

# F. M. News

K. S. U., Division of Facilities

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Unleashing your potential

## Which side of the bus will you sit on today?



For goodness sakes.. It is Kansas in the dead of winter with short days, gray skies and bleak scenery. Our weather is literally on a roller coaster effect from polar express to snippets of spring. All of this makes it hard to keep a stiff upper lip and be positive. Alas, it is still a choice we each need to make daily.

In a book called *The Secret Garden*, written by Frances Hodgson Burnett, there is some good information, should we choose to use it. It says: *Much more surprising things can happen to anyone who, when a disagreeable or discouraged thought comes into his mind, just has the sense to remember in time and push it*

*out by putting in an agreeable determinedly courageous one.*

*Two things cannot be in one place. Where you tend a rose, my lad, A thistle cannot grow.*

Below are some quotes from Jon Gordon, Best Selling Author and Keynote Speaker. Perhaps they will help you pick which side of the bus you would choose.

3 things you can control every day:

Attitude

Effort

Actions to be a great team member.

3 simple Positive Ways to start the day:

Think something positive

Read something positive

Do something positive for someone else.

To succeed your positive energy, faith and belief must be greater than all the negativity and doubt.

A smile changes the way you think and feel. Smile right now. Think of something funny. Laugh. Ok. Now enjoy the rest of the day.

It seems like there's more negativity in the world than ever. What a great opportunity for you to be a positive influence!

Every day your heart creates enough energy to drive a truck 20 miles. In a lifetime, that's equivalent to driving to the moon and back. Put your heart into everything you do and you will be a powerful, positive force.

Change negatives to positives and you'll multiply your impact.

3 Ways to Stay Positive:  
Focus on opportunities not challenges  
Focus on solutions not complaints  
Feel blessed instead of stressed

So.. No matter what is going on with our weather, the time of year or how crazy our world is, we still can choose how we will respond to it. Which side of the bus will you sit on today?

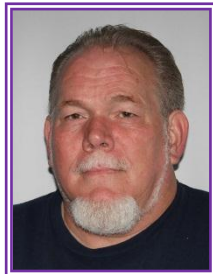
## Who is New...

January 6, 2014:



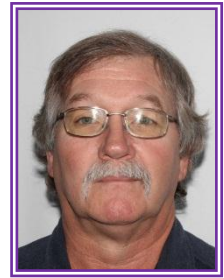
Paul Woodyard was hired as a G.M.R.T Senior. He is working for Troy Bronaugh in the Plumbing Shop.

Jerry Rogers was promoted to a Storekeeper Specialist. He is working for Sarah Davis in the Storeroom.



Nathan Sumners was hired as a Custodial Specialist. He is working for Clifford Williams on the Custodial day crew.

Rickie Snyder was hired as an Equipment Operator Senior. He is working for William Spiegel in the Recycling Center.



Do all Facilities employees have the opportunity to view the Facilities maintenance newsletter?

In the past all employees received a copy of this newsletter, however, in an effort to cut back on costs, a change was made. The FM News is now sent to every supervisor who is requested to share this Facilities' publication with those on his or her crew or shop, by means of posting on a bulletin board or putting on the break room table for all staff to view.

In addition, each month, the publication is posted on K-State today and is also posted on Facilities website where it is archived under the Training and Resources link. It is our desire for all our staff to have the ability to view this newsletter.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2-2 Scott Wilburn

2-4 Velder Booth, Robert Crider

2-6 Ute Cruz, Larry Haller

2-7 Judy Fiegner, Bill Smith

2-10 Ed Heptig, Timothy Dixon

2-11 Sabrina Maloney

2-12 Tammy Powers, Chipper Cooper

- 2-14 Josh Ricker, Sarah Davis, Steven Hoard
- 2-15 Jeanette Johnson
- 2-16 Arturo Sias III
- 2-19 Jewell Cutright
- 2-21 Damon Lee, Ross Kibodeaux
- 2-22 Clifford Williams, Mary Grubbs
- 2-23 Jonathan Bagwell
- 2-24 Russell Thompson, Shawn Wilson
- 2-27 Dan Marshall
- 2-28 Rob Mayfield, Jackie Toburen

## Caught in the Act of Doing Good!

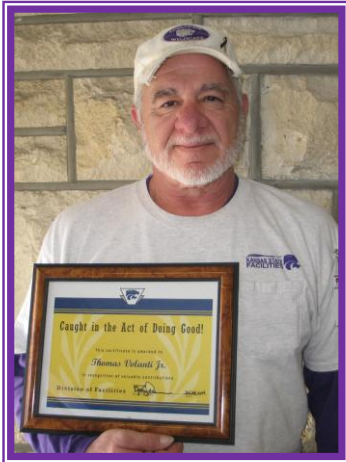
### Kudos

Thomas F. Volanti Jr,

Custodial Specialist

Kathleen Zimmerman, Sr. Admin Assistant, in

Geography wrote that on "Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Tom and an assistant helped set up classroom chairs in rooms that was outside his area.



The chairs had been left in the hallway for rooms to be cleaned in Seaton 127 and Seaton 132. The Geography Dept. appreciates Tom's positive attitude that the student and faculty needs were a higher priority than territorial

concerns." Thank you, Tom, for going above and beyond your duties and thanks to Kathleen for her kind comments.



It is with great sadness we report the loss of co-worker Gary L. Hankins, Vet Med.

Gary passed away on January 10, 2014 at Mercy Health Center in Manhattan, KS.

Gary was an avid fan of motorcycles and corvettes, and was a member of the Harley Owners Group. He worked for several area car dealerships over the years, including McKenna's, Brigg's, and City Cycle Sales. Most recently, he was employed at Kansas State University as a custodial specialist.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his mother, Beverly Hankins of Junction City; a brother, Fred Hankins of Manhattan; an Uncle, Michael Lambert of Jackson, MS. He also leaves behind a host of cousins, other relatives, friends and loved ones. Our condolences go out to Gary's family and friends.

### My Piece of the



### Picture...



Jay Gilmore, Building Systems Tech, works at Dykstra Hall in the Energy Control Shop.

Jay has worked at Facilities for about six months. Jay helps put together Honeywell Graphics for the KSU Access Page at the Command Center. He integrates HVAC, Security, DVM, Fire, and Energy pages for the Access Page. He also helps maintain the

Command Center conference room and assists in conferences if needed.

The three best things he likes about the job are the “learning new skills while working with the graphics program, working with all the different shops and personnel on jobs and projects, and working with the servers and computers.”

He feels he contributes to the success of the organization because he helps KSU to save money in energy savings by monitoring and controlling some of the buildings’ HVAC systems on campus. He assists technicians in trouble shooting systems to shorten down times and speed up repair times thus saving money and resources as well. He can assist emergency services such as Fire and EMS, to find locations quicker with possible savings in property as well as potential lives. He also helps the organization by being able to assist police in crime prevention by using DVM and security systems to monitor possible threats to persons and/or property.

Jay feels that he is a positive attitude kind of person so if someone is having an issue, or problem, then lend a hand, listen to them, and advise them on a solution if you can. Show them where to find the answer. Get involved. Help them to “choose” a positive path because it is a choice.

Most people don’t know that Jay is a musician and singer/songwriter in his off time. He plays keyboards, bass, guitar, and sings in two local bands on the weekends. He also runs sound and lights for other acts. He enjoys golf and fishing too.

Thanks, Jay, for sharing your piece of the puzzle.

*"Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while."*

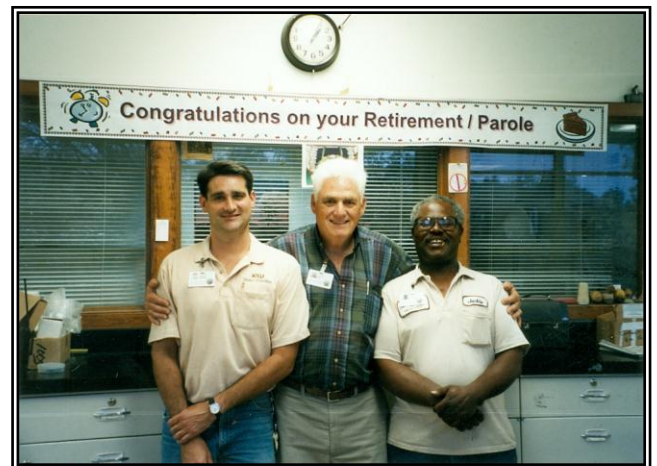
*~ Kin Hubbard*

## A Blast from the past!

Scott West, electrician at Vet Med, brought in a couple of pictures to share with his co-workers. Both pictures are from the Facilities electric shop. The first was taken in 1991. Left to right: partial picture of Skip Davis, Charles Kranz, Scott West, Al Ward, Jackie Johnson, Student, and partial shot of Cliff Slocum.



The second picture was taken about 7 years later (1998) at a retirement celebration. Pictured left to right: Scott West, Al Ward, and Jackie Johnson.



If you have an old picture you would like to share, contact Lynn Salsbury. 117A Dykstra Hall or call 532-1719.



Best wishes to Carol Foveaux.

Carol retired February 1, 2014 from the Grounds Department. She had worked for K-State a total of 33 years.

A retirement party was held January 30<sup>th</sup>. Pictured is Director John Woods acknowledging and thanking Carol for her service.



Kansas State Facilities attended Honeywell EBI Operators training Jan 21 through Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, and Jan 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. Participants learned to operate the Honeywell Enterprise Buildings Integrator (EBI) system. The EBI system is the integrated computer automation (facility management) system that controls the HVAC, Fire Alarm, and Security for the campus, VetMed, Athletics, and other KSU entities. Participants also learned with “hands-on” training the operation of physical devices like Direct Digital Controllers (DDC), actuators, thermostats, and more.



Attendees from left: Dan Bostrom, Matt Davis, Ralph Ritchie, Instructor Darin Sperry, Michal Mongold, Steve Anderson, Ed Heptig, Charlie Bukacek, Ken Kary & Terence Pittman from Athletics, Rob Mayfield, Arturo Sias, Randall Lindstrom, Casey Lauer, Jay Gilmore, Allen Leikam, Gary Morgan, Travis Homeier, Dale

Boggs. Not pictured Facilities: Pat Boss, John Brown; Athletics: Mike Barton, Nick Pecenka

Dale Boggs presented Darin with a K-State Football helmet signed by attendees to commemorate the instructors last training class.



Facilities has been blessed to have some new faces showing up behind the scene. Here is a picture of Quincy Jean Bartlett. She was born Dec.18, 2013 at 8 am, weighting in at 9# 5oz. 21 3/4" long. Her Daddy works in Planning. She has 4 sisters, Molly Kane, Mackenzie, Ashley, and Samantha. Congratulations to parents, Thomas and Brandi Bartlett.



Dan and Brittan are proud to announce the birth of their son, Charles Augustus Potucek. He was born Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He was 8 pounds 6 ounces and is 21 inches long. Charles’ Mommy works in Minor Repair. Congratulations to Dan and Brittan.