

## USB News

### Facilities Management

March 2014

- New **Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Hybrid Plan** combines the features of a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Open enrollment for the plan is January 1 - April 30. Human Resources will be offering informational sessions for Facilities Management on the VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan in the University Services Building, room 102. No need to sign up to attend sessions. Contact the Benefits Team at 540-568-3593 or [benefits@jmu.edu](mailto:benefits@jmu.edu) with questions that you may have regarding the VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan.

Monday	March 10	2:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday	March 12	10:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Tuesday	March 18	10 a.m. – noon



- **Open enrollment** for Health benefits is scheduled for May 1 - 23.
- The **Administration and Finance Divisional Meeting** is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, May 13.
- **Summer jobs for FM** are posted in [JobLink!](#) Positions are available in Landscape, the Paint Shop, and Maintenance (Oil Burner Shop and Power Plant).

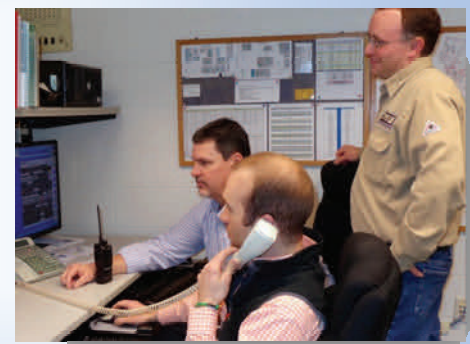
### *Brrrrr.....*

Winter weather has been particularly harsh this year! Snow, ice, and temperatures in the single digits have created challenges for many FM staff in keeping up with the needs of the university. FM staff has responded to this task with commitment and professionalism.

During the recent cold weather, Building Automation and HVAC staff monitored buildings and adjusted their work schedule to provide 24 hour coverage to respond to heating issues. Plumbing staff responded to burst frozen pipes. Life Safety staff responded to burst sprinkler pipes as well as frozen sprinkler heads.

Landscaping, with help from other shop staff, has taken care of snow and ice removal. This has been particularly difficult when the temperatures get in the single digits.

Housekeeping staff made sure residence halls were taken care of when the university closed early, sending in a group to touch up and take the trash out of the buildings. They also cleaned up interior areas that were flooded due to bursting pipes. Supervisors, Donna Fink and Bonnie Barr, stayed in a hotel during this last snow storm to cover any requests for housekeeping services. They did this so that their staff could stay home.



*Building Automation Technicians Steven Tennyson, Matthew Jefferson and Terry Grimm monitored building temperatures around the clock during the recent cold snap.*

“I am extremely impressed how the shops have come together during this time. This is an example of the dedication our employees have,” said John Ventura, assistant director of Operations.

 **FM Snapshots**



Construction Engineer, Gary Thayer



Landscape Worker, Jeremy Miller



Valentine raffle winner, Kim Collier

*Banquet Committee:*

- \* **Barbeque** sandwich and *cupcake* sale on Wednesday, March 12, 11a.m. 12:30 p.m., USB, room 111.
- \* Kim Collier won the Valentine Raffle. Thanks to all who participated!
- \* Ice cream is available for sale all year in Work Control.
- \* Sandwich sales are the third Wednesday of the month at morning break and lunch.



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*FM Birthdays for March*

Daryl Ours 3/2	Wes Elyard 3/4	Gloria Reedy 3/4	Kay Ridenour 3/4	Joy Wimer 3/4
Daniel King 3/5	James Bales 3/6	Scott Funck 3/6	Donna Saufley 3/6	Paul Sullivan 3/6
Wayne Barnard 3/7	Karl Hart 3/7	Angela Marston 3/7	Juanita Mongold 3/7	Brittany Rexrode 3/7
Donna Smith 3/7	Karen Eppard 3/8	Mike Hensley 3/8	Doug Judy 3/8	David Butler 3/9
Buck Waters 3/9	Gregg Chevalier 3/10	Connie Knicely 3/10	Donna Kennedy 3/11	Brandon Martin 3/11
Bonnie Comer 3/12	Melissa Hammer 3/12	Kelly Metheny 3/12	Kevin Bridges 3/13	Glenn Wayland 3/14
Peter Duhaime 3/15	Jimmie Wisman 3/16	Danielle Hallquist 3/17	Dulbelis Valdez 3/18	Dale Back 3/19
David Meyer 3/21	Bob Monk 3/21	Shannon Cash 3/22	Veronica Losh 3/22	Terry Watson 3/22
Keith Wellard 3/22	Roger Stover 3/23	Duane Swanson 3/24	Debra Turner 3/24	David Wilson 3/24
Teresa Cash 3/26	Jackie Henderson 3/26	Brenda Snyder 3/26	Angel Falls 3/28	Audrey Grim 3/28
Kathy Fadely 3/29	Ken Fox 3/29	Chris Miller 3/29	Wayne Aylor 3/31	

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