

# Our family tree

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A newsletter for the Employees and Friends of Wright Tree Service



Samantha Partridge & family



Emily Buckholtz & family

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 JOHN WRIGHT MEMORIAL ARBOR DAY AWARD WINNERS

This special contest was created in honor of both John L. and John R. Wright in order to promote Arbor Day and the importance of trees and was open to the children and grandchildren of Wright Service Corporation employees. This program is generously sponsored by two of our longtime partners—The Davis Brown Law Firm and O'Halloran International.

**Emily Buckholtz**, daughter of Jeremy Buckholtz, Central Division, won a \$500 savings bond for her first place essay.

**Samantha Partridge**, daughter of Joe Partridge, Division 45, won a \$500 savings bond for her first place drawing.



# 2009 AWARDS BANQUET



Dennis Jacobs, Minnkota



Michael Harris, Minnkota



Rick Gaunt, Central, Tim Bingaman, Lonestar, Donna White, Home Office,  
Mark Harwick, Wright Tree Care Tulsa, Dale Hughes, Wright Tree Care Tulsa



Nick Fox, Pacific, Mike McFarland, Wright Outdoor Solutions,  
Kerry Jacobsen, Wright Outdoor Solutions, Chad Sutherland,  
Wright Outdoor Solutions, Cyndi Pannkuk, Home Office







Jeff Harris, Minnkota, Dan Hawker, Minnkota,  
John Rupert, Minnkota, Dale Venzke, Minnkota,  
Kirk Schuster, Mountain, Doug Vondal, Central



Kendra Julie Chapman, VP Administration,  
John Hurst, Division 45, Michelle Eggleston, Home Office



Back row: Tim Kisner, Central, Robert Kappelhoff, Minnkota, Gary Claborn, Southwest, John Church, Minnkota,  
Lance Even, Central, Ross Self, Lone Star, Bill Wood, Central, Todd Powers, Central Front row: Tom Bertrand, Central,  
Jon Cates, Central, Shawn Huff, Central, Al Hedtke, Minnkota, Travis Platt, Central, Chris Lenhardt, Central



# 2009 AWARDS BANQUET

## LOWEST INCIDENT RATE IN 2008 MOUNTAIN STATES DIVISION



Mountain States Division Manager Kirk Schuster



## MOST IMPROVED INCIDENT RATE IN 2008 MINNKOTA DIVISION



Minnkota Division Manager John Church

TOP LEFT: Lois Ward, Home Office, Charlie McClure, Retired TOP RIGHT: Bonnie Strom, Home Office, Kristy Reynolds, Home Office CENTER: Jim and Roberta Harvey, Heartland Financial Resource Group, Gary Nordquist, LaMair-Mulock-Condon Co. and Anne Nordquist BOTTOM LEFT: Jesus Vetencourt, Central, and Anamaria Vetencourt BOTTOM RIGHT: A few thirty-year recipients showing off their awards.

# SAFETY HONOR ROLL



Wright Tree Service  
congratulates the  
following employees  
who have been  
accident-free for  
14 consecutive years:

Gaylen Ackerman

Terry Brack

Marcus L. Doppler

Mark J. Frank

Keith R. Gugel

Robert R. Hanson

Dennis D. Jacobs

Mike Laffey

Mark A. Nelson

Richard A. Nyhus

Wright also commends our employees who have been accident-free for up to thirteen consecutive years.

## 13 YEARS

Steve A. Richey  
Dennis F. Rubitsky  
Byron O. Stahl  
Robert J. Tyson  
Tobin M. Wood  
Tracy E. Yahnke

## 12 YEARS

Jeffery L. Rhodes  
James P. Bennett  
Tim P. Jennings

## 11 YEARS

Todd W. Discher  
Larry Elliott  
Abel B. Bernal  
Gary L. Randolph  
John M. Rogers

## 10 YEARS

Leonardo L. Ponce  
Lance P. Even  
Joel Bernal  
Todd D Powers

## 9 YEARS

Philip G. Boesenberg  
Mendoza G. Bustos  
Gary E. Claborn  
Carl A. Braatz  
Tim Monn  
Brian R. Bennett  
Manuel Rodriguez  
Joe M. Valdez  
Aaron H. Cox  
Brian M. King  
Kathlee Doylen Chytka  
James L. Martin  
Kevin K. Becker  
David E. Stapleford  
Timothy L. Graham  
David L. Jensen  
Benedicto Moran  
Randy J. Sterry

## 8 YEARS

Noel A. Lopez  
John F. Brezinsky  
James R. Wetter  
Jeffrey A. Gilmore  
Tim L. Cart  
Ray L. Wolken

Charles Baker  
Denis J. Green  
John W. Childress  
John C. Bigham  
Jess R. Hout  
Jaime N. Gonzalez  
David S. Rodman  
Scott E. Schreiter

## 7 YEARS

Bobby D. Bailey  
Jason L. Akins  
Jeremy L. Buckholtz  
Mike R. Hasse  
Jose Ponce  
Donnie E. Richey  
Matthew C. Brown  
Ronald D. Jones  
Sam A. Russell  
Matthew H. Ohr  
Joel M. Radel  
Kyle E. Nelson  
Arthur C. Gilliland  
Luis A. Castillo  
Lonnie Frank  
Ryan R. Johnson  
Antonio Soto

## 6 YEARS

Roberto Alvarez-Rodriguez  
Keith Christianson  
Dean Davolt  
Curt W. Houle  
Thomas F. Cady  
Kimberly S. Self  
Jose S. Flores  
Miguel C. Hernandez  
Robert L. Anderson  
Mark R. Flood  
Mitchel D. Elwood  
Pedro Delgado Ovalle  
Ivan A. Hernandez  
Leonel Tabora  
David T. Swanstrom  
Tim C. Frink  
Marvin L. Miller  
Aaron B. Hendrix  
John E. Seeber  
Robin E. Troxel  
Francis Flory  
Eduardo A Orozco  
Steven W. Eickstadt  
Jerrad R. Garrett  
J. Reyes R. Alanis-Negrete  
Russell A. Gayer

Steven A. Ford  
Patrick W. Franzene  
Armando Palmero  
Anthony W. Lendt  
Allen J. Hedtke  
Juan R. Linares

## 5 YEARS

Thomas F. Bertrand  
Glen R. Crabtree  
Lance P. Edwards  
Gary W. Thorgerson  
Gabriel Orozco  
Jose L. Ramos  
Jason A. Waugh  
Johnnie W. Dailey  
Frederick L. Clark  
Randy E. Hake  
William E. Rigsby  
Sean P. Tracy  
Jose Herrera  
Terri L. Guild  
Rick Gaunt  
Korey K. Einfelt  
Chad W. Koecher  
Thomas T. Adams  
David G. Brandenburg  
Robert C. Allen  
Jody L. Lewis  
Dennis L. Williamson  
James C. Black  
Edward D. Sickels  
Kelly M. Thompson  
William F. Smith, Jr.  
Juventino Delgado  
Linda B. Hurst  
James D. Williamson  
Earl R. Hall  
Justin G. Siruta  
Matthew J. Erickson  
Jason T. Green  
David R. Woltz  
Aric A. Hollingshead  
Shon E. Plate  
Cassidy K. Arnold  
Andre V. White  
Kevin J. Kasal  
Richard E. Loushine  
Rafael A. Cerrato  
Orlando A. Pacheco  
Larry A. Greenwood  
Robert K. Kappelhoff  
Bill M. Reese

## 4 YEARS

Larry Bingham  
Patrick L. Boyd  
Ryan L. Johnson  
Nathan J. Pexa  
Scott Swisher  
Brian J. Dempsey  
Mike B. Ellis  
Shawn P. Salmon  
Ysaac C. Munoz  
Manuel I. Munoz  
Jose S. Solis  
Paul Forck  
Ismael Z. Francisco  
Jeremy C. Smith  
Robert J. Gray  
Thomas J. Moore  
David R. Wallace  
Jason A. Hocking  
Terry W. Bean  
Michael E. Mares  
Brian J. Ricke  
Luis H. Ramirez Rivera  
Paul R. Reynolds  
Ramiro Cervantes  
Leonel C. Marquez  
Hector J. Florido  
Shawn J. Adcox  
Craig C. Christianson  
Daniel W. Thorgerson  
Steven M. Waxmonski  
Chad W. Coffman  
Jarod M. Rues  
Donald L. Kane  
Timothy W. Secrease  
Brian S. Harbison  
Aldeny L. Hurst, Jr.  
Michael D. Calhoun  
Terry L. Kane  
Christopher D. Saling  
Daniel K. Slover  
Joseph H. Marshall  
Scott W. Oermann  
Troy A. Phillips  
Jeremy L. Mueller  
Beige E. Turner  
Matthew J. Swenson  
Jose B. Andrade  
Angel R. Acevedo  
Mitch R. Salek  
Shawn M. Feld  
Jerry L. Trivette, Sr.  
Billy J. Higgins  
Fermim R. Oro  
Luis A. Marquez  
Andrew E. Stueven  
Jesus T. Bordonave

## SAFETY HONOR ROLL

Jose A. Tapia  
Samuel Merced  
Shawn M. Lettau  
Taurino Martinez  
Orlando J. Mora  
Jose C. Ortiz  
Eric J. Gibbons  
Javier Vidales  
Michael E. Ijams  
Lester J. Imker  
Jason M. Kamalakis  
Edgar F. Koester  
Jorge Lopez  
Jason L. Mohr  
Joseph Pulera  
Mark A. Peterson  
Billy J. Rex  
Vicente Robles  
Norman E. Shultz  
Ronald E. Stevens  
Douglas W. Vondal  
James L. Woodling

### 3 YEARS

Rickey L. Bates  
Marlin D. King  
Jamie A. Flores Rocha  
Sie J. Camacho  
Mitchell A. Lillie  
Pedro Ramos  
Samuel Jara  
Baldomero S. Santamaria  
Hector Gutierrez  
Herman J. Ohr  
Bruce A. Fuchs  
Victor Torres  
Marcos D. Hernandez  
Aurelio Rodriguez  
Hugo A. Torres  
Felipe Gonzales  
David L. Hubbell  
Mark A. Fournier  
Jake S. Schweisthal  
George A. Gorton  
Donald L. Kane  
Brian S. Harbison  
Michael D. Calhoun  
Terry L. Kane  
Anthony D. Dishong  
Brent W. Hall  
Brannon P. Hall  
Jose Cervantes Jr.  
Johnny L. Fry  
Ever V. Acosta  
Roberto H. Graciano  
Humberto L. Hernandez  
Noe Estudillo  
Alvaro Mejia  
Milton R. Gusman  
Jose B. Romero

Jose M. Escobar  
Rudis A. Ventura  
Roberto E. Salmeron  
Efrain A. Rodriguez  
Darrin H. Steele  
Joel R. Wheaton  
Salvador Rodriguez  
Ramirez  
Broderick R. Breakfield  
Paul V. Cochran  
Shelby H. Muir  
Kurt A. Schultz  
Johnny F. Valdez  
Darrell A. Cottrell  
Terry B. Thomas  
Brandon D. Larsen  
David C. Hutchins  
David L. Rucker  
Bernardo Pulgarin  
Abimael Velasque  
Brian J. Erickson  
Chris C. Lemke  
Santos M. Herrera  
Oscar R. Salmeron  
Scott D. Greene  
John W. Dallinga  
Vaughn W. Hoffman  
Shane D. Subbert  
Israel Navarro  
Manuel Torres Diaz  
Jose C. Rodriguez  
Michael A. Hutchins  
Nicholas J. Buchholz  
Nukon A. Nosavanh  
Rob A. Natzel  
Jason C. Norris  
Cody N. Yates  
Reyes Bonilla  
Hyrum J. Partridge  
Pedro Fuentes  
Amber K. Maske  
Efren Vargas  
Cesar J. Alvarado  
Orlando Colon  
Nathan A. Dailey  
German Mendoza  
Anthony R. Ohr  
Mario Estrada  
Bernardo Robles  
Wallace B. Payne  
Randall W. Thomas  
Ricky D. Richardson Jr.  
Craig A. Neblett  
Jack L. Hill  
Randall G. Dejager  
Paul M. Lichlyter  
Frankie D. Henson  
Scott D. Hilton  
Herberth R. Morales  
Amado Sanchez  
Aaron W. Nelson

Lorne W. Williams  
David J. Gustafson  
Gregory S. Yinger  
Bryan C. Clark  
Sean S. Catron  
Todd D. Preator  
Jarrod W. Johns  
Ryan J. VanDyke  
Robert R. Clough  
Phillip A. Thompson  
Santos E. Ruiz  
Francisco E. Moreno  
Kelly J. Biorn  
Arturo Jacome  
David D. Hughes  
Joseph M. Brooks  
Aniseto Sandria  
Norman E. Eberly  
Bradley R. Halstead  
Murl L. Kinsey  
Gabe R. Jones  
Earl G. Kimmel  
Timothy S. Kisner  
Jason L. Martin  
Daniel L. Roberson  
Kirk I. Schulte  
Robert D. Selhaver  
Robert L. Steadman

### 2 YEARS

Michael J. Dorothy  
Keith E. Resch  
Randy L. Reynolds  
Alan R. Dobie  
William O. Wallen  
Wade L. Clark  
Ryan J. Mumm  
Edward L. Pacholke  
Jacob L. Hanson  
Eugenio Prieto  
Francisco J. Delgado  
Mark Jones  
Bucio Cuauhtemoc  
Alcauter  
Stan H. Jones  
David Slaughter  
Justo Condado  
Victor D. Lopez  
Jose L. Amaya  
Jorge Alfaro  
Patrick R. Hardel  
B. martin Pantoja  
Bruce A. Girouex  
Dallas R. Dix  
Shon C. Daniels  
Joshua J. Bult  
Erik L. Terwey  
Joshua M. Linz  
David M. Johnson  
Matthew D. Chase

Derek C. Williams  
Todd J. Shultz  
Jesse L. Wonsey  
Troy J. Heinz  
Lucas N. Sandberg  
Ricky E. Cravens  
Brandon J. Meindel  
Victor Condado  
Sean A. Thompson  
Jose Sanchez  
Anjel Perez  
Ramiro Lopez  
Windell D. Griffin Jr.  
Paul J. Hillebrandt  
Michael R. Dixon  
Ernest W. Byrne  
Carlos F. Ventura  
Francisco A. Ventura  
Kenneth J. Mackey  
Kyle N. Williamson  
Timothy A. Gardner  
Daniel J. Carver  
Jeffery H. Cates  
Josie T. Cobb  
Ernest I. Bone  
Ricky D. Clendenny  
Tyson B. Barber  
Brett B. Rollins  
Jesus Benavides  
William E. Hogan  
Michael R. Finch  
Mike R. Kansier  
Jed F. Schweisthal  
Wilmer A. Landaverde  
Eddie R. Briley  
Buddy V. Lichlyter  
Wilman R. Merlos  
Fredys A. Hernandez  
Rick W. Choules  
Erasmio Hernandez  
Kai T. Regnier  
Mario Diaz  
Robert J. Bagshaw  
Pedro C. Delatorre  
Margarito Cervantes  
Steven R. Hale  
Hernan Hernandez  
Tim R. Reynolds  
Jon R. Brehmer  
Mark N. Fox  
Frank R. Baldwin  
Saul A. Ventura  
David G. Schmidt  
Philip M. Radel  
Joseph C. Wagner  
Matthew A. Hachfeld  
Jaak Gilmore  
Russel L. Nichols  
Lucas M. Clifford  
Russell L. Doyle  
Ervin D. McCone

Charles J. Sullivan  
Michael G. Cain  
Jose L. Acevedo  
Christopher A. Rhodes  
Scott N. Roberts  
Marc H. Raleigh  
Matt T. Nestico  
Kyle C. Tenney  
William D. Meyer  
Terry W. Tock  
Anthony S. Clark  
Merlin F. Kass  
James D. Mondy  
Terry L. Olcheske  
Shad A. Wiit  
Alfonso Rocha  
Jon C. Gustafson  
Russell E. Smith  
Emilio Salmeron  
Robert J. Thompson  
Jack L. Doyle  
Douglas A. Seaman  
James E. Staubs  
Frederick V. Beazer  
Michael L. Roll  
Johnathon T. Matheny  
Jeffery L. Fredrickson  
Emmett W. Trudeau  
James L. Hamilton  
Jose A. Violante  
Jose R. Cruz  
Jose L. Romero  
Jose O. Romero  
Victor R. Rodriguez  
David G. Alvarez  
Jose E. Rodriguez  
Jesus Gonzalez  
Rigoberto Rodriguez  
Alcides A. Alvares  
Leonel Velasquez  
Dayne R. Corbridge  
Moris A. Herrera  
Carlos Ahernandez  
Ventura  
Pablo A. Rivas  
Shane M. Mallick  
Travis M. Allen  
Jason E. Heffren  
Misael D. Alvarenga  
Timothy J. Tedder  
Jose S. Carrizalez  
Silvano Lara  
Richard M. Berkey  
Kenneth W. Edens  
Keith L. Jackson  
Gelacio Lara  
Mario Palmero  
William J. Woods  
Erik Molina  
Wayne A. Keirsej Jr.  
Daniel R. Hoenig

Bruce E. Gratzner  
Juan G. Jimenez  
Richard A. Ramey  
Jesus F. Martinez  
Julian Estudillo  
Corbin P. Alger  
Juan C. Antonio  
Adam J. Arroyo  
Rigoberto Priciliano  
Sean E. Fleming  
Kyle T. Jensen  
Nicholas G. Antonini  
Victor Maldonado  
Mark R. Tidwell  
Santos Abarca  
Glenn H. Bearbower  
Brad J. Klaas  
Gregorio Palmeros  
Moris Fuentes  
Joshua W. Prochnow  
Ryan J. McClain  
Raymond M. Holliday  
Peter J. Bork  
Brandon S. Madren  
Jesus R. Orellana  
James W. Heckrodt  
Alfonso Vargas  
Shawn P. Quaintance  
Craig E. Nelson  
Jose T. Flores  
Levi J. Spratt  
V Rafael Varela  
Billy A. King  
Juan Sanchez III  
Jerry W. Cox  
Hector I. Linares  
Joshua M. Root  
Yaimar Oro  
Brian K. Lewis  
Darlin A. Martinez  
Aureliano Moreno  
Beau E. Grant  
Jesus E. Vetencourt  
Terry L. Trew Jr.  
Fernando N. Estrada  
Christopher L. Knight  
Brandon S. Combes  
Jeremy L. Shrum  
Hector Armendariz  
Jose L. Vega  
Rodrigo Martinez  
Bracken E. Suiter  
Michael D. Williamson  
Kevin J. Romero  
Jefforey S. Niehaus  
Lowell N. Burbank  
Julio A. Rivera  
Brian M. McManus  
Chad G. Truax  
Javier H. Palacios  
Carmelo M. Miranda



Jon P. Hampton  
Tyler R. Hillman  
Steven C. Wood  
Anthony J. Berghold  
Kenneth J. Quitberg  
James Kishiyama  
Osby W. Pendleton  
Jose L. Lopez  
Mark Yahnke

## 1 YEAR

Daniel L. Johnson  
Steven D. George  
Scott D. Agler  
Chad M. Brinkman  
Thomas L. Brumm  
Daniel S. Durocher  
Bradley T. Despot  
Bradley E. Moreland  
Jimmy W. Hicks  
Oscar L. Hicks  
Eric R. Carreno  
Boyd A. Rasmussen  
Jerry D. Holder  
Ernest L. Johnson  
Jesse J. Roberson  
Jose Escobar  
Miguel Sanchez  
James K. Reynolds  
Leonides Martinez  
Margarito Martinez  
Arnulfo R. Flores  
Jeffery E. George  
Robert C. Reemts Jr.  
Bernardo Perez  
Jesus A. Morrieta  
Ronald G. Garner  
Tom A. Allen  
James P. Blake  
Timothy B. Housh  
Jose M. Pedraza  
David M. Mahlberg  
David R. Hanson  
Mark L. Slayton  
Jorge L. Campos  
Joshua O. Byl  
Jason M. Scott  
Ruben Chavez  
Jon R. Bachand  
Michael D. Cole  
Jesse C. Pollard  
Peter A. Fredrickson  
Carlos A. Baca  
Daniel R. Adcox  
James W. Bannister  
Ethan P. Bodmer  
Gregory J. Spaid  
Michael S. Elliott  
Elijah B. Cloud  
Steven T. Steele

John A. Rex  
O Adolfo Miranda  
Daniel R. Williams  
Edward J. Barnard  
Ryan W. Fredrickson  
Daniel J. Somervill  
Johnny L. Berger  
Kyle J. Schultz  
Geoff R. Durso  
Daniel Anave  
Pedro A. Rivas  
Levi F. Vinson  
Jimmy L. McFarland  
Lawrence C. Kaska  
Joseph L. Weldon  
Luis Cano  
Tony D. Flory  
Thomas D. Root  
Johnny Salcido  
Dermid A. Lopez  
Louis M. Linxwiler IV  
Rick E. Johnson  
Douglas J. Oliver  
Colten K. Bybee  
Ryan A. Peterson  
Luan V. Nguyen  
David J. Peterson  
William E. Snyder  
Darryl G. Jones  
Eduardo Bruno  
Ira D. Signalness  
Carlos M. Salmeron  
Jorge A. Rodriguez  
David w sanders  
Kevin H. Koon  
Adam J. Johnson  
Wayne G. Johnson  
Juan A. Mercado  
Charles J. Terrell  
Giancarlo Martinez  
Shane L. Nickerson  
Juan J. Valdovinos  
Brandon T. Escareno  
Alan R. Dees  
Isidro C. Lucas  
James W. Ehlenbeck  
Jose Luis L. Martinez  
Victor Ibarra Rodriguez  
Zachary B. Hyde  
Matthew A. Kroening  
Jamie J. Kozlowski  
Nicholas A. Stanton  
Lee A. Hillesheim  
Bryan I. Hylton  
William D. Stauff  
Brandon S. Sutton  
Pedro A. Herrera  
Armando Gracia  
Brian D. Emert  
Richard L. Crawford  
Devin A. Strom

Jose B. Jimenez  
Safio Villanueva  
Terry L. Trew Sr.  
Wilbert Rodriguez  
Thomas J. Martin Jr.  
Robert J. Benda  
William L. Brown  
Jose Guillen  
Leopoldo Marquez  
Todd A. Linskie  
Jim P. Blackwell  
Darren E. Anno  
Nathan M. Flory  
Kyle C. Roark  
Ron J. Anderson  
Mario A. Ventura  
Bruce M. Braun  
John D. Pentecost  
Dennis L. Koenig Jr.  
Chad K. Idso  
Paul A. Reed  
Joshua J. White  
Miguel H. Cordova  
Carmelo Salinas  
Elmer A. Salinas  
Jose F. Chavez  
Jeremy W. Jetland  
Antonio Lopez  
Alejandro V. Benitez  
Pedro V. Benitez  
Jose O. Cruz  
Patrick E. Ballard  
Jose Garcia  
Heladio Solis  
Felix Santana  
Justino B. Medina  
Ramiro V. Benitez  
Marcos G. Navarrete  
Chavez  
Frederick F. Argueta  
James M. Capen  
Brent L. Colville  
Charles A. Buntion  
Eric J. Ramsey  
Mathew J. Frye  
Stephan L. Clements  
Derek R. Aubuchon  
Jose Diaz  
David Salgado  
Aaron M. Jarvenpa  
Andrew J. Dorsey  
Steven D. Disrud  
David A. Halker  
Christopher M. Badowicz  
William A. Fritz  
Aaron J. Swallow  
Afton R. Stanko  
Richard W. Bowen  
James A. Christensen  
Joshua B. Dieckman  
Erik J. Omundson

Michael M. Mitchell  
Justin A. Messer  
Larry D. Jones  
James P. Standlee  
Daniel J. Saatoff  
Gabriel Lopez-Rosario  
Shawn Robert Dinnell  
Benjamin J. Bone  
Adam M. Eppler  
Dustin G. Mohr  
Rene L. Garcia  
Keith W. Darmody II  
Anthony P. Germanceri III  
Kenneth M. Mange  
Angelo J. Shook  
Ramos Gregorio Deleon  
James M. Hance  
Miguel F. Hernandez  
Lewis J. Remund  
James L. Young  
Nathaniel P. Lee  
Carlos A. Cruz  
Ramon Valdovinos  
Christopher L. Harrison  
Francisco J. Arvayo  
Jose A. Cardenas  
Shawn H. Allgood  
Rusty E. McCuen  
Lawrence J. Doone IV  
Samuel E. Ostendorf  
Timmy D. Woods  
Terry L. Hughes  
Nathaniel C. Christie  
Eduardo R. Deleon Jr.  
Michael R. Nelson  
Seth J. Kroll  
Joshua M. Hudson  
Justin S. Peterson  
Robert F. Carrier  
Roberto A. Sigaran  
Jose O. Garcia  
Thomas R. Monroe  
Jordan R. Sime  
Randon R. Bellew  
Shawn R. Mousseau  
Eduardo Garcia  
Ricardo J. Ramirez  
Cassidy J. Miller  
Jason R. Thornton  
Matthew D. Fox  
Kelvin Vega Ojeda  
Jonathan E. Scheffler  
Eric S. Noonan  
Nelson F. Pena  
Vincent Pavovich  
Anthony J. Baca  
Hernandez Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Ismael Rivera-Melgar  
Santos L. Valdez  
Evaristo Gallegos

Tyler J. Armstrong  
Carl J. Herschbach  
Bernardino Lopez Roa  
Marrero Juan A. Ocasio  
Jose A. Luna  
David J. Zarnke  
Desmond D. Flmore  
Alfredo M. Godinez  
Jose Ramon Torres Correa  
John D. Bernal  
Clayton J. Collins  
Jeremy A. Hugeback  
Jesse J. Bult  
Robin L. Kreisel  
Bryan R. Diesburg  
Kevin A. Bothner  
Joshua J. Black  
Christopher Blair Selover  
Benjamin F. Harper  
Chad R. Daniels  
John H. Stults  
Thomas L. Stokes  
Frank Saunders  
Guillermo Maria-Flores  
Kevin J. Getchell  
Lucas A. Loftin  
Malon P. Backinger  
Robert C. Applegate  
Ruben Garza  
Gerardo Sifuentes  
Brandon Scott Rodasky  
Nathan J. Stania  
Troy Gulbranson  
Mathias D. Hillock  
John F. Evans  
Lauro Alcaraz  
Jose Luciano Flores  
Sergio Arcos  
Shawn C. Thennis  
Justen M. Brown  
Travis J. Dulebohn  
Jordan Lee Harrison  
Ismael Del Real  
Austin D. Marriott  
Juan C. Aparicio  
Juan Rodriguez-Otero  
Abel B. Lomeli  
Larry L. Madden  
Daniel S. Pharris  
Mark E. Huxman Jr.  
Ted A. Cherry  
Lance C. White  
Lopez Rual Zuniga  
Jose Marmolejo  
Joseph D. Otten  
Chad A. Auginash  
Alejandrol Lopez Negrete  
Kevin I. Anderson  
Gregorio De Leon  
James J. Wohlwend  
Walter A. Marchena

Ruben S. Adame  
George T. Hill  
Bobby R. Diaz  
Juan C. Maldonado  
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Robert Clifton Mock  
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# From the Treetop

By Scott Packard, Chairman and CEO



2008 was yet another noteworthy year in the history of the Wright companies. We've experienced our seventh consecutive year of record growth and profitability, with sales exceeding \$ 144 million. Our ESOP continues to prosper with contributions in the last six years exceeding 14.1 million dollars.

*But what's next? In light of the recent economic mess that prevails in our country, and media that are perfectly at ease to give us a constant barrage of negative news, I thought I'd concentrate a bit more on the future of the Wright companies. In spite of the turmoil faced by many businesses today, we are prospering, we are growing and we are financially strong.*

*A couple years back we made a commitment to be on the west coast. On January 1st, we started twenty-one crews for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. In addition to that, we expanded our relationships with KCPL, Ameren, Consumers and KU (my sentimental favorite) and new business with Duke Energy for a total of forty-seven crews. And then came January 8th. On that day we signed the single largest contract in the history of our company. Our new contract with Oncor in Texas will add over 100 crews and create over 400 jobs. So if you add it all up — 168 Crews and 560 new employees.*

*Not to say we will not have our challenges in the coming months, but I ask you to not concentrate on what you cannot control, but on what you can. First and paramount, SAFETY—not only your own, but that of those we work alongside. Share your experience; stop any unsafe behaviors you see. And make safety on the job your first priority.*

*Second, CUSTOMER SERVICE—exceed our customers' expectations every day. And if you're not quite sure just what they are, ask them.*

*These are just a couple of little things that you can do that pay huge rewards.*



## NORTH DIVISION

### Job Well Done

A homeowner wanted to praise Foreman Patrick Martin and his crew for the excellent tree trimming work they completed, "In addition to the trees trimmed, he rang my doorbell to explain that two of the trees needed to be removed completely. He also pointed out that some large parts of their trunks would need to be left in a wooded area to rot naturally." The crew consisted of Foreman Pat Martin and Jim Voiles. They are led by General Foreman Danny McMillen.

### In Appreciation

A property owner wanted to commend WTS workers on their service, "I thought they were all very courteous, professional, and hardworking. I appreciated the fact they spoke with me and explained why they were there and I also appreciated them taking the time to dump a load of tree mulch for me to use on my property." The crew included Foremen Pedro Benitez and Dave Salgado, Trimmers Felix Santana and Frederick Argueta, and Groundsmen Jason T. Watson and Justino Medina. They are led by General Foreman Scott Lay.

### Potential Disaster Averted

On May 9, Foreman Ernest Johnson and Trimmer James Schupp had just completed a storm ticket for Ameren and were proceeding to come back to the staging area. Driving around the block, they noticed three service lines downed by a tree lying across a sidewalk. They checked the meters and discovered the wires to be hot. Ernie was calling the dispatcher when a little boy about ten years old was riding his bike toward the hot service line. Thankfully, Ernie and James stopped the boy before he ran into it. They then proceeded to mark and cone off the area and wait till the service man arrived. Ernie also noticed another child playing within twenty yards of the downed lines. Ernie and James are led by General Foreman Brad Moreland.

## MINNKOTA DIVISION

### Efficient Workers

The Director of Operation for the Clouquet Forestry Center at University of Minnesota thanks WTS, General Foreman Venzke, and his crew for their prompt service in line clearing, "The Wright Tree Service crew showed up promptly on the date agreed upon and worked steadily until the job was completed. The work was more complete and the site left cleaner than I would have expected."

### Thank You

A couple from LaCrosse, WI, wanted to thank a WTS crew for the tree trimming work they did, "Your kindness and extra effort was truly appreciated." The crew included Foreman Keith Christianson, and Trimmers Craig Christianson, and Joe Kreibich. They are led by General Foreman Jeff Harris.

## MOUNTAIN STATES

### A Helping Hand

The Secretary and Treasurer of The Lennox Cemetery Association wanted to commend General Foreman Glen Crabtree for the great job he does, "Glen is a great asset to the community and is always so willing to step forth and get the job done."

### True Customer Service

The Manager of Gas and Electric Operations for Garfield Service Center was very appreciative that General Foreman Jim Swisher, Foreman Victor Pena, and Xcel Energy's Terry Hamm came by to ensure they did not need anything else before they left at the end of the season, "I appreciate this gesture and want to express thanks to the great job they did getting this service center back into shape."



### Excellent Workers

A property owner wanted to thank WTS for the great service she received, "Your crew was very careful to extract all of the offending limbs, and with such a courteous attitude as well! In addition, they were thorough in cleaning up the branches afterward, and overall I was very impressed." The crew included Foremen Joe Valdez, Scott Schreiter, Tim Jennings, and Trimmer James Kishiyama. They are led by General Foreman Jarrod Johns.

## CENTRAL DIVISION

### Worthy Compliments

A homeowner felt it was a pleasure to deal with WTS when they came to cut down her trees. The crew included Foreman Eric Gustafson and Trimmer Matt Dillon. They are led by then General Foreman Greg Williams. She said, "Mr. Williams was so polite and acted on this issue immediately, knowing that the tree could fall on my house at any time. The two workers...were also very professional and polite."

### A Fine Representative

A customer complimented Foreman John Rogers on his professionalism, politeness, and kindness, "I really want his company to know what a fine representative they have in John Rogers." John is led by Division Supervisor Greg Williams.

### Congratulations!

WTS employees on OPPD property received a special award for their performance and efficiency. To reward our employees' attitude and dedication, OPPD awarded them with a full paid day off.

### Well Done

A customer wanted to compliment WTS workers on the excellent job they did. The crew included Foreman Josh Black and Trimmer Brandon Rodasky and are led by General Foreman Jon Cates.

### Kindness Matters

A customer was very thankful for the way Foreman Robert Malloy trimmed her beloved trees, "Not only was Robert professional, he was kind and compassionate. He conducted himself in a way that represents Wright Tree Service in the most positive way. He is truly an asset to the company." Robert is led by General Foreman Jon Cates.

### Manners Matter

A customer complimented the WTS crew that trimmed the trees on her property. The crew consisted of Foreman Sam Russell, and Trimmers Alfonso Vargas, and Rob Rose. They were led by then General Foreman Scott Dundee. She said the crew did a very professional job, and were polite and friendly.

### Going the Extra Mile

A woman wanted to express her appreciation for the WTS employees who helped her change her car tire in the Farm & Fleet parking lot in Moline, IL during an ice storm. She couldn't recall everyone's full names, but she did remember then General Foreman Scott Dundee.

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

### In Gratitude

A property owner wanted to thank you to General Foreman Michael Blain and his crew, "Mr. Blain was very professional in his manners and demeanor. He and his team performed their work duties in an extremely efficient and professional manner. This type of courtesy is refreshing and restores confidence in humankind. Mr. Blain is a representative of your company in which you can be very proud!" The crew also includes Foremen James Bennett, and John Steele, and Trimmer Johnnie Adams.

## SAFETY AND POSITIVITY

General Foreman Randy Jones would like to commend his crew, "I would like to thank and compliment the guys in Iowa City for their hard work on getting the critical #3 work orders completed on transmission lines. You worked long hours, cold, windy days, but kept a positive attitude and worked safe to get the work done. Outstanding job!"



*pictured from left to right: Foreman Dean Davolt, Foreman Phil Boesenberg, Foreman Dennis Rubinsky, Foreman Doug Vondal, Trimmer Paul Orona, Trimmer Jose Leyva, Trimmer Curtis McDonald, Trimmer Cory Depoorter, Trimmer Russell Schade, Trimmer Jeremy Gaunt, Foreman Ryan Johnson, Trimmer Robert Watters, Trimmer Dustin Crabtree, Foreman Tom Moore, Foreman Rick Gaunt. Not pictured: Foreman Tom Gady, Foreman Zach Alberts.*

## In Memorial

### GERALD "JERRY" SWIM



**Jerry Swim, retired Director of Safety, Education and Training for Wright Tree Service, passed away on April 6, 2009, at the age of 77.**

*As a young man in the early 1950's, Jerry often did tree work on the side to earn extra money to support his young family and ultimately wound up following his passion for the tree business when he became a Wright Tree Service employee. After a very successful career of managing the Private/Residential Tree Care division, developing the Safety and Chemical Applications programs, and creating the General Foreman Candidate School program, he retired in 1994.*

*He was a man who had many interests and hobbies. Jerry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Murlene, along with three daughters, and six grandchildren.*

*Jerry had an insatiable thirst for learning and will be remembered for his vast knowledge of trees, his interest in human behavior and interaction, the love of his family, and his wonderful sense of humor.*

## WAY TO GO!

Foreman Victor Torres removed a large tree in Brookside Park in Indianapolis for a service project for the city. The mayor was on hand to see the men working. The crew works under General Foreman Miguel Duarte.



### Remarkable Work

A Gladstone, MO man was impressed with the job WTS did to remove a large hackberry tree, "The three fellows you sent did an outstanding job. The brush, limbs, and remaining stump were left so that it is very manageable. The backyard was left as impeccable as possible, given the task at hand."

## DIVISION 45

### Above and Beyond

A woman in Grand Ledge, MI wanted to share how impressed she was by a WTS employee who helped some children cross a busy street, "This employee went out into the middle of the road and stopped traffic in both directions so these children could safely cross to their school. I just wanted to let you know how impressed I am that your employee went the extra mile. You don't see that very often these days!" Unfortunately the name of our good samaritan is unknown.

### Thank You

A Kentucky couple was very appreciative of our work during the 2009 ice storm, "Your dedication, hardwork, and commitment made a huge difference in our community."

### In Appreciation

E.ON U.S. was deeply grateful to all WTS employees who assisted them during the 2009 Kentucky ice storm, "Your assistance was critical in enabling us to restore service quickly to more than 400,000 customers, despite innumerable challenges. Your employees demonstrated dedication, endurance, and a commitment to safety, while working in sub-zero temperatures and treacherous conditions."

### A Big Help

A couple from Graham, KY were very grateful for WTS's work during the 2009 ice storm, "We appreciate the work you guys did to help us out here in the country."

### A Special Thank-You

Two little girls from the First Baptist Church in Dawson Springs, KY drew WTS thank-you pictures. They said, "Thank you," and "May God bless you as you have blessed us."

## LONESTAR DIVISION

### In Gratitude

A homeowner was very appreciative of the WTS crew that skillfully removed a tree from his yard, "This crew earns an A... As a retired physics teacher, I was especially impressed with the practical grasp of physics that Mr. Lucio displayed in his cutting and in his skillful use of ropes. He deserves a special commendation." The crew consisted of Foreman Javier Cruz, and Trimmers Juan Lucio, Ricardo Cazarez, Jose Martinez, and Cecilio Puentes. They are led by General Foreman Reymundo Hernandez.

### Beyond the Call of Duty

A homeowner wanted to say thank four WTS gentlemen that are heroes in her eyes. When her husband fell in the shower, she turned to Foreman Ronald DeBaun Jr., and Trimmers Antonio Hernandez, Eduardo Guzman Valencia, and Justin Hill, who were working behind her house, for help. She said they also stopped back by to check on her husband. The men are led by General Foreman Ross Self.

### Skilled, Neat, and Clean

Homeowners in North Richland Hills, TX think WTS workers did a fantastic job, "They were courteous and professional, and left no mess behind."

## In Memorial



## DARRELL JESSE-DEAN BACKINGER

**Darrell Jesse-Dean Backinger, 22, died on March 26, 2009.** "Four Wright Tree Service trucks led the funeral procession from the overflowing parking lot at Watson Funeral Chapel to Spring Arbor Cemetery after the 1 p.m. service. The truck operators crossed their lift buckets at the entrance to the cemetery... Backinger, a 2005 graduate of Western High School, worked for Wright for a year. He was cutting a tree with his older brother, Malon, in Jackson when he was mortally wounded... Backinger is also survived by a 3-year-old daughter, Kaydenze; his mother, Nancy Backinger; brother Cody; and grandparents Betty and Paul Sweet." (Citizen Patriot)

### Thumbs Up!

A woman praised WTS employees, Foreman Gary "Slim" Claborn and Trimmer Terry Bean, "These guys do more than good, they care about their work, the people they have to go on their property to do their job... Just think we need more employees like these two." The men are led by General Foreman Tom Acker.

### Courteous and Professional

A man also complimented Slim and Terry, "If this is the caliber of men you have working for you it is no wonder that you are a successful company. It has been a pleasure to make their acquaintance. They have done all in their power to leave my property in excellent condition."

### Job Well Done

The Mayor of Hermitage, MO, praised our work, "The aggressive tree trimming and removal you recently accomplished in our city will certainly reduce or eliminate our power outages during ice storms... Wright Tree Service did an outstanding job while in our city."



# Congratulations!

As Wright Service Corporation continues to expand, our employees continue to grow their skills and develop their talents.

## NEW GENERAL FOREMEN

- ▶ Imber Hernandez
- ▶ Jeff Mills
- ▶ Jose Miguel
- ▶ Martin Sandaval
- ▶ Reymundo Hernandez
- ▶ Gustavo Rodriguez
- ▶ Joel Guitz
- ▶ Kenneth Collins
- ▶ Jose Lopez
- ▶ Tony Morales
- ▶ Fidel Alvarez
- ▶ Chris Pratt
- ▶ Billy Jackson
- ▶ Keith Mcnear
- ▶ John Daniels
- ▶ Dan Nave
- ▶ Vinnie Pavcovich
- ▶ Dave Martinez
- ▶ Greg Yinger
- ▶ Timmy Baker
- ▶ Cornell Capps
- ▶ Brad Moreland
- ▶ Oscar Salmeron
- ▶ Glen Crabtree
- ▶ Jaime Flores
- ▶ Riley O'Quinn
- ▶ Joe Weldon
- ▶ Mitch Salek
- ▶ Rod Breakfield
- ▶ Kurt Schultz
- ▶ Chad Poling
- ▶ Shad Witt
- ▶ Chad Fox
- ▶ Carlos Hernandez
- ▶ Gary Estel

## APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS



◀◀ **Will Nutter** was elected by the Board of Directors of Wright Service Corp. to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of WTS.

- ▶ **Tim Bingaman** was promoted to Lonestar Division Manager.
- ▶ **Greg Williams** was promoted to Central Division Supervisor.
- ▶ **Rick Bonifas** was promoted to Pacific Division Manager.
- ▶ **Chester Morrison** was promoted to Mountain States Safety Supervisor.
- ▶ **Jerry Ledet** was hired as a Project Manager on Oncor property.
- ▶ **Jerry Ray** was hired as a Project Manager on Oncor property.
- ▶ **Tim Hanson** was promoted to Project Manager on Xcel (Colorado) property.
- ▶ **Romeo Correa** was promoted to Lonestar Safety Supervisor.

- ▶ **Justin Cherry** was promoted to Project Manager on PacifiCorp property.
- ▶ **Tim Wright** joined WTS as a Project Manager on Oncor property.
- ▶ **Jeff East** was promoted to Project Manager on Empire District Electric Co. property.
- ▶ **Paul Dwight** was promoted to Project Manager on Consumers Energy property.

## CERTIFICATIONS

- ▶ **Miguel Duartehas** successfully completed the exam for becoming an ISA Certified Arborist.
- ▶ **Bill Wood** has successfully completed the exam for becoming an ISA Certified Arborist.
- ▶ **Joe Partridge** completed the requirements to become a Certified Treecare Safety Professional.
- ▶ **Marty Pingel** completed the requirements to become a Certified Treecare Safety Professional.
- ▶ **Ben Isbell** completed the requirements to become a Certified Treecare Safety Professional.
- ▶ **Mike Clark** completed the requirements to become a Certified Treecare Safety Professional.

## HAPPY ARBOR DAY!

**TOP** KCP&L Contract Management employees and tree contractors joined together for two separate Arbor Day plantings with The City of KCMO, City of Kansas City, KS, and the Heartland Tree Alliance. Wright Tree Service joined KCP&L's Gary O'Neil and Heartland Tree Alliance in planting 40 trees in Kansas City, Kansas' Waterway Park...they also led ten teams of 68 citizen volunteers in planting 40 trees in Budd Park.

**BOTTOM** On Friday, April 24th, General Foreman Chad Luckow visited students at Findley Elementary in Des Moines to talk about trees, plants, and flowers. The children received WTS kites, backpacks, and coloring sheets. Then Chad and two of his crew members, Foreman Tom Allen and Trimmer James Williamson, helped the schoolchildren plant a tree near the school's playground.



# FAMILY CLIPPINGS

**Aaron Feil, Central Division,** and his wife happily welcomed a baby girl, Amelia Erin Feil, on January 23, 2009.

**Lauri Jeter, Home Office,** had a baby girl, Jordan on April 18, 2009. She weighed 4 lbs, 9 oz.

**Doug Vondal, Central Division,** is proud to announce his son Nathan bowled his second 300 game. He had games of 225, 300, and 254, for a 779 series. Also, the first week of June, Nathan arrived at Fort Jackson in South Carolina for National Guard Basic Training.

**Aaron Nelson, Lonestar Division,** and his wife welcomed twin boys on April 14, 2009. Their names are Tristan and Brylie. Big sister Emarie will be turning three on August 7th.

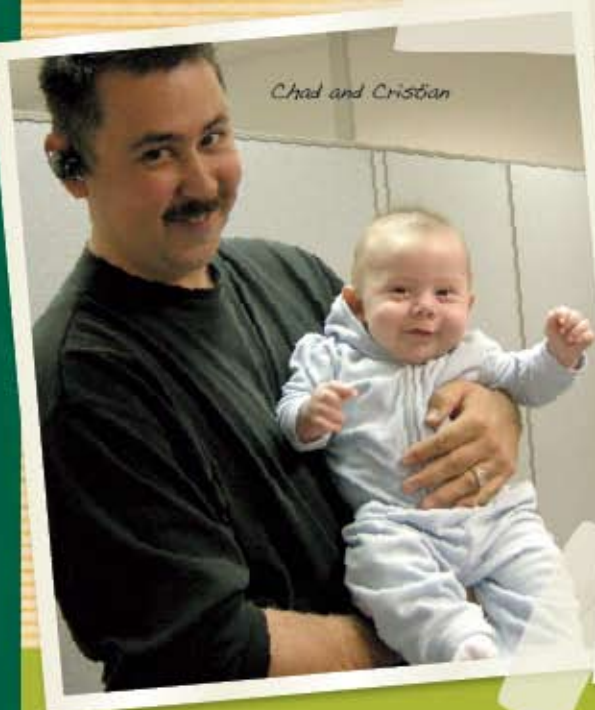
**Chad Luckow, Central Division,** and his wife Gloria welcomed their fourth child, a son, Cristian Andres Luckow, on November 21, 2008. Cristian weighed 6 lb., 14.5 oz. and was 18 3/4 in. long. Cristian's older siblings include Jason, Susie, and Ruby.

**Brad Klaas, Minnkota Division,** and his family participated in Relay for Life, supporting his younger sister Brianna, who has won her battle against Hodgkins Lymphoma.

**Herb Coy, Minnkota Division,** bowled a 300 game on April 8, 2009. It was the nineteenth of his career.

**Paul Dwight, Division 45,** is proud of his six-year-old daughter Samantha Rose, who just started tee-ball. Pictured below is the little slugger's first at-bat.

**Daniel Williams, Central Division,** and Susan Nixon are pleased to announce their engagement. The couple plans to wed July 11, 2009.



**We want to hear from you!** If you have news to share, please include your name, division, story and digital photo in an e-mail to: **Jodi King** at [news@wrighttree.com](mailto:news@wrighttree.com) or mail to: WTS Newsletter, PO Box 1718, Des Moines IA 50306-1718

