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Randall C. Smyth Named Deputy Assistant Manager for Environment, Safety, & Health at Oak Ridge Office

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## A Note From Our Manager



It's hard to believe that June is already here. It's been a fast-paced year, and we have gotten a lot accomplished as an agency. Because we have done so much, it's only fitting that our annual Unity Day Picnic is this month. We've been working hard and we deserve it!

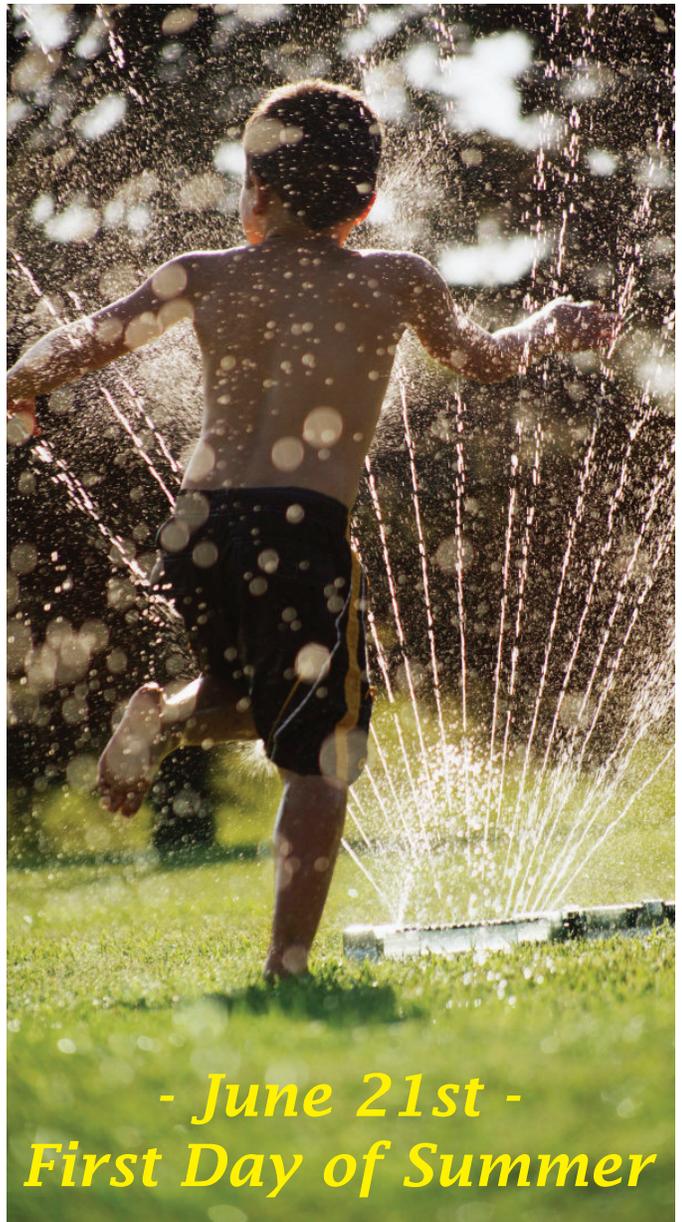
The picnic will once again be at Clark Center Park on Wednesday, June 13. This day provides everyone an opportunity to enjoy each other's company, to listen to live music, to eat good food, and to spend valuable time with your co-workers, families, and friends. Tickets are on sale, and you can get the tickets from your DOE Office Manager.

In addition to being the season for the picnic, the summer months also launch the season of travel, outdoor recreation, heat, and humidity. This is a wonderful time of the year, but it can also be a dangerous time. I would like to remind each of you to think about safety as you prepare for your summer vacation activities and travels. Whether you're planning a beach trip with friends and family, or participating in sports, other hobbies, or just fun in the sun, take a second to stop and interject safety into your overall plan. Actions as simple as ensuring your child wears a safety helmet while riding a bike, buckling up seat belts, or checking tire pressure in your vehicle before taking off for a trip, can mean the difference between a memorable vacation and one wrought with problems.

Safety while you're at home and on vacation is just as important as the safety we practice in the workplace. It's our job to ensure that employees understand and comply with DOE's rules and regulations, just as it's your responsibility to ensure safety with your friends, family, and loved ones. Safety should be an integral part of our daily activities on and off the job.

I appreciate each of you and the work that you do, and I look forward to seeing you at the Unity Day Picnic. Have a wonderful summer, work hard, enjoy the weather, and most of all, think safety in everything you do!

Gerald Boyd, Manager



**- June 21st -  
First Day of Summer**

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# Jim Vosburg Helps Son Pursue His Dream



*Jim (left) and Jarron Vosburg*

Jim Vosburg, Deputy Director, Human Resource Division, is very proud of both his children – Jarron and Jannae. And, he is helping Jarron pursue his dream of acting.

The Vosburg family, which also includes Jim’s wife, Jean, lives in Oak Ridge and has regularly traveled to Los Angeles at various times of the year for the past 4 years. Jim’s wife usually accompanies their son, with Jim providing “back up” as needed to allow Jarron the opportunity to audition for a variety of projects.

Jarron, a rising senior at Knoxville Catholic High School, has been involved in acting since he was 8 years old when he had a small part at the Oak Ridge

Playhouse production of “Charlotte’s Web.” “I was the lamb and had one line,” Jarron said.

Since then, Jarron has been involved in a variety of projects and last summer had his most successful trip to date while auditioning in Los Angeles. He auditioned for and was cast in two guest-starring roles for television. One was the popular Disney Channel show, “Cory in the House.” Jarron’s episode, entitled “Everybody Loves Meena” aired locally on January 26th. The other show was Nickelodeon’s Emmy award-winning “Zoey 101.” Jarron’s character will appear in two consecutive episodes when they air in the United States at a later date. Both episodes have already been televised in Canada and the United Kingdom.

“Zoey 101’ is going to be a really, really big deal,” Jarron explained. “I have a huge role and actually some stuff happens in this episode that has never happened on that show before. It all revolves around my character. It is pretty exciting.”

Unlike “Zoey 101,” much of Disney’s “Cory in the House” is taped in front of a live studio audience. “The shows are not completely in front of a live audience, but there is that one night where you get to do that,” he added. “And that’s really fun. Live audience filming is really fun. I have to give credit to the people who are there every week, because you finish one episode Tuesday night and you get a brand new script Wednesday morning. It’s tough.”

Jarron explained that the support of his family has been a key part of his acting career. “I couldn’t do anything that I’ve been doing without my Dad and Mom,” he said. “They have been unbelievably helpful and supportive.”

“I can’t tell you how lucky I am,” Jarron enthused. “Lots of people in this area support their kids in football and that’s one thing. But sending your kid out to Los Angeles for three or four months of the year, that’s a whole other ballgame. It has just been unbelievable.”

“Even my sister is incredibly supportive,” he said. “That sounds kinda funny because you would expect her to be the least supportive. But, she is my biggest fan.”



*Jarron contemplates an answer.*

Jim added that Jarron stayed in Los Angeles past the summer and into to the fall. “We struggled because we weren’t going to let him do it in the fall unless his courses directly matched up with those at Knoxville Catholic High School. We worked with his school to be sure there weren’t any hiccups. It worked out great because when he came back in November, he got right back into school and picked up where he left off.”

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Jarron will be going to Los Angeles again this summer, so he won’t have to worry about school. When asked if he already had things lined up when he goes or just goes to audition, Jarron said, “Basically, it’s just going out there and auditioning. That’s pretty much how it is for any kids who come out there.”

“It used to be January, February, March, and April, which was called pilot season,” he continued. “But that is switching now where summer – June to August – is when they are casting like nobody’s business. So, everyone comes out not knowing what is going to happen.”

He said that you can have many auditions booked in one day, or nothing booked. “It kind of fluctuates and you never know what will happen but that’s kind of the fun of it and keeps you on your toes.”

When asked if it has been challenging for the family to juggle their jobs here in Tennessee with Jarron’s pursuits in California, Jim said, “Yes, it has been. We’ve been balancing between my wife and me because she works too. And, it has been challenging but we’ve been able to work it out. It’s been great.”

“The first year we were out there, we didn’t know what to expect,” Jim continued. “But this will be the fifth time we’ve done it and it’s almost second nature to us. I was very stressed out the first time we did it, but this year, I’m just letting it flow because we know the drill.”

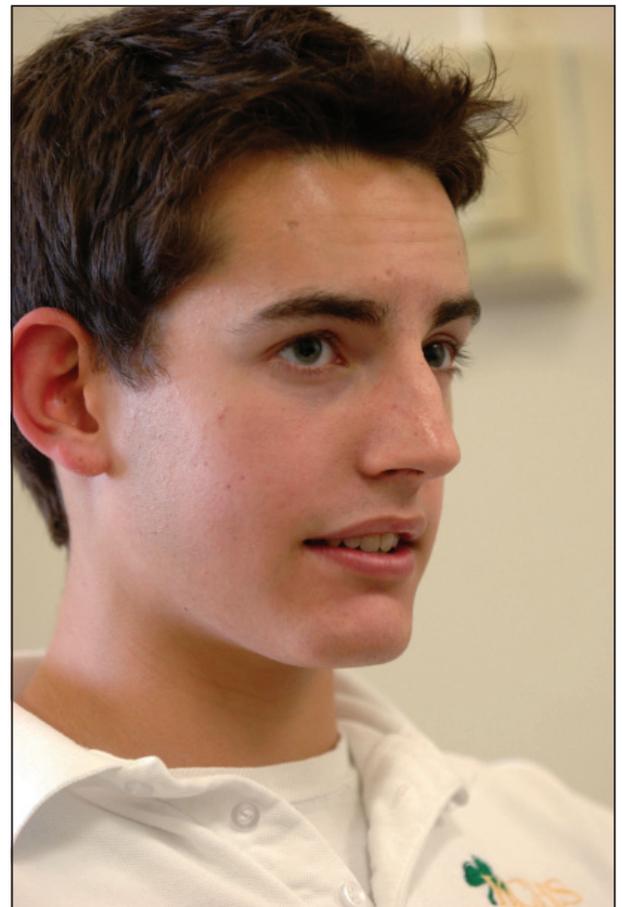
Jim added that much of his concern had been making sure that Jarron’s education would not be impacted and after that aspect was worked out it made things easier. “I was thinking that anything that would mess up his curriculum at Knoxville Catholic I’m not going for,” he said, but between the help and support Jarron has been given by his local high school and the one semester he completed online, “It worked out.”

About having confidence in Jarron to pursue his acting passion, Jim said, “He is very talented. But there are a lot of successful talented kids out there and a lot that are successful but don’t have talent.” He explained that a lot of times people get work because of a certain look that the casting people are going for.

“For a teenager to be able to prepare and audition for roles in front of Hollywood casting directors and studio executives with his confidence it is pretty special,” he continued. “It’s pretty amazing that he can handle that at his age. I couldn’t have done it at that age. The credit all goes to Jarron because he is mature enough to handle it. He understands the business probably better than most of the adults do.”

When asked if he wants to pursue acting throughout his life or also go to college, Jarron said, “College is extremely important to me and I’m excited about going.” He wants to study film production and get experience on both sides of the camera.

Jarron’s passion for acting will be with him for a long time. “There is no greater feeling than when you get the phone call and they say you’ve booked the job,” he said. “Any other actor my age or any age can attest to the fact that when you go into 100 auditions a year and 95 of those auditions you never hear back on, those 5 you might book are priceless.”



*Jarron responds to a question.*

## Missy Kane - “Fit and Fun”

Missy Kane spoke at a recent Federally Employed Women luncheon on her role at Covenant Health and how important exercising and a healthy lifestyle can be. She is especially interested in reaching adults who have never exercised before and in helping children learn to love physical exercise and fitness for a lifetime of good health.

A native of Nashville, Kane began her career by trying out for the University of Tennessee Track and Field Team. “Track and Field really got my attention,” she said. “Before I knew it, I was walking into the Olympics and winning a bronze medal in the 1,500 meter run at the 1983 Pan-American games and competing in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.”



*Missy Kane, Health Promotions Coordinator for Knoxville-based Covenant Health, served as keynote speaker at the Federally Employed Women's recent brown bag luncheon at the Federal Building.*

During her talk, she told employees that “progress is not perfection,” and that we all need to “set reasonable goals.” Kane emphasized that the key to success is “consistency, not speed.” In closing, Kane reminded employees to “take care of yourself - stressing the need to get regular physicals.”

Kane currently hosts Covenant Health’s “Fit and Fun,” television show, Monday through Friday, at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, visit [www.covenanthealth.com](http://www.covenanthealth.com).

## Dutch Valley Science Fair

*Dutch Valley Elementary School (DVES) officials Kim Arthur and Lettie Martin recently presented plaques to ORO employees in appreciation of their judging services at the Dutch Valley Elementary School Science Fair. Pictured (from left) are: Kim Martin, DVES; Sherman Martin, Greg Mills, Beverly Schultz, and Bobby Davis, all of ORO; and Lettie Martin, DVES.*



# New Employee Tour

ORO recently hosted a new employee tour for ORO and NNSA employees. Approximately 20 employees participated in the full day tour, seeing first hand facilities located at all three Oak Ridge sites. Included in the tour were off-the-bus stops at ORNL's historic Graphite Reactor, Spallation Neutron Source (SNS), Computational Sciences, and New Bethel Church. Y-12's overview included stop-offs at the South Ridge overlook, and the construction site of the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility. A drive through of the ETTP, included a stop off at Perimeter Road overlook and a briefing at the TSCA Incinerator.



*Pictured left to right front row: Jim McDaniel, Procurement & Contracts Division (P&C Div.); King Ragos, Y-12 Site Office (YSO); Karen Herrell, P&C Div; Brenda McFadden, P&C Div; Jud Kingman, P&C Div; Second Row: Jason Campbell, YSO; John Howerton, YSO; Johnnie Keck, P&C Div; Jill Albaugh, YSO; Katie Shular, Finance Div; Erika Johnson, Finance Div; and Phil Kirby, YSO.*

*Back row: DiAnn Fields, tour coordinator, PAO; Harvey Rice, YSO; Richard Walker, Security; Rick Collier, YSO; David Greer, Environment, Safety & Health (ES&H); Dean Magee, ES&H; Steve Cooke, Reindustrialization; and Leslie Schaffer, YSO.*



*Employees are given a presentation on the world class computational sciences center at ORNL with the CRAY supercomputers in the background.*



*Employees take a look at ORNL's court of flags while being briefed by UT-Battelle officials on how the Court originated.*



*With the EVEREST Visualization computers in the foreground, employees are briefed on its many uses.*



*SNS officials brief employees in the lobby of the SNS Administration Building as they look over the model display of the site.*

# Employee Spotlight: Betty Diden



**B**etty Diden returned to ORO in September 2006, in the Office of Assistant Manager for Administration, Human Resources Division, Federal Human Resources Branch, serving as an Administrative Assistant.

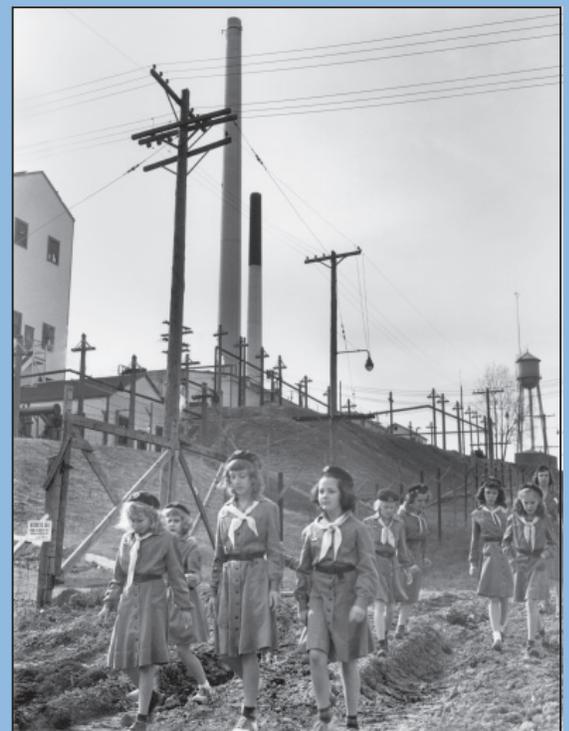
Betty provides office support, coordination, and assistance for various organizations within ORO. She previously worked with ORO from 1988-1995, working in the Human Resources Division as a Clerk and with the Oak Ridge Financial Service Center as an Accounting Technician.

Prior to returning to ORO, Betty enjoyed six years at home with her two sons and then went to work as a Deputy Clerk in the Circuit Court Clerks office in Morgan County, where she resides.

Betty enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband of 17 years, Daniel, and her sons Dustin and Derek.

## This Month in HISTORY

- In 1943, site preparation for the K-25 gaseous diffusion plant commences at Oak Ridge.
- In 1960, the Atomic Energy Commission transfers the hospital to the Methodist church as voted for by citizens in a referendum.
- In 1999, ORO and the State of Tennessee partnership creates Three Bend Scenic and Wildlife Management Refuge Area setting aside 3,000 acres of the Oak Ridge Reservation.
- In 2000, ORO receives White House recognition for pollution prevention work.
- In 2002, the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility opens for business.



*In 1951, Girl Scouts visit Oak Ridge National Laboratory.*

# DOE-ORO851 Implementation Team Luncheon Held

On June 4, 2007, the Oak Ridge Office celebrated the successful completion of its implementation of the 10 Code of Federal Regulations 851, Worker Safety and Health. The successful completion of this endeavor is attributed to the collaborative efforts of the 851 Implementation Team and many other individuals that directly or indirectly supported the team.



Pictured (above) are some of the team members that attended the celebration luncheon with Gerald Boyd, far right. From left are Pauline Douglas, Judy Penry, Terry Allen, Cathy Stachowiak, Nancy Carnes, Roger Casteel, and Jorge Ferrer. Team members not pictured are: Larry Perkins, Randy Smyth, Bobby Price, Cathy Fallon, Marlena Cansler, Jim Craven, and Larry Kelly. The luncheon was sponsored by Roger Casteel, Jorge Ferrer, Carolyne Thomas, and Larry Kelly to express appreciation for the team's hard work and cooperation by so many individuals at ORO. This was truly a team effort.





**NATIONAL  
SAFETY  
MONTH**

**CELEBRATING  
SAFE COMMUNITIES**

This year National Safety Month is “Celebrating Safe Communities.” A safe community comes together to promote safe and healthy behaviors that protect people from hurt and harm in all aspects of their lives.

Workplace injuries are on the decline, but the number of unintentional injuries incurred off-the-job continues to rise. Since a person inhabits many different communities throughout the day – work, home, and every stop in-between – the National Safety Council encourages businesses and individuals to take advantage of safety education, and reduce the risk of unintentional injury and death in everyday life.

June 4-8: Workplace safety

June 11-18: Driving safety

June 18-22: Emergency Preparedness

June 25-29: Safety in the Home and Community

Join us in celebrating safe communities, and make a commitment to the safety and well-being of yourself and everyone else in your community.

For more information go to the National Safety Council Web site at:  
<http://www.ncs.org>

**The** ★  
**Secret City** ★ *From the 40's to the future!*  
**festival** ★



*June 15-16, 2007*

*For a schedule of events and other information, go to  
[www.secretcityfestival.com](http://www.secretcityfestival.com)*

# Electrical Safety Demonstration

As part of last month's National Electrical Safety Month, Scott McGill of the Facility Management Team gave a presentation for ORO federal and contractor employees on May 8th. This presentation included an explanation of how electricity works, the hazards associated with electrical work, and the safety products that are available to consumers to enhance electrical safety. Specific emphasis was placed on cord safety. Attendees at this electrical safety discussion reviewed how to select the correct extension cord for the job and how to avoid creating tripping and fire hazards during use of cords.



## Flag Day - June 14th

Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation.....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.

As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!

### Properly Display Our Flag

There is a right way and a wrong way to display the flag. The American flag should be held in the highest of regards. It represents our nation and the many people who gave their lives for our country and our flag. Here are the basics on displaying the American flag:

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always, raise and lower it ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it.
- The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather.
- After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. It's called "half staff" on land, and "half mast" on a ship.
- When flown vertically on a pole, the stars and blue field, or "union", is at the top and at the end of the pole (away from your house).
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it.
- The union is always on top. When displayed in print, the stars and blue field are always on the left.
- Never let your flag touch the ground, never...period.
- Fold your flag when storing. Don't just stuff it in a drawer or box.
- When your flag is old and has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old flags should be burned or buried. Please do not throw it in the trash.

### Did you Know?

There is a very special ceremony for retiring the flag by burning it. It is a ceremony everyone should see. Your local Boy Scout group knows the proper ceremony and performs it on a regular basis. If you have an old flag, give it to them and attend the ceremony.