



the Digger

July Birthdays

Ron Sanders, 7/2
 John Fricke, 7/4
 Donnie Griffis, 7/5
 Fred Highsmith, 7/9
 Sherman Johnson, 7/11
 Thomas Byrd, 7/16
 Roy Bowerman, 7/19
 Jerry Davis, 7/21
 Michael Rapp, 7/27
 Scott Harris, 7/28
 Carl Harvey, 7/29

Anniversaries

Bruce Brannen, 6 yrs
 Rick Fisher, 18 yrs
 Donnie Griffis, 7 yrs
 Marcious Jones, 5 yrs
 Scott Kirkland, 6 yrs
 Stanley Kogut, 6 yrs
 Michael Rapp, 4 yrs
 Jimmie West, 11 yrs

As a patriotic American citizen, there is certainly nothing wrong with observing a day that celebrates the freedoms bestowed upon this great nation by Almighty God. Patriotism becomes a sin only when it supersedes the worship of God!

AJJI and all City of Jacksonville offices will be closed Monday July 5th.

Fireworks Safety

With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time with great memories. But before your family celebrates, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety. If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries. Here are some tips for keeping your family safe.

Firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are dangerous. If you give kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.

Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place.

Never try to make your own fireworks.

Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents. Steer clear of other people — fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.

Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. Light one firework at a time (not in a container), and **never** relight a dud.

Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

After use, soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.

Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

If someone is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention — your eyesight may depend on it. If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, so take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!

Message from the V.P.

The first half of 2010 has really flown by. So far this year our company has bid approximately \$54.7 million worth of work. Out of this we have been awarded over \$4.7 million. This may not seem like very good odds, but in today's world of competition this is pretty good. We are finally starting to see an increase in the residential market, which happens to be our favorite. We have given a quote for our return to the Villages of Westport so we can finish what we started. Another exciting thing is after the July 4th holiday we will begin work on the 699 lots at Forest Hammock. This job is a joint venture between us and JB Coxwell. *Together our companies will work as a team.* AJJI will install the water, sewer and lift station. Coxwell will handle the drainage and roadways. Both companies are depending on teamwork to make this a success. There are several other subdivisions popping up on the radar and we are diligently pursuing them. Please continue to do your part to make the second half of 2010 a successful one and remember the most important thing, be safe! Have a happy July 4th holiday!

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Definition: a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior.

We communicate with each other via our words, our emotions, our facial gestures, body language, and our actions.

Know what your body is saying. Body language accounts for more than half of what other people respond to and make assumptions about when they are connecting with you. Eye contact is also a very important part of connecting with people. The cheapest, most effective way to connect with people is to look them in the eye.

Your attitude is the first thing people pick up on in face-to-face communication. Just as laughing, yawning, and crying are infec-

tious, attitude is infectious. Before you say a word, your attitudes can infect the people who see you with the same behavior. Somehow just by looking or feeling, you can be infected by another person's attitude, and vice versa. When you are operating from inside a really useful attitude, such as enthusiasm, curiosity, and humility, your body language tends to take care of itself and sends out unmistakable signals of openness.

Silence, listening and caring about the answers is a great conversation skill. Listen to what others are saying and show interest in the conversation. Listening demonstrates respect and admiration.

Always be courteous in your communications with others. Courtesy lets people know that you care. The words "Thank You" show that you appreciate a person's efforts.

Make your conversation like a game of tennis and keep the ball going back and forth.



Are we stuck in the 50's?

Teamwork



Yes, teamwork is an overly used expression. Teamwork is the cooperative effort of a group of people for a common goal. We see team-

work every day when we watch a baseball team or a football team. The golfer and the caddie make up a team of two. Our lives are filled with teams. Our individual families are a "team".

Perhaps the greatest team in American history was the team of patriots, men and women of all ages that took up arms to free this country of the tyranny of English rule. They had set a common goal for our country to be free and to give the individual the right to Life, Liberty

and the pursuit of Happiness. A greater team effort would be hard to find.

These common goals still direct the country today. Every crew in the company shares the same common goal. At our company the common goal is stated in our mission statement: "SAFETY, QUALITY, and PRODUCTIVITY." Let's all remember this statement and live up to it.

Summer Night Lights - Movie Night

Come and enjoy a free family friendly movie under the stars

Saturday, July 10th @ 7 pm
Clanzel Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road

Friday, July 16th @ 7 pm
Memorial Park - 1620 Riverside Ave
It's movie time again at Memorial Park!

Saturday, July 17th @ 7 pm
Robert Kennedy Park - 1133 Ionia Street



Saturday, July 24th @ 7 pm
Charles Clark Park - 8793 Sibbald Road

Saturday, July 31st @ 7 pm
Mary Lena Gibbs Park - 6974 Wilson Blvd.

Free family night out brought to you by the City of Jacksonville. For more information call 630-CITY.