations!**







Picture of Councilman Randy Childs Not Available Newly elected Councilmembers will be sworn in and have their first work session on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Top row left to right: Re-elected Councilmember Don White; former Councilmember and newly elected Mayor Tim Neal; former Councilmember Sarah Humphreys. A picture of newly elected Councilmember Randy Childs will be published in a subsequent issue.

# **Good Bye to Good Friends**







Mayor Troy Beets served the City of Kingston from July 1, 2005, through November 30, 2014, and as Councilmember Nichols said in the November meeting he will be a hard act to follow. Ms. Nichols served the remainder of deceased Councilmember Kevin McClure during 2014, and also served the city as a Councilmember during a previous 4-year term.

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A fanatic is one who can't change his mind, and won't change the subject!

# **Another Successful Food Drive for 800 Families**



### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



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# Personal Notes, Etc.

- Water Department employee David Loy's wife Teresa's cancer has progressed to her liver.
- Police Officer Bo Smith was hospitalized with heart problems and kidney failure. He is recuperating at home.

Please keep these folks and their families in your prayers!

Come and start the Holiday with a new tradition while participating in some old favorites.

The Christmas Bazaar is new to Parks & Recreation this year.

It will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Crafters, home-based businesses, and small retail businesses will gather at the Kingston Community Center to offer a Christmas shopping extravaganza. During the Bazaar, there will be activities for children ages 3-7, games with prizes, craft making, a visit from Santa and the annual Candy Cane Hunt!

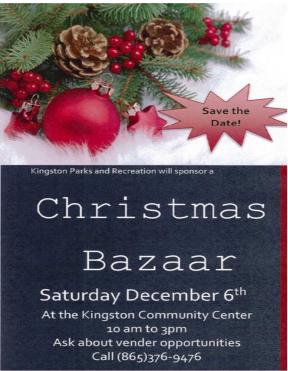
Kingston Parks & Recreation will host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Candy Cane Run" for ages 8-12 years old at 10 a.m.

This is a one-mile run with prizes for the top runners. Shirts available for those that pre-register.



On December 1, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be an Open House at the historic Roane County Courthouse. Hostesses for the event will be the ladies of the Avery Trace DAR Chapter and the Executive Board of the Roane County Heritage Commission. Please enjoy the Kingston Christmas Parade and have hot chocolate and Christmas cookies with us.

Thanks, Janice Black



# High School Recycling Competition

Rockwood High School walked away with the trophy for collecting the most recycled materials during a fourweek contest between four public high schools in Roane County.

Pictured from left to right: Melanie Harmon, Michael Dunn Center; David L. Bolling, Kingston City Manager; Teresa Nichols, Kingston City Council Member; Gracie Poland; Darcy Ferrell; Denise Todd; Hannah Ashbrook; Ecology Teacher Sandra Billings; Principal Alan Reed, Brittany Ridenour; kneeling: Peyton Jenkins..

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### **December Birthdays**

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Doug Romines	12/4
Debbie Russell	1/8
Clint Redwine	1/14
Lisa Crawley	1/14
George Mills	12/16
Joel Longee	12/20
Rick Ross	12/20
Greg Leach	12/25
Tony Brown	12/25

# From the City Manager. . .

As all of you know by now, we recently held an election in the City of Kingston. This was a bit historic in the fact that it was held in November for the first time, to coincide with the State and Federal General Election. Tim Neal was elected Mayor, and Sarah Humphreys, Don White and Randy Childs were elected to the City Council. To



those elected please accept my sincere congratulations! To Mayor Troy Beets and Councilwoman Teresa Nichols, I'd like to thank you for your service to the citizens of Kingston.

Despite the many issues that tend to divide us, we are so fortunate to live in a country where we can freely elect our leaders. Praising the right to vote has become a bit cliché, but it really is the foundation on which all of our other rights stand.

People often criticize what they perceive to be the dysfunctional state of our government. However, one could argue that we, the people, are to blame. The solution to good government is found, in large part, behind the curtain of the voting booth. In far too many cases, we're wasting our ability to make our system better.

In the August Roane County election we elected our County Executive, County Commission, Sheriff, School Board, and other offices that directly or indirectly impact all of us. Despite the fact that our vote is our ability to control how we are taxed, how our laws are made, the safety of our streets and the quality of our education system only 39% of the registered voters in Roane County took the time to cast ballots-20,000 people chose not participate and, in effect, volunteered to have their voices silenced.

I am a firm believer that government works best at the local level. I also believe that it works best when people participate. We, as taxpaying citizens, collectively own this government. Every road you drive on, every Police Car or Fire Truck you see and every dollar spent belongs, in part, to you. I wish that more people would take pride in that ownership and be an active stockholder. Many brave men and women have given their lives to ensure that ours remains a government of the people, by the people, for the people. It's up to all of us, not just 39%, to make sure that their sacrifices weren't in vain.

To those who voted in the City election, regardless of who you supported, please allow me to say thank you! To those who didn't, I hope that you will consider exercising your vote going forward. We need your participation, we need to hear your voice, and we need your help! —David L. Bolling

7:00 p.m.

Some minds are like concrete — thoroughly mixed and permanently set.



Only by pride cometh contention; but with the well advised is wisdom. Proverbs 13:10

## **Meetings & Events**

### December 2014

1	Swearing–In Ceremony at City Hall	10:00 a.m.
2	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm.
9	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

- Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)
- Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)

### November 2014

- **Election Day (No Council Work Session)**
- 13 City Council Meeting (Thursday)
- 13 Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)
- 13 Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting (Cancelled) 6:00 p.m.

### KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL

**MAYOR** W. Troy Beets

**VICE MAYOR** Tim Neal

**COUNCIL MEMBERS Tony Brown** John Byrkit **Teresa Nichols Norman Sugarman Don White**