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## Exciting Acquisition News by Ken Fuchs

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Simonson Lumber purchased the Donlin facility on East St Germain in St Cloud. We are currently participating in a “think-tank” with employees, customers and designers that will create a master plan on what we will do with the facility. It is currently our intent to convert the former Donlin facility into a showroom and retail lumber yard. We will use and retool our current campus for continued service to the St Cloud market as well as warehouse and dispatch to our stores and yards in Crosslake, Brainerd, Alexandria, Ham Lake, Hutchinson, St Michael and Monticello. The new facility will allow us to combine under one roof some or all of our services currently housed at the corporate office or with The Design Team. At this time, there is no definitive time table as when construction will begin or conclude. We will continue to update you as details on this project become available.

Each Month a Different Simonson Employee is Featured

### Spotlight on Milt Johnson



**Milt Johnson**

Milt Johnson is Simonson's Purchasing Manager. September will mark his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us. Married to Jan, for 32 years, they have 2 grown sons. Jeff is married, has 3 children, and lives in Osceola, WI. Dave is single, runs a golf course and coaches basketball during the fall and winter. Milt's black lab, Tobi is 11 and likes to hunt pheasants. The people are what Milt enjoys about working at Simonsons. He says he has always been treated fairly and given the freedom to do his job. He tries to have vision and try new things. Use what's positive & keep moving forward is his work philosophy. Fishing is a favorite pastime. He says it's a stress reliever. He also likes to hunt, go ATV trail riding, & play with the grandkids.

We asked Milt if he had any amusing work related stories he would like to share. He said he would like to thank the Hobbs and all his past bosses for giving him a chance. "I started working in the St Croix Falls yard in September 1980. I worked with Myron Dallenbach, Gordy Horsemann, Roland Berg & Glenn (Red) Aitkinson. They all put in 30 to 40+ years at Simonsons and worked with our founder, Nels Simonson. Myron was a manager and awesome draftsman. Gordy was yardman and picked up freight. Gordy was full of amusing stories about working at Simonsons. Rollie was inside sales and purchaser. He was a little grumpy at times but if you paid attention, he was a very talented and interesting person. Red was our lumber buyer, yard foreman, dispatcher and at one time Nels personal driver. I feel honored to have had the chance to work with these fine lumbermen. They helped to propel us to where we are today. Please don't forget about our past, for the knowledge that we acquired yesterday will help us succeed tomorrow."

Milt's pet peeve is *waiting*. He gets really upset when someone is supposed to pick him up at a certain time and then neglects to call and tell him they are running late. He says people who are always late shouldn't drive. We asked if he had ever attempted something that he wished he hadn't, if he would consider doing it again and what would have to be different? He answered, "Yup, parasailing behind a car. Nope...stronger rope." Something that Milt thinks we would be surprised to learn about him is that he went to the Jethro Bodine School of Cyphering. He says, "I learned how to use 'ga zim tas' as in 2 'ga zim ta' 4, 2 times." It comes in handy helping his wife with her quilting projects. If he had unlimited time and resources, Milt & his wife would spend 1 month in each state. He thinks that there's so much to learn from each area. "What fun! ...And think of how many lakes and quilt shops there must be."



We want your input. Got a good idea or an article that you would like to see in this newsletter? Send it to Janice at Simonson Properties or fax it to 320-252-9483.

A baby-sitter is a teenager who comes in to act like an adult while the adults go out and act like teenagers.



### TICKETS



A reminder that Cherie has reduced price tickets for the Renaissance Festival which runs weekends from August 13 to September 25. Adult admission is \$14.50 and children are \$6.50. Call her at 320-252-9385 to purchase yours. (She also has reduced admission tickets for ValleyFair and Camp Snoopy.)

### Happy September Birthday

Paul Nylin ~ 9/06, Scott Koshiol ~ 9/07,  
 Jody Hess ~ 9/09, Bradley Kwaliek ~ 9/09,  
 Steve Hobbs ~ 9/14, Josh Sperling ~ 9/17,  
 Sadie Hoag ~ 9/19, David Mills ~ 9/19,  
 Jason Deterling ~ 9/20,  
 Shannon Schmidt ~ 9/20,  
 Benjamin Kockler ~ 9/25,  
 Matthew Simonson ~ 9/27,  
 And Greg Voss ~ 9/29,



The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time.



To say the right thing at the right time, you need to keep still most of the time.

### News from the Yards



Congratulations to Eric Johannes and his wife, Laura on the birth of a baby daughter, Kendra Rose, on August 20. Kendra weighed 7lbs 20zs and was 19" long. We wish the new family well.

Crosslake reports that Nora Castle took 2 weeks off to travel by Harley to Sturgis and the Grand Canyon. What a way to see the West!

Amy Durant from the Design Team spent a week in Wisconsin vacationing with her family.

Roxanne reports that folks in Hutchinson are busy "walking". Roger Kaufmann and Tony Borka participated in the "Relay For Life" walk the first weekend in August. Roger will continued walking (along with his wife) at the MS Walk being held September 16-18<sup>th</sup> walking a total of 50 miles in the three days.

"The B-Team All-stars" placed first in the Teen Competition at the Benton County Fair in August. The "B-Team All-stars" is a St Cloud high school rock band that includes Sean Carnahan (son of Glenn Carnahan - Properties), who plays bass guitar, and Phil Imholte (son of Glenn Imholte - Simonson Installations), who plays keyboard. 1<sup>st</sup> prize included cash and a trip to the State Fair to represent Benton County in the State Fair's talent show.

### Celebrating a Simonson Anniversary

Robert Carner - 1 yr, Matt Hughes - 1 yr,  
 Dennis Miranowski - 1 yr,  
 Chris Hesch - 2 yrs, Jon Pojar - 2 yrs,  
 Bryant Richards - 2 yrs,  
 Scott Dingman - 4 yrs, Tim Kondrick - 4 yrs,  
 Dennis Lenz - 4 yrs, Joseph St Pierre - 4 yrs,  
 Steven May - 5 yrs, Dave Kalla - 11 yrs,  
 Tom Wendorff - 12 yrs  
 & Milt Johnson - 25 yrs.



We send our condolences to Brian Knettel & his family. Brian's father, Donald Knettel, passed away on September 26 in St. Stephen.

We also send condolences to Dan Sakry & family. Dan's mother, LaDonna Sakry of ClearLake, passed away on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

