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Unleashing your potential



Seasons..

Most talk these days is about whether winter will ever die, and of course it will. In grade school we learned the reason for the seasonal changes on earth is due to the tilt of earth's axis. For those of us who are "of a certain age" there was the song the "Byrds" made popular in 1969 called, *Turn, Turn, Turn*.

*To everything there is a season - turn, turn, turn
And a time for every purpose under heaven*

*A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep*

*A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late..
turn, turn, turn etc. etc.*

The song is derived from what King Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes. Seasons have been around from the beginning of time, more or less.

Everyone likes the signs of spring, birds singing; warmer sunny days with green coming

up; buds and blooms popping out which are all a stark contrast from the cold, drab and gray days of winter. There is an excitement to spring! Then comes summer with longer days, camping, picnics, swimming and all the other fun stuff, until it gets too hot and the lawn grows too fast or there is not enough moisture. Just when we think we cannot stand one more day of the sizzling hot 100 degree days of Kansas, there comes a change with cooler nights, golden, orange and crimson colors return and you can almost hear the Kansas prairie sigh with relief. There is brilliant color across the land and then slowly the leaves fall and gray comes back with snow, cold and wind. We come full circle. There really is a time or season for everything and for everything a purpose. The cycle of growth is evident. Plants grow, produce fruit with seeds that mature and drop to the ground. When the season is over the plant withers and dies and is given a rest, before the cycle begins again with the next season when the dropped seed sprouts.

There are both negative and positive things about each season. Even in the depth of winter, when bare dull looking grey trees brace up to what Mother Nature is dumping on them, its root system is still growing sight unseen, deep within the earth, as it prepares the tree for the next season. All seasons have value.

Most of us have been around long enough to know humans go through seasonal changes as do companies and businesses. Of course, most everyone prefers times of spring in their lives when all seems to be in harmony. Who can argue with happy and wonderful? How do we handle the less enjoyable seasons? We just do. Some complain and growl, thinking that action might help. Shaking one's fist at the sun has

never made one bit of difference. Better than feeding on the negative during seasonal change, we can accentuate the positive. We can joke about it, we can keep on a happy face; we can encourage friends and family with positive words. I like what the poet Simon Dach said, "Then come the wild weather, come sleet or come snow, we stand by each other, however it blow". Whatever season of life you are going through, one thing for sure.... This too shall pass!



- 4-5 Adam Cooke, Kelvin Battle
- 4-7 Trudy Hess
- 4-10 Larry Melton
- 4-12 Heath Larson, Lolita Collado
- 4-13 Wendy Schlesener
- 4-14 James Ukena, Debra Acosta
- 4-16 Ki Suh, Mike Schooler
- 4-17 Dennis Debardeleben
- 4-18 Zunilda Dominguez
- 4-21 Jay Henning
- 4-27 Colette Remsbecker
- 4-28 Larry Gliniecki
- 4-29 Art Sias
- 4-30 Charita Falley

Who's New...

March 3, 2014:



Taylor Nickles was hired as a Custodial Specialist. She is working for Barbara McNutt on the Custodial day crew.

March 5, 2014:

Max Collado was rehired as a temporary Custodial Specialist. He is still working for Mike Price on the Custodial night crew.



March 10, 2014:



Nathaniel Gotsch was hired as a temporary Storekeeper Specialist. He is working for Sarah Davis in the Facilities Storeroom.

March 13, 2014:

Betty Slattery was rehired as a temporary Custodial Specialist. She is still working for Warren Berg on the Custodial day crew. (Picture not available)

March 18, 2014:



Patrick Standlee was hired as a Utility Worker. He is working for Joe Myers in the Grounds Maintenance department.

March 24, 2014:

Lolita S. Collado was hired as a Custodial Specialist. She is working for Steve Greinke on the Custodial night crew.



March 31, 2014:



Gloria L. Loberg was hired as a Custodial Specialist. She is working for Mike Stoddard on the Custodial day crew.

Dr. Ed Rice's retirement party will be held May 9, 2014 at the Student Union Ballroom between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.



On a Personal Side:

Mike Seymour at the Electric Shop gave our safety director a poem he had published years ago, after a discussion of the importance of wearing safety belts. It is printed with his permission below:

FOR JULIE

**LOVE IS TIMELESS, LOVE IS PAIN
TEARING AT MY HEART AGAIN**

**LEAVE ME QUICKLY, LEAVE ME FAST
FEELINGS THAT I PRAY WON'T LAST**

**SHE WAS BEAUTY, SHE WAS SWEET
SOON I PRAY OUR SOULS WILL MEET**

**SHE WAS RECKLESS, SHE HAD GRACE
SEATBELTS SHE WOULD NOT EMBRACE**

**GOD IS KINDNESS, GOD IS GRIM
HE TOOK MY LOVE TO BE WITH HIM**

**LIFE IS SORROW, LIFE IS WOE
I PRAY IT'S ENDING WON'T BE SLOW**

**GRIEF IS ENDLESS, GRIEF IS STRONG
NEVER ENDING - LASTING LONG.**

Mike is a very talented and busy man. Besides working for Facilities, he and his wife own and operate the "Saddle Rock Café" in Council Grove, Kansas. In his free time he is also an author. Mike has written a series of three books called *The Bloodletting* and has a start on another book.

Here is a little information about Mike taken from his web page: *The author graduated from the University of Kansas where he was in the Honors English Program. He obtained a Master of Arts, Management degree from Webster University. He worked his way through college as*

an electrician and attained his first Master Electricians license in 1975.

He has spent his career in all phases of the electrical profession, owner, project manager, estimator, foreman, quality control engineer, trainer, etc. All of the references to electricity made in these books are based on his vast knowledge of the electrical profession. He has taught electricity at the Junior College level and spent several years teaching for Butler County at a Texaco refinery and several more years as an electrical estimator for Boeing Wichita.

He is a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has been a certified Organic Gardener and he spends the summer daylight hours growing vegetables and grapes. He is an inventor and patent holder.

He has dabbled in short stories, non-fiction and poetry. These three novels are his first serious literary effort.

Below is a link to Mike's web site:
<http://www.thebloodletting.com/index.shtm>

If interested in purchasing his book, they can be found at his web site or in his café. You can check out the Saddle Rock café on Facebook also.

Congratulations..

to Anne Murphy from Central Mail, who earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Phoenix this past month. You Go Girl!!!

