

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 21 *OpenLine* article deadline
December 21 Next classified ad deadline
January 1 New Year's Day
January 3 CS Council meeting @ noon
January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 17 CS Council meeting @ noon
January 17 Spring Semester begins

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FRIVOLOUS FACTS



December 26 was traditionally known as St. Stephen's Day, but is more commonly known as Boxing Day. This expression came

about because money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season. This money was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas.

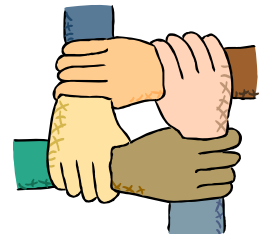
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TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

~ Khris Clevenger, Asst. Vice President-Human Resources

Applications are now being accepted for the 16th annual Illinois State University Team Excellence Award. This university-wide award recognizes a team of Administrative/Professional and/or Civil Service employees, and may also include faculty and students, who have promoted or demonstrated one or more of our institutional values through their collaborative efforts. Awards for 2012 will be given for projects that have had significant accomplishments between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.



Applications and award criteria are available at the Team Excellence Award website at http://illinoisstate.edu/team_excellence/. Application materials are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2011, to the Team Excellence Award Committee in care of Khris Clevenger, Human Resources, Campus Box 1300, 101 Nelson Smith Building, kcleven@ilstu.edu.

The award will be presented to the selected team at the Founders Day Ceremony on Thursday, February 16, 2012. Questions regarding the award should be directed to Khris Clevenger at kcleven@ilstu.edu or 438-3200.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHOPPING BUS TRIP

~ Carol Pfoff, Bus Trip Chair



The shopping trip to Woodfield Mall/IKEA on Saturday, Dec. 3, was a great success. Before the deadline arrived we decided to only take one bus, but the calls and emails started coming in so we added the second bus and had over 70 people sign up.

Those attending expressed their appreciation to the Civil Service Council for sponsoring this annual event. Many look forward to the trip each year, noting they love to go to there to shop and they love it even more when they don't have to drive. Door prizes were given away on each bus with over 30 people receiving a prize.

TIP OF THE HAT

~ Ramona Swanberg, Human Resource Representative

WELCOME TO ISU – NOVEMBER 2011

- Prema AM Desai, Milner Library
- Logan Tyler Frederick, eMerge
- Dhanalakshmi Guntupalli, BITS
- Thomas E. Hawthorne Jr., Student Affairs Information Tech
- Gail L. Johnson-Dorley, Comptroller's Office
- Brenton Thomas Kane, University College
- Jeff W. Lange, Office of General Counsel (October)
- Jason Paul Mays, Student Affairs Information Tech
- Mohammed A. Raof, BITS
- Cesar Rolon de los Santos, Building Maintenance
- Emmalie Tyer Shuck, University Assessment Services
- Lauren Marie Vala, Transportation-Physical Plant
- Jeff A. Wilmoth, University Marketing & Communications



PROMOTIONS/RECLASSIFICATIONS – NOVEMBER 2011

- Joseph Brian Corcoran, Customer Service Representative, Parking & Transportation
- Ann Elizabeth Flaherty, Admissions and Records Officer, Admissions
- Lorena Almanza, Janitorial
- Tara D. Beck, Janitorial
- Pele Papy Bomolo, Janitorial

RESIGNATIONS – NOVEMBER 2011

- Laurie Demry-Dow, Mennonite College of Nursing
- Lisa Ellrick, VP and Provost

RETIREMENTS – NOVEMBER 2011

- Sandra Krumtinger, Dean's Office, College of Arts & Sciences

2012 Gladly We Give Chili Cook-off and Bake-off Luncheon

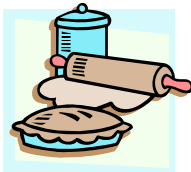
~ Beth Snyder, Annual Giving



The annual *Gladly We Give* Chili Cook-off luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, in the Brown Ballroom.

If your department or area is interested in hosting a preliminary chili cook-off to send a winner on to compete in the *Gladly We Give* Chili Cook-off, please register online at ChiliCookoff.IllinoisState.edu.

This year we have added a Bake-off to the annual competition and encourage departments and areas that are hosting a preliminary chili cook-off to have a bake-off as well. Individuals working in a department or area that is not hosting a preliminary competition may register online to be placed in a miscellaneous preliminary bracket. The deadline to register for hosting a preliminary competition or competing in the miscellaneous bracket is 4 p.m. on January 13.



For more information about hosting a preliminary chili cook-off or bake off please see the compete tab online at ChiliCookoff.IllinoisState.edu or contact committee co-chairs, Terry Brown (wtbrown@IllinoisState.edu, 438-2033) or Phyllis Gillis (pmgilli@IllinoisState.edu, 438-2216).

SERVICE AWARDS

~ David Schaafsma, Human Resources Asst. Director

25 YEARS

- Ben J. Jackson, 9000 Facilities Management, 12/1/1986
- Beth Ann Turner, 3200 University Advancement, 12/8/1986

20 YEARS

- Vikkie J. Cossio, 5620 School of Art, 12/14/1991
- Faith Alene Ten Haken, 4420 History, 12/12/1991

15 YEARS

- Mark A. McClain, 9000 Facilities Management, 12/16/1996
- Carmen Plummer, 3470 Business Intelligence & Technology Solutions, 12/9/1996
- Eugene M. Thacker, 9000 Facilities Management, 12/9/1996

10 YEARS

- Nichol Kathleen Bleichner, 9240 University Police, 12/17/2001
- Scott D. Lake, 9240 University Police, 12/18/2001
- Karla J. Lucas, 2610 Food Service, 12/3/2001
- Bernard D. Schimanski, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 12/28/2001



RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JAY SELF

After 33 years of service to Illinois State University, Jay Self, Payroll Office, is retiring on December 31, 2011.



An Open House in Jay's honor will be held on December 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Founders Suite in the Bone Student Center.

POTPOURRI

~ Sarita Cox, Civil Service Council

SYMPATHY – OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES TO:

- Lea Donnelly, BSW Foreman, on the loss of her grandfather, Raymond "Grandpa" Donnelly, Sr., who passed away on October 21, 2011.
- To the family of Jacilyn Gordon, retired BSW, who passed away November 8, 2011.
- Jeri Ryburn, Office of the Registrar, on the loss of her brother Michael Ryburn who passed away on November 7, 2011. Michael was also the cousin of Ben Ryburn, Facilities Management, and Terri Ryburn, Retired Assistant Director of Kinesiology and Recreation.



Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Feel free to voluntarily provide Potpourri information, taking note of the article deadlines printed in each issue. Report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members via email to cscopenline@ilstu.edu. Notifications are not verified by birth, marriage, or death certificates.

ALUMNI SLAM DUNK EVENT

~ Juliana Duncan, Alumni Relations



Illinois State Men's Basketball Alumni Slam Dunk Reception and Ticket Special

Join your fellow alums for the Game for Illinois State Alumni on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. Enjoy great food and family FUN at the pre-game event in Horton Field House from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and prepare yourself for some REDBIRDS Basketball ACTION at 1 p.m. for the Illinois State vs. Evansville game.

- Tickets: \$14 lower bowl (limit 6 per order)
\$ 5 upper bowl
- Pregame Reception: \$7 per person
- Horton Field House – 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Ticket pickup will be in Horton Field House

Included in the Slam Dunk Special:

- ❖ One food and one drink ticket
- ❖ One spirit pack per order including two tickets to a Women's Basketball Game
- ❖ Free photo opportunity with Reggie Redbird
- ❖ Inflatable game, activities, Pixie Stick Station and tattoo artist
- ❖ Bling your own T-shirt! We provide the paints, you provide the shirt!
- ❖ DJ, Absolute Light and Sound, Tim Taflinger for your listening pleasure

For additional information or to order tickets, call (309) 438-2586 or (800)366-4478 or register online for reception and/or tickets at Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/slam. **The deadline to order is Dec. 22.**

HABITAT IS SEEKING FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS TO PARTNER WITH FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP

Are you in need of a home? Is your residence overcrowded? Is your rent too high for your income? Do you live in an unsafe neighborhood? Does your residence need constant repairs? Are you unable to qualify for homeownership through other options?



If you answered yes to any of these questions (or know someone who would), HFHMC would love to assist you along the path to homeownership. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that partners with individuals and families who have a genuine need for a decent home. Habitat selects homeowners based on a **need** for housing, **ability** to make monthly mortgage payments, and **willingness** to partner. **Eligibility is also based on HUD income guidelines.**

Characteristics of the House

Approx. **\$500 down payment, \$500 monthly mortgage payment**
No less than a 3 Bedroom House and a 5-Star Energy Star Rating

Ways to Apply

- Call our office at 309-827-3931 to receive a pre-application.
- Visit us online at www.habitatmclean.org to fill out a Home Interest Form or print out a pre-application
- Stop by our office at 301 N. Main St. in Downtown Bloomington

ADVERTISING IN THE *OPENLINE*

Ready to get rid of that old bicycle? The coffee table getting in your way? Is the treadmill being used as a coat rack? One too many vehicles parked in your driveway? Need a babysitter for an occasional weekend night?

Why not place a classified advertisement in the Civil Service Council's monthly newsletter, the *OpenLine*! The *OpenLine* is received by current and retired Civil Service employees at Illinois State University. It's fast and easy.



Conditions for submitting ads:

- Only Illinois State University employees and retirees may submit ads.
- The appropriate fee must be included with each submission form.
- Ads must be submitted on the Ad Submission Form, located in the *OpenLine* or on the Council Web site (www.cscouncil.illinoisstate.edu/openline). Photocopies are acceptable. No ads will be accepted over the telephone.
- Ads must be 20 words or less.
- Ads will not be accepted for travel, credit cards, real estate, financial, .com businesses, nudity, personals, and firearms as specified in the accepted University practices and statutes.
- Ads will appear in the next issue of the *OpenLine*, space permitting. Any ads not run due to space limitations will be held and appear in the following issue of the *OpenLine*. If you wish to cancel the ad, the individual who submitted the ad must contact the current treasurer.
- Refunds will only be given if the ad was held for the following edition and canceled prior to the submission deadline for that issue.
- Only first name, home/mobile telephone number, and e-mail address will appear in the ad; no ISU numbers will be published.
- *OpenLine* and the Civil Service Council are not responsible for any item or service advertised.
- The *OpenLine* staff and Civil Service Council reserve the right to restrict, edit or refuse any advertisement.



Advertising Rates:

- Vehicle \$5
- Personal Service \$5
- All Others \$2

To submit an ad:

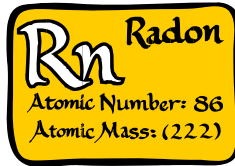
- Complete the Classified Ad Submission Form.
- Send or deliver the form along with payment to the current Civil Service Council treasurer.
- Ad must be received during normal business hours on the last Wednesday of the month before you wish to have the ad appear in the *OpenLine*.

See Classified Ad Submission Form on the next page.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Personal Service:

- Illinois #1 radon mitigation company for quality & customer satisfaction!
 Licensed over 10 years. David Smith
 Radon Remedies. Call 309-473-2955.



NOTE: The Civil Service Council does not endorse any of the product(s) or service(s) included in the Classified Ads section of the OpenLine newsletter.

NEXT OPENLINE ARTICLE DEADLINE

The next deadline to submit articles to the *OpenLine* newsletter will be **Wednesday, December 21**. Items pertinent to Civil Service employees can be sent to cscopenline@ilstu.edu.



to you and your families from
 the Civil Service Council!

OpenLine Classified Ad Submission Form

All information must be printed clearly.

First and Last name: _____

Employment status: Full time / part time / retired / _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ - _____

ISU phone: _____ - _____

Best time to reach you at your home phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Campus Box/Dept: _____

Check one category:

- Free Items (\$2)
- For Sale-Auto (\$5)
- For Sale-Other (\$2)
- Personal Service (\$5)
- Wanted (\$2)

ONE word per box. 20 words or less.

Make checks payable to: Civil Service Council - *OpenLine*.

Send this completed form and payment

by the published classified ad deadline (July 27) to:

Maureen Peel, 1100 VP Finance & Planning, 438-5152

For more information about advertising in the *OpenLine*
 visit www.cscouncil.illinoisstate.edu/openline/

