Employee of the Month

Chad Henager
Electrician III

Congratulations to Chad Henager. He has been chosen as July 2006, Employee of the Month. Chad has been working with the electrical shop at Facilities for over twelve years. He worked in Jackson Hole, Wyoming for Lower Valley Power and Light before starting here at USU.

Chad is originally from Murray, Utah, but came real close to graduating from Mesa High in Mesa, Arizona, a true jackrabbit! He has lived and worked in Eureka, Nevada; St. George, Utah; Bullhead City, Arizona; and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Chad and his wife Wendy are approaching their twenty-first anniversary. She is originally from Cleveland, Idaho. They have two teenagers, Kenny and Jennifer. They also have two dogs, Jool and Frankie, and two cats, but he forgets their names.

He enjoys hiking the local canyons with his dogs, swimming in Bear Lake on a hot day and hunting snipe when they are in season.

Congratulations Chad!

Seat Belt use in pickup trucks

by the Safety Committee

A majority of WCF fatality claims are a result of motor vehicle operations. Over half of these fatality claims, during 2003 and 2004, involved motor vehicle crashes. May of these fatalities could have been prevented with the use of a seat belt. Overall seat belt use in Utah was 80% in 2002, and 85% in 2003; but, pickup truck driver seat belt use is much lower.

Recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) research has shown that men who drive pickups, ages 18-39, are less likely to buckle up compared to drivers and passengers in other passenger type vehicles. The research found that many pickup drivers believe they are protected from harm because their trucks are big and well-built compared to cars. However, pickup truck rollover probability in a crash is twice that of passenger cars. Safety belts reduce the risk of dying in a pickup truck rollover crash by as much as 80%.

In Utah, during 2002, single vehicle rollover crashed accounted for 44.6% of all fatal crashes. Many of these vehicles were pickups and SUVs. Seat belted occupants survival chances increased dramatically versus unrestrained occupants. Unbelted occupants were 14 times more likely to die than belted occupants. In addition, if a driver is unbelted, the odds of children passengers being restrained drops from 96% to 50%.

Any occupant of a pickup or other motor vehicle should fasten their seat belt. If an individual does not, he or she is not only breaking the law, but putting themselves in danger as well as passengers and other motorists.

An individual not wearing a seatbelt can also be ticketed, though the probability of receiving a ticket depends on a variety of factors and the type of seatbelt law in different states. As a habit, fasten your seatbelt, and insist on your passengers fastening their seatbelts before you even start your engine.
What does Utah law require regarding the wearing of safety belts and the use of child safety seats?

Utah law (Title 41-6-182 UCA) requires the following:
- The driver and all passengers must use a seat belt, if one is available.
- Children from birth through four years of age must be properly restrained in an approved car safety seat.
- A driver may be stopped and cited if anyone under 19 years of age is unrestrained.
- A driver is responsible for unrestrained occupants in the vehicle that are under the age of 16.
- When a vehicle is occupied solely by people 19 years of age and older, they may not be stopped and cited for a safety belt violation unless the vehicle operator has been stopped for another law violation.

Can people legally ride in the bed of a pickup truck?

- Utah law does not prohibit people from riding in the bed of a pickup truck. However, since occupant restraints are not available in that location, it isn't a good idea. It's much better if people ride inside the cab of the truck and use safety belts. If someone must ride in the bed of a truck, they should be seated on the bed of the truck and as close to the cab as possible. Never permit anyone to sit on the sides of a truck bed or on an open tailgate.

Is it legal for me to use a cellular phone while driving in Utah?

- Currently, Utah law does not prohibit the use of a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. However, the UHP recommends common sense in the use of these devices. You are urged to follow these guidelines:
  - If possible, dial the phone when the vehicle is not in motion, such as at a traffic light or stop sign.
  - If you use a wireless phone a lot while driving, consider getting a hands-free device.
  - Learn to operate the phone without looking at it.
  - Never allow a phone conversation to distract you in your driving.
- Keep calls brief.
- While talking, keep your head up and your eyes on the road. Frequently check your mirrors.
- Don't try to take notes or look up phone numbers while driving.
- If you must look up information, find a safe and legal place to stop, and do your research while the car is not in motion. If you are on the freeway, don't stop in the emergency lane to do this; instead, exit the freeway and find a safe place to stop on a surface street.

"You can also check out my podcast."
Happy Birthday!
to these Facilities employees!

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Ricardo Sandoval July 5
Sheri Andersen   July 8
Greg Hunsaker    July 8
Tyler Rampton    July 8
Dani Hymas       July 9
Jeff Craw        July 10
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Michael Jones    July 11
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Bryan Bingham    July 14
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Glen Hudson      July 16
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Carmen Lopez     July 17
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Curtis Leishman  July 18
Claine Baird     July 19
Terrel Murray    July 20
Joe Sorenson     July 21
Roy Reeder       July 22
Scott Hampton    July 23
Bob Rich         July 23
Bob Riding       July 23
Jeff Turley      July 24
Chris Olsen      July 25
Kevin Phillips   July 26
Kim Nielsen      July 31
Edwin Ortiz      July 31

Pat on the Back

Shelly Lindauer from the Child Development Lab called and wanted to express her appreciation for Carl Wildrick. She said that he is a valuable asset to the University. He is truly an amazing hard worker. He is patient and kind and very caring about how the grounds are cared for. The people of the CDL very much appreciate him. Thanks Carl!!!!

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