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CHUCK THOMPSON AWARDS ANNOUNCED

On October 20, 2010, the annual Chuck Thompson Awards were given to **Phillip Sise** and **Mark Wagner** for extraordinary dedication to their jobs. Phillip, who recently retired, received the clerical/services award for his work as a Construction Projects Coordinator with Engineering Services. Mark, a Senior Maintenance Specialist for the Preventive Maintenance shop, won for skilled crafts.

Phillip and Mark have dedicated an enormous amount of time and energy to UT Knoxville and Facilities Services. In addition to engraved plaques, the winners receive a financial award through an endowment established by the family of Chuck Thompson, an Assistant Director of Facilities Services until his retirement in 1976.



Phillip Sise, winner of the 2010 Chuck Thompson Award for clerical/service work.

The first Chuck Thompson Awards presentation was made in 1998. Facilities employees nominate their colleagues, and recipients are chosen by a committee comprised of staff from Facilities Services, Environmental Health & Safety, and Human Resources. Congratulations, Phillip and Mark, and thanks for your service!



Mark Wagner accepts his award for outstanding craftsmanship

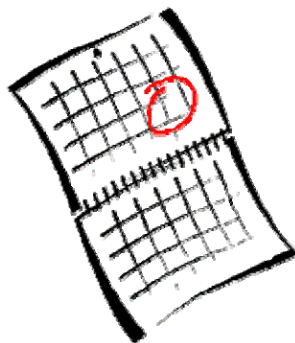
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat.

-- Anonymous



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Each January, the Bob Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund and John Parker Memorial Scholarship Endowment award two academic scholarships to dependents of Facilities Services employees for the following school year.

The **Bob Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund** will award one scholarship to a child, grandchild, stepchild or stepgrandchild of a current or retired Facilities Services employee. Students must be currently enrolled or be able to be admitted for the Fall Semester, 2011 to be considered in making this award.

The **John Parker Memorial Scholarship Endowment** will award one scholarship to a legal dependent of a current, retired or deceased Facilities Services employee who has maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA. Financial need may also be a factor in the award.

Both scholarships are for the 2011-12 school year, which begins in August 2011.

Mark the date - nominations for the Bob Evans and John Parker scholarships must be made to the Executive Director's office (room 208) *no later than Monday, January 31, 2011*. Nomination forms can be obtained from Beth Atkins in room 208.

Winners of the scholarships will be chosen by the UTK General Scholarship Selection Committee, which is based in the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office and does not include any members of Facilities Services.

FREE COMPUTER TRAINING



Google Inc. has launched a new service called Teach Parents Tech that aims to educate parents about using a computer. The service was inspired by the holiday season, in which many parents ask their visiting

tech-savvy kids for help with their computers.

The Teach Parents Tech website allows one to view and share computer training videos covering more than 50 subjects, including changing the desktop background, cop-

ying and pasting, and signing up for online services.

For more information visit www.teachparentstech.org.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

1/1 - Clark, Tommy O	1/14 - Clark, Robert J	2/5 - Houser, Nolan A	2/20 - Murphy, Theodore R
1/1 - Dalal, Mahmoud A	1/14 - Dixon, Carrie A	2/5 - McGill, David L	2/20 - Ridings, David A
1/1 - Logan, John Q	1/15 - Bryan, David C	2/6 - Phillips, Felix A	2/21 - Cannon, Doris A
1/1 - Sherrell, James M	1/15 - Follum, Stephen R	2/6 - Prowell, Mitzi L	2/22 - Chamberlain, Mennis A
1/2 - Day, Brian V	1/16 - Wayman, Joe E	2/8 - Love, Randy F	2/22 - Rummage, Joel B
1/2 - Elder, Roy E	1/16 - Wood, Sanders B	2/10 - Cooper, Preston W	2/23 - Norris, Roger L
1/2 - McMahan, Catelyn E	1/18 - Pardee, Patrick H	2/10 - King, William T	2/23 - Summeour Jr, Willie E
1/3 - Pace, William E	1/18 - Richards, Scotty B	2/10 - Longmire, Perry L	2/24 - Garner, Dustin S
1/4 - Huff, Veronica L	1/19 - Wolf, Sammy R	2/10 - Porter, Bob L	2/26 - Haggard, Gary W
1/4 - Jones, Diane B	1/20 - Baker, Flora M	2/11 - Atkinson, Michael J	2/27 - Couch, Ronald N
1/4 - Sperling, David C	1/21 - Sands, Ronald S	2/11 - Burnette, William H	2/28 - Grimes Jr, Roy H
1/5 - Hibbert, Edward M	1/22 - Hinds, Amanda C	2/12 - Mitchell, Edward A	2/28 - Johnson, Richard B
1/5 - Raley, Jeffery S	1/22 - Mccann, Michael S	2/14 - Jennings, Raine L	2/28 - Popescul, Ghenadi N
1/6 - Ellis, Brock E	1/22 - White, Jeromey S	2/14 - Lane, Dewayne A	2/28 - Scott, James T
1/6 - Settle, Kevin A	1/25 - Jones, Judy L	2/15 - Frick, Robert L	2/29 - Faulkner, Timothy J
1/7 - Smith, Wanda Cox	1/25 - Miller, Vickey	2/16 - Atkins, Beth A	
1/8 - Gentry, Randy W	1/26 - Thompson, Timothy C	2/16 - Caudill, Robert L	
1/10 - Doane, Dewayne W	1/29 - Burch, Charles R	2/16 - Frank, Dennis R	
1/10 - Wolfenbarger, Fred E	2/1 - Barnes, Jeff D	2/16 - Mcnish, Timothy W	
1/11 - Miller, Samuel T	2/1 - Henegar, Mark B	2/17 - Woolsey, Nikki L	
1/12 - Blevins, James H	2/3 - Manley, James M	2/18 - Lionheart, Cassidy S	
1/12 - Britt, Roy E	2/4 - Beckham, Dwight E	2/19 - French, Jack G	
1/12 - Payne, Eursal D	2/4 - Cook, Christopher M	2/19 - Mathews, Robert J	
1/12 - Pedigo, Leo R	2/4 - Cooper, Stacey M	2/20 - Murphy, Theodore R	
1/13 - Fox, William R	2/4 - Sims, Donald E	2/20 - Ridings, David A	

January is National Radon Action Month



Did you know that Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has declared January 'National Radon Action Month', and the U.S. Surgeon General is encouraging all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes for Radon.

Radon is released during the natural decay of uranium, which is found in most rock and soil. Although certain areas of the state have higher levels of radon than others, radon has been detected in *every* county in Tennessee.

Test your home for radon today. The National Radon Program Services at Kansas State University offers discounted test kits available to purchase online. For more information visit <http://sosradon.org/test-kits>.

OPTION FOR BIWEEKLY EMPLOYEES TO EASE IMPACT OF INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE

To ease the impact of increasing insurance premiums in 2011, employees who are paid biweekly will have the option of establishing twice-monthly payroll deductions for premiums. Splitting between both paychecks each month is intended to help make the insurance increase more manageable and to equalize net pay between the first and second biweekly payrolls of the month.

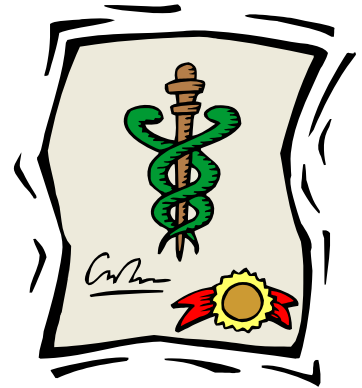
The decision whether to take advantage of this option is completely up to each biweekly-paid employee. The employee may decide to take advantage of this option at any time and can cancel

at any time.

Biweekly-paid employees can enroll by the 15th day of each month, with the change taking effect with the second biweekly payroll in the same month. Upon enrolling, employees can cancel at any time.

A plan description and the enrollment form can be found online at <http://payroll.tennessee.edu/holdback.htm>.

For more information please contact Rob Chance at rchance@tennessee.edu or (865) 974-5251.



GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH

Winter is upon us, and that means that many of our mornings are spent scraping frost or snow from vehicle windshields. While it's tempting to let the engine idle while the heater runs, for above-freezing temperatures the best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it!

The department's **No-Idling Policy** specifies that Facilities Services vehicles are not to be idled for warming or defrosting prior to use. In addition, work vehicles must not be idled for any extended period of time unless idling is required to perform the job at hand.

Exhaust from idling vehicles can negatively affect air quality and human health. Long-term exposure to exhaust can cause lung damage and exacerbates asthma and existing allergies.

Idling vehicles also waste fuel and money: a six-cylinder diesel vehicle that idles for one hour a day wastes more than 640 gallons of fuel per year.

Please help conserve resources and protect your health – don't idle vehicles!



VACANCIES AS OF 1/5/11

CAD/Design Operator - Architecture & Engineering
 Construction Project Coord. - Architecture & Engineering
 Steam Plant Mechanic - Steam Plant
 Asst Gen Maint Craft Worker - Steam Plant
 Sr Steam Plant Operator - Steam Plant (2 positions)
 A/C Specialist I - Air Conditioning Services
 Sr Carpenter - Carpentry Services
 Sr Electrician - Electrical Services
 Electrician - Electrical Services
 Craft Assistant I - Electrical Services
 Craft Supervisor III - Electrical Services
 Sr Line Installer/Mechanic - Electrical Services
 Senior Locksmith - Lock & Key Services
 Custodial Foreman - Building Services
 Service Aide II - Building Services (3 positions)
 Service Aide I - Building Services (7 positions)
 Lawn Aide I - Grounds Services
 Truck Driver I - Grounds Services
 Grounds Supervisor - Grounds Services
 Maintenance Specialist - Preventive Maintenance (A)

Service Aide II - Preventive Maintenance (Athletics - 3 positions)
 Custodial Foreman - Preventive Maintenance (Athletics)

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please follow the directions as specified in the vacancy posting.

For more information contact HR-Employment:

221 Conference Center Building
 Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-4125
 Phone: 865-974-6642
 Fax: 865-974-0659
 Email: hremloyment@utk.edu

Check out the Facilities Services web page!

<http://facilities.utk.edu/>

YOUR BI-MONTHLY "FIX" OF FACILITIES NEWS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 	12 Classes Begin	13	14	15
16	17 MLK Holiday	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

FEBRUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28 					

= Biweekly staff pay day

= Monthly staff pay day

WEEKLY HEALTH TIPS BY E-MAIL

ParT'Ners for Health is offering FREE weekly health tips by e-mail. Go to www.partnersforhealthtn.gov and click the Weekly Health Tips link to sign up. A simple online registration process is all you need to get on the list. You will receive a short e-mail with each week's health living tip.



Remember, small steps can add up to make a big difference!

CUSTOMER COMPLIMENTS

Dear Facilities:

Have I mentioned how much we love the Customer Satisfaction Surveys? These help me and my business manager track our projects and related costs much better.

Peace,

Keith Kirkland
 Production Manager
 Clarence Brown Theatre