

# The Dirt



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## Construction Begins on the *NEW* RJ Zavoral & Sons Maintenance Shop Facility

Site work has begun on the new 29,700 square foot RJZ Shop Facility, just east of the current main shop. The new facility will offer (8) service bays and overhead crane systems, new offices and a large meeting area/commons area, expanded locker rooms, a large cold storage area, and a second floor meeting facility large enough for the annual spring meeting. The exterior of the building will be constructed of 20" insulated pre-stressed walls and the new shop will also have radiant floor heat with an auxiliary fuel oil system for back-up heat. The projected completion date is set for the fall of 2012.



## Al and Team are Ripping it Up on the Brandt Angus Impoundment



*"The Dirty Dozer's" at Work*   *RJZ Flex'n Their Muscle*   *Ground Breaking Ceremony*

## **Need a Break?**

Don't forget to get your **Vacation Request Forms** in early with the hot days of summer hopefully soon to be here. July 4th will be a paid holiday and we encourage you to utilize your vacation time for the 5th-6th. Please make your requests early. Only mandatory or required jobs will be working during this time.

## Got an old AT&T Cell? Lose or Damage your Verizon phone?

If you have a company issued AT&T cell phone, we would ask that you return it to the RJZ Business Office, or leave it with Vicki or Jenn at either shop. Also, those of you that have Verizon's **ProtectCell Program** on your newly issued phones, please do not call the office if you damage or lose your phone. Call 877.775.3274 (or go to their website at [www.protectcell.com](http://www.protectcell.com)) to get yourself back on line. You will need your **ProtectCell** plan number and serial number to complete the transaction. This plan will supply you with a replacement phone (**not a NEW phone**) and you must return the damaged phone (if it was damaged and not lost) as soon as you receive the replacement.

## Is Your Machine Feeling a Little *"Blue"*?

If you are experiencing any issues with the machine you are operating, get your "Blue Sheet" in ASAP. Also, if you have new employees working on your job-site, be sure to lend them a hand in filling out the form correctly.

**Don't Forget Your Seat Belt!**



## Bidding Season Update

Just recently received the bid for the Grand Marias Creek Stabilization, north of EGF and the 2012 Pavement Improvements for the GF Park District, and are awaiting decisions on several other jobs. Looking ahead, the first week of June several new bids are set to release and the next week, several more bids are set to be released.

### Project Updates:

11.299	Grand Forks Wellness Center	Near completion
12.322	Brandt Angus Impoundment	40% completed
12.321	2102 Repair of Project #30	35% completed
12.325	RLWD Grand Marias Creek	Just breaking ground

# Under the "Rock" Moving the Earth Since 1951

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## 2012 Construction Season Brings Some Ditch'n and We Ain't...Complain'n

Sam Thomsen and team are busy doze'n and dig'en on the Wild Rice Water Shed District job, 5 miles north of Ada, MN. The project consists of excavation of 168,410 cubic yards and top soiling of 27,700 cubic yards. Even with several field culverts to salvage and re-install, the conditions have been favorable and currently the project is approximately 40% complete, with an expected completion time at the end of June.



We are still having some issues with pieces of metal that are being placed in the burn pile, causing extra work for those that have to remove it. Please place all pieces of metal in the orange "Sand" truck, located in the rear of the shop. All it takes, in most cases, is just an extra second. Your help is appreciated! "The West Winger Warriors"

### Trivia:

\*What household appliance, invented in 1927, was banned from use in New York City until 1997?

\*President Harry Truman coined the phrase:  
"if you can't stand the heat...get out...(?)"

Congratulations to these Employees

### May Employee Birthdays

Tim Friezen	6/13
Jomey Riojas	6/15
Darrell Utzinger	6/16
Jennifer Zavoral	6/17
Lance Efteland	6/22
Ben Gergen	6/25
Jim Grabanski	6/28

### May Employment Anniversaries

Scott Boushee	25 years
Tim Nelson	17 years
Tim Friezen	14 years
Wayne Gust	11 years
Stan Mercer	9 years
Jim Grabanski	6 years
Marc Rusling	6 years
Ben Gergen	4 years
Tom Vanyo	3 years
Zach Boutin	2 years
Tim Plante	2 years
Jordan Rusling	1 year
Dave Larson	1 year
Rory Lindquist	1 year
Dave Zinkevich	1 year
John Stocker	1 year

**Editors Note:** An "Employment Anniversary" correction is needed for one of the senior members of the team. Darrell "Super Cat" Utzinger's service with the company did not reflect his prior years of service with the company before he had headed out west for a year during the early 80's oil boom. All tolled, Darrell has been with RJZ for 32 years....geez, you don't even look that old Darrell!!!!

## Don't Forget!!

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.

*Join us for a Relaxing Evening*

There are a few new faces that you may run into this construction season. Beth Zavoral is starting her first season with the company and is the daughter of Bill Z. Also starting there first season is Andy Brons, of Newfolden and Andy Foster, of Warroad. Be sure to welcome them to the RJZ team.

## Cooter's Corner

*Helpful tip's from your friendly mechanic's*



We have seen repairs recently for issues of damaged hoses and electrical connections for skid steer attachments. Please take an extra second (or two) and be sure to disconnect all connections before driving away from the attachment. This will save the company countless wasted hours in the shop. Thanks!



**Quote for June** "Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength".

## Safety Central - June is "Eye Awareness Month"/Wear Your Eye Protection PPE and Save an Eye

Did you know:

- Work place injuries occur 2,000 times a day?
- Temporary or permanent vision loss results for up to 20% of those injuries?
- Sixty percent of those injured were not wearing eye protection?

This month's topic of discussion during the RJZ Safety Meeting is to review our PPE/Eye Protection program and look at ways in which we, as a company, can increase the use of

eye protection; provided injury prevention training; and review our injury response capabilities. While we hope to come up with ideas to meet these needs, we ask that if you have an idea that could help us, to please drop me an email (joe@rjzavoral.com) or to give me a call. Other than ear protection, eye protection is one of the most common needs that you, as an employee, have readily available at no cost. Be smart and stay safe and healthy.

