

The Dirt



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Moving the Earth Since 1951

The Return of the Dirt

It's back by popular demand. After taking a break for a few years, *The Dirt*, is making a comeback this summer. Recent surveys of the communication in the company showed that you guys would like to know more about what's going on. We feel *The Dirt* can bring you a wealth of information you need to know like upcoming work, status of current projects, policies, helpful hints, and some useless information as well. Joe Zavoral will be taking over the editing duties, but there will be contributions from many individuals. If you have something you would like to contribute to *The Dirt*, contact Joe at the office.



Let the floodgates of information flow!

Blimey, what's with all the Lime!

If you have driven by the west wing lately and have noticed a large amount of lime, don't worry, Crystal Sugar isn't adding on. We are setting the base for a new cold storage facility. It will be a great place to store all of Terry's tires, fabric, and lots of other goodies. In addition to the building, we will have lots more room to park the equipment and make our corner of the Industrial Park a little more tidy.

10 Year Flood Anniversary

This year marks the 10 year anniversary of the Flood of the Century. There is a 3 day event to commemorate the flood from Thursday April 19th through Saturday April 21st. We have been asked to

have some of our equipment in the parade on Saturday afternoon. Come out and cheer on the recovery. The Parade starts at 1:30pm on Saturday, April 21st

Safety Equipment Exchange

We are still offering exchanges on all safety glasses and vests before the start of the season. Bring in your old used equipment to the office and we will replace it at no charge.

Project Updates:

Markit Landfill	Mar-kit is a spring start. We are going to dig the last cell and cover another cell. Dave thinks its gonna be a good job. Joe thinks its gonna "stink".
Kittson Co CSAH No. 7 Halma	Re-grade 4 miles heading east straight out of Halma.
Kittson Co. Twp 257	Re-grade the 1/2 mile into the Markit Landfill from the highway.
Bemidji Airport	De Plane Boss! De Plane! We are the apparent low-bidder and if awarded, we will be re-grading one runway and a couple of taxiways. Project looks to start later in the summer.
EGF Alley Paving	Install storm sewer and crushed concrete on an alley near the new Sunshine Terrace.
EGF Phase 4 - Reach 2	We will be finishing the Corp work this year. We have to tie the dike together from Hwy 220 north over to the State Shop on Hwy 2
Ditch No. 11	We are about 75% complete. We need the grass to start growing so we can get back to work.

The Rock

Well, it's no Stonehenge, but as some of you have noticed, we added a little landscaping at the office last fall. "The Rock" was discovered by Bryce Bosh back in the Summer of 2003 on County Road 44 right by the Gentley pit. To get it home we pushed it on the lowboy with a D6 Dozer. Once delivered to the site, we built a mound to place it on. We tried to lift it into place with the 980 loader. The rock weighed a lot (see trivia) and as we started to lift, it split in half from the pressure of the forks. Like Moses and the 10 commandments we were able to put the two huge puzzle pieces together. Then Ben Horken drilled some holes in the back side of the rock and used tie rods to pull it together. We found out that they make granite glue for these types of situations so we ordered some and patched it up like new. The engraving was done by G&J Stone Carving. They used a stencil and sandblasted the logo into place. They hand painted in the finishing touches. We then added the American flag, lighting, and landscaping that catches your eye as you turn into the office.



Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

One of the best ways to make sure you are covering all your grease points is to look in the operation manual for the piece of equipment. It usually can be found under the seat. There is a diagram and it lists all the areas that need to be serviced.

Trivia:

1. How many Dozers are in the R.J. Zavoral & Sons Fleet?
2. What year was the first edition of "The Dirt" published?
3. How much does the new rock at the office weigh?
 - A. 20,000-30,000 lbs.
 - B. 30,000-40,000 lbs.
 - C. Over 40,000 lbs

April Birthdays

Vicki Johnson Tuesday the 3rd

Jeremy Bachmeier Wednesday the 11th

Sam Thomsen Thursday the 12th

Kathryn Zavoral Tuesday the 17th

Richie Olsen Saturday the 21st

Happy Birthday from the RJZ Family!

Are we done yet?

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual spring safety meetings. We know they can get long at times, but we hope you all took something home with you that you can use.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" -John Philpot Curran

Safety Central

It's hopefully going to get warmer soon and that means getting outside and doing some work around the house. If you are getting out and blowing the dust off your power tools, here's a few things to remember from the Power Tool Institute: There are three main causes of power tool injuries, Loss of concentration, Unexpected Events, and Inexperience and Overconfidence.

Always remember power tool safety at work and at home.

- Check for power tools that are damaged or unsafe.
- Enforce use of proper ear, face, and body protection.
- Ensure that all blades and moving parts are guarded.
- Always follow the manufacturer's guidelines.

