

The Dirt



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Where does the time go?

Summer sure went by fast, so fast that it seems like the last *Dirt* was in back in July. Anyway, so far we've seen 18 projects come and go (07.175-07.193), not to mention multiple private jobs, and a couple of jobs left over from last year. Most notably is the substantial completion of Phase IV of the Levee Projects in East Grand Forks. The levee work started on August 29th, 2001 and since that day we've moved just under 4 million yards of dirt, and that's not counting the phase we did in Grand Forks. Needless to say that's a lot of dirt. We want to sincerely thank all of those who helped contribute to the success of the levee projects to protect the city of East Grand Forks from future floods.



Box Culvert under the R.R. Tracks on the Ditch No. 46 job.
Nice job guys!

Good work does not go unnoticed

I don't know if you guys saw the article on the Mark-Kit Landfill in the Herald ("High Marks for Mar-Kit, Sept. 9, 2007), but there were many good things to say about Dale and his landfill up there. Dale had some compliments of his own for our work on the new cell this summer. He told the board at their last meeting that he didn't know of any other contractor that could have gotten that project done on time with the 21" of rain that fell in May and June. Congratulations to all who worked on the project. Keep up the good work!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Save the Date!

Seeing the Christmas decorations at the stores reminds us there's only three whole months to Christmas. Here's a reminder to save the date for our Christmas Party! This year's party will be held on Friday, December 7th at the Touch of Magic in beautiful downtown EGF. Don't forget to come and pick up your new jackets. Hope to see you all there!

Remembering Bryce

On October 19th, it'll be 3 years since Bryce Bosh passed away. We hope you take an opportunity to remember Bryce and his family in prayer and reflect on all your co-workers and their significance in your life. We have set up a scholarship at Central Lakes Community College in Bryce's name for area students studying heavy-equipment operation. If you wish to donate an hour or two of your vacation time to the fund, please contact the office.

Project Updates:

07.194	EGF 13th St SE	70% completed, some pipe work this fall and final paving next spring.
07.195	ACS Pulp and Tailings	And the "beet" goes on...
07.198	ACS - Hillsboro Waste Disposal	About 65% completed, lift station and piping work yet to complete.
07.199	ACS EGF Mud Pond	20% Completed.
07.200	EGF Lagoon Sludge Removal	Starting soon.

Key's are key to starting vehicles

Sounds silly enough, but it's really frustrating when there are pick-ups and dump trucks sitting at the west wing that can't be moved because no one can find the key. Any time you park a dump truck, semi, or pick-up at the West Wing, put the key on the big peg-board right next to the walk-in door so the next person to use it knows where to look for the key.

Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

There's been some instances of people putting the wrong fluids in the wrong places on equipment. If you are not 100% sure of what goes where, be sure to ask someone, check your machine fluid spec sheet, or check the operator's manual in the cab.

Belated B-Days

Wish these guys (and gal) a happy belated birthday when you see them!

Roger Smith - Aug. 15th

Tim Larson, Terry Morrison, & Mike Zavoral - Aug. 23rd

Chris Schultz - Aug. 28th

Robert Rose - Aug. 31th

Matt Cummins - Sept. 6th

Randy Enright & Bryce Wilson - Sept. 8th

Jeff Beard - Sept. 11th

Travis Cariveau - Sept. 14th

Buck Enright - Sept. 23rd

Tom Bye - Sept. 26th

Brenda Ficklin - Oct. 6th

Josh Lavoi - Oct. 7th

Happy Birthday from the RJZ Family!

Drain your Tanks

It's getting colder and soon the temps will hit below freezing, so it's a good idea to start draining your air tanks of condensation at night to help ensure you are up and running in the morning.

Da Thirty Pointer!

If you are planning on taking some time off to sit in the woods and shoot the big one, don't forget to fill out a vacation request form. Please get your form in by Friday the

Trivia:

1. What's the longest field goal by a Viking's kicker?
2. What's the record for most TD passes in a game for a Vikings QB?

"Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone." - Gertrude Stein

October B-Days

Scott Boushee - Sat. the 13th

Jason Common - Sat. the 13th

Jon Schroeder - Mon. the 15th

Marshal Monk - Thurs. the 18th

Marc DeMers - Sat. the 20th

Chris Reck - Fri. the 26th

Stanley Mercer - Sat. the 27th

Robert John Zavoral - Thurs. the 18th

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Safety Central

Water: An Essential Element

Water makes up more than two-thirds of the weight of the human body. An average adult loses about 10 cups of water a day. This needs to be replaced, so the typical recommendation is to drink 8-10 cups of fluid each day. Some of the water in our body is obtained through foods we eat (those that are 85-95 percent water) and some is the byproduct of metabolism. But drinking water is our main -- and best -- source of hydration. We also obtain water through liquid foods and beverages, such as soup, milk and juices.

Alcoholic beverages and beverages containing caffeine (coffee, tea and colas) are not the best choices, because they have a diuretic (water-excreting) effect. If an inadequate amount of water is consumed, the body fluids become imbalanced, causing dehydration, which can be life-threatening when severe. Water is a lubricant within the body, and is the basis of saliva and the fluids surrounding the joints. Water regulates body temperature through perspiration. It also helps prevent and alleviate constipation by moving food through the intestinal tract.

