

Somebody turn off the Faucet!

In the two weeks since the Mar-kit landfill project started, the site has received over nine inches of rain. Troy is wondering whether to continue building a new garbage cell or start gathering animals and



building an ark. But the crew is persevering and are staying on schedule digging out the cell and building the berm and should be ready to have the liner guys come in to lay liner on the 28th of June. The rain has made it tough but guys are "gettin it done". The whole project should be wrapped up in the middle of July.

Fartin' Rain

It's about as certain as death and taxes, big rains the first two weeks of June. Don't let it get you down, but rest up because once it's dry, we'll be working some long hours and some Saturdays to catch up. And along with the rain comes mud. Let's make sure we are cleaning off our tracks and keeping our cabs of the pick-ups and equipment shiny and clean.

Fourth of July

The fourth of July lands on a Wednesday this year and some guys have been wondering what days we are going to take off from work. It's still up in the air right now, but the best thing to do if you would like to take the 5th and 6th off is to fill out a vacation request form. Remember everyone that attended the safety meetings in March has 2 extra days paid-time-off available.

Project Updates:

07.179	Markit Landfill	Should have the berm done this week and start installing the clay liner next week.
07.178	Kittson Co CSAH No. 7 Halma	About 85% complete, one mile blue-topped.
07.177	Marshall Co. - CSAH No. 23	The pipe is done, 2 miles stripped, started pushing ditches out this week.
07.180	EGF Watermain Replacement	Phase II underway.
07.183	Bemidji Airport	Earthwork starting July 5th.
05.139	EGF Phase 4	Punchlist stuff on Reach 1. Reach 2 is about 75% completed.
07.182	Marshall Cty.54 Grygla N.	June 25th Start date.
07.181	EGF Alley Paving	Finishing this job up next week.
07.186	Pinestone Addition	Busy digging out the street to put in the crushed concrete.
06.172	Ditch No. 11	Completed Phase II work, now waiting on grass again before finishing.

There's a new sheriff in town

Have you ever grabbed a pump, packer, laser, etc. from the West Wing only to find out once you get to your job-site that it doesn't work in the first place? For this and other reasons, we found it was time for our company to add a grounds keeper. Brian McMahon was hired to clean and organize the West Wing and Cold Storage Area. In addition to cleaning, he is in charge of equipment coming in and out of the shop; such as pumps, generators, packers, sweeper, light plants, signs, barrels, fabric and so on. All such equipment that is used on a job needs to be checked in and out with Brian. Stop in and meet him but make sure to wipe your feet.



Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

With all the machines hard at work, it's a good idea to keep a watch on your hour meters and give the guys in the shop a few days notice on oil changes - which are every 250 hours. That way we can schedule you in and keep the downtime to a minimum.

Trivia:

1. How much rain did we get in the month of May? And what's the average?
2. What does GPS stand for?

Radio Waves

When you jump-start equipment or trucks make sure the radio is turned off or it will scramble its brains and will have to get reprogrammed. It's a good idea to turn the radio off at the end of the day anyway, cause that may be the reason you need the jump in the first place. It's also a good idea when talking on the radio to wait a couple seconds after you key your mike to start talking because there's usually a lag and everyone just hears the last few syllables of your sentence.

Did you know?

The word comet comes from the Greek *kométes*, meaning "wearing long hair."

Leonardo da Vinci invented the scissors.

More New Faces - (welcome these new guys when you see them)



Blake Abbey - Operator



Nick Smith - Laborer



Matt Wilson - Laborer

"In a moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing." - Theodore Roosevelt

Safety Central

Four out of five adults experience low-back pain at some point. One major cause is lifting incorrectly. If you lift objects, light or heavy, the right form can prevent pain and injury. Lift it right:

- **Think before you lift.** Don't lift more than you can handle.
- **Bend your knees, not at your waist.** Lift with the strong muscles of your hips and legs. Keep your back straight and your stomach muscles tight.
- **Straighten up slowly,** holding the load close to your body, with the weight balanced.

- **Don't twist or turn while lifting,** holding or moving with the load. Move and unload slowly and carefully.

More lifting tips: Always turn to face the object you are about to lift ... lift and unload slowly ... push, don't pull because pushing is easier on your back ... ask for help lifting heavy objects ... use tools and lifting machines when possible.

