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Thermo-Kool Proudly Participates in Prancer Path

As 2021 draws to a close on one of the more challenging years for not only manufacturing companies but for our country in general, it is time to focus on the joy of the holiday season. And, by far, the greatest joy is in giving back to a community **Thermo-Kool** has been happy to call home for over 60 years.

On November 19th, Thermo-Kool had the privilege and honor to participate in a charity event hosted by United Way, which is a longstanding, non-profit organization responsible for charitable donations in five counties. United Way sponsors 23 agencies in the community that assist with basic human needs; such as, food, clothing, shelter, and educational enrichment programs. Some of the agencies they support are county 4-H clubs, scouting for girls and boys, and programs enhancing speech, hearing, and language development. United Way also partners with agencies who provide assistance to domestic abuse and sexual assault victims. 98% of the money given to the United Way of the Pine Belt stays local!



This year, United Way began a new tradition by creating a charity event called, The Prancer Path, where individuals/businesses sponsor and decorate a Christmas tree, creating a magical trail of lights for locals and tourists to enjoy. "On opening night, The Prancer Path welcomed over 500 people and even witnessed a proposal!" stated Ms. Betsy Ivey, head coordinator of the event. In the days that followed, several events for both the young and the youngat-heart were held by the glow of The Prancer Path. A few of which included: a concert on opening night held by local artist, Chad Knight, pictures with Santa, a story-hour for children, and an airing of *Prancer* played against Laurel's downtown movie screen.

It was truly a delight to be involved in something which brought joy to so many, and to take the opportunity to show off **Thermo-Kool's** key asset our employees—in a new way made the experience all the more rewarding. Pictured in this article is the Christmas tree decorated by our team. The tree, with its out-of-this-world theme, boasts a poster with the smiling faces of our tenure team. The pictures displayed on the poster can be found in full on the reverse side of this issue.

Thermo-Kool would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

HOLIDAY NOTICE THERMO-KOOL's offices and factory will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23rd and 24th, for the Christmas Holiday, and Friday, December 31st, for the New Year's Holiday.







EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Steve Wilkerson

PD Engineering Specialist Production Design Department

Steve Wilkerson was selected Employee of the Month for September 2021. Wilkerson was nominated by **Thermo-Kool** Manufacturing Support Manager, Donnie Carpenter, who commented, "During the month of August, Steve stepped up in his department. He helped lead the department and assist the factory while the manager and most of the employees were out." Wilkerson has been with **Thermo-Kool** since October 1998.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Curvin Haynes

Machine Operator Gasket Department

Curvin Haynes was selected Employee of the Month for October 2021. Haynes was nominated by **Thermo-Kool** Production Supervisor, Jermaine Jones, who commented, "Curvin comes to work every day with a positive, upbeat attitude and is always willing to do anything asked of him. He assists in both foam press and pre-assembly, in addition to his work in the gasket department. He is also a big help with training new employees." Haynes has been with **Thermo-Kool** since May 2019.



