

Webster Scale Employee Newsletter



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- **Careers in Construction Month**
- **Monday, Oct. 10 Native American Day**

South Dakota's designation of Native American Day goes back to Gov. George Mickelson in the late 1980s who decided to seek 'reconciliation' between Native Americans and whites after historically bad relations. Mickelson asked the Legislature to declare 1990 a 'Year of Reconciliation' and to rename Columbus Day as Native American Day. The measure passed unanimously. There are at least 8 states who celebrate Native American Day instead of Columbus Day. This day is also called Indigenous Peoples' Day or First Peoples' Day in some parts of the country.

Information provided in honor of our Native American employees.

October 31st



Webster Scale participates in local Pumpkin Fest

Webster Scale was represented in the Pumpkin Fest parade the evening of October 2nd in Webster with a float entry that appeared toward the end of the parade. Owen was behind the wheel of #44 semi-tractor pulling a long drop deck trailer with about twenty-five WSI employees and family members riding on the trailer. They lined up on both sides of the trailer to throw out candy to the young and old enjoying the parade.

It took time, effort and willingness to clean up the semi and trailer before adding some decorations to make it parade worthy. Chayse, Trace and Cole (Shoemaker cousins) did the work so that Webster Scale would have a float in the parade.

Webster Scale was also a sponsor of the Axe Throwing Event and the Cornhole Tournament during the Pumpkin Fest activities. Employees Zach Williams and Dawson Mathison participated in the Cornhole Tournament on Saturday afternoon.



Lining up for the parade south of the new Frontier



Cole, Trace and Chayse sharing a laugh with their Grandpa Roger before the parade.



Jonathon Fish family ready to ride on the float—wife Diana with their children, Casen on the left, and Reagan on the right (unidentified girl in the middle).



Eric Olson with wife Leslie and daughter Elizabeth

A big THANK YOU to everyone involved who represented Webster Scale during the Pumpkin Fest community event!



Who's Who

SCALE CREW



ROB KADING
Manager



JAMIE STURDEVANT
Scale Technician



DJ BLUEDOG
Concrete



MASON BISSONETTE
Concrete



CHRIS FAYANT
Concrete

Stay safe on the road

Days are getting shorter, harvest-time equipment is active and it's deer breeding season. The easiest way to avoid a collision is by paying attention to the roadway, keeping your eyes on the road and not being distracted by devices in the vehicle or other occupants.

Regarding deer, remember these tips:

- Deer are most active at dawn and dusk.
- They move around a lot more during breeding season (Mid-October through end of November in the Midwest).
- If you see a deer on the road, more are likely to follow.
- Slow down if you are driving during peak movement times of the day or season.
- And, steering through a collision with a deer is much safer than swerving to avoid a collision.



REMINDERS!

1. When driving a truck or equipment on a gravel road and a vehicle is approaching, it is our policy to slow down and move over until they pass.
2. Also, ALL drivers of company vehicles and equipment are reminded that you are expected to clean up and dispose of any garbage in your company property at the end of EVERY day.
3. And remember, DO NOT put aluminum cans in the burning barrel. There is a blue barrel located near the burning barrel for your aluminum cans.



Election 2022

Some employees will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day November 8th if they are working a distance from their polling site. South Dakota offers voters the ability to vote early or request an absentee ballot if they can't vote in person on Election Day.

As of September 23rd, registered voters can vote in person at their County Auditor's office. Absentee voting also began on September 23rd. If you are not sure that you are registered to vote, go to the South Dakota Secretary of State website: <https://sdsos.gov/> and visit the Voter Information Portal. Voter registration deadline is October 24th. The website also has complete information regarding the election, so you can find answers to any of your questions.

**Be prepared for Election Day.
Make Your Voice Count - VOTE!**



It is a good sign when the yard looks this empty because it means the trucks and the drivers are staying busy hauling materials. Here are their current locations....

- **Ellendale:** Six trucks hauling gravel from the Durheim pit west of Ellendale. Drivers: Dave, Ed, Jonathan, Kyle, Mike and Owen.
- **Selby:** Bronco, Layne, Steve M. and Terry hauling materials for Jensens to an asphalt plant.
- **Kimball:** John A. and Preacher hauling sand to TriValley landfill in Puckwana.
- **Aberdeen:** Steve G. and Brett hauling sand from Altoff pit north of Ortlely to Liens yard for Bituminous Paving.
- *Information provided by Dave Goedert (who keeps track of 13 other truck drivers and where and what they are hauling, all without written notes!)*

Rob Kading, Scale Manager

Our most recent scale installation is this current project for a local farmer near Edgley, ND. We are the sub-contractor, providing the scale installation but did not pour the concrete pit. This installation required a different technique than most in order to set the scale in place due to structures on both sides of the scale pit. This farmer had a crane available that was used to lower the scale onto two I-beams that supported four 'skates.' After the scale was lowered onto the beams, the scale was then rolled into place over the pit.

Note: Temporary worker Stephen DuMarce joined the scale crew for this installation.

#2202

110' x 10' Rice Lake Scale Installation



Concrete pit with overhead bins and conveyers



Crane moving scale into pit area



Positioning scale on the I-beams



SKATE I-BEAM
(Close-up of #4)



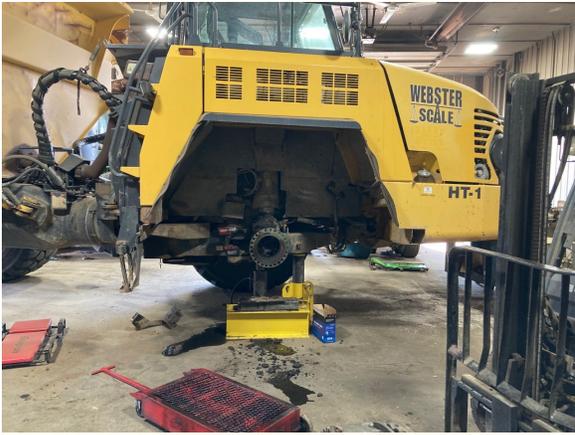
Oct. 5th—scale secured in place



The concrete crew completed this new garage floor in September for a local resident.



Behind the scenes with the shop crew



*Stacey is working on the right front wheel area of HT-1 Komatsu articulated truck.

This is a really big machine that takes up a lot of space in the shop!

Shop 1



**John Deere 8960 tractor is in the shop to repair fuel and hydraulic leaks and to have hoses replaced.



Jason working on #42 Semi-truck

- ### Current Repair List
- #16 Semi-Truck: U-Joint, transmission seal housing, yoke, new speed sensor
 - #18 Semi-Truck: oil and air leaks
 - #42 Semi-Truck: new injector cups for the injectors; pull radiator to work on cam shaft
 - #58 Box Truck: engine harness
 - #96 Dump Truck: fuel lines, muffler, hydraulic hoses, engine fan, radiator, fan shrouds, motor mounts, hood bearings
 - *HT-1 Komatsu Articulated Truck: U-joint out in axle shaft, wheel seal & seal on back of planetary
 - **JD-6 John Deere 8960 Tractor



The air tank on a side dump trailer was ready to fall off, so JD has been working on installing a new air tank. This involves some welding to strengthen the mounting and using a thread sealant on all the pipe fittings. JD said it will take about two days to finish this job.



Joey has been working on the side dump trailer too, welding cracks and strengthening areas that appear weak.

Another current project is to shorten the standard size shelving purchased to go in another closed storage trailer on-site. They will use a ban-saw to cut the metal pieces to the actual size needed and then install the new shelving in the trailer.

#18 Semi-truck will be coming from Shop 1 when the work is done there. The dash board is loose and needs some re-gluing.

Shop 2



Tim Woods, Project Manager

We are working in Ellendale, ND and there are about 19 of us here along with 10 electricians and some concrete guys. There are a lot of trucks coming in and out with electrical supplies, gravel, concrete materials and just now, some red iron is coming in. There is supposed to be 66 loads of red iron for the buildings.

We are doing the site work for 10 buildings, 31.5 feet wide by 325 feet long. Things change by the minute here and Nick Hofland (Hofland Engineering) just called me and said that we are getting a whole new master grading plan since it has changed from last week. We kind of never know from one day to the next what to expect.

Faith Shoemaker photos; Tannor Popham, Drone photos

#2212

Site Work



Elizabeth, Tommy, Zach and Zippy roll out fabric while Eric runs the excavator.

BIG EQUIPMENT ON THIS JOB

Scrapers

Dozers

Excavators

Rollers

Trucks/Trailers



Zach in the D5 dozer stockpiling gravel on-site.



#2209

Webster School Addition

Dawson is shown excavating the footings for the new addition.





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CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH

(CICM) is a nationwide campaign held every October to increase public awareness of construction careers, inspire the next generation of craft professionals and make an impact on the perceptions of a career in construction.



Key Messages include the following:

- ◆ Construction is an essential industry.
- ◆ Construction is a woman's world too.
- ◆ Construction is more than a job— it's a career—and there are many types of careers in construction.
- ◆ Success is attainable without a four-year degree. Seven out of ten jobs today require less than a four-year degree.
- ◆ Average pay is high without acquiring debt or student loans.
- ◆ Demand is high in construction.
- ◆ The industry is safer thanks to improved regulations and technology.

If you know a young person trying to decide on a future career, or someone wanting to change careers, encourage them to look at all the rewarding opportunities available in construction.

Web site: <https://byf.org/discover/students-families>.



A shout out to all of our hardworking skilled men and women who are working on construction and scale projects, both on the scene and behind the scenes.



You are also helping to motivate our youth to consider a career in the construction industry. Thank you for all you do and for working with Webster Scale. You are appreciated and celebrated this month!