USU Facilities is pleased to announce Lance Maughan as the Employee of the Month for March 2014. Lance has worked at Facilities since 2005. He began working in the Plumbing Shop and is currently part of the Water Quality Team. Prior to USU Facilities, Lance worked locally for Scott James Plumbing and Skyline Plumbing.

Lance attended Bridgerland Applied Technology College (BATC) for four years and became a master plumber. Lance continues to advance in his field, receiving his Water Operator’s License, Backflow and Pool Technician Certifications.

Jamie Pearce, Water Quality Supervisor, has said, “Lance is great at listening carefully to what the customer wants and then works with them until it is achieved. He also has an excellent camaraderie with his fellow employees in the shop and throughout Facilities. Lance has a positive, can-do attitude and is always willing to take on new responsibilities. Shortly after joining the shop, he quickly obtained the new certifications he needed, allowing him to take on new job functions with proficiency. Recently when Logan City asked us to make changes to the way we report backflow tests, Lance updated our tester reports in order to meet their new requirements. He has also helped in new ideas for balancing the chemistry in the HPER pools. Lance is a wonderful asset to the Water Quality Shop.”

Daniel Ferris, Director of Utility Services, has said of Lance, “Lance is a phenomenal employee with an amazing attitude and great communication skills. He is constantly striving to provide outstanding customer service and always willing to go the extra mile.”

Lance was born and raised in Newton, Utah and has two brothers. Lance and his wife, Stacy, reside in Newton with their two boys; Bracken (6 yrs.) and Dylan (3 yrs.). They are lucky to have built in babysitters with Lance’s parents close by!

Lance enjoys playing the guitar and is a fan of all types of music. He and his family also enjoy camping and hiking.

Congratulations on this well deserved recognition!
Facilities Employee Awards

Performance Recognition Award: Jon Thompson is being recognized for the recent carpet installation at the Utah Water Research Laboratory. Jan. S. Urroz of the UWRL has expressed her appreciation for Jon’s professionalism and conscientiousness in satisfying his customer. He ensured Jan that her department would experience minimal disruption, and then actually completed the job earlier than expected. In addition to the carpet installation, Jon arranged to have the movers there to relocate furniture from seven offices, arranged for the painters to do their work, and then had the movers return and put all the furniture back in place. Everything was handled in a timely fashion and without any complications. Jan also states that Jon has a great work ethic, paying extra attention to customer service and to the details. At the completion of the job Jon stopped by to make sure everyone was happy with the end result. Congratulations to Jon for all he does for USU and Facilities!

Tuesday, March 4 is Mardi Gras:  *Mardi Gras* is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the final day of revelry before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins. The first Mardi Gras parade was held in New Orleans on Feb. 24, 1857 by the Krewe of Comus. They began the tradition of presenting a parade with floats and following it with a ball for the krewe and their guests. Rex, the King of Carnival, selected the Mardi Gras colors and assigned meaning to them in 1892. Purple stands for justice, green for faith, and gold for power.

Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday March 9, 2014

Set your clocks ahead one hour...

“Spring Forward”

Saint Patrick’s Day, Monday, March 17

Saint Patrick’s Day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs. “Erin Go Bragh” is perhaps the most common Irish term you will hear. It means, “Ireland Forever”. Did you know that over 34 million Americans are of Irish descent? That’s almost nine times the population of Ireland!
**Safety Corner**

USU Facilities has worked 290 days* without lost-time as of FEBRUARY 26, 2014. The previous record was 355 days. Do your part to help extend the record!

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Dear Facilities,

Thank you all for your support and kind words during this difficult time. And thanks for the wonderful planter and card. We really appreciate them.

Thank you,

Jeff and Pam Craw

Dear Facilities,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant that was sent to me at the time of my Mother’s Passing. It gives me such a warm feeling to know that you care. Thank you!

Love,

Julie Hull

**Congratulations**

- to Trish & Levi Duffin on the arrival of their baby girl, Harper Zoe!
- to Kalilou & Kellisha Fofana on the arrival of their baby boy, Seyba!
- to Ben & Chelise Elwood on the arrival of their twins, Elsie & Drake!
- to Leif & Jessica Nyman on the arrival of their baby girl, Emmaleah!
- to Justin & Becky Bankhead on the arrival of their baby boy, Ian Daniel!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Kamisa Knuteson 1
Anthony Miller 1
Tyler Greene 2
Katie Robinson 2
Chris Domenici 3
Jacelyn Lukenbill 3
Chet Smith 3
Sheila Lukenbill 4
Mason Lowe 7
BJ Carmack 7
Sean Baker 7
Stephanie Pijuan 8
Linda Hudson 9
Brett McAllister 9
Jonathan Thompson 12
John Gilden 16
Lindsey Draper 16
Shanna Avila 16
Spencer Buswell 16
Joshua Jensen 17
Kyler Mitton 18
G. Joe Wilson 20
David Crow 21
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Gerald Green 22
Delena Williams 23
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Aaron Nelson 24
Garrett Thurston 25
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Stephanie Hale 27
Steven Jardine 27
Vicki Martin 28
David Miller 28
Robert Jacobsen 29
Amber O’Quinn 29
Angel Garcia 30
Scott Nydegger 30
Christopher Barr 31
Calvin Moser 31
Ted A. Johnson 16 Years
G. Todd Reid 16 Years
Curtis Christensen 14 years
Raymond Pitcher 14 years
Raelene Jepsen 13 years
Patricia Nelson 13 years
Lloyd B. Johnson 10 years
Angel Garcia 9 years
Juanita Hunting 9 years
Mark Hunting 9 years
Matthew Eskelson 7 years
Adam Hunting 6 years
Glen Dabb 3 years
Todd Durfee 3 years
A. Levi Waldron 3 years
Kurt Elbert 2 years
Branden Blanchard 1 year
Trec Reed 1 year

The Star-Spangled Banner, the National Anthem of the United States of America, was written by Francis Scott Key.

National Anthem Day celebrates this song and the rich history behind its creation. The song officially became our national anthem on March 3, 1931.

Celebrate March 3 by proudly flying the flag and listening to the Star-Spangled Banner.

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