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BEING HAPPY ON YOUR JOB

How can true happiness be found on someone's job? Can it be found by showing me more money? Giving me more time off? Letting me do what I want, when I want to do it? I think we've all seen some big businesses go belly up lately – businesses with high paid CEO's who couldn't seem to get enough. Greed got the best of them, and hurt a lot of innocent people along the way. Do you think those people were happy?

Happiness starts with feeling good about yourself. It involves your relationships and achievements. When your gifts and abilities are fully developed and put into practice through your job, you grow in confidence and strength. I could quote my ideas on this, or even the ideas of big business; but I don't really call that the official definition of happiness on your job. I believe the best place to define happiness on your job, is in a simple book called the Bible. I have found 7 keys to being happy on your job, in this book:

1. *Learn everything possible about your job.* Proverbs 1:5 tells us: "Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."
2. *Do more than is expected of you.* Matthew 5:41 tells us: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him two." Be an extra-miler!
3. *Use criticism to your advantage.* In fact, make it work for you, and ask for suggestions and correction. Proverbs 13:18 tells us: "Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction, but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored."

4. *See work as God's gift, not punishment.* Ecclesiastes 5:19 tells us: "When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work – this is a gift from God."
5. *Pursue work compatible with your gifts.* 1 Peter 4:11 tells us: "If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised."
6. *Recognize God as your true employer.* Ephesians 6:7-8 tells us: "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does."
7. *Make Jesus your work partner.* Stay Christ-conscious throughout the day as you perform your duties faithfully. Isaiah 26: 3 tells us: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee."

What would happen if these principles were applied to everyone who has a job in this world today? I believe there would be no recessions, no depressions, no greed, or dishonesty, no need for big government, the list can go on and on. Do you get the picture? I'm naive enough to believe that this world would be a much better place to live and work. How about you?

Challenges are what makes life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

Scioto Co. JVS Work Is Wrapping Up

When classes resume later this month, students will be occupying every building at the Scioto County JVS Campus. Led by Mike Snipes, the two year plus project is finally coming to an end. The facility has not only gotten a complete face lift and classroom addition, it has also had state of the art technology installed throughout the buildings. We're very proud to have been a part of this project. It's always great to see good things come to Scioto County. Mike Snipes and Dave Nichols have been wrapping up the loose ends on this project. Job well done!!

SSU's University Center Project Progresses

The new addition on the South side of the University Center is nearly completed. The new Kitchen has been turned over to the College, and food service has been training on the new equipment. The students should be dining in a new cafeteria when classes resume. The spacious serving and dining areas are impressive. There is plenty of window space that seems to bring the outside, inside. Finishing touches are being completed on the second floor of the new South addition. In addition to new offices, the main attraction on the second floor is the "Large Event Room" that can be divided into two meeting rooms. These meeting rooms include state of the art technology, and the décor gives you a "WOW" effect when you enter the rooms. In addition to completing the new oval student area on the front of the building, Workers have moved to the existing sections of the building; to complete the renovation stages of the project. This project should wrap up later this Fall. Led by Danny Beekman, the following workers are currently on site: Ed Sommer, John Hill, Mark Spriggs, Danny Maple, Kenny Stewart, Tim Literal, & Tammie Puckett. As of this date, there have been no serious injuries reported on this project. Keep up the great work!

August & September Birthdays

August: Danny Beekman, Pete Nichols, Michael Hunt, Will Mershon, Rod Hensley, Mark Spriggs, & Andy Eldridge.

September: Prudy Copas & Brian Maple

If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane.

Ironton Metropolitan Housing Authority Gets New Site Lighting

We received a contract from IMHA, to replace the existing site lighting system with new light poles and fixtures; at the IMHA housing facilities in Ironton, Ohio. Bill Mershon and Will Mershon will be starting this work in the next week or two. This is the first stimulus money project we've received to date. We are looking forward to working with the good folks at IMHA.

Health Note

STROKE AWARENESS. A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3-hours, he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3-hours, which is tough. Identifying a stroke can be done by anyone, with 3-easy steps. We need to burn these steps in our brain, and be prepared to help when we have the opportunity.

1. Ask the individual to smile.
2. Ask the person to talk and speak a simple sentence, like: "It is sunny out today."
3. Ask the person to raise both of their arms.

Another simple test is to have the person stick out their tongue. If the tongue goes to one side or the other, that is also an indicator of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, get them emergency assistance immediately; and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

You can make a difference!!

ACP PROJECT On The Ropes Again

Task Order work on the ACP Project in Piketon has hit another stumbling block. Last week, the Obama Administration announced the President would not sign the loan guarantee for the continued progress of this project. There seems to be some concerns about changes in the technology, and DOE wanted the latest technology for the centrifuge process. We laid off 6-Electricians last week. Things are changing daily, and we really don't know what direction this will go in right now. As of this date (8/3/09), we have 20 - workers and office staff on site. Led by Pete Nichols, those workers include: Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Brian Maple, Will Collier, Nick Kingrey, Greg Tingler, Tucker Smalley, Dave Sams, Nelson Duncan, Barry Fyffe, Tim Keyser, Matt Louanglath, Chad Roberts, Scott Wilbanks, Bud Thacker, Terry Fite, Mark Crabtree, Carole Martin, and Laura Hawes.

Work is for people who don't know how to fish.

Service Work And Small Jobs

Dwane Johnson continues to make customers happy, and make a little money at the same time. In addition to many service calls, he has performed small jobs for Shawnee State University, Ohio University in Ironton, IMHA of Ironton, Riverview Retirement Center, Rumpke Transfer Station, Northwest Local Schools, Wheelersburg Local Schools, the Village of New Boston, and many others. Dwane also continues to complete punchlist and warranty work on different projects. Keep up the good work!!

PHS Athletic Complex Is Ready For Football!!

Things are coming together quickly, at the new Portsmouth Athletic Complex. The Football Field has been in use for several weeks now, and temporary occupancy was granted for the new Fieldhouse. The place really looks great! Security fencing has been installed around the Football Field, and only lacks the gates. Our Electricians completed the work on the Football Field last week. The sound systems have been tested and turned over. We are installing phone lines to the buildings this week, and should finish up all of our work over the next few weeks. Andy had the "Grand illumination" of the Football Field on July 2, 2009. The field really looks great under the lights. The first home game is scheduled for September 5, 2009; and will be against the West Portsmouth Siders. Word has it they are telling the Siders to wear plenty of sun screen, due to the bright lights. This should be a great game to begin the PHS Football history in the new Sports Complex. Andy's current crew consist of the following workers: Mike Hunt, Ed Nichols, Dave Nichols, Rod Hensley, and Mike Cross. There have been no injuries turned in on this project to date.

SOMC Small Projects

We recently completed installing temporary power for the mobile kitchen trailer being set-up at the rear of the Hospital. This will provide a temporary kitchen while the old kitchen is being renovated. We have not heard the bid results on the new Kitchen & Cafeteria Project for SOMC, that bid last month. Miles Lee Ferguson & Dustin Pendleton installed the first temporary service, and Bill Mershon and Will Mershon installed the second temporary service.

Stop repeat offenders. Don't re-elect them!

Rubyville Community Church New Worship Center

Work continues on the new Worship Center being built for the Rubyville Community Church. Our crew has been doing rough-in for several months. The building is dried in and the exterior of the building is nearly finished. Exterior building lights and devices were recently installed. Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, our crew has been installing conduits, boxes, MC cable, and can light fixture frames. We are working towards permanent power in the next month or two. We were contacted by the good folks of Rubyville Community Church in March, and asked to help them with the Electrical installation in their new building. This place is destined to be a great place of worship! We are very excited to be a part of this great project. In addition to Miles Lee, the following workers are on site: Dustin Pendleton, Jessica Risner, and Chris Fowler. This has been an injury-free project! Let's work to keep it going that way.

A group of blondes in a college class were given the assignment to measure the height of a flagpole, so they went out to the flagpole with ladders and tape measures, and they're falling off the ladders, dropping the tape measures –the whole thing was just a mess.

A Construction Engineering Student comes along and sees what they are trying to do, walks over, and pulls the flagpole out of the ground, lays it flat, measures it from end to end, and gives the measurement to one of the blond students and walks away.

After the Engineering Student had gone, one blonde turned to the other and laughed. "Isn't that just like a dumb Construction Engineer? We're looking for the height, and he gives us the length."

Golden Years Gets New Panels

We recently received a contract to replace several Electrical Panels in Golden years Convalescent Center, here in Portsmouth, Ohio. Work is starting today, on the first panel. Bill Mershon and Will Mershon will be performing this work for us.

What we've bid, and will be bidding...

- We were the low bidder on the Electrical package for the Nile Township Fire Station to be built on US Route 52, West of State Route 125; adjacent to the Nile Township Community Center. We are waiting on this project to be awarded. We've been told the trustees are waiting for the stimulus money.
 - Infra Metals still plans on building a new Steel Distribution Facility, in the area behind the former Wal-Mart Shopping Center; in New Boston, Ohio. We have been working with our friends at J & H Erectors as part of this design-build team. Infra Metals is planning construction, sometime this year.
 - The Plaza Renovations Project at SSU has been cancelled, and will be rebid at a later date.
 - We will be bidding a fire alarm and call system replacement for the PMHA Hudson House and Alexandria House Apartment buildings, on August 4, 2009.
 - We will be bidding a renovations project at the Portsmouth KDMC Medical Office Building, later this month.
 - We will be bidding the Electrical package on a new Animal Hospital being built in front of Clay High School. Bids are due August 7, 2009.
 - We are expecting plans anytime now, for several new office suites being built at SOMC.
 - We will be bidding the Electrical package on the Clay Local School District's new K-12 School facility; as soon as the plans are available. Solid Rock was the successful bidder on the site package, which is already underway.
 - We are watching for plans for a new K-12 School facility, for New Boston Local School District.
 - We will be bidding the Electrical work on the Portsmouth Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, later this month (August). This project is being done with stimulus money.
 - Bids were received and rejected because they were over the estimates, on a new Highway Patrol Post building in South Point. We were the low Electrical bidder who's bid was rejected. This project rebid a few weeks ago, and we were not the low bidder the second time.
 - We will be bidding the electrical package for Washington-Nile's new Middle School. Bids for the new Middle School facility should be out very soon.
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