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# Facilities Focus

Facilities Services



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## Dedication of the Public Safety Building Friday, September 16, 2016



Lobby floor

WSU Photo Services, Bob Hubner photo

The Board of Regents, President Schulz and Dr. Noel Schulz, WSU Administration, employees and guests were present at the dedication of the new Public Safety Building on the corner of Grimes Way and Olympia Avenue. This 15,000 sq.ft. building includes offices, evidence rooms and weapons storage, locker rooms, records storage, a small kitchen, a conference room for training sessions, and a 2,500-square-foot garage for the police vehicles. It will house WSU Police, Cougar Security, and the campus Fire Marshal. It is designed with the highest level of safety and security for employees and guests alike, and excellent vehicular access to campus.



Ribbon cutting-WSU Photo Services, Bob Hubner photo



The FS team responsible for this building: PM-Kelly Keane; PM/Interiors-Stacy Gravel; and CM-Rodger Small

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**End of Daylight  
Savings Time:  
Sunday,  
November 6th**



# Custodial Summer Work Projects, 2016

- Tom Parrish



For most of the University, summer is a time of vacations and relaxation. For those that work in Custodial Services, it is also a time to complete many jobs that we cannot do during the school year.

This last summer, we had 14 new Custodial-1 employees start along with 2 employees being promoted to Custodian-3 (Lead) and 1 employee being promoted to Window Washer. We also hired a number of temporary employees to help



on the Window Washing crew, Floor crew and in the different work groups. We were able to complete a large volume of floor work along with many other projects, including washing walls, scrubbing out restroom

floors and just mucking out what was left behind after another year of school. By removing the dirt that grinds away at the carpet fibers or adding a protective layer to the tile floors, the projects completed in the summer not only make the facilities look better but also help extend the life of the floor surfaces.

Custodial was able to complete over 442,860 square feet of floor work between May 1, and

September 1. Along with this work, we also cleaned the two pools (completed by Bohler Crew) and many other summer projects from washing walls, buffing floors and cleaning upholstery to chipping gum off desks. The window washers completed 41,396 sides of glass during this time as well.

Total square feet of floor work completed by each group was: Floor Crew 200,924; Food Science Group 70,643; McCluskey Group 68,346; Fine Arts Group 39,825; Daggy Group 28,441; Bohler Group 17,714; and Johnson Hall Group 16,937.

The Food Science Group went from the least amount done by the six building groups in 2015, at 18,893 square feet, to the most done in 2016, at 70,643! A HUGE increase! This took an outstanding effort by everyone in that group. Great Job!



A big "Thank You" goes out to all those that not only helped with the floor work but to everyone that completed other summer projects or helped clean areas so co-workers could do waxing and carpet cleaning.

When we all work together, we can make a big difference in the appearance of our campus buildings.





# Summer Project - Pool Maintenance

## by Justin Baxter

During the summer, Facilities Services plans and completes maintenance and/or construction projects while the student body is reduced in numbers. One maintenance project that occurs every summer is the Smith and Gibb pool shut down. Over the course of the summer, each pool is shut down and drained while Facilities Services performs work. This generally spans 4-6 weeks per pool, including 1-2 days for draining Smith pool's 125,000 gallons.



*Gibb Pool*

Facilities Services Night Shift Custodians: **Dave Geppert, Roman Guzman, Cassandra Hall, Dan Luman, Jerry Lynd and Jeff Semingson**, begin cleaning the deck and pool tile surface. While this is being done, our Maintenance Mechanics: **Scott Fleischman, Robert Coffee, Rod Main, and Tory Miranda**, begin checking the pool pumps, motors, filter system, and piping. They are looking for anything needing repair and replace, including valves, chemical feed lines, seals and other components necessary for normal pool operation.

During this time, the maintenance mechanics also help prep the depth markers for the paint shop. Facilities Services Construction Painters: **Bill West, Seth Goler, and Vic Edenso**, re-paint the fading pool depth markers. Carpenter Shop Mechanic, **Craig Gray**, reseals the underwater windows in Smith Pool.

Control Shop Techs: **Dennis Van Allen, Shane Leavitt, and Shiloh Farmer**, check the controls for heating and water flow of the both pools. The Utilities Plumbers: **Larry Marshall, John Baldwin, and Robert**

**Brooks**, work on the steam converter that heats the pool. Utility Shop Mechanics: **Tim Leachman and Todd Komp**, test the chlorine gas system for both pools, making sure there are no leaks and the solenoids are operating properly.



*Smith Pool*

This summer, no major projects were on the schedule for Gibb pool. To practice water conservation, it was decided to not drain the 325,000 gallons. Facilities custodial staff were still able to clean the deck surfaces, and maintenance mechanics repaired and or replaced parts in the pool filter, equipment room and gallery. All the employees from Maintenance, Construction and Custodial did a great job keeping on schedule and addressing all the necessary items for maintenance and pool operation.

*Pool Filters*





# Kudos!

Please thank **Paula DeWolf**. Our kitchen looks great and smells good! Most appreciated!! Looking forward to another year of events and programs...and this kitchen is a hub! Cheers and many thanks! A.M. Shannon

I am very impressed with 311 Cleveland! I think there should have been before and after pictures. With the change in the skylights, this room is going to be requested by more and more faculty. In the past faculty have taught here because of the size, not environment. Now the environment will persuade them this is a great place to teach. Please let **everyone** know we are very pleased and excited about the make-over. B. Rhoades

I visited Goertzen Auditorium, Room 21, today and it look absolutely beautiful. I was blown away by the new technology and the appearance of the new boards and lectern (the old boards were a disaster)! I am just thrilled by the changes. Thank you so much!

B. Pinkleton, Interim Dean

I want to let you know that our custodian, **Bonnie Van Allen**, stripped and waxed the computer lab in Neill Hall room 120 and it is the BEST job of stripping and waxing that I have seen in my 16.5 years in this department. Today she is stripping and waxing another computer lab in our building and I couldn't be more impressed or happy. I thanked her personally, but I want to let you know what an outstanding job she has done. T. Wagoner

Just a note to express my thanks for helping us out this last weekend with the scheduled electrical outage on feeder three. **Tom Wilson, Blaine McMahan, Vern Illi, Todd Andrews, and Dave Kimbrell** went above and beyond to take care of me and the occupants of Fulmer VIF, and I very much appreciate the help. Those of us in department land couldn't do what we do without you all, and I don't thank you guys as often as I should. I very much appreciate all that you do! T. Amonett

Just wanted to let you know that the Fine Arts Building lobby and 5<sup>th</sup> floor halls LOOK AMAZING. I know it is not my place, since we are not part of Fine Arts, but being in the building...it really matters what it looks like for us!!!! Please let **Angie Wilbur and Garrett Thurman** know that the Museum of Art staff is thrilled and a big thank you to all! A.M.Shannon

Thanks to **Jonathan Williams and Taylor McClernan** for making my office floor in Kimbrough 248 so nice and clean!!! D. Snider

**Eldon Loe** does a TERRIFIC job! He is always so pleasant to talk to and he does such a nice job keeping things

sparkly and clean, the bathrooms, the hallways, all of it—it is truly appreciated, not just by me but the team that I work with as well! B. Pilcher

Thanks to **Jonathan Williams and Taylor McClernan**! My floor is beautiful! R. Kenedy

Huge thanks to **Gregg Cysensky**. He keeps the playground at the WSU Children's center looking just amazing! M. Chapman

Gotta tell ya, we love our new custodian, **Damian Balmforth**. This guy is great! He's doing a really nice job, and consistent. So far, very, very good. L. McCall

**Bonnie Van Allen** mopped and waxed floors on the first floor, and they are BEAUTIFUL. What a nice surprise to return to work and have a beautifully waxed office floor. The shiny floors are a real treat. I will say, again, that she works hard and it shows! Kudos to Bonnie! T. Wagoner

Please send our thanks to the team of **Matt Jasper, Sam Dailey, Zach Howell and Joe Beck**, who washed windows at the Vet Biomedical Research Building. They look fantastic! Thank you! B. Morton

We certainly appreciate the good job that **Tammy Kelly, Angie Wilbur and Jonathan Williams** did when they waxed the front office area at McCluskey! A. Pinard

The University Leadership (all campuses) conducted Budget Reviews this week for four days in a row. Each day **Eric Parker, FAIS**, setup the computer, loaded the presentations, dialed into the video-conferencing and made sure all was up and running for the presentations. Each presenter was given a 30 minute time limit with the presentations occurring one right after the other. This tight schedule did not allow time for technical issues and there weren't any thanks to Eric's expertise and accountability. L. Arrasmith







## More Kudos!!

We would like to thank **Ted Townsend** for the work he did on our office work area. Ted listened to our concerns and offered a remedy for each area of concern. Ted also went above and beyond the call of duty and installed some bench lights and power outlets that improved our work bench area. In doing so, it made for a job well done, and just what we needed to improve our work area. We appreciate his knowledge and professional expertise in the electrical profession. Thanks again, Ted, and the WSU personnel who made this improvement possible!

R. Magers and L. Erickson

The Cable 8, executive team appreciates the great waxing job in their office. The floor looks fantastic!! -- of course! **Thanks to Tammy Kelly and Angie Wilbur!**

L. McCall

Special thanks to **Nancy Stephenson and Stacy Gravel** for the design of our new space in the reception area,

and the very talented teams from **Construction Services-Structural and Electrical, Maintenance Life Safety, Controls, Electrical, and the Custodial Floor crew**. This project has been a great example of the amazing work Facilities Services employees do on a daily basis!

K. Kamerrer & Team

I just wanted to take a few minutes to let you know how much I appreciate your Heavy Equipment Team, especially **Mike Griswold and Steve Holbrook**. Anytime I need assistance, they make it happen. Whether it is moving a large outdoor sculpture or heavy moveable walls inside the gallery. They are right there. On behalf of the entire staff at the Museum of Art, thank you to you and to your Heavy Equipment Team! They are professional, timely, knowledgeable and amazing problem solvers!

A.M. Shannon

## Information to Note

### Summit Safety Boots

**Monday, October 17th**

**7:00am to 3:30pm**

Shoes must meet the following requirement as outlined in the Safety Toe Footwear Policy memo of May 2, 2010: (1) Be rated for 75 lbs. impact, 2500 lbs. compression (ANSI Z41-1191), (2) Have 6 or 8 inch leather uppers, and (3) Have a slip and oil resistant sole.

If your position requires Safety Toe footwear, please contact Emily Simmons (335-3396 or [esimmons@wsu.edu](mailto:esimmons@wsu.edu)) in FS Accounting for your account balance.



### Flu Shot Fridays

Flu season is approaching fast! Health and Wellness Services invites you to take advantage of their Flu Shot Clinics offered **every Friday, September 23rd through October 28th, 10am-3pm** in room G-40 of the Washington Building; ground level off Nevada Street.

Shots are given intradermal, just under the skin, which is a great choice if you fear needles. HWS will bill your insurance for you. Just present your insurance card at the clinic before receiving the vaccine.



**Don't forget to wear a short-sleeved shirt!**



# More Information



## WSU SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you have a dependent child or grandchild that will be attending WSU next year as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior? If so, now is the time for them to apply for WSU Scholarships which includes the **Facilities Services Scholarship**. The scholarship application is located at: <http://finaid.wsu.edu/scholarships/>

**January 31, 2017**

*is the deadline for completing the scholarship application*



*The application must be completed and submitted for your child to be considered.*

## December Reduced Operations: December 26 thru January 2

The University will be observing "reduced operations" over the Christmas holiday week. Facilities Services will maintain "minimum essential staffing" to serve colleges and departments. Requests for leave during "reduced operations" must be submitted to your supervisor by:

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**



## Washington State Health Care Authority

### Public Employees Benefits Board

#### Insurance Benefits Fair

The Annual Insurance Benefits Fair is scheduled for **Thursday, November 3, 2016**, in the French Administration Building. Representatives from various insurance providers and health providers associated with our state plans will be on site to answer your questions about their programs. You can also learn about benefit changes and your plan options for 2017 at: [www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits](http://www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits)

#### Open Enrollment

From November 1-30, you have the opportunity to make changes to your medical and dental coverage, including adding or removing family members from your PEBB benefits coverage. You may also enroll or re-enroll in a Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) and/or the Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP). *Note: FSA and DCAP are offered only to PEBB benefits-eligible employees.*

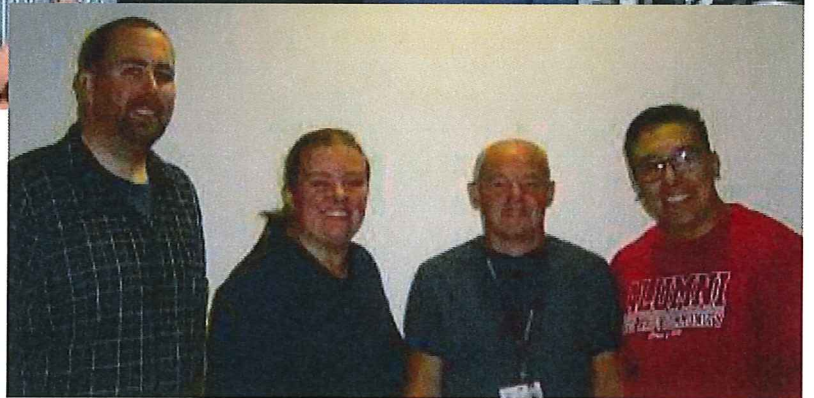


## New Hires



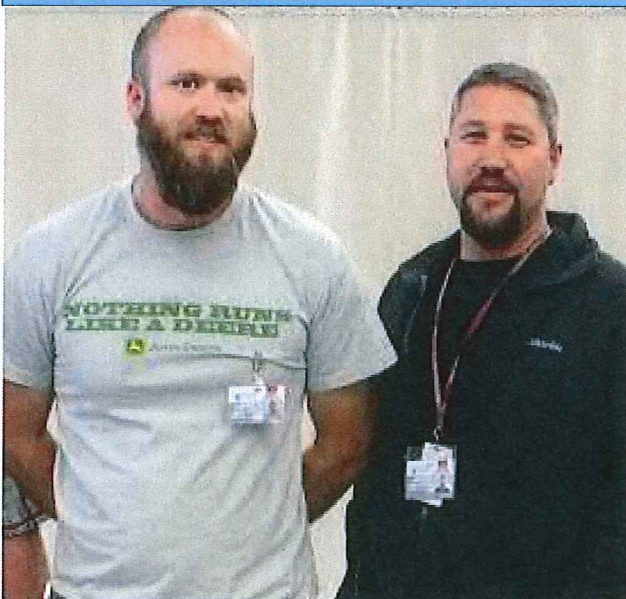
L-R: Kevin McNally, Custodial; Eric Reichmuth, Custodial; Sam Jenkins, FIRM; William (Ken) Zink, Motorpool; Taylor McClernan, Custodial; and Steffani Anderson, Accounting.

Photo at right, new swing shift custodians: L-R: Eric Wiede, Sunny Rains, Steven Sarff and Carlos Olivares.



## Happy Retirement, Dave McCarroll !!

**Promotion—Travis Schaefer  
to Electrical Technician 3  
pictured with Ryan Gehring, Supervisor**



Thanks for 10 great years, Dave! And especially for all the work you and the interns did with the stormwater project. Dave and wife, Pat, look forward to enjoying their time with kids and grandchildren, gardening, home improvement projects and planning a trip to Scotland.

***Congratulations!***



## 10 year Service Award

**Sarah Greer**

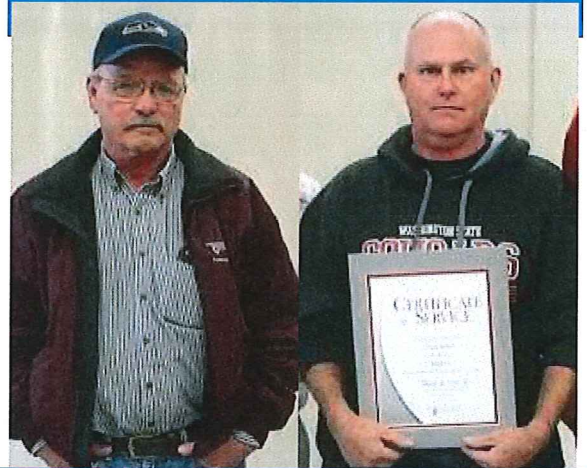
with Assistant Director, Shawn Ringo, EH&S



## 10 year Service Award

**Rod Main**

with Supervisor Ralph Webb



## 25 year Service Award

**Randy Ludiker**

With Director, Tom Parrish



## 25 year Service Award

**Quinton Jacobs**

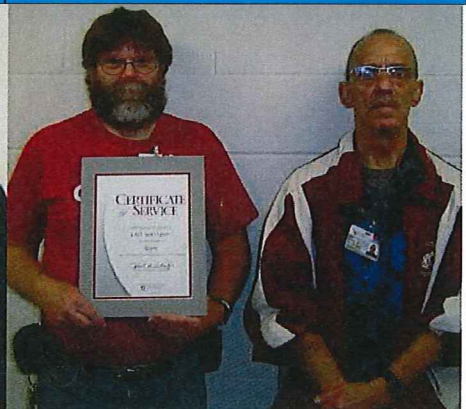
With Supervisor, Ryan Gehring



## 30 year Service Award

**Jeff Semington**

With Supervisor, John Berney



## Employees not pictured:

*Ron Redman, 15 years*

*Leif Erickson, 20 years*

*Christine Persons, 20 years*

*Greg Streva, 25 years*

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**



Length of Service Award Recipients—remember to visit the HRS website:

<http://employee-recognition.wsu.edu/ER+Length+of+service+Award> to order your recognition gift!



## APP Safety Question Winner!

We had 13 entries, all correct answers. Bonnie's entry for the Safety Question was randomly selected from the correct entries. Those correct entries not chosen are placed in the bucket for the annual Safety Award Drawing at the Facilities Services Picnic. Thank you to all that entered the contest! Be sure to enter this month's contest!!

Answer to the APP Safety Question:

Chapter xx:

**Answer** The unit supervisor will maintain a list of the **hazardous** chemicals used by the unit employees in the unit's shop and update the list as necessary on the **Facilities Operations SharePoint site**.



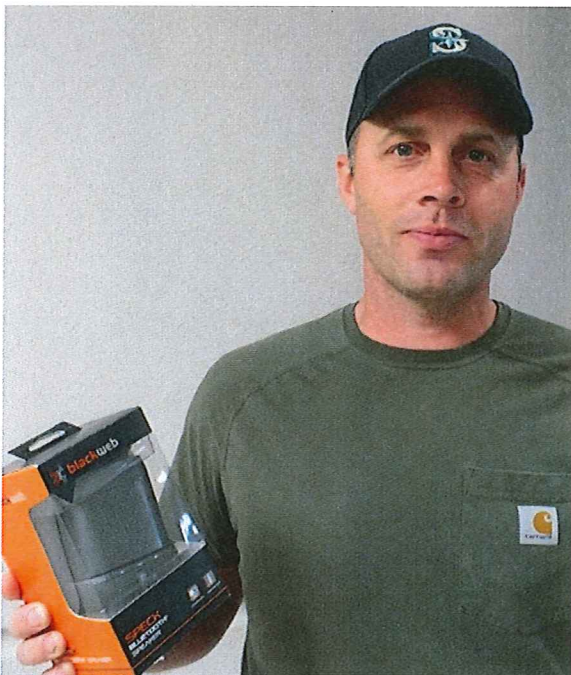
**Bonnie  
Van Allen  
is the Winner!**

(no photo available)

Bonnie will be able to select a prize from  
the Safety Committee Prize Cabinet

## Thanks for Working Safely!!

Dave Stodick and Eric Sorenson were nominated by Jeremy Griffin for following correct procedures as they demolished a cabinet in the McCoy Jr. Surgery Suite. The floor under the cabinet was not visible until the cabinet was removed. They asked that the floor be tested for asbestos before continuing the demolition work. Both were eligible to collect a prize from the Safety Committee Prize Cabinet.



Dave Stodick. (No picture available of Eric Sorenson)





## Facilities Services Safety Committee

### Safety Question Contest for the Month of October 2016

**Directions:** The answer to the question below can be found in one of the chapters of the Accident Prevention Program (APP). Read the question carefully. When you think you have found the answer, you may email your answer to **Jude Durfey** at [jkdurfey@wsu.edu](mailto:jkdurfey@wsu.edu) or print off this page and cut out the form on the dotted lines. You may give the form to your supervisor to **send in intercampus mail to Jude or drop it off at her desk** next to the reception area of the McCluskey Office building. The names of all employees who submit the correct answer will go into a hat for a drawing. Whoever's name is drawn will be able to select one of the monthly safety awards. This contest will be open only until 5 p.m. on **October 31, 2016** so get started finding the answer now and win a nice prize! <http://facops6/safety/APP%20Manual/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Machine Safety Chapter 18:

Supervisors are responsible to ensure: Employees are trained and instructed about and how to implement the PPE requirements and the engineering and administrative controls in accordance with WAC for machine and tool safety in: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and documented on a \_\_\_\_\_ such as PPE Training Chapter 11 Appendix H.

Name of employee submitting the above answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Facilities Services Division: \_\_\_\_\_

### WSU Holiday Schedule

Veterans' Day	November 11, 2016	Martin Luther King Jr.	January 16, 2017
Thanksgiving	November 24 & 25, 2016	Memorial Day	May 29, 2017
Christmas Holiday	December 26 & 27, 2016	4th of July	July 4, 2017
New Year's Day	January 2, 2017	Labor Day	September 4, 2017



**Open to the public every Friday 10am-3pm**



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