

# The Facilities Scoop

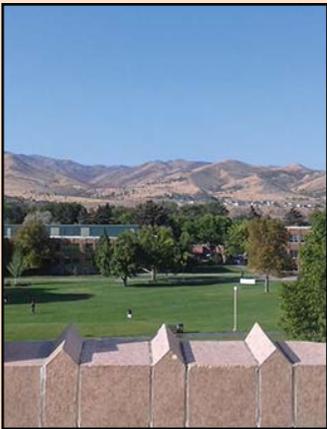
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## Idaho State UNIVERSITY Facilities Services

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### Mark Your Calendar

**Fall Semester Starts**  
August 24

**Independence Day**  
Observed July 3

## Welcome the new Director of Public Safety!

*Written by Lewis A. Eakins*

### Tell us something about yourself

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and spent most of my adult life in Houston, Texas where my wife and I raised our family of one girl and two boys. All of our children are now grown and we have two grandkids. One of my favorite pastimes is roller skating. Coincidentally, my wife Denese and I met on the skate floor while we were students at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. We still skate together, although not as often as we used to.



### What would we find interesting to learn about you?

As a teenager, I was actively involved in the sport of Judo. I competed along with one of my brothers in competitions throughout the Midwest, and we won several championships for our age groups. I obtained the rank of San-Kyu (2nd Brown Belt).

Something else that people might find interesting is the longevity in my family history. I have had several relatives who have lived to be 100+. My maternal grandmother will be 108 years old next year. She lives by herself, has a box garden, is a strict vegetarian, and has a YouTube video showing her exercising at a local fitness center.

### Where have you worked before?

I started my law enforcement career working for the Huntsville Police Department in Alabama as a reserve officer while attending college. Once I graduated from college with a degree in Criminal Justice, I got married and we moved to Houston, Texas where I became the Assistant Chief of Police at Texas Southern University. After a few years, I left the department and law enforcement and joined the Security Department of the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Within two

years, we transitioned the department into the METRO Transit Police through a bill that was passed in the Texas legislature. I was fortunate to rise to the rank of Captain in charge of several bureaus on a rotating basis. After almost nine years with the department, the entrepreneur bug bit me and I became a private investigator for close to twenty years. I was asked to join Oakwood University as the Director of Public Safety in 2006. The department eventually transitioned to law enforcement status, and I became the Chief of Police and served in that capacity until accepting my current position here.

### So why Idaho and particularly Idaho State University?

That is a question my friends, enemies, colleagues, strangers, fellow parishioners, relatives, and pastor have all asked. I really do not have a pat answer. There were probably several factors. I felt that my work had been completed at the institution I left. Everything that had been asked of me had been accomplished. There was also a cadre of qualified law enforcement professionals I had mentored who were ready to move up in the department.

On a personal note, we have a son who works in the insurance industry in Seattle, Washington. Our son, who is married with our two precious grandkids, works as a school principal in Eugene, Oregon. Being closer to our grandkids (5 and 3 years old) was definitely a deal closer. Also, I have always been the adventuresome kind of person. Moving to Idaho feeds that spirit. I used to be an avid skier and would love to relive that past.

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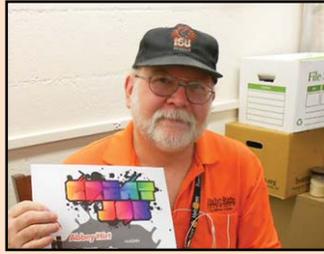
## Public Safety cont.

My wife and I both love the outdoors, and we did a lot of research on what Southeast Idaho has to offer. I became intrigued with Idaho State University because of the accomplishments of the department, competencies of the staff, and the safe campus designation. I have not been disappointed.

### What is your vision for Public Safety?

My vision for Public Safety is for the department to be an industry trend setter that establishes best practices, is innovative in its approach in the delivery of protective services for the campus community, and is sensitive to the needs of all team members while maintaining and fostering an environment that mentors and nurtures.

## ISU Cares "Spot" Award



### Carl Weenig

Carl has worked at ISU for the past 23 years as a Custodian. Carl is being recognized for finding an important piece of electronic equipment that was lost in boxes and packing material that had been discarded. In his spare time he enjoys working in his garden, and grows delicious tomatoes. Thank you Carl for providing exceptional customer service!



### Tami Hollingsworth

Tami has worked at ISU for the past 7 years as a Custodian. She is being recognized for her over-and-above work for the College of Education as they prepared for their annual professional achievement and hooding ceremony. Tami enjoys gardening, walking her dog and visiting with her sister. Thank you Tami for your excellent customer service!

## "Feed the Bengal Bus" Service Project

*Written by Aubree Robertson*

Several Facilities employees participated in Spring 2015 ISU Leadership Development. The program teaches many useful skills while building relationships among all departments across campus. At first, most of us were timid and hung close to those we knew. The shyness changed when we started our service project. Many great suggestions were made, and we decided on "Feed the Bengal Bus." Food was to be gathered for the local Idaho Food Bank and clothing and hygiene products for Aid for Friends. We forgot our "groups"



and became a team. It was amazing to see us all come together for one common goal, to help those that were in need.

ISU buses were parked in front of the Student Union and Continuing Education buildings for advertisement. We presented ourselves and the ISU buses at the Art Walk in Old Town, Fred Meyer, both Ridley's locations, and Albertson's. We gathered over 1,100 pounds of food, several hundreds of dollars of hygiene products, and hundreds of articles of clothing.

Chelsie Rauh (Early College



Program) was our fearless leader, Aubree Robertson became our driver, Jessica Fultz (Biology) was responsible for logistics, and Moses Collier designed shirts. Many other individuals helped, those from Facilities included:

Nicole White, Sheila Lukenbill, Jennifer Otte, Tim Williams, and Darlene Durrant.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project a success!



## Postive Changes in Custodial

*Written by Dianna Brush*

Our new manager, Sheila Lukenbill, has been leading positive changes to serve our campus and our team, and people are noticing. We are being spoiled with new equipment, and this inspires a new sense of pride in our work. We all clock-in at a central location at the beginning and end of each shift which creates unity. We have been given opportunities to laugh, learn, and grow through more extensive training. We have been able to get to know Sheila and each other better. She sees the potential in the department,

and has created a hiring committee and window crew led by custodians. Our custodians are taking on these responsibilities and are rising to the challenge!

The positive image is radiating beyond our department. The window crew is doing an amazing job making the buildings and bus stops sparkle! They have even been hired to clean windows for auxiliary buildings on campus! The recycling team has received a grant from Coca-Cola's Keeping America Beautiful Campaign.

New bins obtained through the grant will help us immensely in standardizing, and will make recycling more efficient across campus. A consistent bin appearance will encourage everyone to help ISU recycle materials. These are just a few examples of upgrades being implemented. We are excited about all the changes and looking forward to meeting summer project goals. Thank you to all the custodians who will be working hard all summer to get the buildings ready to welcome back students this fall!

## Mugs of the Quarter



**Titus Atkins**

Meridian Custodial - 4 years

Favorite Color: Crimson  
 Favorite Author: Stefan Zweig  
 Favorite Vacation: Vegas



**Laura Call**

Public Safety - 7 years

Favorite Author: J. K. Rowling  
 Favorite Vacation: Washington, D.C.  
 Hobbies: Gardening and Yard Work



**Mark Cates**

M&O - Heat Plant - 27 years

Hobbies: Traveling  
 Favorite Vacation: Maui  
 Favorite Food: Buddy's Sausage Sandwich



**Rocky Haddon**

Custodial - 2 years

Hobbies: Fishing  
 Favorite Author: Stephen King  
 Favorite Movies: Westerns



**Dan Marley**

M&O - Shops - 4 years

Favorite Color: Maroon  
 Favorite Movie: October Sky  
 Favorite Superhero: My Dad



**Lucas Keller**

Custodial - 4 years

Favorite Vacation: Rome  
 Favorite Food: Pasta  
 Favorite Color: Lime Green



**Steve Taryole**

Custodial - 3 years

Favorite Superhero: The Hulk  
 Favorite Food: Grandma's Cooking  
 Favorite Animal: Tibetan Mastiff



**Laurie Schorsch**

EPE - 26 years

Hobbies: Camping  
 Favorite Color: Blue  
 Favorite Vacation: Tahiti



**Matt Hill**

Public Safety - 5 years

Favorite Vacation: Seattle  
 Favorite Color: Blue  
 Favorite Food: Philly Cheese Steak

## Activity Zone

Can you decipher these ISU departments/programs? They have their vowels missing. Email your answers to wrigkimb@isu.edu or drop them off to Kim in the Facilities Building, #18. All Facilities employees who correctly answer 15 out of the 20 words will be entered into a drawing to win a prize. The drawing will take place on Friday, July 17th.

For example:  
 fclts = facilities

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|------------|------------|
| 1. ccntng  | 11. dmssns |
| 2. cnmcs   | 12. thltcs |
| 3. mrktng  | 13. nglsh  |
| 4. chmstry | 14. msm    |
| 5. blgy    | 15. nrsng  |
| 6. hstry   | 16. rsrch  |
| 7. mthmtcs | 17. hsnng  |
| 8. dctn    | 18. msc    |
| 9. csmtlgy | 19. ngnrng |
| 10. rgsrtr | 20. bsns   |



Albert Worth hanging new flags across campus

# World-Class Facilities Professionals SERVING ISU TOGETHER

## Department Updates

### Transportation Services

The new motor pool suburbans and trucks are being used well. We are preparing for our new billing system with HP1 being shut off in July. The Commuter Bus side is completing all updates for fall. Commuter Bus provided buses for "Feed the Bengal Bus."

### Custodial

We've received our recycling grant of 50 bins/50 tops. Our quarterly achievements are: 70 new building SDS binders; new Spartan chemical dispensers to be installed July 2nd; new soap/dispensers install in progress; purchased backpacks/uprights vacuums, carpet fans, Nautilus extractor, and fiberglass ladders. We are beginning warehouse electronic inventory/management.

### Idaho Falls

The landscape crew has the grounds looking great. Custodial has had an early jump on summer detail work that needs finished before fall semester starts. The maintenance crew has caught up on several paint projects. We are in the process of repairing leaks in the heating water loop at the Center for Advanced Energy Studies.

### Grounds

With graduation complete, major construction has begun. Everywhere you look on campus something is getting repaired, replaced, or constructed. We are busy mowing, trimming, watering, planting, and constructing new beautification projects for students, staff, faculty, and visitors to enjoy. Take a minute to stop and smell the flowers and enjoy the beautiful campus we have!

### Public Safety

Director Lewis Eakins started in May, and Officer Orme graduated from a two-week police motorcycle training program. We went live with a new personal safety app called RAVE Guardian. Three active shooter table top exercises were held in June. We've moved forward with our pay station project to replace parking meters, and work should be completed before school starts. By the end of summer, we will have added 50 card readers for a total of 250 on campus.

### Meridian

The Treasure Valley Anatomy and Physiology Lab construction has been completed, and we now have occupancy. We are still performing



Meridian A&P Lab

functional testing of the mechanical systems to ensure set points are met. We participated in a table top exercise of an active shooter incident. This exercise involved the Meridian

Incident Command Team, Public Safety, Meridian Police Department, and West Ada School District.

### Maintenance & Operations

Underway are numerous coordination projects with our local utility companies to update some aged equipment and improve the services. We have also been coordinating and assisting with DPW projects, PSRs, and a multitude of work orders. We appreciate the assistance and patience of the faculty, staff, and students while we attend to all of the needs of the University.

### Exemplary Service

We provide reliable and responsible service.

### Team Unity

We are professionals serving professionals.

### Ownership Mindset

We know, protect, and improve our facilities.

### Communication

We minimize surprises through listening, understanding, and being understood.

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