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DENVER DRYWALL COMMUNICATOR

July 2003

Congratulations to the following folks who have hit their respective anniversaries with Denver Drywall in the month of July

Dave Heap	"35" years	Lee Porter	"1" year
Randy St. Antoine	"27" years	Alfredo Bencoma	"1" year
Clyde Baggett	"18" years	Irrael Salazar	"1" year
Gerry Fuller	"9" years	Valentin Gutierrez	"1" year
Juan Meza	"8" years	Hector Miranda	"1" year
Jaime Meza	"8" years	Javier Guzman	"1" year
Eleazar Posada	"8" years	Ruben Anaya	"1" year
Regulo Posada	"6" years	Alfredo Mejia Luna	"1" year
Carl Stouidt	"4" years	Juan M Reyes	"1" year
Lisa "Me" ☺	"4" years	Jose Tellez	"1" year
Alfredo Valdez	"3" years	Luis Hernandez	"1" year



JULY CALENDER OF EVENTS

Friday, July 4th Holiday - Office closed in observance of Independence Day

Wednesday, July 23rd All Foremen's Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26th Annual Company Elitch Day of Fun

The results are in...

Congratulations to all of the folks who worked on the Colorado Mills Project last year. Karen Bates, who was the coordinator for the Colorado Mills Mall submitted a presentation on this project in the Commercial Drywall category for the Colorado Chapter of the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industries (AWCI). Of all the entries, the Colorado Mills Project took the top honors for the "Excellence in Construction Quality Award". This presentation can be viewed in our DDC office along with the other 2 entries submitted. Those include Norad in Colorado Springs and Ben Nighthorse Campbell in Denver. Come take a look at all of the wonderful jobs done.



Come join us for a day of fun in the sun at the Denver Drywall Company Annual Summer Event. A ticket is required for entrance into Elitch's and also for the picnic in the Pavilion area.

Make sure you return your Elitch Request for Ticket form by Friday, July 11th at the latest.

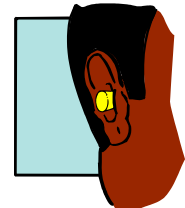
When: Saturday, July 26th

Time: Park is opened from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Picnic: The Pavilion Area will be open from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



A Little Slice of Safety



EAR PROTECTION

Work-related hearing loss continues to be a critical workplace safety and health issue. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the occupational safety and health community named hearing loss one of the 21 priority areas for research in the next century. Noise-induced hearing loss is 100 percent preventable but once acquired, hearing loss is permanent and irreversible. Therefore, prevention measures must be taken by employers and workers to ensure the protection of workers' hearing.

Approximately 30 million workers are exposed to hazardous noise on the job and an additional nine million are at risk for hearing loss from other agents such as solvents and metals.

While any worker can be at risk for noise-induced hearing loss in the workplace, workers in many industries have higher exposures to dangerous levels of noise. Industries with high numbers of exposed workers include: agriculture; mining; construction; manufacturing and utilities; transportation; and military.

Removing hazardous noise from the workplace through engineering controls (e.g. installing a muffler or building an acoustic barrier) is the most effective way to prevent noise-induced hearing loss. Hearing protectors such as earplugs and earmuffs should be used when it is not feasible to otherwise reduce noise to a safe level. NIOSH recommends hearing loss prevention programs for all workplaces with hazardous levels of noise.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the team at Exempla Hospital in Lafayette for earning their first of many safety lunches. The crew has been on site since February 2003 working hard to complete the exterior core shell portion of this project.

HEALTH EDUCATION CORNER

Beware of Food Spoilage as Weather Warms Up

Fact or fiction--mayonnaise is a prime cause of food borne illness?

Mayonnaise is not the culprit in food borne illness. The culprits are foods that are not prepared, served or stored properly.

Food borne illness is caused by bacteria, which is present in foods or on your hands, that grow when foods are not properly handled. Prevent food borne illness from spoiling your next picnic with these tips:

- Keep cold foods stored at 40 degrees F or lower and hot foods at 140 degrees F or higher.
- Clean knives, cutting boards and counters before, during and after food preparation.
- Cook hamburgers until the center is no longer red and juices run clear.
- Store leftovers quickly and place them in containers that are small enough to allow quick cooling; and,
- Remember to keep your hands clean when preparing and serving foods.

Picnics can be a great way to celebrate spring, so take a few minutes when planning your menu to plan for food safety.

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4th of July



Fourth of July fireworks can frighten pets, and that fear can cause your dog or cat to panic and try to escape the confines of your yard or house. Keep your pet indoors on the Fourth of July in a quiet and isolated room with covered windows, or the basement where there are no windows, to help her feel safe and secure. Turn on a fan, a radio or television to muffle the sound of fireworks. They'll provide familiar indoor sounds and may help soothe her if she must be alone on this noisy holiday. Don't take your pet to a fireworks display.

If your pet behaves nervously by pacing, whining or crying, distract her by playing with her or doing something she enjoys. Don't stroke, pet or reassure her by saying, "Don't worry, it's okay." This may actually reinforce her nervousness or fright.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

The Pledge Of Allegiance,

I pledge allegiance
To the Flag
Of The United States of America
And to the Republic
For which it stands
One nation under God
Indivisible
With Liberty
And Justice for All.



The Declaration of Independence

"We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." - Thomas Jefferson

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from England and Democracy was born.

Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream. The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people.

Independence Day, in the United States, an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the United States.

Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings.

We invite all nations to celebrate this Fourth of July. Happy Birthday, America!

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

"Liberty not only means that the individual has both the opportunity and the burden of choice; it also means that he must bear the consequences of his actions. Liberty and responsibility are inseparable."