

USB News

Facilities Management
April - June 2012

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

for health insurance benefits, flexible reimbursement accounts and AFLAC.

Any changes will be effective July 1, 2012

Important dates...

Tuesday, May 8 - Administration and Finance Divisional Meeting

Location:	Festival Ballroom
Time: 8:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast
8:55 a.m.	Meeting starts
11:45 a.m.	Meeting adjourns
Shuttle service:	
8:05 a.m.	Pick up at the University Services Building
8:20 - 8:35 a.m.	Arrive at the Festival
11:45 a.m.	Return from Festival



Thursday, May 10 - JMU Thanks to You Employee Appreciation

Location:	Festival
Time:	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day (JMU holiday)

BANQUET COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Ice cream social to be held the end of April in the USB lunchroom.
- Weekly ice cream sales to start in May. Sales are typically every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the hallway in front of the USB lunchroom.
- Ham and roast beef sandwich sales typically held the third Wednesday of the month in the hallway in front of the USB lunchroom.

Electric Shop

Two hundred years. That is the total number of years of electrical experience held by the members of the Electric Shop. There are seven electricians in the shop, with years of experience ranging from 15 to 40. Supervisor, Al Smith, has 40 years of experience in the electrical field, and 25 of those years have been while working at JMU.

Although it may seem that Al is a permanent fixture (not of the electrical variety) in Facilities Management, he will be retiring this August. In his quarter century at JMU, he has witnessed many changes in the Electric Shop. Back in 1987, JMU had its own electrical system that produced electricity. The system was ancient and overloaded and in the mid 1990's, Harrisonburg Electric Commission became JMU's source of electricity.

Safety practices have certainly improved throughout the years. Al recalls using dangerous, antiquated equipment like a four-foot piece of wood with a hook to pull or push open air cut-outs in order to break or energize a circuit. It was like having "lightening at the end of your hands". Today, safety is first. Current equipment is much safer, and the shop is always looking for ways to reduce risk of injury, especially electrocution. In April, employees will participate in Arc fault flash training to learn ways to prevent high temperature pressure blasts. Al anticipates that in the near future all electrical equipment will be rated for danger and will indicate what safety equipment is required to perform repairs or maintenance.

There have also been significant changes in the types and volume of equipment that is serviced by the shop. Computers, televisions, and telephones account for much of the increase in demand for electrical work. In 2011, the Electric Shop ran over 10,000 feet of conduit. The majority of it was for University Telecommunica-

for such things as lasers and electron magnets for science labs, wind turbines, security cameras, and card access.

A tremendous portion of electrical work is dedicated to the design, building, installation and maintenance of card access systems. JMU has over a hundred buildings that utilize card access. New construction on campus increases the workload in this area. It will take two to three months to complete all of the card access required for the new CISAT Biotech Academic Building. Because card access systems have a lifespan of about eight to ten years, they must be replaced continuously. The shop currently upgrades card access for two to three dorms per year.

The Electric Shop is fortunate to have many skilled workers to handle all the electrical challenges of a large, modern campus. Six of the seven electricians possess Master Electrician Licenses. This is a rarity in the electrical business. Bob Knott, Keith Wellard, Kenny Crider, Jeff Smallwood, Mark Campbell and Al recently welcomed electrician Chris Nazelrod and technician Mark Woods to maintain the exterior lighting throughout the university. Having a knowledgeable, competent crew has made Al's job easier, giving him the confidence that jobs will get done and get done right. Al will miss his co-workers, as well as many customers, when he retires, but he is looking forward to traveling, remodeling, and taking up fishing again.



Electric Shop



(L-R) First Row: Chris Nazelrod, Mark Woods, Kenny Crider 2nd Row: Keith Wellard, Mark Campbell, Jeff Smallwood 3rd Row: Al Smith, Bob Knott

Wayland Hall Certification

This past January, Wayland Hall received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) platinum certification. It is the first renovated residence hall in the country to receive this honor! The renovation was spotlighted in the [October 2011](#) issue of the FM Newsletter. Wayland was given this prestigious certification as a result of its extraordinary energy-saving and sustainable design. This building is an excellent example of JMU's commitment to environmental stewardship.



Back of Wayland Hall



FM Snapshots



(L-R) Housekeepers, Patsy Delawder, Starr Dofflemyer, and Rebecca May, at the Banquet Committee's Barbeque Sandwich Fundraiser.



(L-R) Landscapers, Patrick Puffenbarger, Jeff Fisher, and Chris Miller, enjoying barbeque .



(L-R) Landscapers: Aldine Cubbage, Sherwood Comer, Lowell Miller, Randy Campbell, Charles Kiser, Wayne Lucas



(L-R) Life Safety Employees, Travis Bussey, Chris Cooley, and Elmer Stoops, at the send-off for Lee Smith



HR Coordinator, Michelle Small, serving barbeque



(L-R) Housekeeper,s, Amanda Short, Brittany Rexrode, Mary Gibson, and Gwen Charles, at the Barbeque Fandraiser

Safety Zone by Brett Sinclair

What to Do If a Tornado Hits

- Listen to the television and radio for tornado watches and warnings. Watches indicate that a tornado is possible. Warnings come when a tornado has been sighted. Some signs of a tornado include strong, persistent rotation in the base of a cloud, and whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base. Tornadoes sometimes have a visible funnel, hail or heavy rain followed by dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift with a loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder does.
- Proceed to the lowest level of the building (the basement where available). Go to interior rooms or halls away from windows. Bathrooms with block walls are good options. Identify these areas beforehand. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down and cover your head with your hands.
- If you are in a car, get out of your vehicle and try to find shelter inside a sturdy building. A culvert or ditch can provide shelter if a substantial building is not nearby — lie down flat and cover your head with your hands.
- Do not take shelter under a highway overpass or bridge, because debris could get blown under them or the structures themselves could be destroyed. If you are outside, try to find shelter immediately in the nearest substantial building.
- If no buildings are close, lie down flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.
- If you live in a mobile home, do not stay in it during a tornado. You should leave immediately and seek shelter inside a nearby sturdy building or lie down in a ditch away from your home.

Check JMU's Comprehensive Safety Plan for more details: http://www.jmu.edu/safetyplan/emergresponse/specificprocedures/weather/violent_weather/Tornadoes.pdf

This is your newsletter! We want to include special projects or accomplishments of your department or shop. We would especially love to include any pictures that would be relevant to the newsletter. Please contact Deanna at 8-6422 or email to glassdl.





<u>April</u>							
Angela Harper	4/2	Heide Horne	4/27	Ryan Price	5/15	Dan Adkins	6/5
Bill Baker	4/2	JoAnne Shook	4/27	Habibe Shabani	5/15	Rebecca May	6/6
Hope Smith	4/2	James Frank	4/28	Bruce Craun	5/16	Betty Shifflett	6/6
Pierce Pitsenbarger	4/6	Lucius Hensley	4/28	Judith Madden	5/16	Shirley Comer	6/7
John Keplinger	4/7	David Jetton	4/28	Red Comer	5/17	Steve Lackner	6/8
Sandra Nesselrodt	4/7	Cecilia McDonald	4/28	Jason Boggs	5/17	Chelsea Lockard	6/9
Steve Tennyson	4/7	Robert Campbell	4/29	Charles Grimm	5/17	Steven Hagunbuch	6/10
Tony Kitta	4/9	Tim Dean	4/29	Kaitlynn Landes	5/17	Julie Huffman	6/11
Marvin Gooden	4/10	Albert Buracker	4/30	Dennis Landes	5/17	Bobby Morris	6/11
Terry Grimm	4/12			Starr Dofflemyer	5/18	Gerard Smith	6/11
Linda Gooden	4/13			Marta Falls	5/19	Katharine Wright	6/11
Chris Cooley	4/14	<u>May</u>		Joyce Hansbrough	5/19	Michael Botkin	6/12
Jonathan Gordon	4/14	Julie Ruebush	5/1	Win Hunt	5/19	Eric Jenkins	6/12
Rose Hofecker	4/14	Marie Bishop	5/2	Donna Simmons	5/20	Evan Lang	6/12
Jeff Knically	4/14	Clara Hensley	5/2	Jeremy Andrew	5/21	Shirley Foley	6/13
Greg O'Shell	4/15	Carla Delawder	5/3	Rodney Lam	5/21	Crystal Hartman	6/13
Kay Lam	4/16	Aldine Cubbage	5/4	JoAnn Puckett	5/21	Jesse Lam	6/13
Jeff Holbert	4/17	Barbara Strickler	5/4	Terry Hameline	5/22	Christina Leigh	6/13
Melissa Borrer	4/18	Mary Batterman	5/5	Patrick Puffenbarger	5/22	Jessica Ritchie	6/15
Aaron Conard	4/18	Steve Starick	5/5	Steven Hayes	5/23	Bob Hume	6/20
Linda Hensley	4/18	Betty Lee	5/6	Brandon Howdyshe	5/23	Dale Moyer	6/20
Bobby Jenkins	4/18	David Moyers	5/7	Cathy Roadcap	5/24	Charlie Lucas	6/21
Esther Wright	4/18	Mary Jane Carter	5/8	Gene Sours	5/25	Linda Long	6/24
Sherwood Comer	4/19	Max Good	5/9	Gladys Melendez	5/26	Shirley Shoemaker	6/24
Nathan Foerster	4/19	Anthony Madden	5/9	Frank Viscomi	5/26	Michael Reedy	6/24
Tu Kieu Huynh	4/20	Stacie Dean	5/10	Mike Derrow	5/27	Larry Seal	6/25
Steven Smith	4/21	Teresa Fansler	5/10	Helen Elliott	5/28	Jennifer Comer	6/26
Preston Fitzwater	4/24	Lori Hornick	5/10	John Khamphavong	5/29	Cynthia Shifflett	6/26
Don Hobbs	4/24	Fred Mason	5/10	Roger Monger	5/30	Cynthia May	6/27
Brenda Hottinger	4/25	Tom Templeton	5/10	Victor McManaway	5/31	Robert Weese	6/27
Jackie Hamilton	4/26	Joe Burbank	5/12	Samantha Shenk	5/31	Melissa Mayhew	6/28
Hunter Petrie	4/26	Matilda Honeycutt	5/12			Gary Shears	6/29
Debbie Towe	4/26	Shannon Airey	5/13			Tom Barr	6/30
		Kenneth Crider	5/13	<u>June</u>			
		Diane Eppard	5/14	Cheryl Smith	6/3		
		Jeremy Thompson	5/14	Bill Bauer	6/4		
				Miranda Coleman	6/4		