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June/July, 2009

Paulsen People

June Birthdays

- 01 Dennis McFadden
- 04 Michael Shaw
- 06 Joseph Pyles
Matt Yocom
- 07 Jerry Miller
- 10 Daniel Schwarz
- 12 Sam Anderson
Don Fleishmann
- 13 Lorain Woltemath
- 14 Robert Hagan
Jerry Luft
- 16 Paul Alonzo
Daniel Aguilar
- 18 Linda Houborg
- 21 Sandy Ross
- 24 Joshua Knappert
- 25 Lonnie Hueftle
- 27 Tony Dietz
- 29 Linda Devall
Pedro Ortiz

June Team Member

Anniversaries

25 Years

Roger Koch

15 Years

Kenneth Osborne

10 Years

Darin Derr

July Birthdays

- 01 Erick Figueroa
Kevin Piper
Gary Smith
- 02 Dennis Fleming
- 04 Steven Brewer
- 05 John Sager
- 06 Cherre Balias

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~ Paulsen Projects ~ Annual Golf Outing

The annual golf outing was held May 16. There were 12 teams and 48 golfers this year. As he does every year, L.P. provided plenty of great food and liquid

challenges to the duffers, wind or no wind.

Flag prizes went to: (Hole 1) **Shortest Drive in Fairway** – Teri Hazen; (2) **Closest 3rd**



The team of (left to right) Bill Gleason, Al Kuszak, Laurie Wright, and Ken Wright shot the winning score of 63!

refreshments for everyone. Chris Hunke manned the grill and dished out burgers and brats all day.

Despite all the recent wet weather, we had a sunny, warm day with NO RAIN, although the wind hampered many-a-drive on the back nine. The water hazards provided plenty of

Shot to Pin – Sam Anderson; (3) **Closest Tee Shot to Pin** – Clay Otto; (4) **Longest Putt Made** – Scott Holbrook; (5) **Closest Tee Shot to Restroom** – Alan Clark (right in front!); (6) **Closest 3rd Shot to Pin** – Aaron Stark; (7) **Longest Drive in Fairway** – Rene Twohig; (8) **Closest Shot from Off the**

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Summer is upon us, and for the third year in row, the weather hasn't really cooperated with us this spring. So it's catch up time.

Now, more than ever, we need to work safely. Don't ignore safe procedures. Take the time to do it right. We do not want anyone to get hurt. Work safely – not some of the time – but all of the time. Let's all make an effort to keep our accident and injury rate down.

June is DOT truck safety month and the Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement Division will be out in force setting up roadside checkpoints across the state.

Drivers, as always, are to make sure their trucks are in compliance. It is the driver's responsibility to perform both a pre- and post-trip inspection of the vehicle they are operating and that brakes are adjusted properly. Self-adjusting brakes are meant to help keep brakes closer

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in adjustment for a period of time, but the driver still has to check and adjust the brakes as needed.

Last year we had a number of accidents that involved backing up. Always make sure you know what is behind you. Use a spotter whenever possible.

Everyone working in the area must pay attention to the vehicle traffic. Our region has suffered two workers that have been backed over, one by a loader and the other by a dump truck. Stay alert.

We have received more of the new Class II T-shirts. The cost is \$12.00, and they are now available at the warehouse if you are interested. Payment will be handled only as a payroll deduction.

We would like to thank Don Rowland for all his efforts with the Safety Committee and all that he has accomplished as Traffic Control Superintendent. Don has always worked to improve the safety on our asphalt projects and has had deep concern for the safety of everyone at Paulsen, Inc. We all wish Don the best as he begins his retirement and we know that no fish will now be safe - enjoy!

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?



**There is no way a mine inspector could make this big of a mistake. They determined that this 20 lb. propane tank was too dangerous sitting out on the sand and should be secured. They had our guys secure it inside the electrical control room.
Let's see: Propane + Electrical Sparks = Boom.
What were they thinking???????**

Stanley Underwood and his wife, Jeri, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 3rd. Congratulations!

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 09 Al Dishman
Zach Horse
Jeff McNinch
- 15 Cesar Aguado
- 16 Thomas Brewer
- 17 Jose Razo
- 18 Tim Yocom
- 20 Greg Girdner
Jaime Lopez
- 21 John Brown
- 22 Ray Chadwell
Jean Westbrook
- 23 James Songster
- 24 Jason Malcom

- 28 Larry Horstman
Ron Pflaster
Jason Wickline
- 31 Michael Gengenbach

July Team Member Anniversaries

- 30 Years**
Paul Alonzo
- 25 Years**
Lorain Woltemath
- 15 Years**
Joe Brockhaus
- 5 Years**
Matt Cover

Congratulations and thank you for all your years of service to Paulsen, Inc.

John Bollwitt, Ready-Mix driver out of the Broken Bow plant, is retiring at the end of June after working for Paulsen, Inc. for 8 years.

Department Notes

Dennis Sandrock - Paving

The Paving Department has been busy so far this spring.

Black, Joe, and Don have finished the Grand Island project and are working on the Kearney Airport Road and Paving in Holdrege. They will work on Holdrege and then go to the Kearney Highway 30 project that we just got that starts in July.

Sam, Ron and Tracy finished on the Ogallala Spruce project along with cleaning up Hershey, and are now working on the Maxwell Interchange.

Denny, Glen and Clay have been working on the Gothenburg city paving projects along with the Elm Creek Buffalo Creek Road and some of the surfacing in Kearney.

We have picked up an airport runway in Saint Francis, Kansas, and one in Smith Center, Kansas, aprons in Cozad and Lexington, and the paving for commercial construction on the North Platte Buffalo Bill project.

Paving Department Bid Results: Wauneta Street Improvements

BSB	\$ 92,727
Paulsen, Inc.	\$108,869

Runway Construction, Smith Center, Kansas

Paulsen, Inc.	\$2,711,086
Pavers	\$2,974,301
Smoky Hill	\$3,022,019
Koss	\$3,506,222
Ebert	\$3,919,909

Lexington Airport

Paulsen, Inc.	\$341,436
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North Platte, 2009 Community Block Grant

Cement Products	\$236,000
Paulsen, Inc.	\$272,000
Steele Construction	\$326,000
Perry Meter Constr.	\$393,000

Jim Jewell - Asphalt

It's nice to report that we're getting really busy with a lot of work to do this year.

We got off to a good start when we finished off the Burwell East job by the end of April.

We were also hoping to get rolling with Wally's group out in Kimball in April, but weather and equipment problems have delayed the progress there. Hopefully, we are done by the time you read this.

We have a lot of other projects either started with subcontractor work, or about to start.

On the Huntley Spur job, the milling is done and we have our grading sub in building up the areas for new guardrail. Al will do the paving work out of our plant in Elm Creek.

Hall Brothers Construction has started the fly ash stabilization work at Broken Bow East. We'll move Al's operation up there after we're done at Huntley.

In the meantime that group has been busy disrupting the traffic flow around Cozad with several projects going at once. We'll all be happy when this work is done, especially Al.

Hall Brothers is also doing the lime slurry stabilization work at Wallace South, and will move to the Ogallala West project from there to perform the same stabilization strategy. Wally and his group will go from Kimball to Wallace and then follow Hall Brothers on over to the Ogallala job.

Work is set begin in early June on the Darr Interchange project. The first order of business there is the bridge repair work set to be done by Diamond Engineering out of Grand Island. This will probably take a couple of months, and then we'll be able to come in and do the asphalt paving of the roadway and ramps.

The Lindsay South job and the Taylor East project that we just picked up will start around late summer to early fall.

As you can see, it is going to be a busy season. I am confident we can get all this work done, not only on time, but safely and with a level of quality that we can all be proud of.

Finally, as many of you know, Don Rowland retired as of May 29. I just want to say thank you to him for all his hard work, and to say it was a pleasure working with him for the past seven months or so.

Asphalt Department Bid Results: Buffalo County, N-10/US-30 in Kearney

Paulsen, Inc.	\$2,251,125
Blessing	\$2,349,933

O'Neill Airport

Upper Plains	\$2,164,754
Paulsen, Inc.	\$2,166,362
Werner Construction	\$2,190,666

Loup/Garfield Counties, N-91 East of Taylor

Paulsen, Inc.	\$2,079,214
Werner Construction	\$2,249,561
Western Engineering	\$2,344,284
Simon Contractors	\$2,476,859

Platte/Colfax Counties, N-91/US-81 Leigh

Knife River Midwest	\$3,636,218
Paulsen, Inc.	\$3,825,381
Werner Construction	\$3,908,602

Colfax/Dodge Counties, N-91 Leigh to Colfax/Dodge County Line

Knife River Midwest	\$2,326,024
Paulsen, Inc.	\$2,594,304
Werner Construction	\$2,670,829

Box Butte County, US-385/L-7E North

Werner Construction	\$3,082,922
Western Engineering	\$3,086,363
Simon Contractors	\$3,168,145
Paulsen, Inc.	\$3,261,090

Dawson County, I-80 Darr Interchange

Paulsen, Inc.	\$1,039,544
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Brian Engel - Ready-Mix

I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year. The Ready-Mix

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Safety Committee Minutes – May 6 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Bomberger. New members Brett Wolf and Stewart Prentice were welcomed. Don Rowland, who is retiring, was honored for his years of service with a steak fry.

In accident reports, we are off to a rough start with four workmen's comp. cases already this year. There have also been several minor accidents and at least one vehicle accident since the last meeting.

In employee suggestions, there is a need for a better, more consistent approach to backing mixers in and across traffic at all paving jobs.

Site inspections are going well with only three MSHA inspections remaining. The Lexington pit was cited for minor violations, including faded or missing signage and an unsecured propane tank.

Diligence is needed on all job sites as OSHA has proposed raising the fines for all violations.

DEQ is watching entrances and exits to jobsites very closely. All drivers need to be sure their trucks are road worthy and could pass a DOT inspection at any time. Brakes need to be looked at and adjusted on a regular basis. Daily inspection of all trucks and equipment is required by both company and federal regulations.

The effectiveness of the committee was reviewed and the next meeting was set for the end of July.

Tim Dean, Secretary

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Green – Alvin Guyle; (9) **Closest 2nd Shot to Pin** – Joe Moore; (10) **Longest Drive in Fairway** – Christopher Hunke; (11) **Longest Putt Made** – Colt Shafer; (12) **Closest to South Side of Lake Without Going In** – Jeff McNitch; (13) **Closest 3rd Shot to Pin** – Levi Olson; (14) **Longest Putt Made** – Alan Dobry; (15) **Closest Tee Shot to Pin** – Al Kuszak; (16) **Closest to Ditch Without Going In** – Jeff McNitch (do you see a theme here?); (17) **Closest Tee Shot to Pin** – Kenny Wright ; and (18) **Closest 2nd Shot** – Matt Cover (180 yards out). Adam Hillers won the prize for the newest employee. He started at Paulsen, Inc. on May 1.



The Safety Committee would like to thank Don Rowland for the past 17 years of service as an integral part of the committee. Thanks for all of your hard work Don!!!!



I think I'm supposed to win a flag prize for this!



We're not going to be using my ball for the next shot. Where is my ball???

Division is starting to pick up. There are a number of jobs that had a June start date.

Cozad is working on the interchange. Lexington has finished a couple of jobs, one with our Building Department at Dawson Public Power headquarters, and the hike bike trail.

Gothenburg is a hopping plant with our Paving Department crew in town and the Monsanto paving happening right now.

Broken Bow is about to start the wastewater treatment plant. Holdrege is busy with local orders. Arapahoe will be supplying our Building Department at the high school track.

Ogallala is finishing up with a Paving project and will be starting a PR patch job on the interstate. North Platte has started a Paving job at the Maxwell interchange.

I want to welcome four new employees to the Ready-Mix Division: Mike Shaw, a driver in Lexington; Jesse Goracke, a driver in Holdrege; Travis Lee, a driver in North Platte; and, John Sager at the Ash Grove cement terminal. Welcome gentlemen, and we look forward to working with you. Until the next update, have a safe and productive couple of months.

Chris Hunke - Gravel

Welcome new team members: James Harvey, dredge operator at Koch's South, and Kenny Eisle, dredge operator at the Lexington pit.

We are very busy at all locations Remember, if you don't know, ASK! Think Safety — It is everyone's responsibility!!

Joe Welch - Building

The Building Department has completed a few projects and started a

few projects in the last couple of months.

In Elm Creek, site preparation was completed and footing installation has begun on the 38,000 square foot classroom addition to the Elm Creek Public School. Structural steel should be arriving on site and begin to rise from the footings. Superintendent Terry Brand will be overseeing this project.

In Lexington, the same story is happening as in Elm Creek. Site prep has been completed, and footings are being installed. Masonry work on the gym should begin by the end of June, and steel will begin to go up on that project. The 17,000 square foot addition to Pershing Elementary School will move forward quickly with the goal to be complete by the end of December. Superintendent Dan Schwarz is on site to supervise this project.

Superintendent Tim Dean and crew have moved out of Holdrege and have the new maintenance facility for the Nebraska Department of Roads ready for occupancy. Tim wanted to stay longer, but I told him he needed to move on!!!!

South of North Platte, the work at North Platte Feeders was delayed for awhile, but is now ready to move forward. This project includes concrete footings, concrete walls and floor slabs to construct a feed bunker. Superintendent Tim Dean will oversee this project.

Back in Lexington, Superintendent Randy Weatherly and crew have been completing the final items the new corporate office building for Dawson Public Power District. Final inspections have been made, and the building, site paving and sidewalks are fully completed.

Landscaping work on the site will continue through the first part of

June, but the project is ready for occupancy. The building looks great, and we want to thank all employees who had any part, big or small, in the construction of this facility.

In Broken Bow, Superintendent Darin Derr and crew are putting the finishing touches on the new concession building at Melham Park. This project will wrap up by the end of June.

In Cozad, Superintendent Tim Yocom and crew have been making improvements to the Cozad High School track. New long jump runways, pits, pole vault runways, and a new shot put area are being constructed. The Asphalt Department also overlaid the track surface. This project should wrap up in June.

Speaking of tracks, we were awarded the contract to renovate the track for Arapahoe Public Schools. This work will begin in mid-June and will include a new track surface as well as new construction for all the field events.

Have a great summer, and remember to be safe in all you do.

Building Department Bid Results: Steel Package, Pershing Elementary School, Lexington

Paulsen, Inc.	\$ 93,600
Chief Construction	\$126,150

Hollow Metal, Pershing Elementary School, Lexington

Paulsen, Inc.	\$66,500
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Kearney Evangelical Free Church

Lacy Construction	\$5,605,000
Central Contracting	\$6,015,000
Paulsen, Inc.	\$6,150,000

Elm Creek School Site Paving and Sidewalks

Laser Pro	\$135,965
Paulsen, Inc.	\$155,000
Quality Builders	\$196,721
Stephens & Smith	\$243,305





Although you might not know it from the unseasonably cool weather we've been having, high heat and humidity are on their way.

Exposure to the sun cannot be taken lightly. Protect yourself from sunburn by wearing light, loose-fitting clothing, and applying sunscreen to exposed areas.

High temperatures and especially humidity stress the body's ability to cool itself, and heat illness becomes a special concern. It can lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and eventually, heat stroke.

The best ways to prevent a heat stress emergency are to drink often and before you're thirsty, wear light colored, loose-fitting clothing, keep your neck covered, eat a healthy diet, and get plenty of sleep. It is also very

important to keep your head covered with a cap or hard hat. The head is the most vulnerable part of the body to the effects of the sun. Wearing a damp cotton cloth around your neck will also help keep your body temperature down.

Drink sport drinks to replace water and minerals lost through sweating. Alcohol and caffeine will worsen dehydration.

Take the proper precautions and know your limitations. The effects of heat and the sun worsen the older each of us get, and you are more susceptible if you have suffered from heat exhaustion or heat stroke in the past.

Take a break if you notice you're getting a headache or you start feeling overheated. Cool off for a few minutes before going back to work.

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