



★ Employee of the Month ★

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April Wagner has been chosen as the August Employee of the Month. April is the Lead Biller for the Insurance Department and has been working at Claiborne County Hospital and Nursing Home since 2005. Fellow co-worker, Mary Muse, nominated April. Mary stated that April goes beyond her duties by making sure that all the clerks in the department have a little surprise on holidays and their birthdays. Mary also stated that April surprises all the clerks by making sure they have a cupcake sitting on their desk waiting for them when they come in on the birthday. "April is always giving and doing. She is an awesome biller and always makes sure the bill is correct before it is dropped" says Mary. Andrea, April's manger, states "April has been a loyal employee for 6 years, is always to ready to assist anyone, whether it be the clerks in the department or patients that come in with questions. I appreciate her initiative and hard work".

April lives in Speedwell with her husband of 21 years, their daughter, Mackenzie, and their dachshund, Lil' Mark. She loves spending time with her family and UT football and basketball. She stated that she feels her co-workers are her second family. She also states "I love my job, it's demanding at times, but also satisfying knowing I can help our patients and my co-workers with their needs."

Congratulations April from the staff of Claiborne County Hospital and Nursing Home!

We hope you will continue to provide us with many years of service as you go above and beyond your job duties and are an example to all!



Pictured from L to R is April Wagner and Andrea England, Patient Accounts Manager.

Tax Free Weekend!

Tennessee's tax free weekend will take place from 12:01 am on Friday, August 5th and will end at 11:59 pm on Sunday, August 7th. Tax-free items include clothing with a price of \$100.00 or less per item, school and school art supplies with a price of \$100.00 or less per item and computers with a price of \$1,500 or less. These items are exempt from state and local sales tax in Tennessee during the holiday. Local governments are held harmless and are reimbursed lost sales tax revenues by the state.

Who Can Participate?

Any individual can make a day. However, items purchased are not exempt.

Can I Order by Mail,

The holiday also includes via mail, telephone, e-mail and pays for the item and the retailer accepts the order during the holiday for immediate shipment, even if deliveries are made after the exemption period.

For More Information

Please contact the Tennessee Department of Revenue at www.tntaxholiday.com for more information.



tax-free purchase during the holiday for use by a trade or business.

Telephone, E-Mail or Internet?

purchases of qualified items sold or Internet if the customer orders

**NEW
FACES!!**

Welcome to the following people
who are new employees in our organization:

Carol Watkins	Multi-Specialty	Leeann Baker	Med/Surg
Crystal Short	Laundry	Elaine Cannon	Med/Surg
Katie Daniels	Education	Clay Surber	Rehab Services
Amanda Sharp	Lab	Katina Holt	Nursing Home
Keri Cheek	Med/Surg	Tiffany Medley	ER
Dustie Samuels	EMS	Emily Collinsworth	Med/Surg
Angela Baker	Med/Surg	Sherry Yeary	Nursing Home
Brett Samuels	EMS	Kevin Marshall	EMS
		Sheri Wishoun	Insurance



People in the News

*Our congratulations go out to Rebecca Jefferson on the birth of her grandson, **Braeden Emmit**. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.*

If you have any news for the newsletter, please contact Susan Stone at ext. 2259.



**Employee
Workplace
Safety Initiative**

GOALS:

- ☆ Decrease employee work-related injuries
- ☆ Reward positive safety behaviors

Look for more details in next month's newsletter!

*Service Award
Recipients
for August
2011*



Marcelle Carroll	5 years	Housekeeping
Rebecca Littrell	5 years	Lab
Minnie Harvey	5 years	Nursing Home
Sam Beeler	5 years	Maintenance
Kathy Gray	5 years	Switchboard
Betty Steadman	10 years	Housekeeping
Phyllis Crockett	10 years	Lab
Samantha Davis	15 years	Medical Records

Thank you for your years of service and loyalty to Claiborne County Hospital and Nursing Home!

Judy Duncan is Retiring

Judy Duncan, an RN for Med/Surg has decided to embark on a new era in her life, she is retiring. Judy started working at Claiborne County Hospital in 1990 as an LPN and then furthered her education and got her RN license in 1995. She has been married to Bill Duncan for 43 years and they have three children, Karen, BJ and Travis. They also have six grandchildren: Laura, TJ, Lucas, Clay, LeeAnna, and Lindsey. Judy's mother has recently moved here from Ohio – so she plans to spend a lot of time with her family. When she is not watching her son race cars, she plans to travel, read, and fish.

Judy is a wonderful, caring, and compassionate nurse. Her 'work for the Lord,' as she puts it into words, has not gone unnoticed. Her fellow co-workers and her management team have raved about what an excellent nurse she has always been. Jodi states "Judy has been a very loyal and dependable employee for her entire career. She loves patient care and is very pleasant to work beside." Judy is somewhat of a celebrity in Claiborne County as she has also been complimented on WNTT for being "such a kindhearted and gentle nurse."

Judy, we all wish you the very best and appreciate all that you have given to our facility over the years. Your love for the nursing profession is an example to us all!



Pictured: Jodi Whitaker, Judy Dun-

Congratulations

SERVICE AWARD RECEPTION



Pictured from L to R: Tim Brown, Administrator, Barbara Noah, Pat Osborne, and Gayle Powell. Not available for picture: Brian Owens, Lisa Murphy, Karen Duncan, Renea Sulfridge, Samuel Sherman, Carmelia Schenkenfelder, Joseph Tunny, Brenda Daniels, Angela Abbott, Doug Hensley, Lisa Hall, Brenda Collins, and Rita Dalton.

The most recent Service Award Reception was held on July 20, 2011 to honor employees eligible for Service Awards during the months of April, May, and June. The next Reception will be held on October 19, 2011, at 2:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Please join us to celebrate the service milestones of your fellow employees. If you have any questions about the Service Award program, please contact Human Resources at ext. 2259.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE /EVENT

August 5—7	TAX-FREE WEEKEND
August 12	PAY DAY
August 26	PAY DAY
August 26	RELAY FOR LIFE WALK
September 30	HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



EYE INJURY PREVENTION

More than one million people suffer from eye injuries each year in the U.S. 90% of these injuries could have been prevented if the individual had been wearing appropriate protective eyewear.

In the house... when using household chemicals, read instructions and labels carefully, work in a well-ventilated area and make sure to point spray nozzles away from you. Many chemicals are extremely hazardous and can permanently destroy the surface of your eyes, resulting in blindness.

In the workshop... think about the work you will be doing and wear protective eyewear to shield your eyes from flying fragments, fumes, dust





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Ben Abbott	4 Andrea England Rodger Poore Debra Sparks Gloria Allen Heather Davenport	5 Courtney Conley Amanda Sharp	6 Shannon Pressnell
7 Karen Massengill	8 Brenda Hellrung	9	10 Vanessa Warman	11	12 Janie McAfee	13 Brian Odom Janet Guy Maria Lewis
14 Bernice Miller	15 Christina Davis	16 Christopher Long Holly Cosby	17 Scherry Cowan Thomas Clark	18 Mitch Drinnon	19 Anita Kibert Dustie Samuels	20 Joyce Morris
21 Kevin Wenger	22	23 Brenda Trent	24 Kathy Edens	25	26	27 Kevin Marshall
28	29 Brittany Alspaugh	30 Tiffany Earl April Wagner	31 Deborah Smith Jean Russell			

Back-to-School Tips for Parents



Getting a new school year off to a good start can influence children's attitude, confidence, and performance, both socially and academically. The transition from August to September can be difficult for both children and parents. Even children who are eager to return to class must adjust to the greater levels of activity, structure, and for some, pressures associated with school life.

The degree of adjustment depends on the child, but parents can help their children (and the rest of the family) manage the increased pace of life by planning ahead, being realistic, and maintaining a positive attitude. Here are a few suggestions to help ease the transition and promote a successful school experience.

Before School Starts

Review all of the information. Review the material sent by the school as soon as it arrives. These packets include important information about your child's teacher, room number, school supply requirements, sign ups for after-school sports and activities, school calendar dates, bus transportation, health and emergency forms, and volunteer opportunities.

Mark your calendar. Make a note of important dates, especially back-to-school nights. This is especially important if you have children in more than one school and need to juggle obligations. Arranger for a babysitter now, if necessary.

Make copies. Make copies of all your child's health and emergency information for reference. Health forms are typically good for more than a year and can be used again for camps, extracurricular activities, and the following school year.

Buy school supplies early. Try to get the supplies as early as possible and fill the backpacks two before school starts. Older children can help do this, but make sure they use a checklist can review. Some teachers require specific supplies, so save receipts for items that you may return later.

Re-establish the bedtime and mealtime routines. Plan to re-establish the bedtime and mealtime (especially breakfast) at least 1 week before school starts. Prepare your child for this talking with your child about the benefits of school routines in terms of not becoming overwhelmed by school work and activities. Include pre-bedtime reading and household chores if these were suspended during the summer.



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Designate and clear a place to do homework. Older children should have the option of studying in their room or a quiet area of the house. Younger children usually need an area set aside in the family room or kitchen to facilitate adult monitoring, supervision, and encouragement.



Select a spot to keep backpacks and lunch boxes. Designate a spot for your children to place their school belongings as well as a place to put important notices and information sent home for you to see. Explain that emptying their backpack each evening is part of their responsibility, even for young children.