

The Communicator

Monday, August 30, 2010

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Human Resources

Happy Birthday greetings to the following:

Aug. 31 Tim Carroll

Sept. 1 Ruth Lee Melton, Stanton Tabor and Mary Vineyard

Sept. 4 Rosemary Bird and Sandra Grice

Sept. 5 Linda Aytes and Celia Breedlove

Was your birthday left off this week's birthday list? E-mail driskillo@roanestate.edu, and we will include it in the next Communicator.

Make Plans To Attend Movies Without Borders Oct. 2 and Oct. 4

Roane State will host Movies Without Borders: An International Film Festival Oct. 2 and Oct. 4. The event will feature films about the Middle East will be held in two parts: Oct. 2 at the Bijou Theatre in Knoxville and Oct. 4 at Pellissippi State Community College's Hardin Valley Road campus. The Oct. 2 event at the Bijou begins at 2 p.m. and includes five films. The Oct. 4 event at Pellissippi State's Clayton Performing Arts Center begins at 6 p.m. with a showing of "The Glass House," followed by a Q&A with director Hamid Rahmanian. For more information, visit www.roanestate.edu/mwb.

Apply Today for the Paul Goldberg Leadership Institute

Applications are being accepted for the Paul Goldberg Leadership Institute, a rewarding experience that provides outstanding opportunities for personal and professional growth. Please note that to be eligible to participate, applicants must have served one year in their current position and three years at RSCC. If you would like an application, please e-mail Denette Flynn at flynnd@roanestate.edu

Teachers' Supply Closet Needs Your Donations

The Roane County Chamber of Commerce and Roane State officially announced the beginning of their yearly drive to collect supplies and financial donations for the Teachers' Supply Closet—a popular and highly successful effort to help Roane County public school teachers. Now in its eighth year, the Roane County Teachers' Supply Closet provides a one-day free "shopping" experience where public school teachers may shop for basic supplies, arts and crafts materials, and other classroom supplies donated by area businesses and individuals. Some items frequently needed for classrooms include: pencils, pens, copy paper, crayons, ruled writing paper, hand sanitizer, paper towels, markers, scissors, tape, tissues, glue sticks, sticky note pads, construction paper, rubber bands, folders, and Band-aids. Other items that are very useful are tennis balls, hole-punchers, binders, backpacks, and computer CDs.

Financial donations as well as supplies can be dropped off at the Chamber offices at The Roane Alliance, 1209 N. Kentucky St. in Kingston. Please deliver your donations by Monday, Sept. 20.

Also, collection boxes are located in four places around the Roane County campus: Dunbar Student Services' suite; in the Technology Building inside the Foundation office; in the O'Brien Building in Alumni Services suite; and in the Library on first floor.

If you are on the Roane County campus and would like to donate financially, please make the checks payable to RC Chamber and note in memo (Teachers' Supply Closet). You may call Kim Harris, and she will be glad to pick the donation up and make sure you get a donation certificate. Kim's extension is 4695.

Teachers can pick up the supplies at the Roane State main campus on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 4-6 p.m. in the theatre. For more information or to donate items, call The Roane Alliance at (865) 376-5572.

Sign Up Today To Become a KnoxAchieves Mentor

KnoxAchieves is recruiting its third class of volunteer mentors. Launched in the fall of 2008, KnoxAchieves provides an opportunity for Knox County public high school graduates to receive up to \$3,000 for community college tuition. The heart of KnoxAchieves is the mentoring component. KnoxAchieves is recruiting individuals to serve as mentors in all Knox County public high schools. These mentors act as encouragers to first generation and lower-to-middle income college attendees. Essentially, the mentor attempts to eliminate the barriers as the student transitions from high school to college.

As a mentor, you are responsible for attending one mandatory training session. KnoxAchieves mentors will learn to guide students through the application process as well as ensure they meet financial aid and college registration deadlines. To accomplish this, mentors will also be asked to meet or communicate with students at least once a month beginning in December. Perhaps one Fulton student from the Class of 2010 described the mentoring program best. She said, "KnoxAchieves introduced me to my mentor, Charlee, who helped me get on track and kept me focused. With her help, I was able to realize that anything was possible."

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of some very deserving but underserved students, please complete the KnoxAchieves mentor application form at <http://www.knoxachieves.org/index.php/mentor-application.html>. It is important to note that you will be subject to a background check. Applications must be submitted by Monday, Sept. 13. If you have further questions, please email Krissy DeAlejandro at krissy.dealejandro@knoxcounty.org or call (865) 621-9223.

Host Families/Mentor Families Needed for International Students

Host families provide a bed, meals and a place to study. The families do not have to provide transportation or buy any personal items for the students. Occasionally, host families may be asked to volunteer as drivers for field trips, but participation is optional. Roane State's international students range in age from 18-22 and speak English, although skill levels vary. A support system composed of college staff members and other host families will provide assistance, and host families receive a monthly stipend to help offset expenses.

Mentor families are also needed. Mentor families do not house the students; instead, they mentor the students by providing encouragement and support. For more information or to volunteer, contact Adolf King at (865) 481-2000 ext. 2211 or kingaa@roanestate.edu.

Need To Renew your Driver's License? Check Out the Online Option

The Tennessee Department of Safety has asked all colleges and universities to help raise awareness about online driver's license renewal. If you currently hold a valid Tennessee driver's license and it is within six months of your expiration date, you may be eligible to renew online. If your license has been expired for more than 30 calendar days, you will be required to pay an additional fee upon renewing your license.

To learn more about renewing online, click below.

<https://www.tennesseeanytime.org/dlr/>

If you need an updated photograph or need to show additional documentation, click below for a list of driver's license service centers.

<http://tn.gov/safety/driverlicense/dllocationdev.htm>

So, What's Up with Those... "So, you want to be a..." Recruitment Cards?

Q. Where do I hand in my completed recruitment cards? At Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan and Scott campuses, take the bottom half of card to your campus secretary. At Oak Ridge and Roane County campuses, take the bottom half of card to your campus receptionist.



Audiovisual

AV has received the DVD collection of 50 international titles from Janus Films, and the collection is available for checkout. Included are films from directors such as Bergman, Fellini, Godard, Kurosawa, Turell Truffaut, Clouzot and Mizoguchi.

Titles from the collection include:

Alexander Nevsky (Eisenstein, 1938)
Ikuru (Kurosawa, 1952)
Beauty and the Beast (Cocteau, 1946)
The Lady Vanishes (Hitchcock, 1938)
Viridiana (Bunuel, 1961)
Knife in the Water (Polanski, 1962)
Grand Illusion (Renoir, 1937)
Umberto D. (Sica, 1952)

E-mail Pat Pate, patejp@roanestate.edu, if you would like a complete list of the 50 titles.

The following Spanish foreign film titles were donated by a community member:

"The Grandfather"

"Like Water for Chocolate"

"The Official Story"

For more information, contact Pat Pate, patejp@roanestate.edu.

Stargaze' at Observatory

Enjoy the evening skies at the Tamke-Allan Observatory on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The stargazes at the observatory on Watts Bar Lake are free and open to the

public. The stargazes begin at dusk. If skies are cloudy, observatory staff will present a program. For directions to the observatory, call 882-4591; or go to the Web site: <http://www.roanestate.edu/obs/>.

Deferred Compensation Program

Employees of the State of Tennessee are eligible to participate in two optional tax-deferred retirement savings plans operated by the state: a 457 plan and a 401(k) plan. Contributions to these plans are made through regular payroll deductions. Salary set aside through these plans cannot be withdrawn before separation from service except under a few limited circumstances. Participants in either plan are permitted to direct their contributions among a variety of investment options. For additional information, please go to our Human Resources Web page and click on the appropriate links, www.roanestate.edu/humanresources.

Diversity Corner

Taken from Chase's Calendar of Events. Children's Vision and Learning Month—Researchers estimate that one out of four children has an undiagnosed vision problem that is interfering with their ability to read and learn. Since 80 percent of learning is dependent upon vision, it is vital that parents and educators ensure they understand the signs of vision problems. With children getting ready to go back to school, August is the perfect month for education.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Expo Center

For more information, go to www.roanestate.edu/expocenter.

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| Sept 3-5 | East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
Carol Ann Shaffer (423) 366-9610 (indoor arena) |
| Sept 10-12 | Tennessee Valley Kennel Club
Dawn Darr (865) 584-6553 (outdoor arena) |
| Sept. 18-19 | TQHA All Novice
Barbara Fisher (865) 922-1402 (both arenas) |

Upcoming CPR Classes

The Continuing Healthcare Education Department has some upcoming CPR courses that may be of interest to you. For more information, visit www.roanestate.edu/che.

Sept. 7, CPR Level-C, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$50. [Click here for more information.](#)

Sept. 21, CPR Level-C, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$50. [Click here for more information.](#)

If you encounter any telephone problems, please e-mail Allen Brunton with the following information so the problem can be fixed: (a) date and time the problem occurred, (b) campus site and extension number that had the problem, (c) if making a call, the number calling and what happened, (d) if receiving a call, what happened, and (e) any other information that might help solve these issues.

Please submit items for upcoming editions of The Communicator by e-mailing the information to Owen Driskill, Coordinator of News at driskillo@roanestate.edu, by 2 p.m. Thursday. The Communicator is e-mailed on Mondays. If there are employees in your department who do not have access to an e-mail account, please print and circulate a copy to them.