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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 26 ..... Faculty/Staff Chili Cook-off  
 February 27 ..... Next classified ad deadline  
**March 3 ..... CS Council meeting @ noon**  
 March 4 ..... OpenLine article deadline  
 March 7-15 ..... ISU Spring Break  
 March 8 ..... Daylight Savings Begins  
 March 17 ..... St. Patrick's Day  
**March 17 ..... CS Council meeting @ noon**  
 March 20 ..... Spring Begins

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**FRIVOLOUS FACTS**

The Taj Mahal at Agra, India is perhaps the most splendid gift of love. It was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Work on the Taj began in 1634 and continued for almost 22 years. It took the labor of 20,000 workers from all over India and Central Asia.



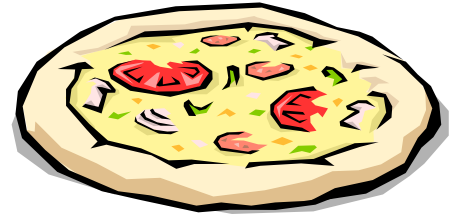
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**MONICAL'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

~ Pam Burress, *OpenLine* Editor

The next Monical's Pizza Restaurant Community Day fund-raiser for the Civil Service Council has been set for **Tuesday, March 3**. The more people that attend this event, the more money the Council can raise for awards and activities.

Please mark your calendars for March 3 to eat at Monical's for either lunch or dinner at any of the 3 area locations. And please don't forget to take the flyer with you (included in this month's newsletter on page 4)!



**CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

**Article VII - Organization**

**Section 1 - Seating of New Council Members**

The newly elected Council members will be seated at the first regular meeting of the new Council year.

**Section 2 - Officers**

The officers of the Council shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Council, along with the immediate past Chair who serves as an ex-officio member.

**Section 3 - Election of Officers**

- A. The officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the new Council year.
- B. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately following the election of officers.
- C. The right of nomination and election of new officers shall reside with the newly elected and retained Council members.

**QUICK QUOTE**

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

-- Abraham Lincoln



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## SERVICE AWARDS

~ David Schaafsma, Human Resources

### 30 YEARS

- Teresa Lyn Raney, 2202 University Registrar, 2/26/1979

### 25 YEARS

- Bonnie C. Devore, 9240 University Police, 2/6/1984
- Mark Allen Hill, 4481 WAND, 2/13/1984

### 20 YEARS

- Ronald L. Devine, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 2/1/1989
- Mary Etta Witham, 2640 Bone Student Center, 2/13/1989
- Suzanne Ferrara, 4620 Psychology, 2/14/1989
- A. C. Beale, 2600 University Housing Service, 2/20/1989

### 15 YEARS

- Steven Lee Menken, 3500 Telecommunications, 2/1/1994
- Joseph Matthew Wolf, 9000 Facilities Management, 2/1/1994
- Ernest S. Gonzalez, 9000 Facilities Management, 2/7/1994
- Marilyn Jo Mansell, 8900 Milner Library, 2/7/1994
- Carl V. Thacker Jr., 5660 School of Music, 2/16/1994
- John David Goodman, 1320 Environmental Health & Safety, 2/22/1994
- Donald Ross Kunde, 1320 Environmental Health & Safety, 2/28/1994

### 10 YEARS

- Patricia C. Sweeney, 2540 Health Services, 2/1/1999
- Andrew K. Frank, 9000 Facilities Management, 2/2/1999
- Mark T. Buckley, 2610 Food Service, 2/11/1999
- Jason Conrad Paul, 8900 Milner Library, 2/15/1999
- Teri Lynn Lehr, 2520 Career Center, 2/22/1999

## POTPOURRI

~ Dianne Liebenstein, Volunteer Reporter

### BIRTHS – OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Connie Fletcher, Printing Services, on the birth of her grandson, Dean Alan Fletcher on November 27, 2008, 7 lbs. 13 oz. 20" long.
- Marsha Max, Student Health Services, on the birth of her granddaughter, Hailey Madison Douglas on December 5, 2008, 7 lbs. 11 oz.
- Cheryl Cope, Student Counseling Services, on the birth of her grandson, Joseph Nicholas Wiemelt on December 29, 2008, 7 lbs., and 18" long.
- Pam Burress, Telecommunications & Networking, on the birth of her step-granddaughter, Aubree Elaine Folge on January 19, 2009, 7 lbs. 6 oz. 21" long.

### SYMPATHY – OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES TO:

- Cathy Garrelts, Evaluations and Shauna Meyer, Biological Sciences, on the death of their grandmother, Betty Johnson, January 15, 2009.

### BENEFIT – FOR STEVE AND JUDY BIRD

- A Benefit for Steve Bird will be held Sunday, March 1, 2009, from noon to 6 p.m. at the VFW, 1006 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington (located at Lincoln and Morrissey). The benefit will include live and silent auctions, a bake sale, DJ, door prizes, face painting for the kids, food, and featuring the Cattle Bandits for the entire six hours. Admission is \$8. Monetary donations can be made to the Credit Union where an account has been set-up in Steve and Judy's name. For more information contact Linda Miller at the Credit Union.

*Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Please feel free to contact Volunteer Reporter Dianne Liebenstein by phone (438-8311) or by e-mail (dbliebe@ilstu.edu) to report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members. Information for the Potpourri section is voluntarily submitted by employees. Notifications are not verified by birth, marriage, or death certificates.*



## 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.ilstu.edu). 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, nudity, personals, and firearms to stay within 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 (located on the last page of this issue of the *OpenLine*).
- Send or deliver the form along with payment to **Theresa Sanchez, 2202 Evaluation Services**.
- Ad must be received during normal business hours on the Friday before the usual monthly *OpenLine* article deadline.



## FACULTY/STAFF CHILI COOK-OFF



Faculty/Staff Chili Cook-off Luncheon will take place on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009. Faculty, administrative/professional, and civil service staff are invited to the third annual Illinois State University Faculty/Staff Chili Cook-off Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the Brown Ballroom at Bone Student Center.

The luncheon is free, but reservations are required by February 20 and can be made by going to the Chili Cook-off Web site at [www.chilicookoff.ilstu.edu](http://www.chilicookoff.ilstu.edu) or by calling 438-3204.

The lunch menu, prepared by Campus Dining Services, will feature meat and veggie chili, chili condiments, corn bread, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cookies and beverages. During the luncheon, winners of the preliminary Chili Cook-offs will compete to be the 2009 Chili Cook-off Champion. A panel of judges will taste and evaluate the entries during the luncheon and the winner will be announced at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Entries in the final competition will be judged on aroma, consistency, appearance, taste, and aftertaste. Official cook-off rules are available on the Web site.

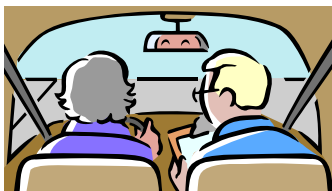
Questions about the cook-off competition and luncheon can be directed to committee co-chairs Terry Brown (8-2033, [wtbrown@ilstu.edu](mailto:wtbrown@ilstu.edu)), or Tracy Young (8-3393, [tjyoung@ilstu.edu](mailto:tjyoung@ilstu.edu)).

If you require an accommodation to fully participate in this event, please call 438-2592. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.

## SHARE A RIDE TO WORK

~ Enid Cardinal, Facilities Management

Everyone is looking for ways to save money these days. Here's an idea, share a ride to work. If you find someone to carpool with, you can reduce the number of times you drive to campus, lessening the number of visits to the gas station and reducing the amount of wear and tear on your vehicle. Sharing your commute can also reduce stress levels and is a great opportunity to get to know someone that you work with better.



As if those reasons were not convincing enough, it's a way to "green" your commute. Carpooling reduces the number of cars on the road, the amount of fuel consumed and the amount of air pollution created.

Sounds like a great idea right? So how can you find someone to carpool with? Now it's easy. The Office of Parking and Transportation, in partnership with the Green Team, is now offering a free ride share matching service through AlterNetRides. To sign up go to [www.parking.ilstu.edu](http://www.parking.ilstu.edu) and look for the "Share a Ride" section. Click on AlterNetRides and establish your profile. You will be notified by email when you have a match – you decide if you want to use that match or not. It's that simple! So sign up today.

## DON'T BE A VICTIM OF FRAUD

~ Aaron Woodruff, ISU Police Officer

ISU Police has taken several reports over the past few months from victims of fraud. Usually these types of cases result in a suspect providing the victim a check to deposit into the victim's bank account. The suspect only asks for a percentage of the deposit back and tells the victim they can keep the remaining amount for their services.



Days later, the victim receives a notice from the bank stating the checks were fraudulent. The victim is then left owing the money to the bank, while the suspect collects hundreds and thousands of dollars.

These types of scams can vary in their stories, but the best protection is to heed the old saying, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Here are some additional tips to avoid being a victim of fraud:

- ✓ Be wary of any get rich scheme that wants you to invest money in advance.
- ✓ Never give out your credit card information over the phone unless you made the call.
- ✓ Do not buy on the spur of the moment; take time to research the company or product.
- ✓ Avoid scams that involve: work at home offers, foreign business offers, lottery schemes, rental scams, new online love interests, and overpayment offers.
- ✓ If you are approached by a possible con-artist or unauthorized solicitor, report the incident immediately to the police.

For additional information on these types of schemes and others, please visit [www.fakechecks.org](http://www.fakechecks.org).

## RETIREMENT SEMINARS

~ Nancy Spangler, Human Resources

Two member Retirement Education Seminars have been scheduled at the SURS office on April 21 and June 10 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per member and \$5 for non-member guest. Lunch will not be provided. Members should contact Karen Maggio at 217-378-8813 or email [kmaggio@surs.org](mailto:kmaggio@surs.org) for reservations.

Formally named the Pre-Retirement Seminar, the new format will include estate planning, Social Security, insurance, and breakout sessions that are specific to plan type - including the Self-Managed Plan with presentations by Fidelity, "Remaining Confident in a Volatile Market" and TIAA-CREF, "Staying on Track in a Volatile Market."



**monical's pizza**<sup>®</sup> invites you to participate in a *Community Day!*  
This is one of many ways we help area organizations, and is a wonderful opportunity for us to say thanks and give back to our loyal customers and communities.



It's easy *and* tasty: you, your family, your friends, and your neighbors bring this flier to any of the area **monical's pizza**<sup>®</sup> restaurants listed below and enjoy a delicious meal. In return, **monical's pizza**<sup>®</sup> will donate 20% of your bill\* to the designated organization.

Don't miss your opportunity to help out! Please remember that this special is **ONLY** good on the date (open-close) listed below. Tell everyone to join in! With **monical's pizza**<sup>®</sup>, you're raising money by eating great food. What could be easier?

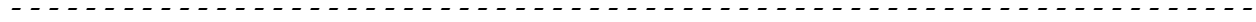
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Organization: ISU Civil Service Council

Community Day: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Guest Check Total     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(before sales tax)

20% Contribution     \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**monical's pizza**<sup>®</sup> copy...

Organization: ISU Civil Service Council

Community Day: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Guest Check Total     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(before sales tax)

## ***monical's pizza***

<b>BLOOMINGTON</b>	<b>309-662-8502</b>	<b>718 S. ELDORADO</b>
<b>BLOOMINGTON</b>	<b>309-662-6933</b>	<b>2103 N. VETERANS PKWY.</b>
<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>309-454-7999</b>	<b>1219 S. MAIN</b>

### **FLIER MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER FOR DONATION TO BE APPLIED**

\*Not valid with any other coupons or discount offers. Offer valid only on date listed. Not valid with Delivery. Carry Out available at Dine-In menu pricing. Must mention flier when ordering Carry Out.

Alcohol purchases will not be eligible toward total donation. Other restrictions may apply.

Additional fliers & details available at [www.monicals.com](http://www.monicals.com)

## ISU WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

~ Nikki Brauer, Human Resources

Registration via the Wellness on-line system at [www.hr.ilstu.edu/wellness/register.shtml](http://www.hr.ilstu.edu/wellness/register.shtml) is required for the following events unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions or do not have online access, please contact Nikki Brauer at [nbgegel@ilstu.edu](mailto:nbgegel@ilstu.edu) or 438-8845 to register.

### Hormonal Changes and Women's Issues

Dr. Sarah Dutta, FACOG, Carle Clinic Bloomington, will be speaking on March 31 from noon to 1 p.m. in 1st West Lounge of the Bone Student Center.



### ISU Family Day at the Children's Discovery Museum

Faculty & Staff and their immediate family members are invited to share an afternoon at the Children's Discovery Museum in Uptown Normal. The first 130 individuals registered will receive free admission on Sunday, April 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.



Sack lunches may be purchased for \$5.00 per lunch. Lunches are provided by Avanti's and include: 1/3 of a Gondola, baked chips, cookie, and a juice box. Contact 309-438-7003 to reserve your space.

### Massage

Wellness massages are located in the Faculty/Staff Commons Conference Room of the Bone Student Center on the following dates: February 26, March 18 & 31, April 6 & 22. Appointments are available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.



### Family Swims

Family swimming will be held in the Metcalf Pool on February 21, March 1 & 28, and April 4 & 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



### Healthier at Home Resource Guides

As a way to celebrate 25 years of Faculty-Staff Wellness at Illinois State, the Wellness Program has purchased Healthier at Home Self-care guides for faculty and staff.



These books are continuing to be offered until our limited supply has been depleted and there is no cost to you. These guides are an invaluable resource and with the purchase, Illinois State University will be granted

access to an online health portal as well. You may choose to visit the portal at [www.healthylearn.com](http://www.healthylearn.com). The guides are to be utilized as a resource, but never to take the place of consulting your physician or other health care provider. Please call 438-7003 to reserve your guide today.

### Nutri-Fest

Celebrating Sound Nutrition at Illinois State University is the theme for this year's Nutri-Fest on Thursday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center.



## CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

### GROUP I

#### **Vicki Bryan**

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#### **Tom Cotton**

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2610 Campus Dining Services (Watterson), 438-5370, [mtbuckl@ilstu.edu](mailto:mtbuckl@ilstu.edu) 2009

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### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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#### **Kevin Wiand, Campus Communications Committee Representative**

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**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

**For Rent:**

- Must rent. 3 bedrooms, 3 bath. Stainless steel appliances, washer/dryer, oversized 2-car garage, walk-in closets, whirlpool tub. \$1500. Call (309) 454-4241.
- Have time share weeks for 2009 available in US or abroad. Will rent for reasonable offer. Call Brenda 287-7129.



**Personal Service:**

- Radon — #1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Questions? Call David Smith, (309) 473-2955, licensed radon professional #98102.
- For tree and shrub trimming, please call Carl or Terry at 530-5137 or 527-4492. For firewood, please call Carl or Terry at 365-8466.

**NEXT OPENLINE ARTICLE DEADLINE**

The next deadline to submit articles to the *OpenLine* newsletter will be **Wednesday, March 4** following the first Council meeting of the month. Articles, news and ideas pertinent to civil service employees can be sent to the Civil Service Council (cscouncil@ilstu.edu) or to the newsletter staff (cscopenline@ilstu.edu).



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

**ONE word per box. 20 words or less.**


Send this completed form and payment by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to:  
**Theresa Sanchez, 2202 Evaluation Services, 438-2500.**  
 (Make checks payable to: Civil Service Council - *OpenLine*.)

Visit <http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/documentation/openline.shtml> for more information about advertising in the *OpenLine*.

