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Employee Spotlight

Welcoming two new employees at Simonson Lumber



Mel Brown has been the bookkeeper at the Brainerd location for three + weeks. She and her husband, Mike, have been married 26 ½ years. She first met Mike in middle school. They now have three children, five grandchildren and a cat named Sawsha. In her spare time, Mel enjoys fishing, reading and crocheting. Mel looks forward to work each day because of the great people at Simonson's.

Loyal to the Minnesota Viking's, her favorite color is purple. It sounds like Mel will be a great addition to Brainerd's football pick roster!

Mike Symanietz is an outside sales rep at the Brainerd yard. He has been with Simonson's for two months. Mike met his wife, Donna, in an elevator when moving his brother from a college apartment. Mike & Donna have been married 15 years and have one daughter, Abbie.



Mike's favorite season is the Fall because of the great weather, great hunting & fishing and the fall colors. When he's not hunting or fishing, Mike enjoys watching his daughter figure skate. Each year Mike takes a vacation to Andy Lake Resort in Canada with his five brothers and brother in law. Mike says "It's relaxing and a great boys' trip!"

The best advice he ever received is "No matter what line of work you are in, it will always take a team to make it successful".

Football Picks

Congratulations to all the Football Pick winners this year!

Logan Green was the season winner and the Monticello location scored on five pizza parties throughout the season. Thank you Ken for scoring our picks each week!

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

~ Anne Dudley Bradstreet



Mark B, from the Crosslake Yard, reports that Rich Harris and Buck Haugen took out a couple of their local builders, Mike Cornelius and Jason Brunkhorst, pheasant hunting to Hunt's Point one December afternoon. A good time was had by all even if it was a little chilly.

New Falcon Computer System

Submitted by Matt Skjonsby

We are replacing our current V2 computer system this year with FALCON, the flagship software of our current software supplier, Activant.

The Falcon Implementation Team has begun preliminary setup tasks. Members are:

- Cory Guck, Information Technology (Hardware)
- John Donlin, Operations Issues
- Ken Fuchs, Implementation for Accounting Systems
- Mark Klaverkamp, SALES related areas
- Matt Skjonsby, FALCON Team Leader and Purchasing
- Richard Hobbs, Referee and Peacekeeper

Activant's core implementation specialists first arrive the week of Jan 26th to help our implementation team with system setup. In the coming months, we will be entering V2 data into Falcon and begin the new feature setup. Once completed, we will begin company wide training on Falcon. During this training process at the yards, our team members will be available to help with your questions.

FALCON provides many enhancements that will make our daily tasks easier. For example, when writing up orders for customers on the V2 system there is one "alternate #" for each item number. Many times this "alternate #" is not what everyone would think to look for that item under. With Falcon, we can search by "Keywords". The good news is there can be numerous "Keywords" for each item. If you are trying to find LVL in V2, the "alternate #" is MICROLAM. With Falcon it could be MICROLAM, LVL, HEADER, BEAM and something else that makes sense to you.

Our goal is to have FALCON in place by mid to late May. We are monitoring our progress and will keep you informed. We look forward to working with you in the coming months on this project.

Falcon

Tools for our future. Let's build it!

Happy Birthday

January

01/05 - Lawrence L ♦ 01/06 - Cory G
01/10 - Lori V ♦ 01/13 - Anthony L
01/16 - Dirk H ♦ 01/18 - Mark O
01/20 - Kenneth S ♦ 01/24 - Mark B
01/25 - Keith A ♦ 01/26 - Dan H



February

02/04 - Rick H ♦ 02/06 - James T
02/12 - Paul L ♦ 02/19 - Matt S
02/21 - Kim G

March

03/02 - John D ♦ 03/06 - Richard D
03/08 - Michael H ♦ 03/18 - Richard B
03/20 - Randy H

Congratulations to Justin and his wife, Tammy, in Monticello who became the proud parents of baby, Levi John, on July 29. Little Levi weighed 8 lbs at birth. He is the second child for the family.



We extend our sympathy to Lori Vance (Alexandria) and her family on the passing of Lori's mother in August.



Got an article or something that you would like to share with fellow Simonson employees? Fax your ideas to Simonson Properties at 320-252-9483. Thanks!