The Communicator

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FYIs

Human Resources
Happy Birthday greetings to the following:

July 28	Jesse Williams
July 29	Marsha Mathews
July 30	Jared Coaker, Jala Daniel and Tracey Watson
Aug. 1	Ronald Sternfels and Cydnie Strahan
Aug. 3	Betty Denison and Danny Gibbs

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

Enjoy Exclusive Savings for Disney on Ice Nov. 5-9
Disney on Ice will be at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum Nov. 5-9. Roane State employees are eligible for discounted ticket prices. The deadline to order is Oct. 30. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (866) 248-8740 and choose Option 1, or email Joanne Towne, JTowne@feldinc.com.

Enjoy New Summer Reading Options from Your Roane State Library
Just in time for the Fourth of July holidays, the library has purchased 82 new ebooks and audiobooks for your summer reading. If you enjoyed the movie *The Monuments Men*, we have the book. If you want to see what all the fuss is about the *Divergent* series, we have those books as well. For fans of Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling), we have the latest Cormoran Strike mystery, *The Silkworm*. Looking for a good supernatural thriller? Try first time author Josh Malerman's *Bird Box* or *The Quick by* Lauren Owen. Prefer something a little lighter? Check out *Wedding Night* by Sophie Kinsella.

You will find a great mix of books to read or listen to in our Overdrive collection. And as always, if there is a title you would like, please let me know! The Overdrive page has an easy way to request titles, or just send an email directly to me at vaughnlp@roanestate.edu. To find the Overdrive Collection, just go to the library's homepage, http://www.roanestate.edu/library, and click on the Overdrive ad on the right side of the page.

Please Note: New P-130 Form Has Replaced PC-191
The PC-191 has recently been replaced by the P-130 Educational Assistance for TBR System Employees. Please see link to the forms and to P-130 guidelines at www.roanestate.edu/?5577. Please begin using the P-130 immediately. Also, the tuition reimbursement program forms for faculty/administrative/professional and clerical and support staff are located on the Human Resources webpage under "forms."

Cumberland Business Incubator Has Exciting Calendar of Events
The Cumberland Business Incubator (CBI), 2569 Cook Road in Crossville, hosts a variety of interesting business events. To learn more or to register, contact Bonnie Moedano at (931) 456-4910. All times are Central. For more information, visit www.cumberlandincubator.com.

- July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, 8-9 a.m., $5, Blogging Club: Join the blogging club to find the time to write the blog you know you should be writing

- Aug. 4, 6, 8, 3-5 p.m., $60 for all three sessions, 3-D Printing in 3 Easy Steps: Learn how to design and print your own creation.

- Aug. 5-7 & Aug. 15, 3-5 p.m., $80 (for all four sessions), Social Media Marketing Framework: Learn how to ensure that the time you spend on social media pays off for your business.

Become a tnAchieves Mentor. Sign Up Today!
Launched in fall 2008 as knoxAchieves, tnAchieves provides an opportunity for high school graduates to receive up to $4,000 for community college tuition. The heart of tnAchieves is the mentoring component. Mentors act as encouragers to first generation college attendees. Essentially, the mentor attempts to eliminate the barriers as the student transitions from high school to college. For more information, visit www.tnachieves.org/a-mentor.

Complete Your Bachelor's Degree through King University Partnership
King University has joined with Roane State to bring two accelerated degree-completion programs to Roane State's main campus: Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Registered Nurses (RN-BSN). Take your associate's a step further and complete your bachelor's through King University's fully accredited programs.

Classes meet one night per week (one additional class per month for RN-BSN students), and qualified students can complete their degree in as little as 16 months. For more information on any of these options, please contact Jacob Kamer at (423) 807-6008 or jakamer@king.edu.

Interested in Earning a Bachelor's Degree? Learn More About This TTU Program
Tennessee Tech University offers a Fast Track BS in Interdisciplinary Studies. This 2+2 degree is designed for full-time working adults. Students are able to apply an earned AA, AS, or AAS (post 1994), toward a BS degree. Evening classes are held twice a week on the Roane State campuses in Cumberland, Scott and Oak Ridge. This degree combines accelerated classes and full-term classes. Students are able to complete 12 hours per semester. Employees of Roane State can take advantage of their tuition discounts to complete a BS degree close to home with the high standards of Tennessee Tech University. For more information contact: Cumberland, Debbie Thurman, dethurman@tntech.edu; Scott, Jo Ann Foster, jfoster@tntech.edu; or Oak Ridge, Patty Benton, pbenton@tntech.edu.

Host 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. For more information or to volunteer, contact Adolf King at (865) 481-2000 ext. 2211 or kingaa@roanestate.edu.

Audiovisual
Check out AV titles recently added in the library:

AJAMI: a bold new drama set on the margins of an Arab ghetto in Jaffa. RT: 120 min.

Distorted Morality: America's War on Terror by Noam Chomsky. RT: 172 min.

Forks Over Knives: examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. RT: 96 min.

Life in a Day: a global documentary was created by Ridley Scott and UK YouTube. More than 80,000 videos from Australia to Zambia were shot on a single day, July 24, 2010, then submitted to YouTube, to create this film. RT: 90 min.

Music from the Inside Out: directed by Oscar nominee Daniel Anker, the film is a cinematic exploration of the magic and mystery of music through the stories, passions and artistry of the 105 musicians of The Philadelphia Orchestra. RT: 90 min.

Soul Food Junkies: In this PBS documentary award-winning filmmaker Byron hurt shares his journey to learn more about the African-American cuisine known as soul food. RT: 60 min.

Suicide Plan: In this ground-breaking film, FRONTLINE explores the world of assisted suicide, where lines between legality and criminality are blurred as never before. RT: 90 min.

The Pool: a Venkatesh, a young hotel worker in India, sees from his perch in a mango tree a luxuriant garden and pool, and his curiosity changes the shape of his future. RT: 94 min.

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. Activities begin at 7 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed by a program in the observatory classroom at 7:30 p.m. For directions, go to www.roanestate.edu/obs/.

Diversity Corner
"The Victory Song:" It's one of the oldest popular songs around, dating back to 1500. Farmers sang it in Holland. An English version poked fun at one of England's military leaders, Oliver Cromwell. The Italian words made light of the men's clothing style of the day. When the British came to fight the Indians in the mid 1700s, the Colonists sent local forces to help. A professional British army surgeon took one look at the strange garb of the American forces and wrote a poem. The men from America seemed so untrained. He couldn't resist poking some fun. The words had a rhyme to them, and with a little experimenting, British regulars were able to put the new words to that same old tune.

But the Yanks liked it, too. Americans, with the gift to laugh at themselves, started singing it, and soon the whole country was humming or whistling that simple tune. Then, when the Revolutionary War came, American soldiers made it their song by using it in campus, on the march and before going into battle. Written by the British as a joke, it became a song they regretted. One British general in the midst of the war said, "I hope I will never hear it again." But they did! In particular, they heard it at Yorktown during the surrender of the British army to General Washington. And, as the Americans played that one song, "Yankee Doodle," over and over, a defeated enemy stacked their arms. Source: "The Wonder of America" by Derric Johnson.

Catch Tennessee Vintage Base Ball at Roane State
The Dry Town Boys of Roane County, a team in the Tennessee Association of Vintage Base Ball, will play home games at Roane State this spring and summer. Vintage base ball teams play ball 19th century style, using the rules, costumes and equipment from the earliest days of baseball. To learn more about Tennessee Vintage Base Ball, visit www.tennesseevintagebaseball.com.

Next game at Roane State: Sept. 7 at noon

Princess Theatre

For details and ticket information, go to www.princessharriman.org or contact the Princess at (865) 882-4633.

Aug. 2, 6 p.m.
C. Vaughn Leslie & Boys' Night Out
with special guests Archie Bell, Kathy Hill
Presented by the Tony Mason
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tickets $15, VIP tickets $25
available at Rocky Top General Store,
Harriman Jewelry Exchange,
(865) 882-8867
http://boysnightoutharriman.brownpapertickets.com

Expo Center

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

Aug 1-3
East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Indoor arena, free to spectators
Carol Ann Shaffer, (276) 791-9990, cagshaf@aol.com

Aug. 2	Youth & Yearling Mustang Challenge 9 a.m., outdoor arena, free to spectators Mike Branch, (865) 548-0112, flyingbhorsemanship@gmail.com
Aug. 9	National Barrel Horse Association Noon & 3 p.m., outdoor arena, $5 per person Rocky Morris, (865) 712-8131, rockymorris66@yahoo.com

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