

Labor Day

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The Labor Day holiday can mean different things to different people. To some, it is a holiday to honor the working people of this great country. To others, it means the end of summer or the start of fall, and for others it means back to school.

Whatever it means to you, we should take time this holiday to look forward to the slowdown of the mining season in the Midwest and the last big push before winter hits. We need to stay vigilant in keeping ourselves and our teammates safe for the rest of the season. Let's be alert and watch out for others! We should also take the time during this holiday to reflect on why we do what we do, and whom we do it for, whether it's your family, a special someone in your life, or just to be the best person you can be. I cannot think of a better reason to be safe and go home at night.

All of this is not possible without a dedicated crew. The D & I Mechanical Department has worked accident/incident-free for over a year. We have safety briefings every morning to discuss what is going to happen throughout the day and additional briefings as things change. They do an excellent job at using Blue Flag protection to protect themselves and others.

This milestone anniversary year for the company, let's be safe so there are many more in the future. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

The History Behind the Holiday

- Labor Day is always celebrated on the first Monday of September.
- Strikes and rallies for fairer working conditions became popular at the height of the Industrial Revolution.
- Notable events include the Haymarket Riot of 1886 and the boycott of Pullman rail cars in 1894.
- Grover Cleveland signed a bill to make Labor Day a National Holiday in 1894.

For more information and short videos on the history of Labor Day, follow the link to the History Channel's page [here](#).

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Promotions at Dell Rapids East

Mike Bunkers would like to recognize two employees at Dell Rapids East Quarry who were recently promoted. Please join him in congratulating Chris Schaffer on his promotion to Leadman of the Upper Main Plants and Nate McKee on his promotion to Leadman of the Primary and Rip Rap Plants. Chris and Nate have demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and commitment needed to succeed in their new roles.

They have also shown a strong desire to help move the company forward in a productive, positive, and safe manner.

Happy Birthday

Jerad Lunsford - Ortonville

Alex Holmes - Sioux Falls

Kurt Bye - Dell Rapids East

Reed Graves - Hawarden

Safety Highlights

Summit, Dell Rapids West, and Ortonville all had recent MSHA inspections and are happy to report - **zero citations** were issued at each site. Great work to all teams!

Pictured below are recent team photos from each location.





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