

**Summer 2021** 

# Annual Paulsen Golf Outing Good Food. Great Times!

Our annual golf outing was held June 19th and the winners shot a score of 65. Congratulations! Chris Hunke and Brian Engel did a great job getting the food and cooking for everyone.

Hopefully everyone who came out had a good time. A big thank you to Larry Paulsen for making this golf outing possible.



The Winning Team: Dustin Walker, Trent Davis, Ron Chellew, and Dennis McFadden

### Pin Prize Winners

# **1**st Round

Hole 1	Shortest Drive in Fairway	John Smith
Hole 2	Closest Third Shot to Pin	Boots
Hole 3	Closest Tee Shot to Pin	Rudy Escobar
Hole 4	Longest Putt Made	Brandon Dodson
Hole 5	Closest Tee Shot to Restroom	Justin Morrow
Hole 6	Closest Third Shot to Pin	Kelly McCoy
Hole 7	Longest Drive in Fairway	Alvin Guyle
Hole 8	Closest Shot from Off the Green	Cort Bullock
Hole 9	Closest 2nd Shot to Pin	Dustin Walker

# 2nd Round

Hole 1 Longest Drive in Fairway **Tucker Wyatt** Hole 2 Longest Putt Made Ben Kappes Hole 3 Closest to Creek Without Going In Chris Schmeeckle Hole 4 Closest 2nd Shot to Pin Trent Davis Hole 5 Longest Putt Made Weston Collins Hole 6 Longest Putt Made Randy Wilson Jacob Rush Hole 7 Shortest Drive Hole 8 Longest Putt Made Brandon Winter Hole 9 Longest Drive in Fairway Carlos Montoya



# We are strong into the 2nd quarter of 2021...

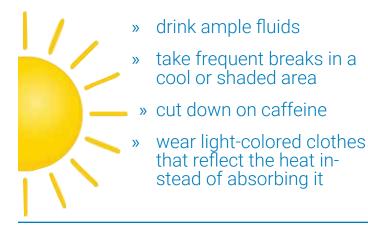
We have had a number of injuries this year caused by falls, trips or struck by accidents. Please be aware of your surroundings and do a good job of policing the area to avoid injuries from these situations.

We were able to enjoy some cooler temperatures in the early spring season but the hot weather is upon us and it is only going to get hotter as we push into the summer months! June is National Safety Month, and as summer temperatures quickly approach, it is important for all employees—particularly those working outdoors—to be reminded about the dangers of heat-related illnesses such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion and the more lifethreatening heatstroke.

By following a few simple guidelines when working under extreme heat conditions employees need to take every precaution to avoid these illnesses, or possibly death.

Summers in Nebraska are among the most hot and humid in the United States with daytime high temperatures from mid-June to mid-September averaging 90°F (32°C) or more.

Here are a few reminders of things you should be doing to help reduce heat related injuries:



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Employees should also be aware that injuries can occur in deceptively mild weather, due to high humidity, making working under these conditions particularly dangerous.

## Factors Leading to Heat Stress:

- · High temperature and humidity
- Direct sun or heat

# Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion:

- Headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness or fainting
- Weakness and moist skin
- Mood changes such as irritability or confusion
- Upset stomach or vomiting

### Symptoms of Heatstroke:

- Dry, hot skin with no sweating
- Mental confusion or losing consciousness
- Seizures or convulsions

# What to Do for Heat-Related Illness:

- Call 911 immediately! While waiting for help:
- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area
- Provide cool drinking water
- Fan and mist the person with water
- Loosen or remove heavy clothing
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# **Department Notes**

# Asphalt

Jim Jewell

We had awful weather for the start of this season, but it looks like it's finally going to turn into summer.

Carl's crew has finished the bottom lift of the Eustis to Cozad project, the first phase of the Kearney Airport and the Lake Maloney piece of the carryover Lincoln County-2020 (2) project. They have now started working on the Lexington North job. We also have subs working on bridges at both Eustis to Cozad and Lexington North. This group also has Oconto North and South and Lincoln-2021 on the schedule.

Tom's crew has been battling through the weather on the Deuel/ Garden County projects north of Big Springs since early April. I'm happy to say we should be done in a few days. This crew will move up to the Tryon to Mullen project on highway 97. This one has about 80,000 tons. They also have the Trenton North work on highway 25 later in the season.

At Tryon to Mullen we have gotten through the detour phase in great shape, way ahead of schedule. The road was closed while Kea Construction drove sheet piling for the new retaining wall across the Dismal River. It was a team effort. Special thanks to Brett and Jake from Paulsen, Perrett Construction, Contractor Services, and of course Kea Construction. The detour route was over 200 miles long, and you can imagine how important it was to get it re-opened.

As you can see we're very busy, but safety always comes first. Take time to stop and think before you act. Thanks to all of you for your hard work.





# **Ready Mix**

### Brian Engel

Summer is definitely here with the recent heat we have been experiencing. Along with the mercury shooting up, the ready mix business has done the same! We have lots of projects that we are supplying across the state. Lexington has been busy with the paving crew on the east side of Lexington. Broken Bow has been steady with locals. Holdrege has been busy along with the start of the Alma airport project. Franklin has started supplying the transmission line foundations and the substation projects for the wind farm by Campbell. Ogallala has kept busy with local projects, and McCook is rocking with local work; a Dollar General job in Benkelman and a feedlot project. North Platte has been busy with the potato building, paving, locals, and will be starting a new military repair facility at the end of the month. Lastly the big portable; Ben has finished up in Thedford at the airport and has moved to Sidney for the rest of the year to supply our paving crew on our big job of the year. I want to thank all of the employees for their hard work and dedication to seeing all of our jobs through to the end. It is always a great sense of accomplishment when we get one finished and move onto the next!! Have a great summer!!



Potato storage building south of North Platte

# **Department Notes**

# Building

Tim Dean

The Building Department is off to a great start and it looks to be a very busy summer.

Tim Hemmingson and crew are busy finishing up the structure at the Ogallala rest area. This project will really take shape over the next couple of months.

Shane Schutte has moved out of Ogallala and is getting started on Phase 2 at the Westfield Shopping Center in North Platte.

Dan Niles has been busy managing several jobs. Peterson Supermarket and Gothenburg Hospital are both in full swing, and Waypoint Bank in Cambridge is finishing up.

Ross Collins has finished the Arapahoe Library project and is headed to Johnson Lake to complete a unique residential project for Dr. Cannela.

Jeff Pickinpaugh and crew have finished up the Gothenburg ADA project and the Arapahoe Library paving, then will be heading to Ogallala to assist with slab on grade and exterior paving.

Dan Schwartz has completed the addition to Bertrand Schools and is off to a great start on the Gothenburg Elementary School remodel.

As always, continue to work safely, efficiently, and enjoy the warmer weather.



Ogallala Rest Area



Waypoint Bank in Cambridge

# Paving

Well, it is already June, and it is finally starting to warm up. Spring wasn't very good for construction with all the rain and cold temperatures. Hopefully the weather straightens out and we get back to normal weather.

Justin, Don, and Steve finally finished Henderson. Justin was there so long that he has established residency there and could run for Mayor. They will go to Sidney and start the state job where there is about 40,000 cy to pave. They will be there for the rest of the year. We will have to be well organized to get everything done.

Darrell, Mike, and Sam have all but finished the Thedford Airport and are moving on to do the Kearney Airport Taxiway. We picked up the Kearney Airport Parking Lot to go along with the taxiway. They will be there until sometime in September, weather permitting.

Gary Wendt has been doing all our staking and models for most of the above jobs. He has seen a lot of the state so far this year. We hired a new man to help him (Brett Godfrey). Welcome Brett, and let the party begin!

As you can see, we have a lot to do yet to finish up the year. We need everybody to work and drive safely. You people are the most important resource Paulsen, Inc. has. If you are injured or had an accident, you need to let your supervisor know so he can fill out an incident report. Jed and I will try to keep everybody on schedule. We would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to making Paulsen, Inc. what it is!

Dave Neill

# **Department Notes**

# Gravel

The gravel division is definitely in full swing. We have a bunch of hauling to do and pumping to keep materials on the ground. As of right now, I believe there are around 130 miles of Dawson County roads we need to haul to and spread gravel on.

### **Pit Updates:**

Lexington is pumping road gravel. Rock washer is just keeping up and making materials to haul east.

Gates is pumping road gravel. Once we get done with the shaker deck in Ogallala then it will go to Gates to make old spec armor coat and ice control.

Indianola is pumping pre-crushed. They have 20,000 tons to do. They have some on the ground, but still have a way to go yet.

North Platte has been switching of and on from precrushed to road gravel, trying to keep everyone happy. We need 45,000 tons of pre-crush, and we are halfway there. Ogallala just got done supplying all of the gravel for the asphalt job. Now we are trying to get some road gravel on the ground for the county and local customers. Then, they have 1,400 tons of new spec armor coat to make that's going up by Hyannis for the state.

Gothenburg is pumping road gravel just getting ahead of all the country trucks that come in. Before long, they will be switching over to make 47B fine aggregate.

Cozad is pumping pre-crushed. They have 95,000 ton to do and are a little over halfway there.

Truck drivers are all busy hauling to redi-mix plants, spreading on county roads, delivering to local customers, and hauling up to Tryon.

Maintenance crew is working on getting the tower in Ogallala moved and set back up. They will then start moving the rotary in Cozad.

Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication.



### Kelly McCoy



### Dennis R. McFadden Safety Director

So far this year the weather has been a mixed bag cold, wet and windy to hot dry and still, but summer has finally arrived, and all of our projects are in full swing.

Remember to wear light loose breathable clothing and watch for signs of heat stress and get into the shade whenever possible. Make sure that you drink plenty of water or sport drinks to stay hydrated.

Water must be readily available at all jobsites and we have Gatorade packets available at the office. Let your supervisor, Scott, Jacob, or myself know if you need water or Gatorade brought to your location. Please notify me if water is not being provided at your jobsite.

OSHA has several focused enforcement initiatives that they are aggressively conducting inspections on throughout our area. We will continue to train everyone on the focused four hazards in construction falls, caught-in-between, struck-by and electrocutions and perform inspections to eliminate all hazards on our jobsites and to remain in compliance with federal standards. We need to continue to make every effort to work safely and to take the time to look for hazards and their potential affects before we act. Examine what can possibly go wrong and figure out how to prevent, control or eliminate the hazard. We all need to make sure we are keeping our eyes and minds on our tasks and not be distracted no matter what we are doing.

We need to make a continual effort to watch for what is behind us while backing up and don't assume everything is clear – make sure. Please be on alert to prevent being distracted both while driving and while doing any part of your work.

Our goal is to always provide you with the safest workplace possible. We all need to follow safe procedures and be sure that we are properly trained, remember if you are not trained and qualified – don't do it until you are.

Remember to SLAM Hazards: Stop – Look – Analyze – Manage and have a great year!

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# HEAT STROKE

# PAULSEN PEOPLE



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

ISAAC SANCHEZ GARY L. SMITH DENNIS R. FLEMING ERIC D MCGRAW HERSCHEL G SMITH STEVEN J. BREWER AUSTIN DEIDEL JEFFERY E PICKINPAUGH GARY W WENDT ROGER A. HENTHORN FERMIN LOPEZ PATRICIA PHROPER LUIS A RASCON CESAR AGUADO
PATRICIA PHROPER
CESAR AGUADO THOMAS A. BREWER
DAKOTA MARSHALL DOUGLAS L WALTON
ALEJANDRO RENTERIA LINO CALEB HOLBROOK
RONALD MANNEL RICHARD PAUL ONTIVEROS
DUSTIN W. EVANS GREG GIRDNER
LEODEGARIO LOPEZ MENDEZ MERLE L POPPE
CHARLES J BISHOP FERNANDO GOMEZ BARBOZA
JOSE A MENCHACA OSCAR OCAMPO DEL PINO MICHAEL C. GENGENBACH

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

**35 years** Michael L. Seaman 10 years

Dana C. Favinger

years

Matthew J. Monahan

Steven R. Zabokrtsky Salvador Mendez Mendez

25 years Raymundo Lopez







### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	RICHARD S PAULSEN
1	RAFAEL A. CUELLAR
2	JOSE MARTIN MENDEZ
2	
2	SILVER DEL GADO
4	SCOTT W SKALA
5	ROGER G. CALLAN
5	ROY A CHAMBERLAIN
5	JACOB RUSH
7	STEVE ARMOUR
7	PAUL D. HALOUSKA
11	JUSTIN S MORROW
14	STUART D. PRENTICE
15	MARK LOWERY
16	DAMIL A. REYES DUARTE
16	DEIDRE D HEATH
16	LUIS MARIO HERNANDEZ MORONES
17	GORDON L. STRICKLAND
19	OMAR SIMENTAL AREOLA
19	KIRK B HLADKY
19	MICHAEL MANNEL
20	LARRY D PFLASTER
20	ROGELIO MENDEZ
22	ADRIAN TAPIA MERCADO
23	ABEL ALVIDREZ
26	CHARLES A. DeWOLF
28	JAMES W. NEAL
28	

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

GARY E. KUMM	4
LARRY PAULSEN	4
ISRAEL JACINTO	5
JESIE ROMAN FLORES	5
STEVEN M. KVASNICKA	7
JOESEPH J KAPPES	8
SKYLER E SHILL	8
MITCHEL D FOUTCH	9
JOSE A. LOZOYA AVITIA	10
MICHAEL W. KAPS	11
ROY WILLIAM KRINGS	12
LEONARD M. HANSEN	14
MARCOS ESPINOZA	16
MICHELLE A BARNES	19
TUCKER MICHAEL WYATT	19
JIMMY J WACHTEL	20
SERGIO MENDEZ	21
SHAWN M MORRISON	22
MATTHEW THOMAS SMITH	22
DANNY L. KEEZER	24
DELORES J DELIMONT	25
CHAD BILTOFT	26
DALE BLACKMAN	26
PAUL W. HILL	27
AUNER AAROLDO YANES CABRERA	30

Congratulations go out to Dominick and Rachel Loibl on the birth of their daughter. Stella Lynn Loibl was born March 19, 2021. Dominick is with Paulsen's Ready Mix Division.

Stella Lynn • 71bs 2 oz • 18 inches long



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2 guys holding on to your collar does not constitute 100% tie-off! Use the proper harness, lanyard and anchor point.