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**NEWSLETTER**



**President's Message**

*Michael Welch*

Another construction season is almost over. Fred is still working on TH 1 outside of Ely, Steve is in Grand Rapids for Helgeson Development, there is work going on at Sterling Ponds in Hermantown and the MN-DOT Truck Station in Silver Bay. The weather will dictate how much further we go on these projects. Tom and Wayne continue to crush aggregates in the southern division and Arnie and Ron wait for the snow to come.

With the lull that winter allows us, I would like you to think about ways to make our company improved and more proficient. Your ideas have been a large part of the success of Ulland Brothers and I hope you will continue that tradition.

I appreciate all of your hard work during the short and demanding construction season and wish everyone a joyous holiday with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you on the project sites in 2007 and hearing your ideas on how we as a company can improve.



**Congratulations to  
Ulland Brothers, Inc.  
MNDOT Merit Award  
recipient for  
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**Ulland Brothers, Inc.  
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**December 24th**

Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck.  
How to live in a world so politically correct?  
His workers no longer would answer to "elves" -  
"Vertically challenged" they now called themselves.

And labor conditions up at the North pole  
Were alleged by the Union to stifle the soul.  
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,  
Freed to the wilds by the humane society.

The runners had been removed from his sleigh:  
The ruts were termed dangerous by the OSHA prey.  
And people had started to call for the cops  
Upon hearing sleds run across their rooftops.

Santa went on TV, in front of the nation  
Demanding \$6 million in stress related compensation.  
Half the reindeer were gone, and so had his wife,  
Who decided she's had enough of this life.

Children no longer grateful, just for a toy.  
Do-Gooders trying to ban the season of joy.  
We can't offend others on this holy day.  
To heck with them, well that's what I say.

No gifts of leather, no gifts of fur,  
Which meant nothing for him, and nothing for her.  
Nothing that might be construed to pollute,  
Nothing to aim, nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamored and made lots of noise,  
Nothing for girls and nothing for boys.  
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific,  
Nothing warlike or non-pacific.

No chocolates or sweets, they are bad for the tooth.  
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.  
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden  
Were like Ken and Barbie (better off hidden).

For they raised the hackles of those psychological,  
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.  
No basketball, no football, someone could get hurt.  
Besides, playing sports exposed children to dirt.

Dolls were said to be sexist and oh, so passé,  
And X-Box would rot their brains away.  
So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;  
He couldn't figure out what he should do next.

He tried to be merry; he tried to be gay  
(Though you must be so careful with that word today).  
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground,  
Nothing acceptable to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might  
Give to all without angering left or right.  
A gift that would satisfy with no indecision  
Each group of people from every religion.

Every ethnicity, every hue,  
Everyone, everywhere, even you.  
So here is that gift, its price beyond worth:  
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."

# Company Updates

## North Division

By Ryan Swanson

Ulland Brothers was recently successful low bidder on the River Grand Assisted Living Facility in Grand Rapids, the MN/DOT truck station site in Silver Bay, and the Fed Ex site in Superior, Wisconsin. These projects are all being worked on this fall and will carry over to the spring season. A lot of our other projects are finally being wrapped up, the big one being the Trinity Road project. Other carryover work that will extend into the 2007 season are the Morgan Park Phase #4 wastewater project, Sterling Ponds development in Hermantown, and MN/DOT TH #1 near Isabella. As you can see, we have room for adding some work right away in the spring and we are currently working on filling that void. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and dedication this summer on all of our projects.

## Mining company work is integral part of success at Ulland Brothers

Several mining companies on the Iron Range provide Ulland Brothers with many projects throughout the year. Right now we are in the midst contracts for Minntac screening limestone at the CN Ore Docks in Duluth and crushing for Keetac. However, those are just some of the projects that keeps our employees working. We have been busy with crushing and screening operations, paving projects, and concentrate hauling, just to name a few. Ulland Brothers' relationships with Iron Range mining companies are highly valued and extremely productive. Your continued hard work contributes to the success of these projects. Thank you!

## South Division

By Jeff Carlson

Ullands Southern Division had a record year in aggregate and hot mix production and sales. In total we produced 1,328,867 tons of aggregate. The breakdown is as follows: 286,513 tons hot mix asphalt; 638,177 tons quarry rock from Grand Meadow and Northwood Quarries; 404,177 tons miscellaneous aggregates crushed or washed. Some of the larger jobs include 214,800 tons of limestone supplied to a wind-generated electric facility in Mower County and 231,967 tons of aggregates and hot mix supplied and placed on I-90 west of Albert Lea.

Thank you to all employees who supported the Transportation Amendment. The statewide final count was 1,270,042 Yes (57.27%) to 947,776 (42.73%) No. The passage of this amendment was enacted against difficult odds. There were certain legislators in both Southern Minnesota and Northern Minnesota who seemed to be opposed to the passage of the amendment in spite of local support.

When lawmakers return to St. Paul in January, they will be asked to enact the hard 60/40 split of the amendment proceeds between highways and transit, respectively. The momentum generated from the favorable voter turnout will hopefully push lawmakers to continue trying to pass a comprehensive transportation funding bill in the 2007 legislative session.

## MUCA provides scholarship program

In 2007, the Minnesota Utility Contractors Association will award 8 scholarships of \$1,000 each. The program is open to MUCA members and their employees. Each application is judged anonymously. If you have a child graduating from high school this spring who will be enrolling in full-time post-secondary education in the fall of 2007, they are eligible to apply. Applications are due May 15, 2007. For an application call the Minnesota Utility Contractors Association at (651) 735-3908 or 1-800-567-MUCA or visit [www.muca.org](http://www.muca.org).

Thanks to your support the Transportation Amendment was passed in the November election. Now 100% of all motor vehicle tax collected is dedicated to funding transportation projects!

*Holiday Greetings from the Payroll Dept!*



## Congratulations!



Best wishes to **Dustin & Ashley (Miettunen) Pittman**, who were recently married.



Happy Retirement to **Lloyd Scott, Randy Ecklund and Dick Makela (North)** and to **Gary Seedorf (South)**.