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**Petroleum Marketers Convention**

The Nebraska Petroleum Marketers Conference was held March 18-19 in Omaha at the Holiday Inn. In honor of the Bosselman Family of Companies' 60th Anniversary, the many divisions of Bosselman Energy hosted a triple booth, and also brought in the decorations at this year's Manager Meetings. A team "Immunity Challenge" during the day involved questions based on the game "Survivor," including a few company-related trivia questions, resulting in many laughs, stunned faces, and interesting answers! The day concluded with a luau party at the historic Grand Theatre in downtown Grand Island. Dinner, drinks, and some very entertaining hula hoop, limbo and worm-eating contests were followed by the movie "Juno."

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**Bosselman Carriers Drivers To Compete**

Bosselman Carriers will be participating in the Nebraska Truck Driving Championship again this year. Three drivers from BCI will compete to go on to the National Finals: Mugs Galhine, Alan Crank, and Frank Daily. The competition will take place June 13 and 14 at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

**2008 Bosselman/Gus Fonner Stakes**

The annual Bosselman/Gus Fonner Stakes Race took place on Saturday, April 26 at Fonner Park. A rainy day and muddy track didn’t keep fans away, and the crowd roared as Jockey Don Herber earned the Bosselman victory as the Steve Hall-trained “The Nutz” won the 1 1/16 mile race in the $75,000 Bosselman/Gus Fonner Stakes. Owned by Hall’s wife, Pam Hall, the Nutz was not favored to win, but did so by one length on a muddy track.

The Bosselman Family of Companies has tremendous sponsor support for this event as well as for in-store promotions. The race would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. They included: Deli Express, Miller Lite, McLane, General Mills, Nestle, Longhorn, Meadow Gold, Frito Lay, Ice Mountain, Sinclair, Jack Links, Campbells, Tootsie, Oscar Mayer, Nesquik, Jim Beam Snacks, Phillips, Kelloggs, Keebler, Raybern, Gatorade, Ruiz Foods, Pepsi, Just Born, and Mentos.

Following the race, a cocktail hour and Fonner Park-Bosselman Family of Companies dinner and race trophy presentation was held in the Heartland Events Center.

**2008 Annual Manager Meetings**

The 2008 Annual Manager Meetings were held Feb. 27-28 at the Bosselman Conference Center at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson, M.D., was the recommended reading for this year, and Curt Garbett, Vice-President at Spencer Johnson Partners was the keynote speaker, covering the "Who Moved My Cheese" philosophy.

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**Bosselman Scholarship**

Fred Bosselman, Sr. Inducted Into Nebraska Business Hall of Fame

Fred Bosselman, Sr., founder of the Bosselman Family of Companies, was posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame on Jan. 24, 2008.

Established in 1992 by the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and the University of Nebraska College of Business Administration, the Business Hall of Fame recognizes business leaders whose contributions to the state and its economy make them deserving of recognition and acclaim. Hall of Fame candidates are nominated by members of the state’s business community, business associations and academia.

The Bosselman Family honored Fred by attending the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce Banquet on January 24 in Lincoln. Fred Bosselman, Jr. accepted the award on Fred Sr.’s behalf.
Pump & Pantry Reaches 40 Stores

Two Pump & Pantries have joined the Bosselman Family of Companies, bringing the total number of Pump & Pantry stores to 40. Store #40, which was formerly Bob’s Total Service Valero convenience store, is located at 1616 South 2nd Avenue in Kearney, Nebraska and was purchased from Bob Gunther. Gunther and his wife, Connie, have retired after owning the Bob’s convenience store location for 47 years. Gunther was pleased to be able to transition his business to a ‘good local company’ and is excited for the ‘great convenience store’ opportunity this presents for the Bosselman Family of Companies. The store opened as a Bosselman Pump & Pantry on November 16. The Tires & Service portion of Bob’s was purchased by Mike Garrett of Garrett Tires, Treads & Appliances. Equipment and employees were relocated to the Garrett location at 25th and Central in Kearney. Extensive remodeling is ongoing at the store. A metal building was removed from the property in April to create more space on the lot. Store #41 was formerly 56th Street Plaza, and is located at 56th Street and Avenue N, also in Kearney, Nebraska. The store opened as a Pump & Pantry on December 4. Formerly a Cenex location, new Sinclair graphics were added onto the canopy in late April. This store has a Godfather’s Pizza attached to it and high ceilings with an open, modern look.

32nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt Brings Big Crowd Despite Cold

The 32nd annual Pump & Pantry Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 22nd at 11 am at the Grand Island Senior High practice fields. Tons upon tons of candy and plastic eggs were distributed over the grassy field by bundled-up employees and volunteers. Community volunteer groups included the Northwest Softball team, Association for Child Abuse Prevention, Third City Kiwanis, Hall County Sheriff’s Posse, the Grand Island Fire Department, GI Family Radio staff, Softball team, and several others. The turnout was excellent, the candy was cleaned up within minutes, and hundreds of prizes were handed out! Candy and product donations this year were from Coca-Cola – Grand Island, Dean Foods/Meadow Gold, Nestle, Tootsie, McLane, Pearson, and Salada/CVP.

Bosselman Employee Turns A Hobby Into A Business

Pat Cozad (Grand Island Grandma Max’s Manager) recently turned his hobby into a business. Crossroads Customs Cigar Box Guitars and Amps is based out of his shop at his home in St. Paul. He makes custom electric guitars, and acoustic guitars, and also sells amps. Cozad knew of only two other companies, one in the United States and one in Canada, that makes these types of guitars. He has been a musician all his life, so the business came naturally. Cozad and his wife, Jennifer, have lived in St. Paul for six years and have a son, Dylan.
Grand Island Travel Center Holds St. Patrick’s Day Costume Contest

Toni Kehm won 1st prize, which was a $25 gift card.

Wrangler Jeans Giveaway at Bosselman Travel Centers

August 12, 2007 was the third anniversary of being Accident-Free for the Grand Island Grandma Max’s. When asked to what he attributes this great safety record, Grand Island Grandma Max’s Restaurant Manager Pat Cozad states, “First and foremost, we make sure every employee wears a ‘Shoes for Crews’ brand of shoe. It’s a non-slip type of shoe, and about four years ago we made it mandatory for all food service staff to wear them. Also, we discuss our accident-free record with new employees and let them know how important this is. It is also discussed at every employee meeting and at our annual Managers Meetings. Also, we give a little credit to plain old LUCK!” Employees were rewarded with a prize at our previous giveaway! During the months of May and June, all Bosselman Travel Centers were participating in a Wrangler Jeans giveaway! Pictured inside a sample pair of jeans are (left) Kristena Garringer, Elm Creek Food Court.

Wrangler Jeans Giveaway at Bosselman Travel Centers

Due to the generous support of the local community we have decided to continue this annual Wrangler Jeans giveaway! We will be giving away a pair of Wrangler Jeans to all Grand Island Grandma Max’s workers and employees. The following are suggestions on how to receive a pair of Wrangler Jeans:

1. Go to the Bosselman Travel Center and find the Costa Rica Costume Contest.
2. Enter the costume contest and wear your favorite costume.
3. The winner will be announced on August 12th.

Congratulations, Grand Island Grandma Max’s, on your excellent safety record!
Boswellman Carriers goes High Tech

In October of 2007, Boswellman Carriers began installing Qualcomm GPS units in all of its semi-trucks. The Qualcomm unit allows drivers and dispatch to communicate instantly via satellite. It also gives an exact location every 15 minutes of where each truck is located. There are many options that will help Boswellman Carriers automate record keeping with the trucks as well as improve utilization, improve safety performance, and even help save lives.

In February, Boswellman Carriers was given a real-life test when a driver became seriously ill while out on the road. He called dispatch and spoke with Daron Bean, letting them know that he wasn’t feeling well, so he was going to pull over and lie down for a bit. When the driver didn’t check in as he was supposed to, dispatcher Daron Bean tried to reach him by phone. After all else failed, Daron Bean was able to locate him using the Qualcomm system and locating the closest Boswellman truck to his location.

Bean was able to send another Boswellman driver to check on the sick driver and found him in very bad shape. Emergency responders were dispatched, and the driver was taken to the hospital just in time. It was determined that he had a ruptured spleen and the doctors were unsure if he would make it through the night. Miraculously, the result was not the quick thinking by dispatcher Daron Bean and having the ability to contact the driver and another driver to assist, Boswellman Carriers was able to save Wayne Harmon’s life.

After the few months of use, the Qualcomm system has become a very useful tool and has already made a very big impact on how Boswellman Carriers does business.

Maximizing Your 401(K) Benefits

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

The very beginning of our special holidays, I write this letter in gratitude. Today I made my last payment on the repairs I needed on my pickup and thought it fitting that I should say thanks to the good people of Cozad for their help on an evening when I was feeling down at a Pump & Pantry on the outskirts of Cozad. The events to follow were nothing less than heartwarming.

I shut off my engine to the sound of hissing and knew I was in trouble, nine at night, by myself, at least an hour from home.

In a time when we often wonder if there is anyone who listens, I must tell you that more good came of my sorrow than I had ever guessed existed for one person to feel, given the circumstances.

One hot night in July, the temperature gauge read hot in my green ’97 Chevy Silverado. I had shut off my engine to the sound of hissing and knew I was in trouble, nine at night, by myself, at least an hour from home.

Inside the Pump & Pantry, Sherry made certain I got help by calling Cozad’s finest to the scene, nor was I thirsty or without a hug. She did not close nor leave for home until I was able to get some help. She was not alone in her service to others.

Thank you very much for Cozad for their help on an evening when I was feeling down at a Pump & Pantry on the outskirts of Cozad.

Jeromy Vauble, Bellevue, Nebr.