

## Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!



### The Birth of a New Fleet of Trucks

RJ Zavoral and Sons recently took delivery of 5 new International Model 7600 dump trucks on April 24th. The new trucks replaced some of the current fleet and represents a new RJ Zavoral and



Sons color scheme for new and future fleet additions, utilizing the new bronze color. The new trucks are outfitted with quint axles which allow loads of up to 70,000 lbs., a significant increase over the previous trucks. With the advanced technologies of the 7600 is a training CD that must be reviewed by any driver assigned or asked to operate this truck. Also, there are operational reviews, outside of the training CD, that will have to completed before approval to operate is allowed.

### Bidding Season Update

This year's bidding season is shaping up to look a lot like last year's, starting out slow and picking up in May and June. Last year we bid on about 25 jobs from January to May and 25 more in May alone. We are at the same point right now, with a lot of work still out there to be bid. And just like the fishing opener this weekend, with some hard work and a little luck we'll get our limit! Good Luck to all Ye' Fishermen and Fisherwomen!

### Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

### Dirty Air Filters

Operators, please remember to check your engine air filter daily. Entry of dirty air is one of the major causes to premature engine wear. The easiest way to avoid this is to ensure a clean engine air filter. This picture, of an engine air filter that was extremely plugged up, was taken out of a loader last week. Also, with summer just around the corner, keep an eye on your cab filters as well.



### Project Updates:

11.299	Grand Forks Wellness Center	Near completion with backfill around building, infiltration basin, sidewalks, and north lot. 8/1
12.322	Brandt Angus Impoundment	Just breaking ground.
12.321	2102 Repair of Project #30	Will be starting soon.

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Congratulations to these Employees

### May Employee Birthdays

Curt Knutson	5/11
Paul Rasmussen	5/13
Ben Pribula	5/14
Mike Lund	5/15
AJ Campbell	5/18
Jake Hendrickson	5/22
Bill Stocker	5/23
Jake Sele	5/30

### May Employment Anniversaries

Roger Smith	30 years
Richard Hagstrom	29 years
Darrel Utzinger	26 years
Mark Beard	20 years
Richie Olson	19 years
Dean Pesch	19 years
Jim Yanish	17 years
Ben Horken	16 years
Troy Hammargren	18 years
Blayne Vonasek	12 years
Allan Enright	12 years
Sean Rodriguez	9 years
Paul Rasmussen	8 years
Jerald Holthusen	8 years
Marty Sazama	8 years
Al Binkley	7 years
Todd Chwialkowski	5 years
AJ Campbell	3 years
Josh Kraft	3 years
Jake Sele	3 years
Evan Awes	2 years
Tim Kujawa	2 years
Jesse Jobgen	2 years
Emily Barta	1 years
John Kirchberg	1 years



## 2012 Construction Season Begins on the Angus Impoundment Project

Work has begun on the MSTWD Brandt Angus Impoundment near Angus, MN. With over 225,103 CY of common excavation and 35,158 LF of channel rehabilitation, and 445,320 CY of common borrow to complete, this will be one of the largest projects of the season. Also, part of the contract calls for 12,254 CY of aggregate surfacing along with many outlet and inlet structures to be constructed.

This project is very similar in size and structure to the impoundment that was constructed for the watershed in 2010, outside of Warren, MN. The project should be completed later in the year, with some good dry weather.

The West Wing has a large collection of items that have been turned in, just outside of the breakroom. Please take a moment to see if any of these items may belong to you. Thanks!

Trivia: What Great Lakes state has more shoreline than the entire US Atlantic Seaboard?

Which country has more tractors per capita; Canada, Iceland, or Japan?

## RJ ZAVORAL AND SONS, INC.

### ANNUAL COMPANY PICNIC

**Thursday, June 21st**

**From 6:00 pm—9:00 pm**

**At the RJZ Business Office**

**Food and refreshments will be served along with games for the entire family.**

## New Parking for Company Trucks and Trailers

We would like to ask that all company trucks be parked in the new designated area, on the north side of the "Cold Storage" building. Also, all skid steer trailers are to be parked, without exception, on the north side as well. There are several recent instances with company trucks that have had excessive garbage, both in the cabs and the boxes. We ask that all employees remove all garbage each and every night, after returning to the West Wing.

## Moving Around?

If you have recently had a change of address, please contact the office so we can update our records. Correct information is needed by the health insurance provider and by Alerus Retirement Solutions.

**Quote for May "Make peace with your past so it won't disrupt the present".**

## Safety Central

With the beginning of every construction season, comes the threat of dangerous weather conditions. One aspect of this is lightning storms and a great deal of misunderstanding and misinformation regarding this phenomenon. Some facts regarding lightning is that strikes can come from as 5-10 miles away, leaving most people unaware that they are in a risk area. If you can hear the thunder, you are within reach of the lightning and should seek shelter. A common myth is that

rubber soled shoes will protect you from lightning...wrong. The key is to seek shelter in a building or an automobile and not a shed or park pavilion. If you are in an open area, do not lie down but stay as low as possible while seeking shelter. If an employee is struck, they do not contain an electric charge and first aid and CPR must be administered. Call emergency response services immediately and stay safe. Stay Safe This Summer!

