



Denver Drywall Company  
Since 1945



# DENVER DRYWALL COMMUNICATOR

October 2004

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

- POSITION:** ESTIMATOR for commercial drywall construction firm established in 1945.
- LOCATION:** Colorado Springs, Colorado
- DUTIES:** Quantity survey, material pricing, labor productions, and tracking of historical data. Meeting bid deadlines with accurate estimates and complete scope of work narrative. Estimates will be done in the office with computers and "The Edge" estimating software. Assist project managers in initial job set up and pre-job planning.
- SKILLS:** Strong organizational skills and work ethics, highly motivated, works and communicates well with people. Follows directions, procedures and policies. Proficient skills with word-processing, spreadsheets, and scheduling. Knowledge of estimating software a must. Utilization of "The Edge" estimating software and digitized takeoffs a plus. Experience with specific industry products and applications required. Complete understanding and interpretation of plans, specifications, and contract documents required.

If you meet these requirements, we would like to consider you for our team. We are an equal opportunity employer, and our facility is a smoke free environment. We offer numerous benefits including paid days off, 401K, health insurance, and other insurance plans.

Send resume with references and salary expectations to:

**DENVER DRYWALL COMPANY**  
3251 South Zuni Street  
Englewood, CO 80110  
Attn: Human Resources Department  
Or e-mail: lisab@denverdrywall.com

## A Chuckle for the Month



**Why did the vampire go to the orthodontist?  
To improve his bite..**

**Why do witches use brooms to fly on?  
Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy...**

**What did one ghost say to the other ghost?  
"Do you believe in people?"**

**Why do vampires need mouthwash?  
They have bat breath...**



# A Little Slice of Safety

Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that cannot be detected through sense of smell or taste. Exposure to carbon monoxide may cause you to experience any or all of these symptoms:

- Headaches, tightness across the forehead and temples
- Weariness, weakness, dizziness and vomiting
- Loss of muscular control
- Watering and smarting of the eyes

If any of these symptoms develop, move outdoors immediately. Have your propane system and attached appliances inspected and repaired before you return to the building or area where carbon monoxide is suspected.

## How To Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

1. Never use the oven or range top burners to provide space heating,
2. Never use indoors, camping, construction, "Mr. Heater", or other portable heaters that are not designed and listed for indoor use with propane.
3. Never use a barbecue grill (propane or charcoal) indoors for cooking or heating.
4. Have all appliances tested for proper operation by a qualified propane gas technician.
5. Always be certain that your appliances are properly vented.
6. Commercially available carbon monoxide detectors should be installed on every level of your home to alert you to the presence of carbon monoxide.

🎉 Congratulations to Dave Lassen for being the member spotlight of the ASPE, American Society of Professional Estimators, Denver Chapter Newsletter for September 2004. This is the article that was published in that newsletter.

*Dave moved to Denver with his wife in 1972 after attending Kansas State University. He has 1 daughter and 1 son. With having played baseball during his high school and college days, he became involved with coaching youth baseball in the Denver area (for 16 years) until he retired from that hobby in 2001. His employer, Denver Drywall, was very supportive of this and allowed him the time off whenever it was needed. Since his studies at KSU involved both drafting and architecture, the construction industry seemed like a logical choice. One of his college instructors always said that "if you understand how things go together, can design and draw it, the field is wide open." Little did he realize then that 33 years later, he'd still be involved in this business. Dave has been with Denver Drywall now for almost 14 years with an official title of Senior Estimator. Denver Drywall itself has been around for 60 years. Some of the employees have over 30 years with the company. Some of the major projects Dave has completed with Denver Drywall:*

- \* *Ben Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Center at Fitzsimons*
- \* *Colorado Mills Mall*
- \* *Pepsi Center*
- \* *Colorado Convention Center—Ballrooms*
- \* *Byron White US Court of Appeals*
- \* *Columbine High School Renovation and Addition of 1996*
- \* *Exempla Hospital in Lafayette*
- \* *Littleton Hospital*
- \* *Zephyr Mountain Lodge in Winter Park*
- \* *Red Hawk, The Springs, and Lone Eagle Lodges in Keystone*
- \* *Union Plaza Office Building and Residential Tower*

*Dave has been a member of ASPE now for about 1-1/2 years and found the time to be very beneficial. It's always good to hear how others in our field are doing; the ups and downs and their experiences. No matter how long a person has been around, there's always something to be learned from others.*

## Employee Spotlight of the Month



This month our spotlight employee of the month is Mr. Jeff Erfman.

Jeff began with Denver Drywall in 1994 as a journeyman framer. Before beginning with Denver Drywall Company, he worked for some of our competitors. But, we won't hold that against Jeff because he has a spot in a lot of our hearts and has become a part of the DDC family.

Along his journey with DDC, he was promoted to a leadman working for a period of time in the mountains and then in downtown Denver. Jeff got promoted to a foreman position in 1998 and was given his first project - Daniels College.

Jeff is currently running The Upsher Smith Office Facility project in Denver. Jeff has run numerous jobs including Inflow; Brannon Offices; McCandless Truck; Platte Valley Medical Center; Westpeak; and Canal Vista to name a few.

Outside of work, Jeff is an avid equestrian and a rock climber. If you are up in Boulder sometime and you look up and see someone hanging off the side of a cliff, it's probably our one and only, Jeff, rock climbing.

He has won numerous awards and ribbons from his horse shows. He performs a lot of technical maneuvers with his horse, Cider.

Jeff is known as quite the adrenaline junky. Apparently, if there is something out there that he has not tried or something out there crazy enough for him to try, he will. Jeff has bungee jumped by himself and also with his bike.

In Jeff's younger years, he raced pro-motocross and pro-super cross for around 20 years. After injuring himself with motorcycles, he changed his sport to downhill mountain bike racing. And, we all wonder why Jeff has aches and pains.

Jeff is married and has several members of his family, including 3 horses and a dog.

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.

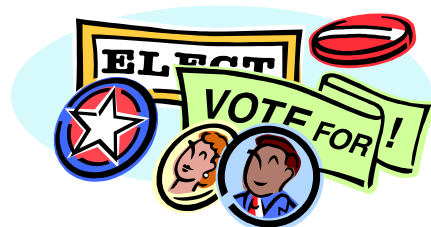
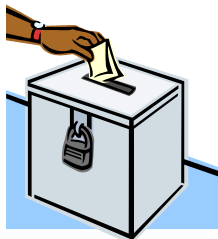


When the polls open on Election Day, every citizen over the age of 18 will be able to cast a vote. It is a right we take for granted, one that defines our nation as a democracy. But universal suffrage — letting everyone vote — did not appear overnight with the ratification of our Constitution. Two hundred years ago, you had to be white, male, and wealthy in order to vote.

## Extremely Important Dates In Voting History

- 1787 The passage of the U.S. Constitution giving white male property owners age 21 and over the right to vote.
- 1870 The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteed the right to vote to all men that were 21 or older regardless of race or ethnic background.
- 1920 The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave women age 21 and older the right to vote.
- 1965 The Voting Rights Act authorized the federal government to take over registration of voters in areas where state officials had regularly prevented blacks and other minorities from registering to vote or cast their ballots through usage of literacy tests, grandfather clauses, and intimidation tactics. This Act enforced provisions previously guaranteed in the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments almost a century earlier.
- 1971 The 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment lowered the voting age across the nation to 18.
- 1982 The Voting Rights Act Amendments extended right to vote guarantees given in the 1965 legislation. Further provisions for Americans with disabilities, voters not able to read and write, and those not fluent in English were added to insure their freedoms.

Whether you are a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, make your vote count in the 2004 election - November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



If you want to vote in any election, you must mail or deliver your registration form to your county clerk and recorder no later than 29 days before the election in which you want to vote. If you have any questions, contact your county clerk and recorder for the county that you reside.