



PAULSEN

PRIDE

SUMMER 2014



Paulsen's Annual Golf Outing

Submitted by Brian Buckley



Cort Bullock at the Paulsen, Inc. Golf Outing

It was won by the team of Roger Callan, Larry Hock, Cesar Aguado, and Tim Holtz. They shot a 2 under with a score of 69. Well done! Second place went to Aaron Stark, Jordon Mauldin, Kevin Dunn and Scott Holbrook at even par scoring 71. Third place was Cort Bullock, Dennis McFadden, Don Dillon, and Darrell O'Neal with 4 over and scoring 75.

We had ten teams, 39 who golfed, and a number of other who came for support and to share in the fun. Flag prize winners are listed below. Instead of giving away 18 flag prizes, I decided it would be more fair to hold a drawing for the last nine prizes so everyone had a chance to win. Chris Hunke, as usual, did a great job of cooking for us and I appreciated the opportunity to help out since Brian Engel was not available. I hope everyone who came had a good time. Also, and most importantly, a big thank you to Larry Paulsen for making this outing a reality.

Flag Prize Winners:

- 1 Shortest Drive – Don Carpenter
- 2 Longest Drive – Sam Anderson
- 3 Closest to Pin – Cesar Aguado
- 4 Longest Put Made – Brian Buckley
- 5 Closest to Pin – Cort Bullock
- 6 Closest 3rd Shot – Scott Holbrook
- 7 Longest Put Made – Darrell O'Neal
- 8 Closest to Pin 2nd Shot – Aaron Stark
- 9 Closest to pin from off green – Ron Chellew



Golfers enjoyed brats and burgers as part of the annual golf outing

Department Notes

ASPHALT

JIM JEWELL

Although sometimes it doesn't seem like it, the weather has been better this spring and we are off to a good start.

Wally's crew has finished the Ansley East and Ansley North and South projects, and will be moving to the Stapleton area to do Arnold West and Stapleton North.

Ron will also be moving, they have finished Gothenburg North and the first half of the Cozad to Lexington asphalt for Paving. This group has also been doing some miscellaneous work around Cozad. They will be moving up to a site near Battle Creek for the Battle Creek North and In Tilden jobs. We also have a small overlay to do in Norfolk for Paving while we are in the area.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, we have sub-contractors working on the Hershey East project on I-80 and Danbury East on Highway 89.

We will be pushing to get all of this done this year, but safety is still the first priority. For all the people on the crews, please take all the proper precautions for the hot weather, and be sure to stay alert, especially around the construction traffic.

GRAVEL

CHRIS HUNKE

We are extremely busy at all locations:

Gates- Busy with wind farm, feedlot expansion, redi-mix, and everyday sales.

Lexington- Busy with redi-mix, armor coat and various dirt jobs.

Cozad- Busy with everyday sales, redi-mix and getting ready to move.

Gothenburg- Finishing up with asphalt, redi-mix, and a lot of County due to bridge out south of Cozad.

North Platte- Busy with asphalt jobs at Stapleton, redi-mix, and everyday sales. South Platte River has been flooding, Don and the guys have been working hard to keep the water from running into pits.

Ogallala- Busy with everyday sales. South Platte River is flooding here also. Mark has done a good job keeping the river from running into pit.

Indianola- Running around the clock.

Hope everyone that could attend had a good time at the annual golf outing. If possible, attend next time.

We seem to be having several accidents and injuries. They may be small but they all add up. Let's continue to work together and remember that Safety is Part of Everyone's Job!

READY MIX

BRIAN ENGEL

It has been a very busy start to the construction season so far. The Ready Mix Division has been very busy with various projects. I want to thank all of the employees for their hard work and dedication so far this year!

We have a few new drivers scattered around all of the plants, I want to welcome all of you and thank you for your service.

Here is a rundown of the larger projects we have going right now. Cozad is in the middle of the Hwy 30 white-topping project, Canal Bridge, and a hog farm north of town. Lexington is also working on Hwy 30 along with the hospital expansion, O'Reilly's Store, Volvo Truck Shop, and 6th Street paving. Gothenburg just finished a hog building and have started the NSG project along with the I-80 Overpass job.



Broken Bow is helping with the wind farm and supplying concrete for the Anderson Grain facility and a new housing subdivision. Holdrege is still pouring out at the Cargill job along with the 18th Street paving job. Ogallala is hauling PR to Oshkosh and Lewellen and have just started the new Walmart project. North Platte has started a PR job on I-80 and the two bridges over the river in North Platte. Matt is set up on the wind farm job and is currently about a third of the way done with that job. Jeff is set up at a feed yard north of Broken Bow to do bunk and a large feed storage slab.



This is one of 43 bases we are pouring at the Broken Bow wind farm. Each base pour takes 324 cyds of concrete or 32 truckloads!

We also have the west cement terminal ready to go for the second half of the Hwy 30 job. We can now unload a rail car in one hour, where before it took about 3-4 hours to unload a car.

We are entering our hot months of the year, so make sure you all stay hydrated and as cool as possible to keep from any heat related problems. Have a good productive 3 months and remember to always work safe!

Department Notes

BUILDING

JOE WELCH

The Building Department continues to be very busy this year with multiple projects underway.

The Lexington Middle School is getting ready for completion by the time the school year begins in August. Interior work is the priority now to complete the spaces by the end of July. Project Superintendent Terry Brand and crew are also completing some exterior work to include paving and sidewalks.

In Ogallala, Project Superintendent Shane Schutte is in the same mode as Terry Brand as preparations are being made for the kids to occupy a portion of the building by the middle of August. There is a lot of activity going on inside and outside the new school site.

Project Superintendent Dan Schwarz has the new structure up and a roof installed in Gothenburg at Pony Express Chevrolet. Interior framing will be completed the first of July and preparations will be made to close in the building by the end of July.

Project Superintendent Clay Otto has completed the Lexington Airport Snow Removal Equipment building. Clay will now be moving around completing various concrete projects we have on the books.

Superintendent Dan Niles has his hands full right now. He is working on the additions to the Brady School, renovating the Gothenburg School and working at a new site for Nebraska Salt and Grain in Gothenburg.

Paulsen, Inc. crews have also been involved in renovations at the Elwood Community Center, Runza in Cozad, Dairy Queen in Cozad, Ash Grove Cement in Cozad, Dawson Tire in Gothenburg and several other locations.

Several other projects are in the works for later this summer and fall so it appears we will continue to be very busy throughout the remainder of 2014.



PAVING

DENNIS SANDROCK

Black, Joe and Don finished up on the Norfolk round-about this spring and have started doing the mainline paving for the Norfolk Northeast project. This project is about 200,000 sy.

Darrell and Sam did some of the paving at North Platte Birdwood Viaduct this spring for SEMA, and finished up the Lexington 18th Street and Heartland Drive project. They have paved the south half of the Cozad and Lexington Highway 30 white topping project and will start on the north half shortly. This project is about 220,000 sy.

Denny and Glen are finishing the alley portion of the Cozad paving, the bike trail and a street for Pelican Bay at Johnson Lake, and all of the mainline paving on the Kearney Part 1 subdivision project. They are now moving into Lexington to start on the 6th Street to Taft project.

We also have a bike trail at Lake Moloney, a City project at Ogallala, two miles of bike trail at Johnson Lake, the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange bridge and paving that starts next week, and some paving at the Gothenburg Industrial Site to do this year. So, it will be a busy season.



Concrete Paving in front of the Paulsen, Inc. Office and Shop

McSafety's Corner

The Summer Heat Is Upon Us

Scott Holbrook Loss Control 308-325-1344

One of the special emphasis programs for OSHA is the effects of heat on construction workers and the effects of heat throughout the summer is of great concern to all of us. Make sure you monitor your condition; get relief when you can out of the sun and drink plenty of water and/or sports drinks throughout the day. We have Gatorade packages available at the office for our crews; contact the Safety Department if your jobsite is in need of them. We can also get neck cooling towels for anyone who would like to try them.

OSHA is doing as many construction site inspections as they can and are trying to make a major impact with each inspection they perform; we need to make sure we are in compliance and that our subcontractors are as well. Hi-VIS vests or clothing must be worn whenever you are exposed to moving traffic, scaffolds must be inspected each day prior to access and identified as safe, trenches must be inspected daily and logged on a trench inspection form, make sure you inspect and wear personal fall protection whenever you are exposed to a fall hazard and remember PPE must be used, cleaned and stored properly. One of the hottest topics for OSHA and MSHA is that all equipment operators are properly trained to operate equipment, never operate equipment unless you are trained and qualified.

Once again it's Truck Safety Month and NSP Carrier Enforcement has been busy. We have encountered a couple of locations where road side inspections have been set up with multiple officers inspecting every truck traveling in the area. This will continue throughout the summer. We need to continue to fill out a brake inspection sheet each week and a daily vehicle inspection sheet. Make sure that you are operating in compliance with DOT regulations and within company safety rules. There have been reports that we have drivers not wearing their seat belt, this is a violation of state law and a violation of company policy which will result in disciplinary action. You need to make sure that you never pass another vehicle while traveling through an intersection, stop at all stop signs, use your turn signals, make sure that you are not speeding.

Be alert when backing up, operate at a safe speed, obey traffic laws and protect your driving record – it is both your and our livelihood. Remember to report all accidents and injuries immediately. Now that we are in heat of the construction season we all need to work safely, follow safe procedures and take the time to do it the right way so that we can all go home safe at the end of the day – have a safe summer!



We have had a tough start to the 2014 season. As of 6-16-14 we have four new Work Comp cases. Three have needed surgery and the one remaining is yet to be determined if surgery will be needed. For the months of April – June we had a total of 38 accidents reported, (14 were hail damage) and 29 injuries reported, giving us a total of 67 cases in a three- month span.

But not all news is gloomy! Our previous MOD rating for 2013/2014 was 1.04 and we have been making steady strides in getting that # to come down every year for the past 3 years. Our new MOD rating for 2014/2015 is .78.

Now is not the time to ease up on working safe. Every day we come to work our goal is to return home at the end of the day still able to do all the things we love to do, play with our children, enjoy the outdoors and whatever it is you enjoy doing! So continue to work as safe as possible. Continue to look out for others that are working around you to ensure that they are also working safe! Lift the proper way, drink plenty of water during the hot summer days. When delivering product, make sure you check the area before backing up and if possible, have someone on the job site assist you in backing up. Do all that you can do to provide the safest work site possible. Our safety signs say it best, "Did you work safe today or were you just lucky"?

By working together and working safe we can make the rest of 2014 a wonderful year! Have a safe and happy summer!

ANNIVERSARIES

30 Years

LORAIN L. WOLTEMATH

20 Years

JOE BROCKHAUS

15 Years

TIMOTHY P. KUMM

10 Years

MATT W. COVER

SHANE A. SCHUTTE

STEVEN J. BREWER

5 Years

SHAWN L. SKINNER

ROGELIO MENDEZ

LAURIE A. WRIGHT

Paulsen People

July Birthdays

ALLISON C DUPLER	1
GARY L. SMITH	1
DENNIS R. FLEMING	2
HERSCHEL G SMITH	2
MICHAEL J ALBRECHT	3
STEVEN J. BREWER	4
REFUGIO GOMEZ	4
GARY W WENDT	5
FERMIN LOPEZ	7
PABLO MIRANDA RODRIQUEZ	9
JAMES S PETERSON	9
CIRIACO LOPEZ JUAREZ	10
FERNANDO J VAZQUEZ	14
CESAR N. AGUADO	15
THOMAS A. BREWER	16
JOSE L. RAZO	17
GERARDO SOTO	17
DUSTIN W. EVANS	20
GREG GIRDNER	20
JOHN E. BROWN	21
JAMES E. SONGSTER	23
CYNTHIA A. GREENE	24
JOSE C MENDEZ ORTIZ	24
VICTOR M LOPEZ	26
JAY BEERMAN	28
LARRY C. HORSTMAN	28
CAROLE L MATHEWS	28
TIMOTHY E HIXON	30
MICHAEL C. GENGENBACH	31

August Birthdays

HOGAN J MALLORY	1
RAFAEL A. CUELLAR	3
DAVID G. SELLSTED	3
DAVID A PETERSON	6
ROGER G. CALLAN	8
ROY A CHAMBERLAIN	9
GREGORY D FRICKE	9
DAKOTA D NIEDERKLEIN	10
REBECCA A. PETERSON	10
PAUL D. HALOUSKA	11
DANIEL L KASPAR	11
JOSEPH P SCHMITZ	11
ROBERT W. GOSS	12
STUART D. PRENTICE	12
MARK LOWERY	13
GORDON L. STRICKLAND	16
KIRK B HLADKY	18
ROGELIO MENDEZ	21
TERRY F. BRAND	23
JORGE A MURILLO ORTIZ	23
ABEL ALVIDREZ	25
CHARLES A. DeWOLF	27
RODNEY HILKER	30

September Birthdays

ROBERT F CARABETTA	1
DAVID S EVANS	1
LARRY L. HOCK	2
LARRY PAULSEN	4
DAVID M. JEFFREY	7
STEVEN M. KVASNICKA	7
PABLO V LOPEZ	7
JOSE A. LOZOYA AVITIA	10
MICHAEL W. KAPS	11
RONALD W. EBERLINE	12
THOMAS C. LINDEKUGEL	16
SERGIO MENDEZ	21
SETH C. BRADLEY	23
ALEJANDRO FIGUEROA	23
DANNY L. KEEZER	24
KEITH L LARSON	26
PAUL W. HILL	27
GIOVANNI SALAS	27



Proud daddy and big sister Jaden. Barrett Tyler Hunke was born June 17th weighing 6lbs 15oz and 20 inches long. Son of Christopher and Jennifer Hunke and grandson of Chris Hunke.



Congratulations to Hogan Mallory, a loader operator at the North Platte East gravel pit and his fiancé Lauren on their baby boy, named Luka Silas Mallory, born on April 22nd at the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital at 12:14 p.m. weighing 6 lbs 9 oz.



Carter Michael Strong born February 9, 2014 with his sister Braelynn, Grandchildren of Doug Banzhaf.



What Were They Thinking?



Make sure your work bench remains steady throughout the cut. Never take shortcuts like this!

Look out for each other's safety!

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We want to know!

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