

First Jobs:

Memorable Moments and Life Lessons

Kathe from Gahanna: Hair salon receptionist

“The cash register was a giant, scary (!) machine with a thousand buttons, and I could never learn it, so I was only allowed to sweep up hair and answer phones.”

Maria from Karl Road: Cook at Pizza Hut

“If you work in the food industry, the walk-in freezer is a time-honored place to have FEELINGS. Feel free to cry, shout, etc. Your coworkers will understand/not dunk on you too bad.”

Laura from Whetstone: Babysitter

“I learned that I’m incredibly bad at playing Super Mario Bros.!”

Garry from Reynoldsburg: Grocery store clerk

“I learned I didn’t want to bag groceries for the rest of my life! Seriously, it was so bad I used to bag groceries in my dreams while I was asleep.”

Ken from Whetstone: Swimming pool grille

“My inability to make change (it was the 1970s – no iPhone calculators!) and my complete lack of multitasking skills caused me to be transferred to parking lot duty the very next day.”

Cody from Parsons: Golf course ball picker

“I had a coworker who accidentally ran over a skunk with the picker and the whole place smelled faintly of skunk for about a week!”

Leaha from Linden: Bowling alley

“A family of bowlers gave me their baby to hold while they played three games. After a while, the baby was heavier than a bowling ball!”

Laura from Linden: Waitress

“I learned how to balance a tray the hard way: I spilled coffee on people a few times and one time I dropped a chlidog facedown onto my shoe!”