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Vogt Selected as Employee of the Month

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Rick Vogt, Director of Landscaping at Lindenwood University, has been named the Employee of the Month for January. The St. Charles native has worked in the position since 2005, prior to which he performed similar duties at his family-owned business, St. Charles Golf Course.

"I worked at the course my whole life, but as an official full-time employee it was about 28 years," said Vogt. "It was just after the golf course closed that I ran into the right person who put me in touch with people at Lindenwood. I've been here ever since."

In his day-to-day duties, Vogt works to maintain the St. Charles campus grounds. He also supervises many students assigned to the department year-round through the University's Work and Learn Program.

"This job is everything to do with the outside and I love that because I don't think I could ever sit at a desk all day," Vogt said. "It's hard work, but whether it's snow removal in the winter or cutting grass in the summer, you can always see right away the improvements you're making."

Vogt has had his fair share of work cut out for him this winter, especially with the most recent storm. His snow removal efforts around campus were lauded by President Evans as well as his immediate supervisor, Kyle Routh.

"During the last snow storm, he was working over 12 hours a day for about two weeks," said Routh, Director of Grounds at the University. "He also runs the department in my absence and I was gone during that time for service in the National Guard. He really stepped up and handled things." "Rick's just an all-around great guy and a dedicated worker."

Did You Know?

Did you know that Vice President Charles Warren Fairbanks (under Theodore Roosevelt) visited Lindenwood while campaigning for the Republican nomination for president? William Howard Taft beat Fairbanks for the nomination when he gained Roosevelt's support.

Lindenwood Shows Well on National Stage

A sellout crowd packed the Hyland Arena Saturday as two of the St. Louis area's top high school teams—McCluer North and Chaminade-- battled for supremacy on a national stage. The game was broadcast live on ESPN.

"Lindenwood looked superb on national TV," said Athletics Director John Creer. "We had rave reviews from ESPN, the two schools, and from the general public. I can't say enough about the crew here at Lindenwood."

Creer said an estimated 20 Lindenwood University staff members—from athletics to IT and admissions—worked long hours that day, which included two Lindenwood University games after the ESPNU game. The ESPNU was a great opportunity for LU students, who were able to shadow ESPN workers in the operations truck outside the arena and interview the ESPN staff after the game.

Chaminade was victorious in the ESPNU game, and both Lindenwood basketball teams continued their winning ways.
