

## De Plane boss, De Plane!

“Keep your heads down boys!” is the theme while working at the Bemidji airport. The crew got rolling this week, getting their feet wet. They have most of the strip-ping completed on the part they can work on and once the runway is milled the real grading action will begin. Sounds like we are introducing GPS technology to the Lakes Country. Several local contractors want to come and see how it works. It’s hard to believe with all the water we’ve gotten in Halma and Mar-kit that we are actually using a water wagon on the airport project.

### Some New Projects

We picked up some more work in the last few weeks, most notably is a 4 mile road job in Pennington County that has approximately 300,000 yards to move. There’s also the sub-base work on the Greenway Crossing paving, the Water’s Edge, and the Golf Course Trail Improvement projects. Finally, we also picked up the dirt work on the stretch of Polk Cty. 17 between business Hwy 2 and Hwy 2, right behind Lumber Mart.



It’s Tattoo! The security gate keeper!

### Congrats!!

Congratulations are in order for Tom Bye and his bride, Brenda, who were united in marriage on June 30th. Best wishes from all of us at RJZ.

### Crystal Countdown

4 Weeks to Pulp and Tailings! Can’t you just smell it coming?

#### Project Updates:

07.179	Markit Landfill	The Cell is about 90% complete and the closure is about 75%.
07.178	Kittson Co CSAH No. 7 Halma	She’s been “Hell - Ma” but we got ‘er done.
07.177	Marshall Co. - CSAH No. 23	Test Rolling this week.
07.180	EGF Watermain Replacement	Phase II is about 85% done.
07.183	Bemidji Airport	Taxiway A is constructed, starting to work on Runway 13-31.
05.139	EGF Phase 4	Reach 1 is just about cleaned up, and we are putting topsoil on Reach 2.
07.182	Marshall Cty.54 Grygla N.	Pipe Crew starting this week, with dozers next week.
06.172	Ditch No. 11	Completed Phase II work, now waiting on grass again before finishing.
07.185	Ditch No. 46	Have 3 miles of 13 excavated and starting to install box culverts.

# Signs, Signs, Everywhere there's Signs"

Just a reminder to take care of road signs and barricades. Instead of driving around the barricades, get out of the machine and move them to the shoulder of the road, then when finished for the day, place the signs back on the road with sandbags. It's very important now-a-days to make sure the public is aware of the road closures and tough driving conditions. Don't just drive by at the end of the night thinking someone else will put the signs up. Everyone, please chip in ~ many hands make light work.

## Who's Thirsty?

Just so you know, do **not** drink the water out of the water truck, it's not potable water. Besides, I don't see how you'd be able to get your mouth around the pipes in the back anyway. If you do need some water during this hot summer, talk to your supervisor.

## July B-Days

- Dan Zavoral - Sunday the 1st
- Grandma Lois - Wednesday the 11th
- Troy Hammargren - Thursday the 12th
- Darald Holthusen - Thursday the 19th
- Wayd Korynta - Thursday the 19th
- Wade Forsberg - Thursday the 26th
- Marty Sazama - Thursday the 26th
- Pete Zavoral - Friday the 27th
- Scott Enright - Saturday the 28th
- Happy Birthday from the RJZ Family!

## Fuel \$\$ - What a gas!

The price of fuel has been skyrocketing since we bid the projects earlier this year, so to help with the bottom line, please don't let equipment idle for long periods of time. During the summer you only need a five minute cool-down before lunch and you don't need to warm it up after lunch. A gallon saved is about \$3.50 earned!

*"The more we do, the more we can do." - William Hazlitt*

## Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who attended the picnic in June. It was nice to have an evening without rain. Good food and good fun. Hope to see you again at the next event!

## Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

Take time to check your cutting edges and get them changed before they reach the bolts, by then it's too late. Check them at least once a week and more often when working in sand.

Trivia:

1. How many career strikeouts does "Circle Me Bert" have?
2. Who is the only Twin to hit an inside-the-park Grand Slam?

## Safety Central

According to the NFPA, gas and charcoal grills caused an average of 900 structure fires and 3,500 outdoor fires in or on home properties in 2002, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$30 million. To make sure your next barbecue doesn't go up in flames, the Home Safety Council recommends the following safety tips:

- Designate the grilling area a "No Play Zone" keeping kids and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.
- Before using, position your grill at least 3 feet away from other objects, including the house & shrubs or bushes.
- Only use starter fluid made for barbecue grills when starting a fire in a charcoal grill.
- Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to be sure it is working properly and not leaking.
- Never use a match to check for leaks. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill again until the leak is fixed.
- Never bring a barbecue grill indoors, or into any unventilated space. This is both a fire and carbon monoxide poisoning hazard.

