

Get ready to move some dirt!

It's been a slow start to the summer, with the cold weather and lack of work in the region, but we got a shot in the arm last week. We were the apparent low bidder on the Phase 1 - Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project for the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed. The job is a few miles southeast of Warren, MN and there's about 1.5 million yards of dirt to be moved. We are very eager to get going on this project. We also picked up 7 miles of grade widening and shouldering in Polk County on County 41 from Hwy 102 to County 12 and we are going back to Alton to work on the site for expansion of the fertilizer plant that we worked on back in 2003. We are also proud to be part of the largest wind tower site in the state of North Dakota out by Valley City. The project covers 77 square miles and there's almost one mile of pipe to put in. All in all, we are looking forward to a very productive summer!



"Hey Brenda, this is Chad. Thanks for being in my circle, take care of all my buddies at R.J.Z. for me!"

"Can you hear me now?"

Here's a reminder that our cell phone policy has been updated and Brenda is the person to go to with any of your cell phone questions. She's our cell phone "Wizard" and will guide you through your replacement phone options. We also have belt cases and car chargers available for purchase at the office for the new LG AX390 phone that we offer.

Project Updates:

07.194	EGF 13th St SE	85% completed, finishing up next week.
08.203	Polk County DAC building	Building work about 75% complete. Parking lot and utilities left to do.
08.204	NDDOT - Near Pembina	Started up this week.
08.206	Lengby	Should have it started and finished this week.
08.207	Nielsville Bridges	Waiting for the bridges to be completed.
08.208	Polk County Box Culverts	In the near future
08.210	Ashtabula Wind Project	Just underway. About 20% complete.
08.211	Blair Road - Naytahwaush	Starting up soon.
	Alton Fertilizer Expansion	Starting up soon.
	Polk County 41	Starting up soon.

Ron's Way

The following essay is a paper Ron Wolff's son Ryan wrote after he shadowed Ron at work. Just goes to show all you Dads' out there that your hard work doesn't go un-noticed.

When most people think of R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. construction company, they think of dike projects and big highway projects. What they don't think of is the men behind the scenes who keep everything from little push lawn mowers to huge 40 ton dirt haulers running. This job isn't glamorous; in fact it is just plain dirty. They go to work early and come home late. One of these men is the topic of this paper. This man is my dad and mechanic for more years than he can count.

On the day I go to talk to my dad, it's early but I can tell the shop has been alive with activity for quite awhile. The shop, a big huge grey tin building with five garage doors on it, all of them big enough to fit a semi-truck in. Each mechanic in the shop has his own door to work in. My dad's door is at the far right. So I walk down to the door and can see my dad already at work on more projects than he should be working on at one time. When I walk in my dad yells to me, "Ryan, climb into this bobcat and move the bucket up and down slowly, so I can grease it."

So I strangle over and climb into the bobcat and grab the control and move the bucket up and down slowly while my dad shoots grease into it with a big pump. When he was done with that my dad tells me to follow him over to where he and Mike Lund (also a mechanic at Zavoral's) were looking at an engine on a huge tractor that had tracks on it. While he and Mike were working on the tractor, I noticed that my dad already had torn apart most of the engine where the problem had occurred and was getting the broken parts out. So I wondered how he knew what was wrong and how he knew where everything went? So I asked him, "Dad, how do you know what is wrong and where everything goes?"

My dad looked at me with a puzzled look, then smiled and said, "I just do."

"No, seriously dad, how do you know?" I pleaded.

"Well, I guess over these many years it just comes natural to me." My dad responds. After that my dad jumped down from the tractor and headed toward the shop office. When we get there my dad sat down in the chair and hit the speed dial button, with the Butler-Cat label underneath it. As he orders the new parts for the tractor, he tells me, "Go tell Mike the parts will be ready for pick-up tomorrow."

So I hurry off and tell Mike the news. On my way back to the office to find my dad, I spot him walking back to his station. So I hurriedly catch up to him and ask him, "What are you going to do now?"

My dad angrily says, "A truck driver just called in saying his stupid truck broke down somewhere outside of Euclid, so I have to go check it out!"

As my dad grabs his tools and throws them in the back of his work truck, I start to walk to my car. When I reach my car I hear my dad honk as he flies by me in his work pickup. As I climb into my car I can still hear the clinging and clacking of the shop.

- Ryan Wolff

"Plan your work for today and every day, then work your plan." - Margaret Thatcher

June B-Days

Dave Vanyo - Mon. the 2nd

Jennifer Zavoral - Tues. the 17th

Tim Friezen - Fri. the 13th

Jim Grabanski - Sat. the 28th

Darrell Utzinger - Mon. the 16th

Happy Birthday from the RJZ Family!

May B-Days

Paul Rasmussen - Tues. the 13th

Ben Pribula - Weds. the 14th

Mike Lund - Thurs. the 15th

Josh Damon - Sun. the 25th

Happy Belated Birthday from the RJZ Family!

Walk Around Forms

**They are new, they are blue, and they are to be done by you.
Make them a part of your day!**

