

Nuts & Bolts

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Company News Brief: Happy August Birthdays!

Cory Francis	Aug. 2
Jerry Stalsberg	Aug. 6
Joe Johnson	Aug. 7
Pang Vang	Aug. 8
Jerry Steigerwald	Aug. 10
Ike Frommelt	Aug. 11
Mike Marx	Aug. 25
Harold Runge	Aug. 28
Aubrey Butler	Aug. 30

Upcoming Bids

July 30th
P&T Electric Concrete Work

August 3rd
Xcel Energy Entrance Scale Building

August 8th
La Crosse Housing Authority Concrete Grinding

August 9th
Green Island Ice Arena Repair

August 9th
Broadview Place Sidewalk Replacement

August 15th
Fort McCoy Building 1245

August 29th
Fort McCoy Building 652 & 653



... > SAFETY FIRST: Chris' Subject Wheelbarrows

The wheelbarrow has come a long way in construction work from the manually propelled wheelbarrow to the engine propelled wheelbarrow for moving material on the construction site. The proper use and maintenance of wheelbarrows can prevent many accidents.

1. Always place the load well forward, balanced and confined in size for safety. The load should clear safely through openings, aisles and roadways. The user should be able to see over and around the load to guide it safely. The load should be secured, or held steady, against shifting or falling.
2. When picking up a wheelbarrow, spare your back by giving your legs their fair share of the lifting. Bend the legs for lifting instead of bending the back. Spare your back and the wheelbarrow by never overloading.
3. Always push a loaded wheelbarrow forward. This is the way to avoid being run over. Warn others out of the way. A walking pace is safer than running.
4. Cross over obstacles at the right angle, especially over rails or planks which may divert the wheel causing the load to spill or fall.
5. Like all other construction tools and equipment, wheelbarrows should be stored so that they do not become obstacles and safety hazards for yourself or others.
6. If your wheelbarrow is powered by a gasoline engine, remember that gasoline is a fire and explosive hazard. Remember that gasoline engines produce carbon monoxide gas which can be fatal if the area in which you are working is not well

ventilated. Remember, also, that you are dealing with an engine which has more power than you do.

7. The maintenance of a wheelbarrow engine is properly the work of an authorized and qualified mechanic.

8. The wheelbarrow wheel or wheels should be inspected and maintained regularly. Maintain proper lubrication according to directions. Inspect tires for damage. Keep tires inflated according to directions. Keep all bolts and fittings tight and secure.

9. Wheelbarrow handles are for your hands. Replace handles which are split or splintered. Use handle guards to protect your knuckles from scrapes, cuts and fractures.

10. Accessory wheelbarrow equipment, like lines, rails and racks for securing loads, should be maintained in top condition for safety.

11. A wheelbarrow by itself will not harm you or anyone else. You are responsible for how well a wheelbarrow is handled, operated, maintained and stored for safety.

12. The precautions you use with wheelbarrows are generally the same as the precautions you use with hand trucks, dollies and other mobile equipment.



> The Scoop on LEED

Some of you have probably heard the term LEED used a lot in the construction industry. And if not, we're going to do a weekly note in each newsletter giving you some information that's important to know. For this week, we're starting off with the basics: LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and is an internationally recognized green building certification system.



> Project Updates



1. Cory Gilman, Troy Jacobson and Dennis McKee at a concrete pour at Cabelas in Prairie du Chien.
 3. Dennis McKee cutting rebar at Cabelas.
 5. Concrete pour at Cabelas in Prairie du Chien.

2. Andy Labelle getting the forms set up at Cabelas.
 4. Troy Jacobson finishing concrete at Cabelas.
 6. Sam Jaekel holding up a wall talking safety at DeSoto High School.



Pet of the Week



Meet Oscar! Oscar is a handsome, 2 year old short haired gray tiger cat with white accents. For more information about adopting Oscar please visit: www.couleehumane.com



> Did you know?

- ✓ A quart-size pail holds 8 million grains of sand.
- ✓ The pigmy shrew — a relative of the mole — is the smallest mammal in North America. It weighs 1/14 ounce — less than a dime.



Safety Score Card:

1000 Hours:
Kevin Wolfe

2000 Hours:
Harold Runge
Dennis McKee

3000 Hours:
Pete Harris
Jim Harris



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.