USU Facilities is pleased to announce Kurt A. Elbert as the employee of the month for November 2015. Kurt has been with Facilities for three years, working in the Facilities Maintenance department. Before coming to Facilities, Kurt worked for 35 years as a brick layer for various employers.

Rob Reeder, Director of FM and Landscape Operations & Maintenance has said, “Kurt is very innovative and does a lot of little extra things for not only his customers, but for his fellow Facilities employees. He is known for being a “Jack of all trades” and continually utilizes his skills outside the scope of his responsibilities. We have a unique customer who requires special attention. Kurt always seeks this customer out, making sure he is being taken care of. This customer frequently mentions Kurt by name and expresses his thanks for all Kurt does for him.”

Mark Hunting, FM Manager has said, “Whenever we get new equipment, Kurt is quick to train all the other clusters on how to use it. Every now and then he attends training seminars and then returns to train the rest of the group on what he’s learned. Because he isn’t afraid of ladders, Kurt has become the “light changer”. He truly is a shining star in our cluster, is always on time and is often the first person to be seen each day in the new Agriculture building. He fills in when others are sick and always makes new employees feel welcome. Kurt has a happy, can-do attitude which is so contagious. Even when we’re shorthanded, Kurt remains positive and gets the work done.”

Kurt was born in Fullerton, CA. At the age of ten his family moved to Logan. His parents currently live on the Island in Logan and his two brothers live in Logan and Salt Lake City.

Kurt graduated from Logan High School and then attended Bridgerland Applied Technology College for three years, earning his Journeyman Brick Layer’s license.

Kurt and his wife, Kelly, live on acreage in Smithfield. They have two sons; Derek lives in Smithfield and Garrett in Boise, ID. They also have one grandchild.

In his spare time, Kurt is an avid outdoorsman. His main love is riding one of his three horses in the mountains. While out in the wilderness he can be found trap shooting, camping, and hunting big game and birds. Most times his black Lab, Ace, will come along for the ride!

We are so happy to have Kurt as part of the Facilities family. Congratulations to Kurt on this well-deserved recognition.
STEP-UP AWARD: Ken Carrillo deserves recognition for extra efforts he made that resulted in a $20,000 savings in consulting fees to the University. The fees were requested as extra scope by the firm USU had contracted with to analyze structural systems for a building, but Ken challenged this assumption and resolved that the work should be included in the original fee. Since this scenario was unusual and complicated, without Ken’s extra effort and attention to research this, challenge the request, and make a logical case, the University may have paid extra fees needlessly.

Our very own Greg Davis of the HVAC Shop was recently hailed a hero! A young woman was dining at The Hub on Friday, October 9. She began choking, but none of the seven diners at her table did anything. Greg saw what was happening and put his First Aid training into action. He performed the Heimlich maneuver on the young woman, dislodging the food that was stuck in her throat. Greg may have very well saved her life. Thanks to Greg for all he does for so many and Facilities!

STEP-UP AWARD: We recently had a huge project at the USTAR building. Our HVAC group of Ken Weeks, Blake Midgley, Clark Hunsaker, Edwin Ortiz, and TJ Ross really went above and beyond. The chimney was leaking and it had to be torn down and repaired. Scaffolding had to be put up multiple stories so that the chimney could be taken apart and have new seals and clamps installed. Because of the work these five men accomplished on this project, they were able to save USTAR thousands of dollars in repair costs. Thanks to Ken, Blake, Clark, Ed and TJ for a job well done!

STEP-UP AWARD: Brianne Kidd and Jessica Monson work primarily in the New Engineering building and the Engineering Lab respectively. While they both have always been considered key people to the success of their cluster, these past few months they’ve really stepped up. Along with having several events in their area, several new employees have been hired, causing Brianne and Jessica to take on leadership roles within their buildings. They have both been extremely helpful in training, supervising, and offering suggestions as to how their cluster can accomplish tasks in a shorter period of time. These two women are very dependable, rarely missing any days, and are always on time. They have become indispensable to the success of their cluster and we regularly receive compliments from the building occupants as to their high standard of work. Congratulations to Brianne and Jessica for all they do for Facilities and the USU campus!
Safety Corner

USU Facilities has worked 365 days* without lost-time.
*as of October 27, 2015.
The previous record was 414 days.
Please do your share to extend the record!

Lost-Time Hours (Goal: Less Than 200)

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Be Careful Out There!

Dear Facilities,

I just wanted to take the time to thank you and your staff for taking such good care of us today! Phone replaced and light cover hanging over a tech’s head repaired. Such great response time. Thanks!

Debbie Oliver, Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

Dear USU Facilities,

Thank you so much for thinking of us at this time. We appreciate your kindness.

Jerry, Terri, Austin, Jason and Brielle Petterborg

Dear Facilities,

We wanted you to know how much we appreciated the beautiful, healthy plant that we received at my son’s passing. Thank you so much.

With love, Chris Jensen and family

Dear Facilities,

A very common route for USU campus cyclists is the tunnel going under 89 at the 700 East yellow lot. There is a problem with “Goat Heads Weed” causing many flat tires. LOAM has been contacted and will make an effort to get this area sprayed next year prior to the plants fruiting. In the meantime, LOAM will have the sidewalk blown off in order to help prevent further tire and shoe damage. We’re always grateful to have these types of things brought to our attention.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Katie Swope 1
Eli T. Domery 2
Jordan Rasmussen 3
Patsy G. Beutler 4
Kendra Newman 6
Daniel H. Herrero 6
Sara J. Debban 6
Autumn Allinson 7
Mitch L. Schifferman 7
Tammy L. Beutler 8
Darren Burnett 9
Hyonseok Yang 9
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Makenzie Larsen 22
Scott Hall 22
Kiah Brown 22
Robert W. Reeder 23
Kellen L. Tarbet 23
Aaron Wyatt 23
Zane Petersen 24
Brian J. Taylor 25
William A. Staker 26
Wyatt Bowser 26
Mikel L. McBride 27
Vilma Valle 27
Jordan A. Arroyo 28
Michael R. Law 28
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Kelly Burgon 30
Juel Odulio 30

Thanks to:

Richard A. Boudrero 40 Years
Thomas D. Findlay 37 Years
Elbert J. Sweeten Jr. 32 Years
Roy E. Hebdon 30 Years
Philip W. Bankhead 22 Years
Edwin D. Buist 21 Years
Patsy G. Beutler 16 Years
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Saia S. Hola 3 Years
Ricardo A. Sandoval 2 Years
Delena A. Williams 2 Years
Ryan Griffiths 1 Year
Samuel Shreeve 1 Year
Brad D. Ward 1 Year

Thank You
BERT SWEETEN
for 32 years of service to USU Facilities. We will miss you!!