

Nuts & Bolts

Apr. 7, 2011

Company News Brief:

> It is mandatory that all labor, equipment, and work hours shall be coordinated through Matt Strub (608-792-6872) NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes all trades! Project Managers, Foremen, Superintendents should all be contacting Matt Strub to arrange manpower and equipment.

> Just a reminder, coffee breaks per union agreements are ten minute breaks, let Sue or Jim know if you have any questions.



Please make sure you have checked all electrical

cords as well as ladders, the color for this quarter (April 1st through June 30th) is **GREEN**.

Upcoming Bids

April 12th
2011 La Crosse Curb and Gutter

April 12th
3rd Street South Streetscaping



April 12th
King, Front,
& Jay Streets
Streetscaping

... > SAFETY FIRST: Chris' Subject Suspended Loads

Lightning doesn't have to strike often to do a job on you. Just once usually is enough. And it's the same with overhead loads. If one falls on you, it generally makes a permanent impression. That's why we always should stay out from under cranes, booms, and buckets. This means concrete buckets as well as backhoe buckets. Your first accident may be your last.

USE YOUR HEAD

Use your head. Not to stop a failing object, but to make sure an object doesn't fall on you. Don't stand, walk, or work under crane booms, buckets, or suspended loads. And while using your head, keep it covered with a hard hat.

PLAN AHEAD

If you have anything to do with planning lifting operations, be sure the boom or bucket will not be swinging over workers. You may have to rope off or barricade the swing area, or schedule the lifting operations when the workers aren't in the vicinity.

CONCRETING OPERATIONS

Did you ever get hit in the head with a piece of semi-hardened concrete that dropped from a crane bucket? It hurt, didn't it; even though you were wearing your hard hat. How do I know you were wearing your hard hat? If you weren't, you wouldn't be here. Laborers have to be especially careful to keep clear of the crane when the operator is loading and hoisting the bucket.

BACKHOES

So many times we think only in terms of crane booms, but the same thoughts apply to backhoe operations. A pipe crew gets so used to setting pipe with a backhoe that they get in under the load in a ditch. What is going to happen if a cable breaks or a hydraulic line blows? Look at the mechanics of the boom. If a cable breaks, will the load shift horizontally as well as drop? Think!

AVOID OVERHEAD HAZARDS

Remember: To avoid danger from crane booms, keep out from under them at all times. And wear your hard hat, just in case.

> In the Spotlight

In the Spotlight for this week's newsletter is Jake! Now, Jake is in the spotlight this week after undergoing a traumatic event. He had been adopted by someone from the La Crescent Animal Rescue and hit the down button on the electric window on his way home, jumped out the window and was hit by a car and needs his foot amputated. The people who adopted him could not afford the surgery so they had a story on WXOW 19 News and Jim Martell (and FHI) came to the rescue. Jake is in need of a home! Contact the La Crescent Animal Shelter at 507-895-2066



> Project Updates



Pics from top:
 1. Jim Harris at the WTC Kumm Center remodel.
 2. Gary Sosalla installing metal studs at the WTC Kumm Center.
 3. Jim Canar and Dennis McKee installing metal studs at WTC.

4. Pete Harris grinding floors at the Kumm Center.
 5. Ike and Sue working at the office.
 6. New sides installed on the truck, making it less likely to be overloaded in the future.



Pet of the Week



Meet Cowboy! Cowboy is a handsome and personable neutered mail, short haired cat with white fur and black spots. (8 years old and front-declawed). For more information about adopting Cowboy please visit: www.coulee humane.com



> Did you know?

✓ A human can hear the tick of a watch from 6 meters in very quiet conditions.

✓ The first paper notes printed in the United States were in denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents. The U.S. Department of the Treasury first issued paper U.S. currency in 1862 to make up for the shortage of coins and to finance the Civil War.

Safety Score Card:

1000 Hours:
 Adam Krause
 Scott Murphy



Your **CURRENT** Safety Team members:

- Chris Towle
- Rick Wilhelm
- DuWayne Knobloch
- Eddy Kuster
- Dan Haney
- Brent Johnson
- Heath Hoscheit

If you have any ideas on interesting safety topics to feature in future newsletters please email them to: ctowle@fowlerhammer.com or drop off at the office.