

Daily Digger

A J J O H N S , I N C

BIRTHDAYS

- RILEY FORCE
- MARCIOUS JONES
- SHAWN LANFORD
- JOE MCALISTER
- IAN MORRIS
- WADE ROWLAND
- JIMMY WEST

ANNIVERSARIES

- MATT MOCINI, 1 YR
- JOE MCALISTER, 2 YRS
- JOHN FRICKE, 5 YRS
- TONY HARVEY, 8 YRS
- RON SANDERS, 12 YRS
- VAUGHN BIGGER, 13 YRS
- MIKE BERRY, 27 YRS

LOWELL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Since August 2009 our crews have been working at the Lowell Reception Center at Lowell Correctional Institution in Marion County Florida. The job site is located on both sides of County Road 25 A and encompasses over 80 acres of land. The scope of work varies from site prep, to underground utilities, and to road work. We are working for Clark Construction Group.



Matt Mocini is the Project Manager and Don Henninger is the Superintendent. Currently Ernie Thomas, Joe Kent, Mark Norman, Alan Howard and Derek Sandbrook's crews are onsite. At one time or another almost every crew in the company will share in the work load of this project. The lion's share of the work is on the east side of 25A at the Reception Center, but we are also doing infrastructure work on the west side of 25A at the Staff Housing Facility.

The job has been a real challenge due to a wet winter and difficult soil conditions. Our people are working diligently to overcome these obstacles to insure a project delivered on time and within budget. We anticipate our

part of the work to be complete this December. This is the first major project the company has done away from the Jacksonville area in quite some time. Thanks to all involved on this job for your efforts for the company.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

**IN SEARCH OF:
NEW COMPANY SLOGAN**

We invite all AJ Johns, Inc. employees to participate in our new Company Slogan Campaign. Over the last 40 years our company has had some pretty good slogans. Some of our slogans have been, "we make the grade" and "we hire to retire" ...

These have all been good and served our principles well. With the New Year we would like to have a new company slogan. **If your suggestion is chosen, you will win a \$50 gift card.** So get to writing, be creative and submit your

ideas by the end of April. Make sure you write your name on your idea so the winner will claim the prize.



WALTER WEST

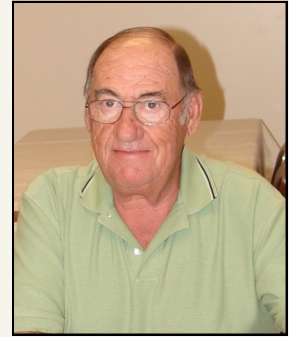
We at AJ Johns remain saddened by the sudden loss of Mr. Walt. I highly valued my acquaintance with such a wise man. We will miss some of the great events in his life that he humbly shared. He taught me many things over the twenty years I was associated with him. During those twenty some years I knew him as a Professional Engineer, a Safety Consultant with HRH and finally our very own Safety Director. His talents covered many areas. In his early days he obtained a Law Degree. This was very apparent to me while we sat together in meetings concerning the law. I valued him for both his friendship and his knowledge.

There are many other things about him that were brought to my attention after his death. He was a man that always had a plan. It seemed to his son Randy that he had actually prepared for his death. He left specific instructions on how to handle his property and finances.

His son Randy also shared that when he was younger many afternoons Mr. Walt would leave work and transport sick children and their families to hospitals sometimes far away. He asked for nothing in return for this feat that took him away from his own family. Even in death he remained a giver of life. A child received Mr. Walt's bone marrow and is to this day a survivor.

He fought courageously for the freedom of our county while enlisted in the Navy. There are many more things that could be said about his life. Please let his dedication to sharing and helping others inspire you as it has me.

-John Kirkland



Mr. Walter West
1938 — 2010

*Remember:
Objects in the
mirror are
actually behind
you!*

CHANGE ONE THING IN 2010

Do at least ONE thing in this new year. You don't have to change your lifestyle or give up things you really love. But you can do at least one thing to help our environment and ultimately save you money.

Here are some suggestions to get the ball rolling: Recycle, use Reuse shopping bags, use refillable water containers, wash clothes in cold water, hang clothes to dry, install a low-flow

showerhead, take shorter showers, install compact fluorescent light bulbs, unplug appliances when not in use, set the thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer, change AC filters regularly, change car oil when scheduled, keep things clean because clean things last longer.

Make a resolution and then make it a habit.

[Kudo's on Touchton Road](#)

Recently a Belfort Road home owner stopped by our office. He complimented our crews on the work being done on Touchton Road. He said, "they always leave the site clean and orderly." He wanted us to know how much he appreciates the job we are doing. So KUDO'S to all AJJI employees, working on Touchton Road. Your safety and jobsite upkeep are to be commended.

MEET MARK JOHNS



This year Mark has taken on the role of Field Operations Coordinator. Mark's 26+ year journey with AJ Johns, Inc. started as a teenager after school and during the summers. When he graduated high school, he came on board full time working in the field. Since then he has spent over ten years in purchasing and ten years as our Safety Director.

He gave almost a year of service to SeaMark Ranch and has dedicated himself to the City Rescue Mission's Annual Bed Race. Now with his new role he will be working closely with the field again. Mark brings with him years of experience as a Certified Underground Contractor and Class V Fire Licensed. Next month his training continues with

Advanced M.O.T. Mark's new position will utilize his many years of training.

His responsibilities have expanded beyond coordination of projects with the Fire Marshall, locates, temp labor and rentals to also handling M.O.T., assisting the Safety Director and the Superintendents, and helping our field employees.