

The Dirt



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Moving the Earth Since 1951

That's one big salad shooter!

The record beet crop we had last fall has produced a record number of rotten beets this spring, and someone has to find a home for them. That someone is us as we have a contract to remove the rotten beets from the Ardock, Alvarado, and EGF sites. To deal with the overabundance we have acquired a tub grinder to chop up the beets before we apply them in the area fields. This will allow us to take advantage of our pulp and tailings experience in land applications. It's gonna be a lot of work, but we know we've got the equipment and the guys to get it done!



You know what they say, "Many knives make light work."

Congratulations!

Some people thought the fireworks on April 20th were pigs flying through the air, that's because Jon Schroeder actually got married. Jon and Sharee tied the knot in front of close personal friends Dave Hakstol, Goldie the Gopher, and others. Congrats Sharee and Jon...now get back to work!

Gettin Itchy?

The sun is shining and the frost is on its way out, and to most of us, that means we are ready to get back to work. Now all we have to do is wait for road restrictions to go off before we can really get at it.

Old New Guy

Guess who's back? Mark Aure has rejoined the force after a year away. Let's all welcome Mark back when we see him. It's great to have you back!

Project Updates:

Markit Landfill	Mar-kit will be starting up around May 15th.
Kittson Co CSAH No. 7 Halma	Re-grade 4 miles heading east straight out of Halma. Should be starting around May 15th.
Marshall Co. - CSAH No. 24	Re-grade 2 miles northeast of Stephen to the Kittson County line, starting sometime in late May.
EGF Watermain Replacement	Replace the line near Ryan Potato and the Water and Light Building.
Sand Hill Watershed Ditch. 46	We are apparent low bidder on this 300,000 cy, 11 mile job. Hopefully start in June.
EGF Phase 4	Reach 1 has to be completed by July. Hopefully we'll have both reaches done by then.
Ditch No. 11	We are about 75% complete. We need the grass to start growing and are in the process of dewatering.

Thanks America!



The 10 year anniversary of the Flood of the Century has passed and we wanted to take a moment and thank all of you who helped fight in the Flood of '97 and participated in rebuilding the levees and the community. Thanks also to all who helped make our vehicles the sharpest looking in the parade!



May B-Days

Jamie Kazmierczak - Friday the 11th
Paul Rasmussen - Sunday the 13th
Mike Lund - Tuesday the 15th
Happy Birthday from the RJZ Family!

Did you know?

Men are 20% more likely than women to sneeze in a dusty room.

Racecar spelt backwards is Racecar

TIP is the acronym for "To Insure Promptness."

"Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why." - Bernard Baruch

Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

Once we hook the grease gun up to the zerk, we need to make sure the grease lines are connected to the pivot point. This winter we found a number of broken grease lines. If you find a broken grease line, we'll know you are taking a good hard look at your machine.

Trivia:

1. When was the shop built in Industrial Park? How big was it originally?
2. What is the top speed of the 14H?
3. What year did Schrades start working at RJZ's and how old was he?

Safety Central

It's time for work to start and that means getting up early. If you're like me, that alarm seems to go off about 2 hours too soon. But proper rest is important to help you be more active and alert at the workplace. To make sure you are not like the 50 million other Americans not getting enough sleep, follow these simple steps.

- Skip the stimulants like caffeine and nicotine from late afternoon on.
- Go to bed and get up at the same times every day, even on your days off. It will help regulate your internal clock.
- Exercise! Studies show people who exercise fall asleep in half the time as non-exercisers

