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MRBraz News:

Product Line Expansion

MRBraz and Associates is working to expand its line of packages and systems, to include Recirculator Vessels, Ammonia Distillers, Plate Heat Exchangers and Liquid Transfer Systems.

Much like our existing packages, these will be built, assembled and quality tested at our VWMB shop locations. With plug and play capabilities, and no long lead times, the packages will provide cost effective and timely solutions for our customers. Ease of installation and maintenance are also main benefits which add to their versatility and reliability.

Product lines, features and availability will be posted on our website soon.



Project Highlights:

Duct Work Finished and Loaded for Delivery



"Thank you guys for all the help and hard work getting the duct work out and off to Menomonie. Hats off to a great team, team work and success!"
Tod McElduff, Installation Manager



Menomonie, WI Ductwork and Electrical Installation



Saint James, MO Service Call:

Response team (Jake Cross, Justin Earman, Tod McElduff and Russell Wilson) had site cooling again in less than 24 hours, with the support from our home offices. That is team work at its best!



Happy Fourth Of July

With Fourth of July around the corner, MRBraz and Associates would like to wish all staff and their families a very happy and safe holiday!

As a reminder, since it falls on a Wednesday this year, make sure to have your time off requests approved by your manager if you plan on taking extra days off.





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Did You Know: Water Safety Tips



Having fun with family and friends at the pool, lake, beach or water park is usually what summer time is all about, especially during the Fourth of July holiday. Unfortunately, during this time of year the most instances of drowning occur, specifically in young children. Whether or not your own, these little humans are everywhere you turn, and they are very drawn to water. As adults, it's up to us to be their safety net.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children ages 1 to 3, and the second leading cause among kids under 15. ER doctors tend to see drownings in backyard pools most commonly on Saturdays and Sundays between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. when people are having backyard barbecues and drinking alcohol. In these instances there are usually lots of people around, but everyone thinks someone else is watching the kids.

Also known as "The Silent Killer", young children rarely make a big splash, thrash around, or scream for help when drowning much like it's portrayed on TV. Children usually fall in head first, and sink to the bottom like a rock in as little as 30 seconds, as the lungs fill up with water.

Water is a part of our day to day lives no matter the season. Children less than a year old are more likely to drown at home in the bathroom or a bucket. Bath tubs, toilets, shallow fountains and baby pools pose serious risks. As little as 1 inch of water poses a risk when a baby or toddler is unable to move their nose and mouth out of the water.

Simple safety precautions could avoid a lot of preventable tragedies. The number one rule around water: parents and caregivers need to watch kids like a hawk. Other great water safety tips are:

- Never leave children without supervision even if they are wearing flotation devices.
- Assign an adult to be a "Water Watcher" over the children, who should not be under the influence of alcohol, or playing on their phone while on duty. Rotate every hour or so to keep the "Water Watcher" from getting too tired.
- Teach children not to play or swim near drains, filters or suction outlets. Do not allow it. Especially those missing their covers. Hair, jewelry, bathing suits and limbs can get stuck in a drain or suction opening.
- Teach children that if they see a person or an animal drowning, to go get an adult fast, to never go in and try to save them on their own.

For more water safety tips visit:
<http://www.redcross.org>

Team Work is Hard Work

For the many aficionados of soccer (futebol) we are in the middle of the four year cycle that gathers 32 best national teams in the world to compete for the World Cup. This year's tournament is in Russia, and these teams have worked the last two years to be classified for this event.

I am sure you know that the "team work" theme has been over-worked everywhere to reinforce the concept that "many is more" and togetherness increases a mental or material toughness. This concept helps to resist shearing and disaggregation of efforts as we were taught to believe in.

Since the privilege of your attention still continues, I will expand a bit more on this concept. Team work has to start in the same plane or level with individuals performing in different functions, aiming toward a personal goal that is in communion with a common goal. Simple and straightforward right? Not so, what actually takes place most frequently is many performing in different levels, in different functions without a common vision and sometimes unknowingly aiming to reach one's personal goal. Results are typically poor and deliverables may be in the complete opposite direction of the team work philosophy.

It takes practice to perform as a team player and to build a team. The most common challenge is to collaborate to the success of others while working to reach a common goal. We all have been there to a degree or another, and it is hard work to overcome our own personal interest in favor of the team's common goal. So, I would challenge all of us to improve our level of involvement, commitment and concern with the success of others as your friend, partner or colleague on obtaining recognized results or better said success.

It is biblical to serve, give and share in order to obtain peace and success in any level. In this order. Individual recognition and successes are worthwhile when recognized by others and not through ourselves. Individual successes will happen naturally when the team works under the principles discussed above. The journey to work with a team comes to be exciting, as is the desire to win or reach the finish line.

At the World Cup, we now have 16 Teams remaining from the original 32 that will go through the next couple of weeks aiming for a championship in a very hard tournament. Focus, sacrifice of individuality, exceeding yours and other team players' expectations and, above all, hard work to cooperate with each other will bring the title to one team. In some cases, to the least expected but forged as the strongest one. Alone you may go faster; however, with the Team you most definitely go farther.

Happy 4th July! Enjoy with prudence.

— Marcos Braz, P.E.

Spotlight: New Staff and Interns

Help us in extending a very warm welcome to new Staff, and Summer Interns:

Alejandro Prieto— Drafter

Kimberly Brewer— Shipping/Receiving

Blake Burgess— Refrigeration System Operations Apprentice

Kaylen Holmesly— Refrigeration System Drafter Intern

Jaedan Pritchard— Refrigeration Operations Apprentice

Chris Utech— Refrigeration System Operations Apprentice

Birthdays And Anniversaries

7/4 Justin Earman's Birthday

7/5 Patricia Braz' Birthday

7/5 Carl Story's Birthday

7/7 Roland Gonzales' Birthday

7/9 Russell Wilson's Birthday

7/11 Tod McElduff's Anniversary

7/15 Juan Rivera's Anniversary

7/18 Russell Thompson's Anniversary

7/21 Tod McElduff's Birthday

LOL Break



*Have a clean joke, cartoon or meme you'd like to share?

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