

# F. M. News

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Unleashing your potential

## Success

The word success can take on many different meanings for many different people, but there is one thing in common. Success is normally never achieved alone.

In the April 29, 2011 edition of the Riley Countian, there was an article about the local Riley County High School track coach, Mr. Sigle. During his 33 years at the school, the teams he lead won seven girls and three cross country state championships, as well as fifty-four individual champions. In addition, he holds the titles of Kansas Coach of the Year, three times, Midwest Region Coach of the Year, twice, and Fellowship Christian Athletes Coaches Hall of Fame inductee.

As I am reading the article I am thinking to myself, "What made him so successful on a consistent basis over the years?" Then it occurred to me that Coach Sigle employed ancient wisdom for visionary leadership that was described in a book I had read by Laurie Beth Jones, who set out to empower people.

**He Believed in Himself:** Coach Sigle stated, "I believe that the kids are better off with me than without me."

**He Gave Them a Vision Larger than Themselves:** Coach Sigle stated, "I believe that being an athlete in my program, I can help them become a better person and a better athlete."

**He Believed in Them:** Coach Sigle stated, "I believe that every person on the team is important."

**He was Keenly Aware of His Resources:** Coach Sigle stated, "We've had a lot of good kids come through. If you are going to have a horse race and you want to win it, you better have good horses. I think that is a testimony to the quality of kids and the quality of community we have here."

**He Knew He was Not Alone:** Coach Sigle stated, "Nobody does this by themselves. I couldn't put on a track meet by myself and I couldn't have had a career by myself."

**He Was Open to People and Their Ideas:** Coach Sigle stated, "I've had excellent assistant coaching staff in both cross country and track and field; I only coach part of it. It takes the assistant coaches to develop the program and do the things we do."

**He Acknowledged Them in Public and Private:** Coach Sigle stated, "I've never done this by myself. It's been a combination of all of those things." "Whenever you have gotten the honors that I've gotten, you never do that all by yourself."

Coach Sigle saw those he served as his greatest accomplishment. "I've had opportunities to go other places and college job offers, but I've turned them down to stay at Riley County. It's a great place to work. I've gone to work every day enjoying what I do."

*That is Success!*

~Sandra Hoffman, Director of Resources

## Behind the scenes!

Many wonderful events take place on our campus. One such event happened on Memorial Day, March 31, 2011. The event was the dedication of the "Tags of Honor," monument at Kansas State University to honor the sacrifices made by veterans during World

War II. A large group of people attended, including students, veterans, military personnel, the artist, and the general public plus dignitaries from K-State, Ft. Riley and State Government, including their families. It was a very moving experience and is truly a heartfelt labor of love and honor for those veterans and alums that served and died to keep this nation free.



However, what you did not see was the Facilities folks who worked hard to make sure this event was seamless in its presentation.

Who were the folks behind the scene? You did not see Mark Taussig (Planning) and the part he played to make this monument a reality, nor did you see Loleta Sump (Support Services) and all her coordination in setting events in place. You did not see Mike Salsbury (Work Management) and Dave Debusman (Planning) who worked diligently to solve the “last minute” problem at the Art Department with the heat exhaust from the kiln that fired parts of the monument.

There was the Grounds crew who made sure the whole area was clean and presentable. The Custodial crew, who did their part to make sure All Faith Chapel was spit polished and presentable for the reception. Barb Elliott and



John Hewitt (Moving & Hauling) who set up tables and chairs for the event.

Of course, Pat Boss (Electronic Shop) was there setting up and running the sound. See picture to left.

Right before the ceremony began McCain Auditorium started belching loud puffs of steam in the air which could have caused a great distraction. Rob Learned (Plumbing Shop) quickly took care of that without anyone of the crowd even knowing that he had done it. Perhaps there were other Facilities folks who were also involved. You see, we are somewhat invisible when an event happens here on campus, but you can bet we are behind the scenes doing our part to make the event a success.

## July Birthdays

7-3 David Hudson

7-4 **Independence Day**  
Chris Slattery

7-6 Araminta Washington

7-7 Allan Leikam

7-9 Casey Daugherty, Donnie Silva

7-11 Cliff Anderson

7-12 Jim Nelson

7-13 George Lyles, Jill Serrault

7-14 Joe Brockish, Delvin Winfough,  
Doug Coleman, Barb Elliott

7-16 Bob Hanks

7-18 Tim Johnson

7-19 Gypsy Snyder

7-20 Gary Hankins

7-23 Dan Plummer, Kelly Guilfoyle

7-24 Jim Vesta



7-25 Clarence Ellis

7-30 John Harper, Bev Price, Martin Barry



## Ragged Old Flag

By Johnny Cash

As adapted by Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat, presented at the Big 12 Conference in April.

I walked through a county courthouse square,  
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.  
I said, "Old man, your courthouse is kinda run  
down."

He said, "Oh, it'll do for our little town."

"But look, that old flagpole leans quite a bit, and  
that's a Ragged Old Flag you've got hanging on it."

He said, "My friend, take a minute, and please sit  
down, since now's your first time in our little town.  
You see, my friend, I don't like to brag, But we're  
kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag. You see, we  
got a hole in that flag there when Washington took  
it across the Delaware. And it got powder-burned  
the night Francis Scott Key watched it and wrote,  
Oh Say Can You See."

"It got a bad rip at New Orleans with Packingham  
and Jackson tuggin' at its seams. And it almost fell  
at the Alamo with the Texas flag, but she waved on  
though. She got cut with a sword at  
Chancellorsville. 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 a time or two.  
She's been to Korea and Vietnam.  
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."

"Even up to the face of the moon she's roamed,  
But for a while, we about quit waving her at home.  
In her own good land she's been abused --  
She's been burned, dishonored, denied, refused."

"And the government for which she stands was  
scandalized throughout the land, and even though  
she's a flag of a superpower, terrorists crashed  
planes into her twin towers."

"Oh, she may be old, but she's fightin' back.  
She's with our soldiers over in Iraq. Yeah, she's  
gettin' threadbare and wearin' thin, but she's in  
good shape for the time she's in. Cause she's been  
through the fire before and I know she can take a  
whole lot more."

"So we raise her every morning, we take her down  
every night. We never let her touch the ground  
And we fold her up just right."

"On second thought, friend, I guess I DO like to  
brag, cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old  
Flag."

Used with permission from Ron Wilson.  
<http://www.ronscowboypoetry.com>

## Retirement!

Ed Albrant, Central Mail,  
started working for  
Facilities on 3-26-1990. He  
retired on June 14, 2011.  
We wish him the best in his  
retirement.



## WAY TO GO SALINA FACILITIES!!

Someone once said, "Working safely may get old, but so do those who practice it." The folks in Facilities on K-State's Salina campus are putting into practice what they have learned. Pictured below is their new sign.  
~ Pretty Spiffy!



But that is only half of the picture. Below is the back side of their new sign. They want everyone to remember to.....



### *My Piece of the Picture...*



Michael Stoddard has worked for Facilities for over 20 years.

Mike is a manager of the Custodial night crews. He works out of Seaton Hall.

Mike says he deals with all kinds of problems at night, only he has a smaller crew to work

with. Mike is the kind of manager who likes working beside his crew. He states, "I like going outside to shovel snow with the rest of the crew and I hate it when I can't."

Three of the best things he enjoys about his job are: 1. Working around students. 2. Cleaning up during the summer and seeing how nice it looks in studios. 3. Getting to know people from different backgrounds.

When asked what positive changes he would make, if he had the ability? He said, "What this place needs is more money to buy better equipment and hire more workers. Some workers who are overworked tend to have a negative attitude in the work place. The money may not be there but incentives could help. Buy donuts for your crew every once in a while or allow the crews to have a little get together on times other than a holiday, like after school is out."

Mike feels his position contributes to the success of our organization and campus, because through his job he is solving problems, helping others and he keeps supplies available so others can do their job.

Many people may not know that Mike enjoys spending a lot of his free time on Genealogy research. He is remodeling his home and he enjoys spending time with his wife outside in the garden.



# Who is New...

June 1, 2011

Jeremy L. Sharp was hired as an unclassified Project Manager. He is working for Abe Fattaey in the Planning department.



June 13, 2011

Dan Boller was hired as a permanent Custodial Specialist. He was a temporary Custodial Specialist. He is still working for Steve Greinke on the Custodial Night Crew.



June 6, 2011

Debra Smith was hired as a temporary Custodial Specialist. She is working for Warren Berg on the Custodial day Crew.



Adam Young was hired as an Electrician Sr. He is working for Ken Kary on the Salina Campus.

June 12, 2011

Kris Fulkerson's position was reallocated. He is now a Procurement Officer III.



June 27, 2011

Jerry Bohnenblust was hired as a permanent Custodial Specialist. He was a temporary Custodial Specialist. He is now working for Bev Price on the Custodial Day Crew.



Sarah Davis' position was reallocated. She is now a Procurement Officer II.

Both Kris and Sarah work in Facilities Store Room.