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Respect and inspect every day

Routine inspections of everyday equipment is a safe practice

When it comes to the equipment that we use every day it may look simple and easy to inspect with a quick glance, but in reality it isn't.

There are a lot of different things that need to be looked at daily to insure that the equipment works safely and efficiently.

Baker scaffolds

Check to make sure the frames and planks are in good shape, make sure the brakes are locked when personnel are on them. And always make sure that the planks are locked in with whatever locking method the baker has.



Retractable should be inspected daily. Check that the carabiner is in working order, pull the cable out and make sure it isn't frayed or kinked, give the cable a tug to make sure the safety mechanism latches, and then inspect the hook to make sure that the red tab isn't showing indicating that the retractable has been used for fall arrest.



Stilts need to have the straps inspected and also the bolt and pin connections. And like everything else, check the general condition of the stilts - if they look bad take them out of service.



Scissor lift - water level in the batteries needs to be above the plates inside, electrical connections from the control box to the machine are not frayed or loose, motion alarms are working when you go up and down or forward and backward, hydraulic oil levels, tires need to be in good shape and not missing chunks, and the frame of the machine and guardrails need to be in good condition.

News and Notes

Diamond dandies

In area baseball news we have the New Prague Twins T-ball team with no games as of yet just a lot of practicing, according to Brian Arens. The team is focusing on chasing a batted ball without tripping over the sandcastles in the infield.

Coach Ryan Niemala reports that the White Bear Lake Pirates 8U team have won three of five after an 0-2 start. Coach Niemala said it's been some high scoring baseball because the kids are still learning, not because of bad coaching.

The Hanover Golden Potatoes suffered its first defeat last week after 10 victories to start the season. Avery Johnson hit a 3 run triple.

Derek Vosejkpa was forced into action for the Lonsdale Aces town ball club. The savvy veteran collected a base hit in three trips to the plate and handled each of his chances at first base without incident.

State Fair fare

Consumption and calories are among the main reasons to visit the Minnesota State Fair.

This year there are many new offerings to be tested, including the Ahi Tuna Poke Bowl, Bananas Foster French Toast, and a BBQ Split with scoops of BBQ pulled pork, mac and cheese and coleslaw served side by side with a pickle spear.

Other delectables include Earth Wings (fresh cauliflower pieces dipped in a seasoned batter, deep fried and smothered in organic sesame BBQ sauce, General Tso Chicken Taco and Irish Tater Kegs, a jumbo deep-fried tater tot made with a blend of corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, sour cream and potatoes and drizzled with Thousand Island dressing and nestled on a bed of sauerkraut.

Hitting the books ...

From fancy landings at Spring Lake Park to exterior shells at St. Cloud Tech, RTL Construction has a busy slate of building learning facilities (aka schools) for the neighborhood kids. RTL is in the midst of school construction throughout the metro area and beyond.





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Putting the lines to the test

RTL anglers have toured the state in search of Minnesota's open water prize, the elusive walleye. Upper left, this unidentified RTL angler landed a 20" walleye immediately after hitting the lakes on opening morning. It was one of two fish caught for the day. Upper right, this RTL angler had a big day, a couple muskie follows and this 22" walleye landed while Lindy riggin' with leeches on an undisclosed northern Minnesota lake. Bottom right, this RTL angler landed this lunker walleye while pan fishing at an undisclosed central Minnesota lake. Only after he released the fish did his fishing buddies tell him it was a largemouth bass.



Handling job site injuries

There is a larger process that needs to take place when an injury happens, but we would like to make sure to emphasize to you that the first thing that needs to happen is reporting the injury.

Even if the injury is minor, a cut to the finger for example, you know you don't need a doctor you know it will be just fine, clean out the wound put a bandage on it and get back to work, right?

Not so, you need to report it to

the site foreman, and the site foreman needs to report to the superintendent and they will call the office.

The most important aspect of reporting the injury is that the insurance company knows that there was an injury and all the particulars.

Employees should not seek medical attention for a "work-related" injury that was not IMMEDIATELY reported to the foreman, the superintendent or Steve Gilman.

If such a situation is to arise, contact Safety Director Steve Gilman to discuss.

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WORLD CUP UPDATE

Mexico advances out of group stage

Mexico finished second in Group F with a 2-1 record and advanced to the Knockout Stage of the 2018 World Cup soccer tournament in Russia.

Mexico defeated defending champion Germany 1 to nil in the opening round, then bested Korea Republic by a 2-1 count before falling to Sweden 0-3 in the final group test.

Germany's loss to Korean Republic in the final group match helped Mexico into the Knockout stage. It was the first time in history that Germany failed to advance to the Knockout round.

Mexico has lost in the round of 16 in each of the last six competi-

tions. It advanced to the round of eight in 1970 and 1986. Mexico's overall World Cup record is 14 wins, 14 draws and 25 defeats.

Brazil, one of the premier soccer clubs in the world, has a career record of 70 wins against 17 draws and 17 defeats.

Uruguay, Croatia and Belgium are the lone three teams to advance from the group stage unscathed at 3-0, with Uruguay not allowing a single mark against in its three games.

Knockout round first round games include France v Argentina, Uruguay v Portugal, Spain v Russia, Croatia v Denmark, Belgium v Japan, Sweden v Switzerland and Columbia v England.



Constructing a new home

Work continues on RTL's new headquarters, just a short throw from the existing space. Current projections have the operation moving to its new location by the first of September.



"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties."

- Harry S. Truman
- 33rd President of the United States