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

Dave Heap	36 years		Regulo Posada	7 years
Randy St Antoine	24 years		Carl Stoudt	5 years
Clyde Baggett	19 years		Lisa Bolognia – Me ☺	5 years
Gerry Fuller	10 years		Alfredo Valdez	4 years
Juan Meza	9 years		Juan Reyes	2 years
Jaime Meza	9 years		Michelle Schueller	1 year

Jobsite Spotlight of the Month

Summer is here, and again we stop and take a quick peak at one of our on-going projects. This month, let us take a look at the Convention Center Ballroom. This project is unique in several ways for Denver Drywall.

The Convention Center Ballroom is headed up in the field by Stefan Urbalejo and Bob Peyer and from the office, Gary Cummings and Russell Pershing.

The Ballroom portion of the project is located under the Exhibition Hall, which is part of the current expansion of the existing Convention Center. In order to keep the 180' x 270' long ballroom as open as possible, the designers incorporated large structural trusses and support beams to handle the potential weight of the Exhibition Hall above. This structural support system is encapsulated with steel framing, insulation and 3 layers of gypsum board to create a coffered soffit effect. Most of the soffit areas have a 3-layer drywall and insulation membrane ceiling attached to sound isolators, which are attached to the building structure above. This construction creates a rated assembly and keeps the sound from traveling from the Exhibition Hall to the Ballroom.

To add a bit off difficulty to this project, most of the perimeter walls, some as high as 44', require a 1- 2 hour rating and were designed with deflection criteria to meet the anticipated movement of the floors above and below the Ballroom.

As well as the tall walls and high ceilings, our team spent a great deal of time designing, building and finishing the large decorative gypsum disks that are suspended from the framed membrane ceilings. The disks are suspended approximately 32 feet above the Ballroom floor. The largest disk has a 36-foot diameter and houses some of the special lighting, sound and air handling systems for this immense room. Our team met the challenges set before them and came out with solutions in hand.

Denver Drywall's work in the Ballroom portion of the project is scheduled to complete by mid-summer. Finish date and turnover for the entire Convention Center Expansion is slated for December 6th of 2004. We would like to offer our team big congratulations on a job well done!!!

A Chuckle for the Month

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"I'm sending you to a seminar to help you work harder and be more productive."

Vacation Getaways

June 21st, the first day of summer. July 4th, what seems to be when summer is truly in full swing! Are you thinking about your next vacation? Where you might want to go over a long weekend you have coming up? Let us help with a few suggestions that are close to home that you may have forgotten about.

1. Cheyenne Mountain Zoological Park. It is one of the countries only mountain zoos. It is the site of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun and Russell Tutt Scenic Highway. There are more than 500 animals, a nature trail, a children's playground and even an antique carousel. The hours are 9 am - 6 pm daily through Labor Day and the cost is \$12 for ages 12-64, \$10 for ages 65 and older and \$6 for ages 3-11.
2. Glen Eyrie Castle, 3820 N. 30th St.. The castle was built in 1905 on a 700-acre estate of Colorado Springs by founder Gen. William Jackson Palmer for his wife, Queen, and is owned by the Navigators. The grounds are open from 9 am - 4 pm daily. Tours are at 1 pm daily. Cost for tours is \$5, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for ages 12 and under.
3. If you would just like a day of hiking, biking or exploring, come visit North Cheyenne Canon Park and Helen Hunt Falls. The Park is a 1,626-acre city owned park bordering Pike National Forest and offers picnic areas and walking trails. The three-mile drive up scenic canyon leads to Helen Hunt Falls. The Hours of the park are 5 am - 11 pm daily and the cost is free. And while you are there, stop by the Starsmore Discovery Center.
4. Starsmore Discovery Center, 2120 S. Cheyenne Canyon Road. (www.tfocc.org) Renovated granite farmhouse built by the Starsmore family between 1918 and 1922. In 1990, the city moved the house to the entrance of North Cheyenne Canon to become the Starsmore Discovery Center. Exhibits include wildlife dioramas, an indoor rock-climbing wall, rocks and minerals display, guided hikes and children's programs. Hours are 9 am - 4:30 pm Wed. - Fri., 9 am - 5 pm Saturdays, and 11 am - 5 pm on Sunday. The cost is free.

We are very lucky to live in an area with so much to offer. Among these attractions listed above, there are countless more ways for us to enjoy our beautiful state. Take advantage of what our cities and state have to offer and in doing so, support our local economies and maybe even get a little history lesson!



July Schedule of Events

July 4th

July 5th

July 21st

Sunday

Monday

Wednesday

Independence Day

Independence Day Observed - Office Closed

All Foremen's Meeting

A Little Slice of Safety

Lawn Mower Safety



The power lawn mower is one of the most dangerous tools around the home. In 1990 more than 87,000 persons with injuries caused by power mowers were treated in emergency rooms. More than 20,000 of the people hurt were younger than 25 years, including about 10,000 children younger than 15 years. Older children and adolescents were most often hurt while cutting lawns as chores or as a way to earn money.

Lawn mower injuries include deep cuts, loss of fingers and toes, broken and dislocated bones, burns, and eye and other injuries. Some injuries are very serious. Both users of mowers and those who are nearby can be hurt.

To prevent lawn mower injuries to children, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

- Only use a power mower with a control that stops the mower if the handle is let go. This control should never be disconnected.
- Do not allow children younger than 14 to use ride-on mowers. Do not allow children younger than 12 to use walk-behind mowers.
- Make sure that sturdy shoes (not sandals or sneakers) are worn while mowing.
- Prevent injuries from flying objects, such as stones or toys, by picking up objects from the lawn before mowing begins. Use a collection bag for grass clippings or a plate that covers the opening where cut grass is released. Have anyone who uses a mower wear protective eyewear.
- While the lawn is being mowed, keep others away to ensure their safety.
- Start and refuel mowers outdoors, not in a garage or shed. Mowers should be refueled with the motor turned off and cool.
- Make sure that blade settings (to set the wheel height or dislodge debris) are done by an adult, with the mower off and the spark plug removed or disconnected.

This information should not be used as a substitute for the medical care and advice of your pediatrician. There may be variations in treatment that your pediatrician may recommend based on the individual facts and circumstances.

Spotlight Employee of the Month

The year was 1996. It was the beginning of the Rick Redd era with Denver Drywall Company. Rick has been running work in our Colorado Springs division for many years.

Rick has run many jobs over his years with DDC including: State Farm TI; Fairchild Hall; Old City Hall; El Paso Tech Support; Pikes Peak Community College; Air Force Academy; and Arnold Hall to name a few.



Rick is liked and well respected by all of the General Contractors he has worked for in the past. He is also well respected by his fellow employees. Rick is one of the top foreman in our Colorado Springs division.

Rick has been the primary foreman on most of our Air Force Academy jobs in Colorado Springs.

We hope for many years of having the pleasure of working with Mr. Rick Redd aka Shaggy.

Each month we will be featuring a spotlight employee from Denver Drywall. We want you to get to know your fellow employees. We have enjoyed getting to know each other better and we hope you will too.

Health Education Corner

Overview of West Nile Virus

Q: What is West Nile virus?

A. West Nile Virus is a flavivirus commonly found in Africa, West Asia, and the Middle East. It is closely related to the St. Louis encephalitis virus, which is also found in the United States. The virus can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses and some other mammals.

Q. What are the symptoms of West Nile virus infection?

A. Most people who are infected with the West Nile virus will not have any type of illness.

It is estimated that about 20% of the people who become infected will develop West Nile fever: the symptoms include fever, headache, tiredness, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands.

The symptoms of severe infection (West Nile encephalitis or meningitis) include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis. It is estimated that approximately 1 in 150 persons infected with the West Nile virus will develop a more severe form of disease.

Q. What can I do to reduce my risk of becoming infected with West Nile virus?

A. Here are preventive measures that you and your family can take:

Protect yourself from mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. The more DEET a repellent contains the longer time it can protect you from mosquito bites. A higher percentage of DEET in a repellent does not mean that your protection is better—just that it will last longer. DEET concentrations higher than 50% do not increase the length of protection. Choose a repellent that provides protection for the amount of time that you will be outdoors.
 - Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children.
 - Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's DIRECTIONS FOR USE, as printed on the product.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. Do not apply repellents containing permethrin directly to exposed skin. If you spray your clothing, there is no need to spray repellent containing DEET on the skin under your clothing.
- When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening, which are peak mosquito biting times.
- Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.

Help reduce the number of mosquitoes in areas outdoors where you work or play by draining sources of standing water. In this way, you reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.

- At least once or twice a week, empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels, and cans.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded tires and other items that could collect water.
- Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.

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