

# F. M. News

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Unleashing your potential

## 'Andy Griffith' Provides Lifetime Lessons



After Andy Griffith died July 3, I slowed down for a couple of 30-minute visits to the town of Mayberry.

One episode was a poignant demonstration of responsibility and the importance of keeping a positive perspective. Entitled "Opie the Birdman", the show opens with Andy providing Opie with a fatherly warning to be careful with a newly-crafted slingshot. But on the short walk home from the courthouse, one reckless shot by the boy killed a mother songbird in front of their Mayberry home. Opie was both terrified and heartbroken and decided to repay his debt to Mother Nature by caring for the baby birds. He naturally becomes attached to his feathered friends, and when the day came for the birds to spread their wings, Opie sadly notes "The cage looks so empty." "Yes," Andy responds with his positive perspective, "but don't the trees look full?"

Several years ago, a column circulated through the country's electronic in-boxes that compiled need to know lessons from *The Andy Griffith*

*Show* in the style of Robert Fulghums best-seller: *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. I searched for that piece of wisdom to no avail so I have gathered from various sources and my memory banks, some Mayberry nuggets on life and leadership.

### **Have a porch and a swing and use both generously**

Everybody needs a place to slow down. A place to talk in quieter tones and listen with respect. A place to breathe and give supper some time to digest. For Andy and his family, it was the swing on the front porch. The front porch seems less common now but you might have a patio, a chair in front of the fireplace, or a spot by the garden. At our house, it's a screened porch where we can see the sunset, watch fireflies and even hear coyotes from time-to-time.

### **Be sensitive. Work out problems. But not at the expense of someone else's dignity**

In every episode, Mayberry's problem was solved, but nobody was humiliated in the process. The mayor would be appeased. Andy sometimes gave Barney credit even if it wasn't due. Otis was actually made a deputy once so his visiting family could think he had amounted to something. Barney would have made the early rejects on American Idol when he was a substitute in the town choir, but Andy bucked the chorus to exclude his deputy with a hilarious super-sensitive microphone solution. And another thing, you and your friends might have to eat jar after jar of particularly pungent pickles in order to avoid hurting Aunt Bee's feeling.

### **Go fishing with your boy**

Every show from 1960 to 1968 started and ended with father and son going to and from

the lake to fish. It wasn't about the hobby – it was about the time spent together. It was a chance to teach lessons about responsibility, telling the truth, how to be generous and kind. We see Opie brought up by a loving parent who provides discipline when needed but grants the freedom to be a kid and learn lessons the hard way. It helped to have an Aunt Bee too. She kept the house moving, was a source of order and creator of a home environment where everyone felt safe. We all need people like Aunt Bee to help get us through life's twists and turns.

Andy, Barney, Opie and Aunt Bee led a cast of characters that imparted wisdom and humor weekly for eight years (and now in syndication). Lifetime lessons were readily available from the Sheriff's office, Gomer or Goober's service station, and even Floyd's Barber Shop. Every other character – Otis, Helen, Thelma Lou, Ellie, the Darlings, and the unforgettable Ernest T. Bass – were part of a close-knit community that knew everyone's business – but also knew each other's heart.

Mayberry was fiction, but we need a world where parents are interruptible at work and where the family is home for supper. What if everybody had to sit on the porch swing for 30 minutes and have a meaningful conversation, enjoy a little music, and each other? I know that on July 3, I started to enjoy our porch more often.

*Written by Bruce Graham for the August 2012 Kansas Country Living Magazine. Bruce has Wildcat roots as a K-State journalism school grad. Special Thanks to Bruce for his permission to reprint his article.*

**Andy Taylor:** Opie! Time to come in, son.

**Opie Taylor:** Aw Pa, just a little while longer... please?

**Andy Taylor:** Well, OK.  
[to Barney]

**Andy Taylor:** Daylight's precious when you're a youngen'.



## **FIRE AT THE POWER PLANT!**

At approximately 11:00 AM on Wednesday 8/1/12, a fire started in the roof of the wooden structure on the North West corner of the main Power Plant building. Sparks from a cutting torch, that was being used by a contractor in the demolition work of #7 boiler, started the fire. The Power Plant boiler operator (Roger Hinkle) noticed the fire and reported it to the rest of us. The fire was about 20 feet above the floor in the room that housed the #7 boiler. Flames were coming down from the roof inside the building as well as fire and smoke coming out from under the eaves of the roof to the outside.

I called 911 to report the fire. As I stayed on the phone with the dispatcher to give her the information that was needed, George LeRoux, Martin Godlove, Jeff Brewster, Roger Hinkle and Chris Falley were using fire extinguishers and a water hose to stop the fire from spreading.

The fire department arrived very quickly and took over fighting the fire. They used a water hose to stop the fire and took off sections of the roof to put out the fire completely. They stayed until about 1:00 PM to make certain that there were no hot spots to restart the fire.

Cliff Anderson and Mike Ayon took over the responsibility of monitoring the boilers to make certain they operated correctly.

Steven Galitzer, Randy Slover and Ronnie Grice were on site and were very helpful in organizing all of the emergency workers and making certain everyone was accounted for. Larry Zentz came early that afternoon and

replaced the fire extinguishers that were used in fighting the fire with new ones. Jack Carlson from Facilities Planning came and inspected the roof area to ensure the structure was still safe. Everyone who responded to the fire that day was very helpful and supportive. My thanks go out to all who helped, even in the smallest way, to prevent this emergency situation from becoming a disaster.

~Delvin Winfough, Physical Plant Supervisor Specialist, KSU Power Plant.



Thanks for the quick action of the following guys! Delvin Winfough, Roger Hinkle, George LeRoux, Michael Ayon, Chris Falley, Cliff Anderson.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9-1 Charles Bukacek

9-2 Michael Seymour

9-3 Kimberly Caffrey

9-4 Warren Berg

9-7 Maria Lomibao

9-8 Casey Lauer

9-9 Jimmy Sester, Stephan Milligan

9-10 William Glover, Jr.

9-11 James Davis

9-12 Gary Johnson

9-13 John Lacy

9-14 Jeremy Sharp

9-16 Kirby Barrett, John Hofmann, Richard Estrada

9-17 Thomas Shump, Paul Savage

9-18 Elke Yergin, Betty Slattery

9-19 Kevin Williams

9-21 Annette Rohde

9-22 Chad Starr, Martin Jones, Dale Boggs

9-23 Sharon Slack

9-25 Allen Massey

9-26 Sandra Hoffman, Robert Hauck

9-29 Al Seely, Evans Pittman

# Way to Go!



The summer of 2012 was historical for Central Mail Services (CMS). On July 2, 2012, CMS assumed delivery of all incoming USPS mail for the 66506 zip code (main campus) and Jardine Apartments. At about the same time, work began on the long awaited space expansion project. So, Central Mail employees were sorting and delivering quadruple the amount of mail they normally handle in a construction zone! And in their usual “step up to the plate, let’s get the job done” fashion, they did an exemplary job!

To recognize the tremendous team effort that these dedicated individuals put forth, an informal appreciation ceremony was held on August 17, 2012. During the ceremony, CMS employees were awarded a token of our sincere and heartfelt appreciation.

Jay Henning, Russell Thompson, Barbara Larson, Edwin Asebedo, Donna Warren, Lori Boggs, Levi Katzenmeier, Kevin Manbeck, Luis Reyes, Jay Davis, and David Bammes certainly deserve a standing ovation for helping CMS live up to our version of the mailman's motto: *Neither lack of space nor air conditioning nor bathroom will keep these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.*

Thank you for a job well done!  
Loleta Sump, Manager



Staff attending ceremony: (back row) David Bammes, Ed Aebedo, Henry Davis Jr., Ben Williamson, Russell Thompson, Kevin Manbeck, Luis Reyes, Levi Katzenmeier, Director Larry McGee, Aaron Thomsen,  
Front row: Jay Henning, Lori Boggs, Manager Loleta Sump, Barbara Larson, Donna Warren, Tammy Powers and Dr. Ed Rice, Associate Vice President of Facilities.

## Who is New...

August 6, 2012



Daniel Bostrom was hired as a Buildings System Technician. He is working for Dale Boggs in the Command Control Center.

Evelyn Negrón was hired as a Custodial Specialist. She is working for Mike Price on the Custodial night crew.



Tammy Powers was hired as a Senior Administrative Assistant. She is working for Jay Henning in Central Mail Services.

August 19, 2012

Matthew Smith's position was reclassified as a Program Consultant II. He is still working for Casey Lauer in the Energy and Environmental Program.



August 20, 2012



Anne Murphy was hired as an Administrative Specialist. She is working for Jay Henning in Central Mail Services.

August 27, 2012

Joseph Windisch was hired as a temporary G.M.R.T. He is working for John Brown in the HVAC shop.



August 31, 2012



Fred Bammes was rehired as a temporary Procurement Officer I. He is still working for Tim Poell in the Facilities Storeroom.



Sheridan Reves and his brother Morgan (pictured above) have had quite a success at the 2012 Pottawatomie County Fair. Sheridan works at Facilities Recycling shop for Bill Spiegel.

## On a Personal Side:

Pictured below is John Brown, supervisor of the HVAC shop, with his granddaughter, Cheyenne Carlson.



Cheyenne was in the state competition for the American Royalty Supreme Beauty Pageant on July 14, 2012.

She was crowned the winner of her age division as well as winning the categories for prettiest smile, prettiest eyes and best model. She won several trophies and prizes along with an appearance on WIBW-TV and will also be in the American Royalty Patriotic Parade in Kansas City, MO on September 29, 2012. Being crowned the American Royalty Princess Winner, she has earned her entry to the National Pageant in Missouri in 2013.

Good Luck Cheyenne, Grandpa John already knows you are a winner!

The Reves brothers had the top four Rate of Gain wethers in the Market Goat class. Sheridan's brother Morgan had the Grand Champion Geology Educational Exhibit, Reserve Champion 60 specimen Geology Display and Reserve Champion Advance Color Photography. When Sheridan last participated in 4-H, he received Grand Champion on his 60 specimen Geology Display and Reserve Champion Geology Educational Exhibit. Sheridan and Morgan are the sons of Rob and Lesa Reves who are both active at K-State and work at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In learning to know other things, and other minds, we become more intimately acquainted with ourselves, and are to ourselves better worth knowing.

**Philip Gilbert Hamilton**

## Quest for Excellence Kick off!



Facilities held a “Kick Off” for the Quest for Excellence program on August 14, 2012.

Andy Addis, a Radio Personality and Motivational Speaker and Trainer gave two presentations. The sessions were titled *Leading to Greatness*.

Andy came highly recommended by Facilities employees who attended other seminars where Andy previously spoke.

Andy spoke using humor and personal family experiences to teach us in a positive manner, but giving a decisive way to increase our potential.

He spoke of defining the word “Great”. He told us the information we received could be useful at work, at home and in our personal life. He used a picture of a funnel stating that as we pour things into our lives we need to funnel through what is the most important. We were asked to list what in our life or work really matters to us. He used an example of a sports team he really admires and follows, and of all the memorabilia he owns, with their logo on it, showing their significance to him. Then he asked the question, “how he could impact that team?” There was little he could do for them. We were asked to list “What lasts?” We should invest our time into things that are

meaningful to us, which we can impact and would stand the test of time.

He spoke of the **Power of Vision, the Power of Discipline** (discipline is not punishment, but changing behaviors) and the **Power of an Answer**.

He encouraged us to use the Pareto Principle. The value of the Pareto Principle is that it reminds you to focus on the 20 percent that matters. Of the things you do during your day, only 20 percent really matter. That 20 percent produces 80 percent of your results. Identify and focus on those things. When the busyness of the day begins to sap your time, remind yourself of the 20 percent you need to focus on. If something in the schedule has to slip, if something isn't going to get done, make sure it's not part of that 20 percent.

In “Being Great” he asked us to be willing to take focused risks, to start small and go big and to ask ourselves if this is worth fighting for. He encouraged us to persevere and excel and to never, never give up.

An ice cream social was held after the event.

## Caught in the Act of Doing Good!

### Kudos to Charita Falley

Charita works for Custodial Services under Charles Bibbs. John Woods, Director of Facilities Services received a letter from Marlene Franke, Administrative Officer at Journalism & Mass Communications.



She wrote: *The faculty and staff in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the work that Charita Falley has been doing in Kedzie Hall this summer as she has been filling in for our regular custodian who is on leave. Ms. Falley is very helpful and always has a smile on her face. She is doing an excellent job keeping things up in Kedzie and working on all the floors in the building. I must say Kedzie Hall looks the best I have ever seen it. Charita is very visible around the building and always hard at work. One of our faculty members made the comment the other day that they saw her scrapping gum off of a desk. She goes well beyond the basic duties of her job. We have had several custodians in Kedzie during my 20 years here and I put her at the top of the list. We are all happy to have Charita in our building and just wanted to let you know what an excellent job she is doing.*



## Kudos to John Lehmer

John works for Barbara McNutt on the Custodial Crew.

Loleta Sump contacted our office to inform us of her situation and how much she appreciated John's help. She was attempting to instruct a groom on how to use the PA system at All Faiths Chapel. As hard as she tried she could not get the microphones to work. Mr. Lehmer stepped up to assist and within a couple minutes had the system working. Loleta said "He definitely went above and beyond" and she was very grateful for his willingness to help out.

## Kudos to Dan Engelbert

Dan works in the Metal Shop, under Larry McCoy.



Jason Orr, who works in the Anatomy and Physiology

Department at Vet Med, placed a work order for a custom box to be made that was going to be used for an experiment they were doing. Dan did the work for them. Jason said he designed the box, but Dan pointed out a possible error and Jason was able to make the corrections and improve the design. The box contained a heater, fans and filters. Jason said Dan was "very informative". He was very happy with Dan's work and candor. Jason very much appreciated the quality of work Dan did.

## Kudos Grounds West

To David Stuhlsatz Ground's Crew from Bill Snyder:

Thanks for all your hard work this summer; even in the intensive heat we experienced!

Note: Most all employees work hard at their jobs and take personal satisfaction from that; however it is nice when others notice. Thank you all!

