

Let's Keep It Clean People!

It's been a busy summer at the shop, and not only with all the equipment coming in to get fixed. G.W. & Sons, Inc. has been working on adding a wash bay to the east side of the Main Shop. Although connected, the new 30' x 80" wash bay will be separate from the rest of the shop area, so during the winter months, equipment can be washed and cleaned up without fogging up the entire shop. This will help speed up the winter maintenance of the equipment. The bay will also be used as heated storage on the really cold days. We are hoping to have everything finished up around mid September. The wash bay is just one of the improvements at the Shop and West Wing area. We are also going to be adding shelving and organizing all the miscellaneous tools, equipment, parts, and materials around the site. If you have ideas on what you'd like to see organized at the shop, contact Joe or Vicki.



Pulp and Tailings

Strap on your boots, cause the 2009 pulp and tailings season will open on September 3rd. Vicki is selling front row tickets for opening day, so get yours before they are all sold out. Or maybe she's selling raffle spots for the day when the first dryer goes down. You'll just have to ask her.

Project Updates:

Finishing Up:

NDDOT I-29 near Pembina

M-S-T RW Phase 1 Impoundment

ACS Hillsboro - Pond 10

ACS EGF - H2S Phase 1 Improvements

RLWD - Ditch 12 near EGF

Marshall County - Mud Lake Box Culvert

Kittson County - Cty Rd 1 Shouldering

Ongoing:

GF Airport Terminal Apron

Marshall County - Big Woods

Kittson County - Halma

Ashtabula Wind Project

Roseau River Wtrshd - Ring Dike

Just Starting/ Future:

Marshall County 54 - N. of Grygla

M-S-T Watershed - JD 75

ACS -Drayton New Lime Landfill

Kings View - Grand Forks

Another Crop of Kids

It's becoming a summer tradition. It's the August addition of interns from the Central Lakes College in Staples. This year we have Mitch Alger, Drew LaRoque, and Cody Wooster joining us for the fall. I imagine the boys from last year's crew are excited to not be the new kids on the block anymore and probably have a lot of advice for the newbies. Make sure you all welcome them to the Z-team and share some tricks of the trade with them.

New Mechanic

We also recently made an addition to our shop crew. You've probably seen a new guy helping Tim Friezen out in the field, or turning wrenches in the shop. Well, that guy's name is Nathan Wesolowski. Nathan will be helping Tom and the boys keep our equipment running smoothly.

Vacation Request Forms

With this fall coming soon (and with the weather, it may be sooner than later!), it's very important that anyone wishing to take some time off fills out a vacation request form. Get them in early to make sure they get approved. Deer hunting is just around the corner!!!

Turning in Time

Our payroll person, Katie Darling, will be finishing up school this fall so that will put a squeeze on the payroll processing. So it is even more important to get your time cards in **Daily** to ensure you will be getting a check weekly!

Hittin' the road

Recently, we've been having issues with the equipment not being ready to be moved between jobs, especially with tracks not being shoveled. Please remember to look over your equipment to make sure it's road-haul ready so that we can keep the lowboys on the road and get the equipment jumped around as efficiently as possible. If you are missing a shovel, check with Vicki.

Tools with legs

As part of the clean up and organization of the west wing, we'd like to get back the tools that have walked off in the last few months. So take a look in your cabs and backs of pick-ups for items that belong in the shop or west wing and bring them all back to the lost and found so we can find a good home for them.

Cooter's Corner

Helpful maintenance tips from your friendly mechanic.

Keep an eye on your air and cab filters. Clean filters can help keep your air conditioning running smoothly in case we get a hot spell the rest of August. Also, make sure to start draining your air tanks at night.

Trivia:

The Minnesota Vikings new quarterback Brett Favre has 5720 career completions. Who caught his first pass?

"Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves." - Confucius

Pete's Point of View

It always makes me proud to receive some praise for a job well done. I'd like to pass on some recent comments from an email I received for the Cemetery Project:

Pete,

"I just wanted to thank you for the great job that your company did in developing Calvary Catholic Cemetery South. In driving by, everything looks just great. The roads, the grass looks like it's seeded well ...and as more people see what it looks like even at this stage, it's very impressive. Thanks again and God bless you and all of your employees. " - Dan Korynta, Cemetery Board

Nice job guys, keep up the good work. With the days getting shorter, let's remember to tie up the loose ends and keep things tidy. Like my mom always says, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." Also with the sun getting lower, the early morning and late evening glare can become a hazard. Let's make sure your windows are clean to help avoid any accidents due to poor visibility.

