

# The Facilities Scoop



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### Mark Your Calendar

**Thanksgiving Break**  
November 28-29

**Finals Week**  
December 16-20

**Winter Holiday**  
December 24 - January 1

## ISU has its own Recycling Crew

*Written by Loretta Taylor*

As many of you may know, ISU Facilities Services now has a formal recycling program. Over the last three years, the Custodial department has been working diligently to handle the massive recycling need on ISU's campus. We've spent many hours collecting, sorting, and transporting literally tons of cardboard, paper, plastic, and aluminum to recycling brokers.

Facilities Services and the Custodial department would like to introduce the newest members of our team. Stephen McMichael, Recycling Leadworker, and



his crew - Thomas Landon and Mike Johns, will be a great help to take ISU's recycling venture to

another level. These gentlemen have been custodians on campus for a number of years, but have recently taken on their new roles as THE recycling team here at ISU. They are dedicated to the program development needed to bring ISU into the world of green initiatives and sustainability. The new team has joined the university's Sustainability Task Force.

A little history: In September 2010, the Custodial department was directed to eliminate the piles of recyclables which were gathering outside the entryways to many of the buildings on campus, causing both eyesores and fire hazards.

Within 24 hours the staff had cleaned up all of the recyclables and excess litter. We held department planning meetings to discuss how to maintain a continued effort so this issue did not occur again. Over the next year, many different approaches to recycling pickup were tested until a suitable working program

was found. By the end of FY2011, the teams had collected and brokered over 72 tons of recycled goods from the campus. We began to see the serious need for a more sustainable solution for large-scale recycling operations. Our program was working but still had many challenges and opportunities. There was a need for more recycling containers throughout campus, more time needed to gather collections, and more awareness of what, why, and how the recycling work was being done.



Today, we have more than doubled the annual amount of recycled product collected in 2010. We have made a considerable dent in the waste stream, but we're not done yet! Through the combined efforts of the Facilities Custodial department, ASISU, The Green-up Club, and The Sustainability Task Force, we are looking to increase

our productivity by 50% again this year! ASISU gave the Custodial department a generous grant of over \$1,100 to purchase small recycle bins for every classroom on campus. The recycling team is in the process of coordinating their efforts with other groups on campus, to bring all



recycling efforts together under one unified program.

To help us in our ongoing efforts, please show this article to friends, relatives, classmates, or anyone who you feel would be interested in helping ISU become a greener, more resource-conscious campus.

## "Spot" Awards



**Josh Scoffield**

Josh has worked for Facilities Services since December 2012 as our Architechtrual Drafter. He has an AAS in Design Drafting from ISU's College of Technology. Josh likes to go camping, fishing, hiking, and enjoys playing with his new baby son and lab puppy! Josh goes out of his way to satisfy each customer. Josh's professionalism and attention to detail is noticed by all. Way to go Josh!



**Jim Short**

Jim has worked as a custodian in Facilities Services for two years. He has an AAS in Computer Software Developing/Language Specialist from ISU's College of Technology. In his free time, Jim likes to cycle and camp. He was nominated for helping individuals find destinations on campus by walking them to the area, and helping them locate a missing item. Thanks for your exceptional service, Jim!



**Larry Coffee**

Larry works for Facilities Services at ISU-Meridian. Larry was commended for his exceptional service and jumping in to work his "magic." He helped organize and clean the Prometric Testing Center lab, and his amazing efforts were much appreciated by those who work there. His dedicated service and over-the-top assistance in opening this lab made a difference in the morale of the staff. Way to go Larry!



**Kim Wright**

Kim has worked for Facilities Services for the past two years as our Graphic Design Specialist. She has a BAT in Web Site Design and Management from ISU. In her spare time she enjoys violent gaming, reading, and spending time outdoors. Kim was commended for being friendly, professional, and a team player. Thanks for your amazing service, Kim!

## Homecoming Parade

*Written by Jillian Stambaugh*

This year marks the 50th year of Idaho State as a university, and the homecoming events were definitely geared toward "Celebrating 50 years of UI!" The parade on Saturday, Oct. 5 called for a major celebration for our department as well. While there were many fantastic floats entered in the competition, the Facilities Services float met last year's challenge, and received first place for the second year in a row! Everyone involved worked very hard again this year for the win. We have an impressive winning streak for Facilities to uphold next year. Special thanks go out to the Heat Plant for chairing the float committee and housing the float

during its creation, as well as everyone who assisted throughout the process. Let's keep up the great work, team! Go Bengals!



## Welcome Kyndell Madsen

I am the new Project and Space Manager for Facilities Services at Idaho State University. I recently moved from Boise, where I worked for the Division of Public Works for about four years. I received my Masters degree in Architecture in 2008 from the University of Idaho. My goal is to become a licensed architect within the next few years. I enjoy spending time with my three kids and loving husband, whether it be going to a movie or camping. I look forward to working with everyone here in the future. ISU has been a wonderful place to work and everyone has been incredibly welcoming. Thank you for this opportunity.



## Welcome Jason Adams

I'm delighted for the opportunity to join ISU Facilities Services as a member of the Planning, Design, and Construction team. I'm originally from Arkansas, and I'm a passionate Razorback fan. I graduated with a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Arkansas. After graduating, I spent nearly six years with the United States Navy Civil Engineer Corps stationed in Pensacola, Florida. After completing my time with the Navy, I moved to Pocatello to work at a private consulting firm. I am a licensed civil engineer in the State of Idaho, and I have lived in Pocatello for the last five years. I look forward to being part of the Facilities Services team.



# Mugs of the Quarter



**Stuart Jones**

M&O - Electrician - 5 years

Favorite Colors: Black & White  
 Favorite Vacation: Sand Dunes  
 Favorite Movie: Groundhog Day



**Sarah Hook**

Grounds - 10 years

Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones  
 Favorite Vacation: London  
 Hobbies: Sculpting, Painting



**Justin Jackson**

Custodial - 2 years

Favorite TV Show: The Office  
 Favorite Vacation: Sand Hollow  
 Favorite Color: Blue



**Rebecca Patterson**

RISE Custodial - 28 years

Favorite Food: Pizza  
 Favorite TV Show: Big Bang Theory  
 Favorite Color: Purple



**Barry Lyon**

Custodial - 8 years

Favorite Food: Cookies  
 Favorite Superhero: The Tick  
 Hobbies: Ren Faires, Camping, Fishing



**Ray Hart**

Idaho Falls M&O - 22 years

Favorite Superhero: MacGyver  
 Favorite Vacation: Pacific Islands  
 Favorite TV Show: Fringe



**Mike DesFosses**

Custodial - 2 years

Favorite Super Hero: Punisher  
 Favorite TV Show: The Walking Dead  
 Favorite Food: Snails



**Barry Hulet**

M&O - Painter - 20 years

Favorite Superhero: Superman  
 Favorite Food: Stroganoff  
 Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Camping

## Easy Fall Soups

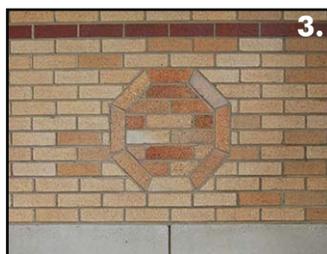
*Written by Jamie Hansen*

With the return of cool autumn weather, thoughts turn to warm and comforting foods. During the months ahead, satisfy your comfort food cravings with a bowl of home-cooked soup. It is the season for rich, hearty soups featuring potatoes, carrots, chicken, cheese, noodles or any other deliciously comforting ingredient. Find recipes for chicken & dumplings, chili, french onion soup and more at: [www.isu.edu/facilities/recipes.shtml](http://www.isu.edu/facilities/recipes.shtml)

## Activity Zone

How well do you know the interior and exterior of our campus buildings? Where were the following photos taken? Email the answers to [wrigkimb@isu.edu](mailto:wrigkimb@isu.edu) or drop them off to Kim in the Facilities Building, #18. All Facilities employees who get all four images correct will be entered

into a drawing to win a prize. The drawing will take place on Friday, November 1st, so get your answers in soon! Answers will be revealed on the Web Site after the drawing. ([www.isu.edu/facilities/scoop.shtml](http://www.isu.edu/facilities/scoop.shtml))



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## Department Updates

### Grounds

As the temperatures begin to cool, the Grounds department is beginning the transition into fall work while also preparing for winter. We will be applying fall fertilizers and herbicides, planting the last of our campus trees, winterizing campus irrigation systems, and preparing our equipment for the "S" word – yes, snow. The Wheatleys visited the campus in October to see the progress of beautification and to discuss upcoming projects. They were very pleased with our accomplishments.

### Transportation Services

We welcome Aubree Robertson, our new Technical Records Specialist, to our team. We have replaced the four old 6v 92 engines with series 50 which gives us a savings of 20 gallons of fuel per day, per bus. That's around 80 gallons per day, or 6,400 per semester, which equates to \$23,000 - \$25,000 per semester in fuel savings.

### Meridian Campus

Meridian Facilities Services has been busy with the pre-construction planning for the new Meridian Anatomy & Physiology Lab project, which is scheduled to begin construction in December. We recently installed Health Science and Bengal banners in our parking lots across the campus. The Emergency Notification System upgrade's final testing has been completed. The system is online and fully operational.

### Public Safety

After many years of service, Linda Tobias has retired and we have welcomed Michelle Ward as our new Management Assistant. The EOC van is operational and was successfully deployed for the first time at the ISU vs.

### Public Safety (continued)

Dixie State home game. We recently prepared the Annual Security & Fire Safety report, which was released to the campus community in early October. In addition, we successfully completed a lockdown drill at ISU-Meridian.

### Maintenance & Operations

Shops has completed the casework for Finance and General Counsel. We have also completed the remodel for Arts and Letters, which included new carpet, replacing ceiling tiles, and building a new desk for the Dean. Elevator and fire alarm inspections are finished. We have completed upgrades to the power around the Facilities compound, and to the main water line at the Life Sciences Complex. Two boilers in the heat plant have received complete system control upgrades.

### Custodial

As students return to campus, there has been an abundance of work and clean-up requests to be taken care of across campus. Hiring has been completed, and our administrative staff, recycling team, new leadworkers, and several full time and student/temp hires have all begun working. We have also made progress with our maintenance shop and key inventory, which is an ongoing venture.

### Planning, Design, & Construction

We are happy to welcome student interns Jeremiah Mortensen and Whitney Leith to our team. They are helping us with our new fire evacuation plans showing the area of assembly, and our PSR log of projects which came pouring in this summer. The new DM and DPW projects are in full swing. Check out the DPW pages on our web site for full details.

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