



# Our Family Tree

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A Newsletter For The Employees and Friends Of Wright Tree Service

## John Wright Names Scott Packard President Of Wright Tree Service

### *Myers, Nutter, McGonegle And Taylor Also Promoted*

John Wright, Chairman and CEO of Wright Tree Service, Inc., announced several new appointments and promotions within the company at the WTS Board meeting on July 27.



*Packard*

Scott Packard is now **President and Chief Operating Officer** of WTS; **Bob Myers** was named **Senior Vice**

**President, Operations**; **Will Nutter**, **Vice President, Division Operations**; **Terry McGonegle**, **Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer**; **Allen Taylor**, **Vice President, Division Manager**. John will retain the title of Chairman and CEO.



*Myers*

Scott came to WTS three years ago from Herman M. Brown Construction Co., a large, heavy equipment distribution firm, where he had been executive vice president. As president and COO, Scott will assume the day-to-day responsibility for all aspects of operations and administration. Prior to being named president of WTS, Scott was vice president of administration. He and his wife Amy have three children.



*Nutter*

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*“Big, bold and beautiful” appropriately describes our new truck signage that was recently introduced at the ISA Conference in Milwaukee. The signage will be used on all new vehicles as they replace existing equipment in the field.*

## WTS Unveils New Truck Signage At ISA Conference

Wright Tree Service was very much in evidence at the recent International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Conference & Trade Show which was held in Milwaukee, WI last month. Company officials chose this time to introduce our newly designed truck signage to the rest of the tree care profession. “With two boom trucks and one chip truck at the show, no one could miss our new look,” attested **Chairman John Wright**.

The show featured the latest equipment and services in tree care as well as bringing together the leaders of the industry to share experiences, discover solutions and gain insight from professionals around the world. In addition to over 80,000 square feet of

displays, more than 25 hours of educational sessions were on the schedule.

A new event at this year’s show was “Climber’s Corner Live!,” an exhibit that allowed attendees to experience live demonstrations firsthand from the world’s top experts on climbing, rigging, cabling, bracing and more. There was also a special climbing competition for women that was sponsored by WTS.

WTS was also a major sponsor of the “Tour des Trees” bike ride, an annual ISA fund raiser that is always scheduled to culminate during the trade show every year. This year’s ride attracted almost 100 cyclists who biked from Minneapolis, MN to Milwaukee – over 600 miles! The money raised by the bike ride is used by the ISA for research projects.

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# News from our **Bran**

## CENTRAL

### **Lucky Charm!**

Lucky Smith, Forestry Technician for MidAmerican Forestry Services, sent a very rewarding e-mail to **General Foreman John Church** concerning some restoration work following a storm in the Sioux City area in early August. "I would like to thank you and your crews for the job well done in the Sioux City area," Lucky wrote. "What I asked for and what our customers needed were done in a timely and safe manner. Safe is the key word. No one was hurt and no equipment was damaged. Again, thank you and your crews." Nice work, John, and please extend our gratitude to your crews.

### **Blue Grass – Music To Our Ears!**

From Blue Grass, IA comes a glowing compliment for **Foreman Al Garrow, Jr.** and **Trimmer Mike Raygor**. The MidAmerican Energy customer commended the crew for being very professional and thorough in letting her know what they were going to do. The customer also commented that Al and Mike cleaned up and left the area "really nice." Thank you, Al and Mike, for taking care of this customer so superbly. Their **General Foreman** is **Jim Bruner**.

### **Picture Perfect!**

One of our crews scored a home run with a MidAmerican Energy customer in Bettendorf, IA. "The men came in, did the trimming, cleaned up the mess and still left our yard picture perfect," was the message left on MidAmerican's website by the very satisfied customer. Thanks to MidAmerican's James Puentes for sharing this accolade with us.

### **Wright On, Richard!**

We really appreciate reports like this that demonstrate how our employees, when called upon, willingly go the extra mile. This involves an East Moline, IL couple. In a letter to the home office, the wife wrote that her husband has a heart condition so he is unable to do much pulling and lifting. "In this last storm we had," the letter continued, "a willow branch broke off and was hanging from our tree. One

of your tree crews was across the street taking care of some tree limbs and my husband asked if they could get our limb down for us, which they graciously did and trimmed it also. We appreciate what they did and want to thank them and your company."

**Foreman Richard Wright** and **Trimmers James Martin, Steve Richey, Jr.** and **Mike Wilkins** made up the crew that proved once again that WTS employees live by the Golden Rule. We're proud of you and so is your **General Foreman, Mike Sanford**.

### **Delighted In Davenport!**

A MidAmerican Energy customer in Davenport, IA wanted the utility to know how pleased he was with the tree trimming on his property. **Foreman Al Garrow, Jr.** and **Trimmers Mark Duyvejonck** and **Matt Martin** are on the receiving end of this customer's well deserved praise. **Jim Bruner** is their **General Foreman**.

### **Ditto Above!**

**Foreman Al Garrow, Jr.** and **Trimmer Mark Duyvejonck** were also commended by another MidAmerican Energy customer in Davenport, IA. Following a summer storm, the customer wrote the utility how impressed she was by the restoration operation. The customer herself experienced a tree falling on her lines and remarked how nice and efficient Al and Mark were when they removed it. Obviously pleased with MidAmerican's WTS crew, the customer commented that she realized how much the utility is criticized for high energy prices, etc. and wanted MidAmerican to how much she appreciated the service.

### **And From Scott-Land...**

**Foreman Scott Dundee** and his crew made a big hit with a Mid-American Energy customer known as the "lilac lady." This Bettendorf, IA customer noted that the crew was extremely nice and polite – and wanted to make sure the utility knew about it. **Jim Bruner** is their **General Foreman**.

### **Nate Is Tying The Knot!**

By the time you read this, **Trimmer**

**Nate Pexa** will be married to Jamie Benning. The couple exchanged vows on September 22. We wish the newlyweds a lifetime of happiness!

### **Unexpected Rescue!**

A special "thank you" from a MidAmerican Energy customer in Bettendorf, IA to two of **Foreman Doug Vondal's** crew, **Trimmers Jon Hunter** and **William Knight**. The customer noted a mother raccoon was killed in front of her property, leaving a nest of baby raccoons in a tree in her yard. She sought help from Jon and William who were working in the neighborhood. They assured her that they would return after work to rescue the raccoons. The skeptical customer never expected Jon and William to come back but they showed up as promised. The raccoons were rescued and turned over to a wildlife agency. We're proud of you, Jon and William. Their **General Foreman** is **Mike Sanford**.

## NORTHEAST

### **Wows From WEPCO!**

A "super success" was the way WEPCO's Billie Sillas described the utility's Energy Park at the Wisconsin State Fair. **General Foreman Joseph Schulz** along with **Foremen Chris Goral** and **Todd Lyles** all helped out at the exhibit, informing the fair visitors, especially the children, of the potential hazards when trees come in contact with power lines. In her e-mail to Joe, Billie wrote: "The 2001 Wisconsin State Fair has ended but the memories of hot weather, large crowds and parking nightmares will linger for awhile. When all of this is forgotten, you might find joy in knowing that your efforts are appreciated and you made a difference for our customers, community, co-workers and the company. The 2001 WE-WG Energy Park will be listed in the records as a super success, because of your individual and collective contributions. It took all of us working together to bring about this successful activity that helped to increase the public's awareness of the safe and wise use of energy." Thank you, Joe, Chris and

# ISA Conference

## Photo Highlights

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Todd, for participating in this most worthwhile effort. Obviously WEPCO appreciates your efforts – and so do we!

### **The Woods Are Winners!!**

The ninth annual Northeast Division Golf Outing attracted a good turnout of golfers, according to **Division Manager Don Heyel**. The July event was held at the Meadow Springs Country Club in Jefferson, WI. **General Foreman Jeff Wood** and his son Chris emerged as champions with a sub-par round. The longest drive prize was won by Chris, the shortest, by **Foreman John Woythal**. Prizes were awarded at the ensuing picnic and “nobody went home empty-handed,” Don reports, “including former employee Roger Hagan for ‘traveling the farthest (220 miles) to play.’” We wonder what Don won for his fourth place finish.

### **SOUTHWEST**

#### **“Our Hearts Sank!”**

A Fayetteville, AR couple, a customer of American Electric Power (AEP), was quite distressed when a WTS crew arrived to cut down 59 trees in the woods behind their home. “Our hearts sank,” the couple wrote in a letter to the utility’s forester, Scott Mackey. “We consider the trees to be one of our home’s greatest assets,” the letter continued; “however, we understood the need to keep power lines operational. We were pleasantly surprised to find the people from Wright Tree Service worked with us to create the best possible outcome for both parties. The crew was concerned for our needs as well as its goal. Thank you for a job well done.” High fives to this most deserving crew: **Work Planner Lonnie Bynum, Foreman Ricardo Robles and Trimmers Delores Archer and Jose Barroso**. Their **General Foreman is Ronnie Elmore**.

#### **Praise From PSO!**

In a letter to **Southwest Division Supervisor Scott Bloch**, Jarod Cassada from Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) expressed his deep

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*President Scott Packard, right, accepts a plaque from an ISA official in appreciation for WTS’ major sponsorship of the annual “Tour des Trees” bike ride.*



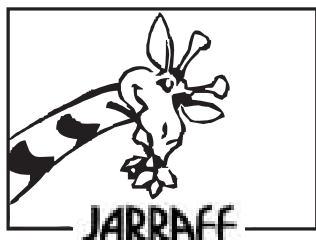
*ISA Conference attendees cheer on the “Tour des Trees” bike riders as they cross the finish line at the ISA Conference after biking from Minneapolis to Milwaukee.*



*Tree climbing exhibitions were part of the ISA Conference for the first time this year, including a women’s competition which was sponsored by WTS.*

# A “Giraffe” On Staff

Mechanical Tree Trimmer Provides New Weapon In Arsenal of Clearing Equipment



WTS has purchased six Jarraff (pronounced “giraffe”) mechanical tree trimmers to assist crews in clearing, especially high lines. The machine features a 24-inch diameter saw blade and has a maximum cutting height of 75 feet. **WTS President Scott Packard** recently checked out the equipment with **Foreman Loren Pruitt** who was doing some line clearing for CILCO, our utility customer in Peoria, IL.



*With the boom extended to its maximum height, the Jarraff Tree Climber is ready to take on limbs 75 feet high.*



*In top photo, Loren Pruitt, left, gives Scott Packard some last minute instructions before Scott checks out the Jarraff Mechanical Tree Trimmer. In middle photo, Scott tries his hand at raising the boom. In his bottom photo, Loren plows through some underbrush on his way to the clearing project.*

## News from our Branches

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appreciation of the work performance of **General Foreman Anthony Vasquez** and his crews following two storms in Lawton, OK. "Though still tired from the storm on the 25th of May," the letter stated, "they responded gallantly to the Memorial Day storm and expressed an unselfish dedication to helping PSO restore power. They sacrificed a four-day holiday weekend with friends and family and managed to keep an upbeat attitude throughout the recovery, pouring all their energy into helping PSO restore power to more than 58,000 customers. We could not have done it without them." Sharing this praise with Anthony are **Foremen Mike Blain, Pete Bustamante, Michael Halverson, Chad Rose, Diane Vasquez** and **Trimmers Mark Baum, Steve Buitron, Ray Garcia, Kevin Landers, Hank Leasure, Pam Venokur and Chris Wells**. Thanks to everyone for this fabulous commendation!

### Pinch-Hitter Hits Home Run!

Two letters of commendation sing the praises of **Eddie Briscoe** who was filling in as **acting General Foreman** for the vacationing **Darnell King**. Chesley Walker, Supervisor of Distribution Systems for Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) writes: "Eddie has responded to requests in a timely fashion, provided information when requested, and been available at all hours. He has demonstrated professionalism and knowledge of trees when speaking to customers and other Southwestern Electric supervisors. This contribution has been invaluable to the company, has made my job much easier, and almost certainly has helped enhance our customers' opinions and perspectives of our Company."

A letter from Kim King, Engineering Technician for SWEPCO, states: "I have worked with Eddie several times in the past on routine jobs as well as during storm restoration, but this is the first time in the capacity of general foreman. I appreciate the timely manner in which jobs were worked and the professionalism that was used.

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# Melton Places Third In Climbing Competition

Thirty contestants vied for top honors in the ISA's Midwestern Chapter Tree Climbers Championship that was held in June in Nebraska City, NE. Our congratulations to **Foreman James Melton, Jr.** who came in third in the overall competition. **Foreman Dan Roberson** and **Trimmer Jason Hasse** also competed for WTS. **Central Division Manager Steve Pietzyk** wants to thank five other WTS employees who assisted with the judging and operating a bucket truck, also donated by WTS for the event. They are: **General Foremen Jim Bruner and Mike Sanford, Foremen Kevin Beckmann and Rick Heideman, and Trimmer Jason Nielson**.



*A cameraman for NEB-TV videotaped the event for a program that will air this fall. Yes, Steve Pietzyk made him wear a safety belt.*



*Getting last minute climbing tips from Jim Bruner, right, are, left to right, James Melton, Jr., Jason Hasse and Dan Roberson.*



*Rick Heideman, Mike Sanford, Kevin Beckmann and Jason Nielson, left to right, helped with the judging and operating the truck.*



*Third place winner James Melton, Jr. competes in the "foot lock" event while being timed by Mike Sanford (at the picnic table).*



### Touchy Situation

*Central Division General Foreman Mike Sanford's crew was faced with a large limb hanging in another tree over a primary wire. "With the help of Foreman*

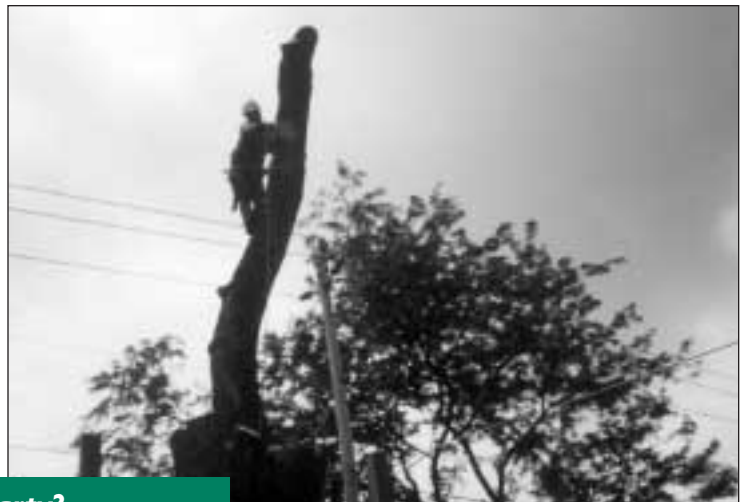
*Doug Vondal and Trimmers Mike Serpa, Dan Roberson (left photo) and Jon Hunter (right photo)," Mike reports, "the line was successfully cleared."*



### HOME-work?

*Central Division Foreman Pete Gordon had his work cut out for him when a storm came through his*

*area in June (Milan, IL) and uprooted trees on his property that landed on his house, garage and camper.*



### Pool Party?

*A giant willow hanging over a customer's pool was successfully removed without one branch falling in the water. This feat was accomplished by Central Division General*

*Foreman Jim Bruner and Foreman Al Garrow, Jr., along with Trimmers Mark Duyvejonck and Matt Martin who ran the ropes. "Good job, guys," Jim says, "it was a sweet removal."*



**Practice Makes Perfect!**

*Central Division General Foremen Jim Bruner and Mike Sanford held a training day on foot locking and throw line on a recent Saturday. Those participating were, right photo,*



*left to right, Trimmers Dan Roberson and Brian Hasse, Foreman Jason Hasse, Trimmer Mike Hasse, and Foremen Eric Kiddo, Scott Dundee and Dave Rodman.*

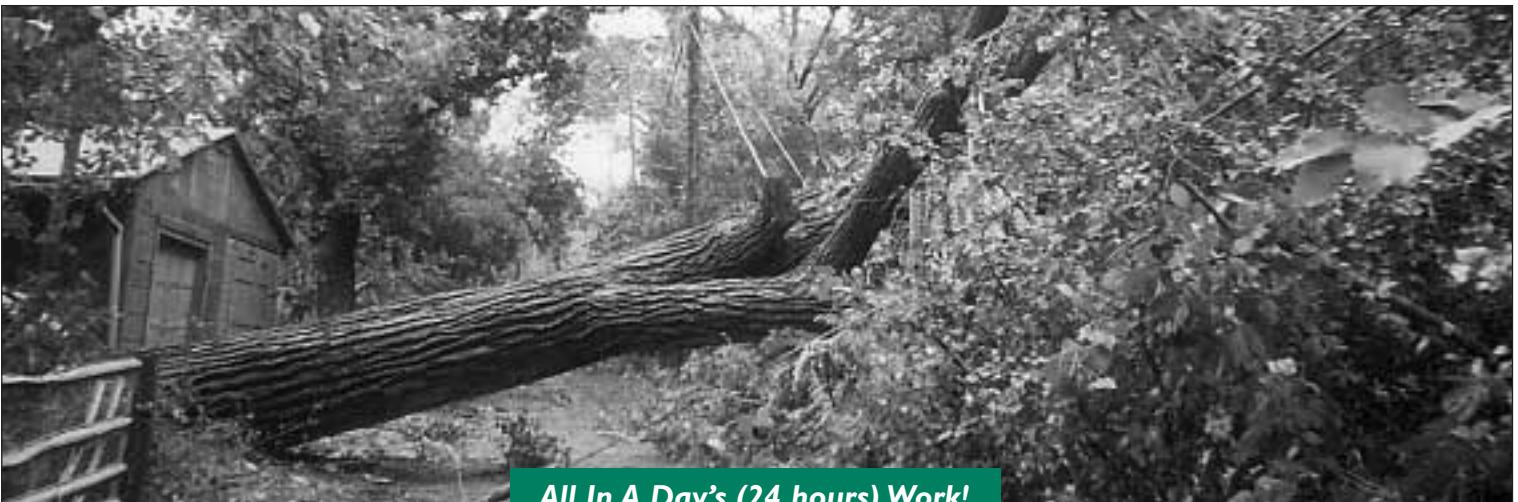


**Remembering Mickey**

*General Foreman Bobby Bailey studies the meaningful tombstone marking the grave of Mickey Thompson who was a foreman on Bobby's crew before his*



*untimely death in July, 2000 from an automobile accident. Bobby stays in touch with Mickey's family in Earlville, IA, also the location of the gravesite.*



**All In A Day's (24 hours) Work!**

*Hats off to all the crew members in the Sioux City area from Central Division General Foreman John Church. After an August storm with winds up to 80 mph took out power for 40,000*

*MidAmerican customers, WTS crews went to work with MidAmerican personnel and restored power to over 90% of the customers within 24 hours – with no injuries or equipment damage!*



**So Proudly We Hail!**

*Northeast Division Supervisor Marty Pingel hoists the new Wright Tree Service banner for the Tree Climbing Competition at the ISA Conference in Milwaukee, WI (see page 1).*



**"First, Turn The Key!"**

*Minnkota Division Foreman Ron Knutson, right, explains the operation of a Seppi flail-head mower to Northeast Division Manager Don Heyel.*



**Turning The Asphalt Green!**

*Five Northeast Division men volunteered for a Wisconsin Energy project to replace some asphalt on school playgrounds with trees. Left to right, General Foreman Wayne Fancher, Safety Supervisor Herb Coy, General Foreman Joe Schulz, Division Manager Don Heyel and General Foreman Jeff Wood assisted in planting 35 trees at a Milwaukee, WI school. Dale Konieczka, Wisconsin Electric's System Forester, sent us this picture, along with his deepest thanks.*



**And The Winner Is...**

*Central Division Foreman Doug Vondal, left, and his crew accept the "Crew Of The Quarter" award from MidAmerican Energy. With Doug are, left to right, Trimmers Jon Hunter, Travis Leigh, Popiel Battin, Donnie Knight and MidAmerican representatives, Dennis Hacke and Jim Balmer.*



**Kiddie Korner**

*A belated "Happy Birthday" to Samantha Rose Watkins, left, who celebrated her first birthday in early August. Northeast Division Journeyman Jamie Watkins is the proud father. And congratulations to Southwest Division Trimmer James Hicks on the August birth of his son, Cody James Hicks.*



# Happy Father's Day?

Most fathers on Father's Day get to tear up their "honey do" list, watch golf on TV and generally not lift a finger. No so for those fathers in **General Foreman Jim Bruner's** Central Division crew. A fierce storm in the Quad Cities, IA area scuttled all Father's Day plans for this crew. "I personally want to thank everyone who worked this storm," Jim said. "We all

worked a lot of hours and did not get much rest. I was very proud of the guys. Many people in the Quad Cities still stop me to let me know what a great job the guys did." Jim was also appreciative of all the help from the Iowa City crews. The crews worked non-stop from Thursday evening through Sunday evening, taking only three to four hour sleep breaks.



*Foreman Chad Behnke has a real job ahead of him clearing the limbs from these power lines.*



*Ravaged trees like this were a common sight following the storm.*



*General Foreman Jim Bruner, Foreman Al Garrow, Jr. and Trimmers Matt Martin and Steve Richey, Jr. survey a sample of the destruction.*



*This fallen tree formed an arch across the road. Foreman Chad Behnke is in the bucket.*

# BENEFITS

## What If There Are No Donors When YOU Need It?

Did you know there is a huge gap between the number of people who need blood and the number who actually give it? Nine out of ten people who live to age 70 will need blood during their lifetime, yet in Iowa for example, only 6 per cent of the eligible population actually gives blood.

Donating blood is a very worthwhile experience. Most donors share their blood only for the satisfaction they get in knowing they're helping to save someone's life. A single blood donation can be broken down into components to help three or more hospital patients.

- **RED CELLS** carry oxygen from the lungs throughout the body. They're given to patients who have severe anemia.
- **PLATELETS** help blood to clot and are used for patients undergoing heart surgery as well as those with cancer, leukemia or bleeding problems.
- **PLASMA** contains nutrients and proteins and is used primarily to treat trauma and burn patients.
- **WHITE CELLS** are used to treat cancer patients and fight infection.
- **CRYOPRECIPITATE** is derived from plasma and contains clotting factors that are vital to patients with clotting factor deficiencies.
- **WHOLE BLOOD** is used to replace blood lost during surgery or through injury.

Donating blood is easy, safe and convenient. Donors can give blood at local blood drives conducted at schools, companies, churches and community organizations. The donation process takes less than an hour. To find out where you can donate, call **1-800-GIVE-LIFE** or contact your local Red Cross.

*While a patient's blood needs will vary, this list indicates the most common use for blood:*

Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery . . . . .	1-5 units
Other Open Heart Surgery . . . . .	Up to 50 units
Bleeding Ulcer . . . . .	3-20 units
Fractured Hip/Joint Replacement . . . . .	2-20 units
Brain Surgery . . . . .	4-20 units
Prostate Cancer . . . . .	4-6 units
Aneurysm . . . . .	6-10 units
Auto Accident, Trauma . . . . .	Up to 50+ units
Organ Transplant . . . . .	Up to hundreds of units
Bone Marrow Transplant . . . . .	1-2 units of red cells daily for 8-10 weeks, and 6-8 units of platelets daily for 4-6 weeks

**Editor's Note:** *Considering the recent tragedy our nation has just suffered and the continuing need for blood, now would be an especially appropriate time to give.*

## News from our Branches

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I have always been pleased with Eddie's work, whether he's working on the crew or managing it. It's nice to work with a competent person who can pick up the load with no disruption to our schedule." Take a bow, Eddie – you richly deserve it!

### Michael Gets An A+!

We received a note from a teacher in Pleasant Grove, TX who complimented **Foreman Michael Knieff** and his crew for their cooperative spirit when they showed up to clear some limbs for SWEPCO. "The crew came at a time that caused some problems for the school," the note read. "Michael was very understanding and accommodating. He said they would be back at a more convenient time for the school. I appreciated his attitude and willingness to help." We appreciate this kind of consideration, too, Michael – thanks for representing the company so well.

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### VICTOR-y For Pena!

LuAnn Brun who works out of Rifle, CO for EXEL Energy has high words of praise for **Victor Pena** who manages our western landscape crew for the utility. In an e-mail to EXEL's James Downie which James forwarded to **Mountain States Division Manager Kirk Schuster**, LuAnn states: "I wanted to bring to your attention the outstanding job and effort the landscaping crew headed by Victor is doing. I have worked here since 1981 and have seen contractors come and go. I am very impressed with the attitude and hard work this crew does in maintaining the grounds. It is looking awesome around here! They do a great job, not only with the lawn, flowers, trimming, etc., but also with keeping the ditch bank cut back and the landscaping trimmed by the driveway to help with observing oncoming traffic. They are very mannerly, professional and carry a 'can do' attitude. I appreciate their efforts in keeping the landscaping around our office in the best shape. Please pass on our appreciation of their efforts." Wow! Accolades to Victor and his crew member, **Trimmer Harold Bruce**. **Jim Swisher** is their **General Foreman**.

# S.E.T. NEWS

**Editor's Note:** Here are two good messages, one on safety and one on appearance. They were submitted by General Foreman Ross Self III, his wife Kim, who is a Work Planner, and General Foreman Leslie Rymer, all of the Southwest Division. They were used as topics of discussion at safety meetings conducted by Ross and Leslie.

## Time Is Your Safety Net

We all feel differently about time. Some of us live by the clock, trying to make every second of the day count. Others could care less what time it is as they feel no time pressure and never look at the clock.



However people feel a b o u t time, some employees use time as an excuse for skipping safety. They say, "I don't have time for that," or "it takes too long," or "I cannot take time for that now."

How long does it take to put on eye protection, a hard hat, ear protection, or chaps? A few seconds? A few minutes? How long does it take to tie in with a safety strap, or use a tool safely to do the job? Again, maybe a few seconds or a few minutes.

Now, consider something else. How long does it take to recover from a serious eye injury? A few days? A week? A month? The rest of your life? How long to come back after a serious head injury? How long does it take to learn to use an artificial hand, foot, leg or arm?

Trying to save the seconds it takes to follow a safety rule is gambling with hours, weeks, months, or maybe a lifetime of recovery. While you are thinking of skipping a few safety rules, think about this. You and your family should be the number one reason for working safely and following all safety rules.

## Looking Sharp On The Job!

I want to stress how important it is to be careful when working in this heat. If you get too hot, take a break or slow down your pace of work. I know this being the month of August, our production may be down due to this heat, but come September, it should pick back up.

I have been watching you guys, and I think there are a few of you getting a little relaxed in your job.



"How?" you ask. I see some of you coming to work with torn shirts, jeans, and shirts not tucked in. You are also bending a few safety rules here and there. It has to stop and I mean now. We are in the public's eye every day and we can't go around looking like bums. We can't keep breaking the rules, no matter how small it may seem or someone is going to get hurt.

**Look sharp and be safe!**

## FROM THE Kitchen

Autumn is here - the best time of year to enjoy a wide variety of crisp, crunchy apples. Apples are a favorite in many desserts, too, with one of the "tried and true" being apple crisp. There are many varieties of this tasty treat, but this one is easy to prepare and always delicious.

### EASY, YUMMY APPLE CRISP

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 stick butter or margarine | 1 cup flour                     |
| 1 cup sugar                 | 1/2 cup oatmeal                 |
| 1/3 cup cinnamon sugar      | 6-8 apples (any common variety) |

Mix butter, flour, sugar and oatmeal until crumbly. Slice apples (try not peeling them). Press half of crumb mixture in the bottom of a 9" square pan. Add sliced apples; then add cinnamon sugar. Top with remaining crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

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### Appointments and Promotions

Bob Myers, Will Nutter, Terry McGonegle and Allen Taylor are all longtime employees of Wright Tree Service and are familiar names and faces to many of our employees throughout the company.



**McGonegle**

When he named these five to new responsibilities, John said, "I believe these changes will enhance the continuity of decision making for our



**Taylor**

company without restricting our ability to make decisions quickly and wisely. Wright Tree Service will continue to be a company sensitive to employees' concerns and dedicated to providing the very best service possible to our customers at a reasonable and fair price."

## The Results Are In!

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**EMPLOYEES QUALIFIED FOR THE SAFETY INCENTIVE AWARD**

During Third Quarter Of This Fiscal Year (4/01 - 6/01)

# Family Clippings

News From The Home Office

## Capturing The Spirit



The theme of the West Des Moines Independence Day parade was "capture the spirit" so WTS employees decided to "capture" Uncle Sam. Left to right, starting with Uncle Sam who was Josh Nealon, son of AP Supervisor Joanne Nealon, Joanne, Conner Nealon, Nathan Eggleston, Shellie Elliot (Belinda Harger's sister), Kevin Eggleston, Benefits Administrator Michelle Eggleston and Equipment Coordinator Belinda Harger. Equipment Facilitator Mike Hiatt and D&A Compliance Administrator Judy Hiatt were the designated drivers. The three young patriots in the photo at right are, left to right, Connor Nealon, Nathan Eggleston and Rachel Eggleston.

## Guess Who Won?



The twosome on the left, Marty Nealon, husband of Joanne Nealon, and Senior Accountant Wendy Weber won the two-person best ball event at the home office annual golf outing. They're shown with two other participants, Geri McGonegle, wife of Treasurer and CFO Terry McGonegle, and Bob Myers, Senior Vice President, Operations. The eight competing teams were joined by other employees and their families for the barbecue following the golf. Congratulations also to Wendy for successfully completing the Dale Carnegie Course.

## A Winning Team!

Belinda Harger shows off her first place trophy for her win at Marshalltown, IA in an IMCA Hobby Stock race. With Belinda is her husband Kurt who tries to keep the vehicle in one piece.



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