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Employee Health Screenings

**PARTNERS
FOR HEALTH**

APS Healthcare

Partnership Health Insurance Screenings through APS Healthcare for Weakley County employees will be **Tuesday, February 1, 2011 through Thursday, February 3, 2011**, from the hours of **7 a.m. through 5 p.m.** The screenings will take place in the conference room at the Department of Finance and Board of Education building located at 8319 Hwy 22 in Dresden. These health screenings are for each person (employee and/or spouse) who signed up for the Partnership plan in their health insurance option during Open Enrollment and is free of charge. Appointments will be scheduled directly with APS Healthcare in early January 2011. Appointments must be scheduled by employee/spouse at www.partnersforhealthtn.org. Appointments will be made in 15 minute increments allowing sufficient time for screening. Each screening will consist of height, weight, blood pressure, finger stick (Total Cholesterol, Triglycerides, HDL, LDL and Glucose) waist circumference and general health education. Individuals should allow eight (8) hours of fasting prior to their screening time; if fasting is not possible for you please inform the health professional at your screening time. Members also have the option of receiving a screening from their private physician, however the form will not be available for download until January 2011. At that time the form can be completed then faxed to APS Healthcare (on APS Healthcare's secure fax line). These screenings are a requirement in fulfilling the Partnership Promise.

SPOTLIGHT ON EMPLOYEES



Jinny Killebrew is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin. She and her husband, Adam Killebrew have one son, Reed. They reside in Dresden. On October 25, 2010, Jinny became the bookkeeper for General Sessions and Circuit Court.



Becky Parnell graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She resides in Martin. On December 2, 2010 she accepted the position of Deputy Registrar for the Weakley County Election Commission.

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Holiday Schedule

This holiday season all Weakley County offices will be closed on **Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27, 2010** in observance of the Christmas holidays. We will be returning to work on Tuesday, December 28, 2010. New Year's Day will be observed with all county offices closed on **Friday, December 31, 2010**.

Students of Weakley County Schools will be dismissed early on **Friday, December 17, 2010** (no lunch served) and will return for the beginning of the 2nd semester on **Tuesday, January 4, 2011**.

2011 Holidays

- New Year's Day** - New Year's Day 2011 will be observed on Friday, December 31, 2010.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - January 17, 2011, third Monday in January.
- President's Day** - February 21, 2011, third Monday in February.
- Good Friday** - April 22, 2011, Friday before Easter.
- Memorial Day** - May 30, 2011, last Monday in May.
- Independence Day** - July 4, 2011, Monday.
- Labor Day** - September 5, 2011, first Monday in September.
- Veteran's Day** - November 11, 2011, Friday.
- Thanksgiving Day** - November 24 and 25, 2011, fourth Thursday and Friday in November.
- Christmas Day** - December 23, 26, and 27, 2011, Friday, Monday and Tuesday.
- New Year's Day 2012** - New Year's Day 2012 will be observed on Monday, January 2, 2012

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Merry Christmas, My Friend

Weather Closings

Change of Address

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.

I had come down the chimney, with presents to give
and to see just who in this home did live

As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind,
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.
For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.
This was the home of a U.S. Marine.

I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,
so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.

He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,
Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.
Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.
I soon understood, this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night,
owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.

Soon around the Nation, the children would play,
And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,
because of Marines like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.
I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.

He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.
My life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I watched him for hours, so silent and still.
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.
So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
and covered this Marine from his toes to his head.

Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold,
with an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.
And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
and for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep inside.

I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and pure,
said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."

One look at my watch and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, Semper Par and goodnight.

"Merry Christmas, My Friend" by LCpl James M
Schmidt, USMC, 1986

In the case of inclement weather the following resources will be your outlets to find out if your office or the school will be closed.

WCMT 101.3 FM www.wcmt.com

or call (731) 588-1410

WWYN 106.9 FM www.wwyn.fm/

or call (866) 996-1069

WPSD Channel 6 News www.wpsdlocal6.com

or call (731) 424-4515

WBBJ Channel 7 News www.wbbjtv.com

or call (270) 415-1900

Also, parents will receive a recorded message from your child(ren)'s school with information involving closings.

It's that time of the year to update your records with any changes in address. If you have a change of address to report please contact the Department of Finance at (731) 364-5429 or stop by our office at 8319 Hwy. 22, Suite B, Dresden, TN 38225. You may email address changes to us at franciscos@k12tn.net.

Spotlight on District 7

David Earl Hawks was elected to the County Commission August 5, 2010. He has been married for 38 years to Katana Wiley Hawks. They have two children, Terone and Selene, and a granddaughter, Cambry.

He retired in June 2006 after 33 1/2 years from Goodyear. During his years at Goodyear, David stayed active in many community and church activities. He is presently a member of First Baptist Church in Martin.



David Hawks

For the last 20 years, David could be seen on the football field, basketball court or baseball field as a TSSAA official. He has been a member of the Civitan Club, the Work Force Investment Board, Area 11, and Chairman of the Weakley County Republican Party.

Commissioner Hawks resides at 170 Bizzle Lane in Martin. His home phone is (731) 587-4301 and his cell phone number is (731) 225-0892. You may also reach him by email: hawks4ref51@yahoo.com.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff of the Department of Finance

Questions and Answers

If any employee has questions they would like addressed in future newsletters, please forward them to franciscos@k12tn.net

Q: When are the new insurance cards coming?

A: Health Insurance cards will be mailed in late December 2010. Prescription cards will not change. Employees currently with health insurance coverage will only receive the new medical insurance card not a new prescription card.

Q: When can I pick up my 2010 W-2?

A: 2010 W-2's will be distributed to all employees before January 30, 2011.



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