"Ragged Old Flag"
By John R. Cash
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I walked through a county courthouse square, on a park bench an old man was sitting there. I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run down." He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town." I said, "Your old flagpole has leaned a little bit, and that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it."

He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down. "Is this the first time you've been to our little town?" I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't like to brag, but we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag.

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there when Washington took it across the Delaware. And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it writing Say Can You See. And it got a bad rip in New Orleans with Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams.

"And it almost fell at the Alamo beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though. She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville and she got cut again at Shiloh Hill. There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg, and the south wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag.

"On Flanders Field in World War I she got a big hole from a Bertha gun. She turned blood red in World War II. She hung limp and low by the time it was through. She was in Korea and Vietnam. She was sent where she was by her Uncle Sam.

"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam, and now they've about quit waving her back here at home. In her own good land here she's been abused -- she's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused.

"And the government for which she stands is scandalized throughout the land. And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin, but she's in good shape for the shape she's in. 'Cause she's been through the fire before and I believe she can take a whole lot more.

"So we raise her up every morning, take her down every night. We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right. On second thought, I do like to brag, 'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

Happy Birthday America!

July Birthdays
7-4 Chris Slattery
7-6 Araminta Washington
You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.

~Erma Bombeck

Who is New...

June 9, 2014:

Tom Gallo was hired as a Custodial Specialist. He is working for Steve Greinke on the Custodial night crew.

Marla Cain was hired as a Custodial Specialist. She is working for Steve Greinke on the Custodial night crew.

June 16, 2014:

Damon Lee was promoted to a Plumber Senior. He is working for Troy Bronaugh in the Plumbing shop.

June 23, 2014:

Jeffery Fusselman was hired as a Custodial Specialist. He is working for Beverly Price on the Custodial day crew.

Nathaniel Harstine was hired as a G.M.R.T. Senior. He is working for Lynn Schwandt in the Vet Med Building Maintenance.
Robert Odle was hired as a Utility Worker. He is working for Joe Myers on the main campus Grounds Maintenance department.

June 30, 2014:

Rachel Lingenfelter was hired as a Custodial Specialist. She is working for Stephanie Brecheisen on the Custodial day crew.

In the June 9th issue of K-state today K-State president Kirk H. Schulz said:

“Thank you, grounds maintenance crew

As graduation has come to a close and summer has finally arrived I want to give a big thank you to the grounds maintenance crew under the leadership of Jackie Toburen, Joe Myers and David Stuhlsatz for doing such an exceptional job in making sure campus looked its best for our class of 2014.

The grounds maintenance crew works extremely hard to keep our campus beautiful year round and really go above and beyond to make campus extra special for graduation.

Thank you again, grounds maintenance crew, for all your hard work!

Go Cats! Kirk H. Schulz”

Again, June 30th, in a letter to K-State Today, President Schulz commented on facilities workers, “I want to especially thank our facilities professionals who work tirelessly to ensure K-State looks great, and who clean everything up quickly after one of our summer thunderstorms. The next time you see one of our facilities professionals working outside on a hot summer day, please stop and thank them for their efforts.”

Most Facilities workers are diligent, hardworking and have a sense of pride in the job we do. It is nice to know the good work we do does not go un-noticed. We thank President Schulz for his kind words.

“Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade.”
~ Rudyard Kipling, Complete Verse

Central Mail Services has been promoting their “services” this summer at the New Student Orientation Expo held at the Student Union. They spent three weeks at a booth in the Union, offering new students information about what Facilities Central Mail Contract Post office offers. Students received printed handouts with this information and a gift letter opener. Pictured above are Tammy Powers and Jay
Davis at their booth in the Union. Way to go Central Mail Services!!

**SOMEBODY HAD A BIRTHDAY:** we’re not telling who, however, the word must have gotten out!

Pictured below is Loleta Sump with her birthday cake and “window art” from her boss. Happy Birthday!

Bill Smith, from Facilities Electric Shop, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 7, 2014. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Rony and four daughters, Vickie, Sunny, Raelynn and Cortney.

Condolences also go to the Don Engelken family with the loss of their mother and grandmother. Martha Engelken passed away at her home June 7, 2014. Don works in the Carpenter shop and his daughter Jamie had been employed several years as a student in Training & Safety.