



PAULSEN

PRIDE

June/July, 2008

Paulsen People

June Birthdays

- 01 Dustin Helmuth
- Dennis McFadden
- Timothy Siefert
- 03 Jose Venegas
- 05 Rene Garcia
- 06 Matt Yocom
- 07 Jerry Miller
- 10 Amanda Hanson
- 12 Sam Anderson
- Don Fleishmann
- 13 Lorain Woltemath
- 14 Robert Hagan
- Jerry Luft
- 16 Paul Alonzo
- 18 Linda Houborg
- 19 Theresa Wihelm
- 23 Carlos Flores
- 27 Tony Dietz
- 29 Linda Devall
- Pedro Ortiz

June Team Member Anniversaries

15 Years

John Boyles

25 Years

Richard Kelley

July Birthdays

- 01 Kevin Piper
- Gary Smith
- 02 Dennis Fleming
- 04 Steven Brewer
- 08 Nicholas Fingerhut
- 09 Al Dishman
- Zach Horse
- Jeff McNinch
- 14 Glenn Lanman

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~ Paulsen Projects ~ Annual Golf Outing

The annual golf outing was held May 17. There were 13 teams and 52 golfers this year. As he does every year, L.P. provided plenty of great food and liquid refreshments for

RAIN, although the wind hampered many-a-drive on the back nine.

The water hazards provided plenty of challenges to the duffers, wind or no wind. After hitting a shot



Coincidentally posing in front of the ladies' golf board, the 2008 winning team of Dave Jeffrey, Stuart Prentice, and Mike Seaman. Teammate Gordon Strickland is not shown.

everyone. Quite a few folks came this year who did not golf, but enjoyed the nice day, had a great lunch, and watched the silliness.

Blessedly, we had a sunny, warm day with NO

into the water, Joe Moore was heard to say, "somebody's gotta drink one, and I'll do 'er." Now, was he talking about the golf shot or the beverage shot?

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Last year at this time I was talking about all the wind and rain that were delaying a lot of our work. I guess it's the same song second verse this year. Of course, with all of that comes the mud.

Again, it puts us behind our schedule and, as the weather improves, the push will be on to catch back up. But we can't afford to forget about working safely. Don't ignore safe procedures. Take the time to do it right.

Since the last Pride, two people have fallen to their deaths on construction projects in Nebraska and another fell, hitting his head, and survived – sort of.

ALWAYS make sure you use the proper fall protection and that you inspect it prior to use. Also, make sure excavations are properly protected from cave-ins and that open holes are guarded.

Always inspect electrical equipment prior to use, and check all extension cord

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McSafety's Corner

connections, keeping them away from wet conditions.

Just a heads up for everyone to eliminate the questions and speculation – I will be going around jobsites taking both video and photos to use in putting together a safety training orientation program that will include each department. As always, I take photos of the both the good and the bad things I find.

We have received more of the new Class II T-shirts, and the cost is \$12.00. Please contact your Division Manager, supervisor, or myself if you are interested. Payment will only be handled as a payroll deduction.

We would like to welcome Daniel Niles as one of the Building Department's representatives on the Safety Committee.

At this past Safety Committee meeting, the main topic of discussion was our need for greater emphasis on the training of equipment operators and the fact that we need to take the time to make sure the operators are qualified to operate the equipment in a safe and responsible manner.

Often times when we're in a hurry we put someone whose only qualifications is that they happen to be in the area on a piece of equipment. We give them a two minute course on how the controls work, and then say "You'll figure it out." This does not make them a properly trained, qualified, and authorized operator. We need to

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?



**The fish-finder indicated that there were huge rock bass just under the boat – or was it just huge rocks?
It's wise to stay awake when the tide goes out.**

make sure that new operators receive adequate training and supervision while becoming fully qualified on the equipment.

The Committee would like to thank Tim Yocom for all his efforts with the Safety Committee and all that he has accomplished as Loss Control Manager.

Personally, would like to thank Tim for all that he has done to make my job a lot more manageable and for his efforts to help reduce our accident and injury rate.

We all wish Tim the best as he moves to his new position in the Building Department, and we know that he will do a great job. Thanks!

July Birthdays Continued

- 16 Thomas Brewer
- 18 Tim Yocom
- 20 Greg Girdner
- 21 John Brown
- 22 Jose Castillo
- Ray Chadwell
- Jason Riley
- Jean Westbrook
- 23 Anthony Kappes
- James Songster
- 24 Jason Malcom
- 25 Chad Pfeiffer
- 27 Brian McElroy
- 28 Larry Horstman
- Ron Pflaster
- 29 Brad Slapnicka
- 31 Michael Gengenbach

July Team Member Anniversaries

5 Years

Neal Anderson

20 Years

Alan Clark

Rod Weatherly

25 Years

Ronald Kratzer

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

Update – Conviction in Theft of Paulsen, Inc. Pickup

Last summer, we had a pickup stolen. Two of our employees parked a company pickup with the key in the ignition in front of a market. They went in briefly just to get a couple of sandwiches from the deli.

While the employees were in the market, the pickup was taken. Law

enforcement was contacted, which resulted in a high-speed chase involving the State Patrol. The officers set up spike strips across the highway south of Johnson Lake. The perpetrator tried to avoid the spike strips, went airborne, and ended up driving the pickup into a

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Department Notes

Dennis Sandrock - Paving

Black, Joe, and Don's crew are finishing up on the Fountain Hills Subdivision in Kearney and have been doing some work in Grand Island on the Highway 30 project.

They will also be paving at the Kearney Airport Road project while waiting for Midlands Contracting to finish up the water and storm sewer in Grand Island. Tracy has been working with the subs, installing the temporary drives and also screening the base material.

Tweet, Ron, and Sam's crew finished up the temporary surfacing at the Hershey Interchange project and are starting to pour on the North Platte Parkland subdivision. From there they will be going to do several blocks in Lexington on the CED paving project.

Denny and Glen's crew have finished the intersection/curb and gutter removal and replacement to get ready for the Asphalt Department's portion of the Minden project. They are now paving the blocks in the southwest area of town.

Paving Department Bid Results:
Cozad North. and Cozad Viaduct
 Paulsen, Inc. \$5,082,171

Ogallala, Spruce Street
 Paulsen, Inc. \$592,293
 Paul Reed Construction \$661,046
 Cement Products \$691,985

Steve Rodhouse - Asphalt

The Asphalt Department has been busy this spring, while trying to dodge the rains just like everyone else.

Al's plant just finished the Holdrege South project as well as a couple of small projects we picked up in the area. They are in the process of moving their plant and equipment to Hemingford as well as putting the finishing touches to Holdrege South.

Wally's crew started the season out by doing both the Minden and Upland projects out of the plant that was set up for the Holdrege project.

They have since moved their equipment and plant to a location south of White Clay to start that project. From there, they will move just down the road to Merriman.

By having both crews pull out of one plant we had some real challenges, but we also were able to have some great days of production. I would like to thank everyone for pulling together to get all of these projects done as fast as we did, considering the weather that we had.

Remember to work safe and to do things the right way. It is always better to take a little longer to do things the right way than to hurry and have to redo it.

Asphalt Department Bid Results:
Butler & Polk Counties, US-81, East Junction N-92 North

Knife River	\$3,442,781
Werner Construction Constructors, Inc.	\$3,500,219
Paulsen, Inc.	\$3,562,514
U.S. Asphalt Co.	\$3,667,514
Western Engineering	\$3,733,889
	\$3,868,642

I-80, Cozad Interchange
 Paulsen, Inc. \$4,595,440

Dawson County, N-21, Monroe Street to I-80, Cozad
 Paulsen, Inc. \$486,731

Dawson County, N-21, South of Cozad
 Paulsen, Inc. \$386,734

Chris Hunke - Gravel

You don't here me say this very often, but I think we've had enough rain for awhile!

We are very busy at all of our locations. We've finished hauling to our Asphalt Department on their projects south of Holdrege.

We are currently hauling to a job south of North Platte supplying our Ready-Mix Department.

We are hauling road gravel and rock to all of the surrounding counties and local customers. The pits are all busy producing various materials.

MSHA is on the war path. Let's make sure we are doing our pre-shift inspections and noting anything that needs fixed.

I want to welcome to Paulsen, Inc. Jessica Henrichs, Mark Crouse, Dustin Helmuth, and Kevin Slinker.

Thanks to all of you for all of your hard work, and remember... Think Safety – It is everyone's responsibility!!

Brian Engel - Ready-Mix

So far it has been busy between the rains. You know it is wet when the farmers don't even want it to rain anymore!

Fortunately, we have been able to get some concrete delivered to a number of different jobs.

Our Paving Department is keeping us busy in Minden and Hershey and getting ready to start jobs in North Platte and Gothenburg.

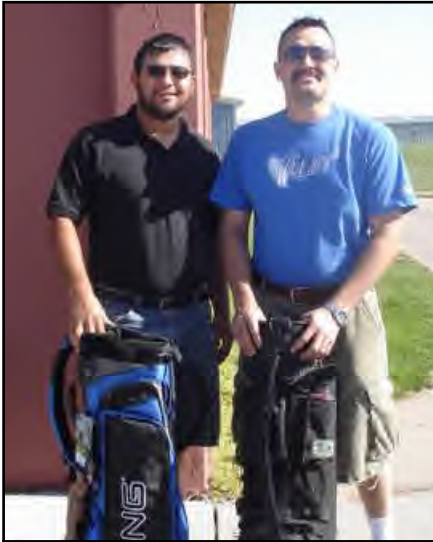
Cozad will be starting a feedlot job soon. Lexington is still pouring out at Darr Feedlot and will be starting the bike trail with Cement Products.

Gothenburg will be working on our Building Department's new Nebraska Salt and Grain building, and Broken Bow is working on a big grain bin.

Holdrege has Simons pouring bridge decks at Orleans and a large grain storage facility for Scoular Grain.

North Platte is busy again with our Paving Department and all the local contractors.

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Winners of the putting contest (and new golf bags), David Garza and Julio Rocha.

More choice quotes from unnamed sources: “If you can’t cheat, why play?” and “Took me two shots, but I got it in there!”

Flag prizes went to: (Hole 1) **Shortest Drive in Fairway** — Alvin Guyle ; (2) **Closest 3rd Shot to Pin** — Scott tenBensel ; (3) **Closest Tee Shot to Pin** — Rick Bosak ; (4) **Longest Putt Made** — Don Carpenter ; (5) **Closest Tee Shot to Restroom** — Alan Dobry (it hit the door!) ; (6) **Closest 3rd Shot to Pin** — Jeremy Neill ; (7) **Longest Drive in Fairway** — Anthony Kappas ; (8) **Closest Shot from Off the**

Green — Dave Jeffrey ; (9) **Closest 2nd Shot to Pin** — Sam Anderson ; (10) **Longest Drive in Fairway** — Kevin Piper ; (11) **Longest Putt Made** — Denny Deal ; (12) **Closest to South Side of Lake Without Going In** — Rene Twohig ; (13) **Closest 3rd Shot to Pin** — Kenny Wright (Eagle!) ; (14) **Longest Putt Made** — Matt Cover ; (15) **Closest Tee Shot to Pin** — Mike Seaman ; (16) **Closest to Ditch Without Going In** — Kelly



The flag prize was for closest to the ditch WITHOUT going in — darn!

Naslund ; (17) **Closest Tee Shot to Pin** — John Brown ; and (18) **Closest 2nd Shot** — Bobye Chadwell .



Everyone has their own style.



Are you sure the fairway is this way?



If you can't decide which club to use, just take them all.



Rene taking a drop. With his tall, green Irish hat conspicuously missing this year, his luck was running out.

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Department Update - Building Dept.

We did pick up some nice work last month. We will be supplying a parking lot and paving job in Ogallala, a 19,000 ft. bunk and apron expansion at North Platte Feeders, as well as the Cozad Interchange.

I want to welcome Jeremy Neill to the North Platte facility as a new driver for us. That's it for now. Have a safe month!

Joe Welch - Building

The projects within the Building Department are keeping everyone busy, and it will continue for the next several months.

At the new corporate office building and maintenance facilities for Dawson Public Power District south of Lexington, good progress continues to be made on the facility. The roofs of the truck barn and maintenance areas are beginning to take shape. Masonry walls are being installed around the steel currently in the air to enclose the structure.

Despite the constant mud, Superintendent Randy Weatherly and his crews will continue to push forward on this project as, hopefully, good weather conditions begin to arrive.

In Bertrand, Superintendent Terry Brand and his crew have the entire building enclosed and have begun the process of completing the interior work. Interior ductwork is being installed in the gym, and painting of the interior walls has begun.

In Gothenburg, Superintendent Tim Dean and others have been working on the new salt storage building for Nebraska Salt and Grain. Although this project has been plagued by high winds, deep mud, and over-abundance of water, the precast installments have been completed. The roof is nearly complete, and the slab on grade will be installed within the next week.

Superintendent Darin Derr has completed the work on the Cargill project in Ravenna. This was a very successful project, and we have received several compliments from the owner on our performance on this project. Great job Darin and the entire crew that worked on this project!

Since the completion of the Cargill project, Darin and his crews have installed a rail dump pit at the Ash Grove site in Cozad and have moved on to the rail conveyor pit at Nebraska Salt and Grain.

In Cozad, Superintendent Jim Hatcher is in the midst of the

remodel work for the new Cozad Chiropractic Center. This project is scheduled for completion sometime in June.

The renovations at the Gothenburg Hospital have been completed. Superintendent Shane Schutte completed this project within the owner's timeline and did a great job organizing the project.

In June, we will begin a new project for the Nebraska Department of Roads in Holdrege, constructing a 15,000 square foot maintenance building addition. Tim Dean will be the Project Superintendent on this project.

Have a great summer, and everyone work smart and safe.

Building Department Bid Results:

Loomis Public School

Hausmann	\$2,841,000
JLC, Inc.	\$2,844,360
Paulsen, Inc.	\$2,916,000
Simon Contractors	\$2,934,000
Ericksen Construction	\$3,010,000
Wertenberger	\$5,000,000

Sjeklocha Animal Clinic, North Platte

Dowhower Construction	\$351,250
Paulsen, Inc.	\$401,500
Simon Contractors	\$421,400
Wilk Builders	\$406,650
KOS Construction	\$468,925



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Conviction

ditch. The pickup received major damage.

Farril Booth of Lincoln was arrested, and interestingly, he claimed he could not talk. This strange behavior continued through his arraignment and more court hearings. He even

had his attorney convinced that he was mute.

However, at his final hearing, Booth spoke aloud and pleaded guilty. Originally charged with six felonies, Booth accepted a plea agreement of five of the charges reduced to one count of theft of property worth more than \$1,500 (a Class III felony) and one count of operating a motor

vehicle to avoid arrest (a Class IV felony). Three misdemeanor charges were dropped.

Judge James Doyle sentenced Booth to nearly six years in prison after the prosecution contended that Booth had a "well-established pattern of uncooperative behavior."



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



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.

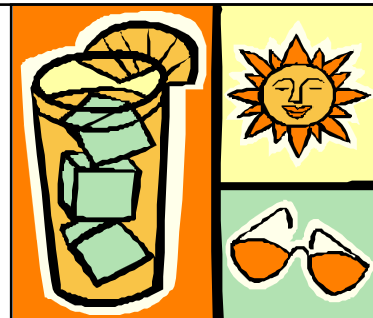
Take a break if you notice you're getting a headache or you start feeling overheated. Cool off for a few minutes before going back to work.

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