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A FACILITIES MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE UPDATE



Spring flower beds have been planted at Ross Square.

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Don't forget— the Employee Campaign will continue until April 30. It's not too late to donate!

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The Gene Machine required the help of numerous Facilities employees over a months-long project.



Many of these employees spent their free time working to complete this project.

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Bee Swarm

A bee swarm was discovered at the Facilities Complex on Monday, April 10.



Carol and Greg Cadenhead were able to remove and relocate the swarm of bees to their personal hives at home.

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Employee Recognition Program

Tiger Tickets (TT) are awarded to employees who display consistent outstanding efforts. Recipients receive eight hours leave. **Certificates of Appreciation (COA)** are awarded for a one-time act of exemplary work. Recipients receive four hours leave.



Travis Talley presents **Chris Musick** and **Greg Jones** with Certificates of Appreciation in Teamwork.



Chris Channell presents **Bruce Reid** with a Certificate of Appreciation in Teamwork.



Scott Fuller presents **Susan Miller** with a Tiger Ticket in Support Excellence.



Joe Hunter presents **Staci Leiser (TT)**, **Broderick Gibson(TT)** and **Amie Hart(COA)** with awards in Teamwork.



Joe Hunter presents **Nathan Wohleb, Morris Randolph, Cedric Patterson, Adrian Bosio** and **Walter Brooks** with Certificates of Appreciation in Teamwork.

Quick facts about Tiger Tickets

How many times can you win a Tiger Ticket?

"Each employee is limited to one Tiger Ticket recognition per category, once every six months..."

-ERP Bylaws

Recognition categories include:

- Communication
- Leadership
- Craftsmanship
- Safety
- Customer Service
- Teamwork
- Efficiency

What qualifies as a Tiger Ticket?

"...exhibited a consistent, outstanding job performance for a sustained period of time..."

-ERP Bylaws

Employees who consistently go above-and-beyond their job duties would be eligible for a Tiger Ticket. This award is typically not given based on a single short-term task, but one long-term project or a combination of tasks where the employee was instrumental in completing the project.

What qualifies as a sustained period of time?

"...a 'sustained period of time' is defined as two months or more..."

-ERP Bylaws

An eligible employee would be one that, for the past two months or more, has been willing to go above-and-beyond the necessary functions of his job to complete a task. Tiger Tickets are typically not based on one particular project or task by work ethic.

Thank you from Mechanical Trades



Employees from Mechanical Trades presented Bob Hix with a plaque in appreciation of his dedication and commitment to their shop while he was the Mechanical Trades manager. Bob Hix was recently appointed to one of the two assistant director of Design Services positions.

Tiger Ticket

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Warming Station

A last minute request prompted Facilities' employees to make quick decisions to help a local group visiting the Kreher Preserve and Nature Center.

On the night of March 13, Michael Hood, Service Support supervisor, received an email request from Jennifer Lolley, outreach administrator for the preserve. Jennifer was concerned about the impending freezing temperatures and how it would affect the upcoming spring break camp for 35 students and four teachers.

With the quick thinking and help of Michael and the Service Support team, a tent and heater were in place at the preserve for the campers arrival.



The campers were very appreciative of the tent and heaters.

Jordan-Hare Stadium Brush Fire

A small brush fire broke out on April 10 at the north end of Jordan-Hare Stadium when sparks from a welding job landed in a section of Pampas grass outside the stadium. Contractors were welding metal decking as a part of the stadium's north end zone concourse widening project. The Auburn Fire Department extinguished the fire quickly and no one was injured.



Photo of the burned brush at the north end of the stadium.

Gene Machine

When Mark Carroll received a phone call from Dr. Nancy Merner about renovating an old bus, he had no idea what the project would be but was up for the challenge.

Dr. Merner works with the Department of Drug Discovery and Development at the Harrison School of Pharmacy. Merner had big plans for this bus, which she acquired as a surplus from Athletics. The bus was purchased to convert into a mobile lab for breast cancer genetic screening and educational sessions in medically under-served parts of Alabama.

Burke Wagoner worked with Merner's group on the interior design of the bus. The bus features two phlebotomy chairs designed for drawing blood, a refrigerator for storing samples, filing cabinets for forms and equipment, and a table that serves as a work station for the techs. One filing cabinet was adapted to also house the electrical inverter system to power equipment.

The Carpentry Shop built and installed countertops and an enclosure for the refrigerator. The Electric Shop installed interior wiring and outlets. Access Control provided locksmithing for the cabinets. Anna Ruth Gatlin and Travis Tally were responsible for designing and building a privacy screen for patients. The Automotive Shop was responsible for fabricating the rail system and hardware that would attach the chairs, cabinets, table and refrigerator securely to the vehicle without damaging the new flooring, which was donated by a vendor. They were also responsible for adding an inverter system to run the refrigerator.

"The work was provided by these shops to bring Dr. Merner's ideas and designs to a functional platform that her group can use to help with the fight against breast and other cancers. All who were involved volunteered their time and talents and seemed genuinely motivated to do whatever they could to get this project off the ground," said Mark.



Fourteen Facilities employees across five shops volunteered on this project.



Interior photos of the completed Gene Machine.

Thank you!

- Thomas Cobb- Access Control
- Mark Carroll- Automotive Shop
- Ram Seetaram- Automotive Shop
- Jim Stillwell- Automotive Shop
- Gerrold Willis- Automotive Shop
- Chris Wrighten- Automotive Shop
- Dale Patterson- Carpentry Shop
- Mike Patterson- Carpentry Shop
- Jim Ray- Carpentry Shop
- Travis Tally- Carpentry Shop
- Burke Wagoner- Carpentry Shop
- Anna Ruth Gatlin- Design Services
- Larry Burt- Electrical Shop
- Jason Foshee- Electrical Shop

What's the buzz?



Carol Cadenhead, Utilities and Energy, came to the rescue for Facilities when a swarm of honey bees was discovered in a tree between Facilities' buildings one and three.

Carol and her husband, Greg, have been hobby bee keepers since 2014. When the swarm was discovered at Facilities, many people began calling Carol seeking advice on how to remove and relocate the bees.

"The swarm looked and felt larger than a three pound package of bees, a standard of measurement which contains around 12,000 bees," said Carol.

In order to move the bees, Carol and Greg had to ensure the queen, located somewhere in the large swarm, was placed into a catch box. Once in the catch box, other bees will fan the queen's scent to attract the rest of the swarm. Then the rest of the swarm knows where to gather in order to be with the queen. However, if the queen doesn't go into the catch box, neither will the other bees, and the catch process has to start over again.

"It is a thrill to catch a swarm of bees!" says Carol.

Luckily the Cadenheads are seasoned bee keepers and were able to come to the rescue. After half an hour of work, the Cadenhead's were able to relocate the bees to a hive in their personal bee yard.

"We love to relocate them and give them an appropriate hive instead of having them move into the side of a building or other cavity where they're not wanted," said Carol.



Top: Carol and Greg Cadenhead work to place the swarm in the catch box for transport.

Below: The swarm developed in a tree between buildings one and three.

Congratulations!



Joe Hunter presents Kevin Wills with his retirement certificate.

Kevin Wills retired after 15 years at Facilities as the Paint Shop assistant supervisor. Congratulations to Kevin on his retirement!

In memory of **Herman Lane**

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