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TECH TALK

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Program Coordinator/ Grants Manager By: Patricia Simon

Faculty/Staff Birthdays

Ruby Austin	11/9
Forrest Massey	11/13
Debby Little	11/15
Gina Jolley	11/23
Susie Cruce	12/15
Kenny Young	12/29
Connie Gibson	1/10
Melesa Curry	1/16
Ed Harvey	1/19

IMPORTANT DATES

***December 18th-**

Last day before Christmas holiday

***January 4th-**

In-service/ Student Holiday

***January 5th-**

First day back for students

***January 18th-**

Martin Luther King Day Holiday

One of our long-term instructors here at TTI has decided to make a career change. Mr. David Dunkle started his career at TTI in January of 2002, teaching Adult Education at the Taylor County Jail during the day and the Business Technology class at night. In April of 2003, he began to teach Special Education at Taylor Correctional Institution until December of 2004. In 2005, Mr. Dunkle came back to TTI as the full-time Business Technology Instructor. Mr. Dunkle just recently took a position in the school's administration as Program Coordinator/ Grants Manager.

Some of his responsibilities in this new position are making sure TTI's federal and state reports are completed, serving on the School's Advisory Committee, visiting other post secondary adult schools and seeing how their programs compare to TTI, and meeting with local businesses to make sure the programs at TTI meet the needs of the community.

I asked Mr. Dunkle, "Do you miss teaching?" he replied, "I don't miss the paper work, but I do miss having a one-on-one relationship with my students." He also stated, "I would like to carry over that type of one-on-one relationship with all the



The new Program Coordinator/ Grants Manager, Mr. David Dunkle.

students at this school."

In conclusion, Mr. Dunkle says, "I have a personal relationship with TTI and this school has given so much to me and I am glad for the opportunity to give something back."

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive By: Lisa Hinrichs

During the week prior to the Thanksgiving break, TTI Student Council, along with Jan Ritch, LeeAnn Tomlinson, and all of our programs at TTI, participated in TTI's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. They were able to collect enough food for seven large baskets and enough mone-

tary donations to purchase seven turkeys to top them off. Students were asked to bring non-perishables for the food drive in an effort to assist needy students attending Taylor Technical Institute. To determine who received those baskets, Instructors nominated students they felt could benefit.

Those student's names were placed in the box for the drawing of the baskets. The drawing was held in Student Services on November 23rd. Our Student Council would like to thank all students and staff that participated in this very successful food drive.

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SNAP Fall Festival

By: Travis Mobley and Jessica Armstrong

October 28, 2009 was a very exciting day at the Fall Festival for SNAP and all that attended. There was a few fun games like Fishing Booth, Lion Toss, Bucket Toss, Cupcake Walk, Gypsy (Goey Body Parts), and Face Painting. Taylor Technical Institute's Student Council Vice-President, Travis Mobley, says "my favorite was the Fishing Booth." He also felt that the festival was a very Blessed event. The FSU Nursing students came with a merry heart, participated in all the games, and left with a new sense of appreciation. Ms. Gibson said "the Fall Festival was great, the students had a wonderful time, and kudos goes out to T.T.I.'s Student Council that did a marvelous job with preparing games for the students to enjoy." She also

said everyone had a blast. Ms. Kelley said the activity was good; the students seemed excited, surprised, and enjoyed interacting with other people. T.T.I.'s Student Council President, April Coleman, said, "The Fall Festival went very, very well and I was happy to see them happy."



2009-2010 SNAP Students, Ms. Gibson, Instructor, and Sharon Kelley, Teacher's aide

Jessica Armstrong, T.T.I.'s Secretary, says "my favorite game was Gypsy and I'm happy SNAP had such a good time." The event was possible because of the fundraiser the Student Council put together with the help of Jan Ritch, Student Council Sponsor. The donation prize was a 5lb. Stone Crab basket with all the fixings, which was donated by Jan Ritch. With everyone wanting to get the basket, the student council was able to raise \$150.00 for the event. So everyone in SNAP, including the teachers, would like to say thank you to all that was involved in helping with this event and God Bless You.