

*Friday, October 7, 2005*



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#### Safety Tip

**Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9 – 15<sup>th</sup>.** Contact your local fire department for a variety of teaching aids for your kids and useful fire prevention awareness stickers for around your house.

Now that we're approaching cooler weather, many of us will be getting our fireplaces and heating systems started up again. Here are some tips to prevent fire hazards:

#### **Fireplace Safety:**

- Clean fireplace, coal stove and wood stove chimneys before each heating season.
- Have gas fireplaces checked for proper functioning.

#### **Purchase Fire Extinguishers labeled "ABC" for use on most types of fires.**

- Learn how to operate and maintain extinguishers.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Install extinguishers on every level of your home and in the vicinity of the kitchen, garage, laundry room and fireplace.
- Check gauges every month.
- Use only on small fires from which you have a clear escape route.

#### **Install and/or check smoke detectors.**

- Mount on walls 6 – 8" below the ceiling.
- Test them every month and replace batteries twice a year.
- Replace smoke detectors every 8 – 10 years.

#### **Create and practice a Family Fire Escape plan.**

- Draw a floor plan of your home.
- Mark 2 ways out of every room.
- Review the escape routes with everyone in the household.
- Decide on a family meeting place outside so everyone knows where to gather in case of a fire.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

#### **Make fire safety a priority for you children.**

- Teach them not to play with anything that can burn them or create a fire.
- Hide matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.
- Make sure they understand what to do in a fire.
- Make sure they know how to report a fire.
- Teach them not to be scared of fire fighters – their headgear and fire fighting apparatus can frighten children if they don't understand why they're wearing it.

**If you have any questions, please ask Jim Schick or Brian Van in our safety department.**

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## UMC Charity Foundation (UMCCF) – Hurricane Katrina Relief Update

### Way to go everyone!

The donation efforts for Hurricane 2005 relief have been going very well, we are proud to relay to everyone that we have collected **\$3,556.20** from UMC employees. **Our goal is to donate \$10,000 overall, as UMC will match the dollar amount donated by employees.** As you can see **we are only \$1,443.80 away from our goal of \$5000 from employees** - let's work together in making this a reality.

There is still time to donate. We have approximately two more weeks for collecting before we would like to forward all monies to the Salvation Army. You may send your donation to the main office attn: **Linda Barnhart** or **Bev Keeler**.

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## Welcome to UMC!

This month, we welcome **Ned Miller**, who started working for UMC on 10/3 as a *Project Engineer*, reporting to Pat Damitio. Ned came to UMC from Boot Ranch Golf Development in Texas where he worked as a Project Manager. Before that he worked for Air Controls (Bozeman MT) and completed a mechanical engineering internship with Jackson Hydroelectric Powerhouse in Sultan WA. Ned attended Montana State University where he earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering in May of 2004. Ned is an experienced carpenter and enjoys hunting and fishing.

**Chris Vallo** also started as an intern in Reno on our Washoe Medical Center project. Chris is a senior in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno. Chris enjoys playing basketball and football, snowboarding, and tuning cars.

Welcome to both of our new team members!

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## UMC Company Photo Contest Winner(s)!

**We had so many good photos submitted this quarter, that we decided we couldn't pick just one. Here are the results:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Adam Jeske** (Receives a \$50 gift certificate to the business of his choice)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chris Gunn** (Receives a \$25 gift certificate to the business of his choice)

Click on the link to take a look at the winning photos:

[http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/1st\\_place.pdf](http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/1st_place.pdf)

[http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/2nd\\_place.pdf](http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/2nd_place.pdf)

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## UMC Trick or Treating

The **UMC Halloween trick or treat** event will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> this year from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring your kids by dressed up in their spookiest outfits to load up on goodies around the UMC office. A very fun "trial run" for the real deal on the 31<sup>st</sup>!



## UMC Visitor Parking

As a reminder to everyone at UMC: The two parking stalls on either side of the large cedar tree as well as the two parking stalls in front of the building are designated for visitor parking. Please remember not to park in these spots.

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### Quotable Leader

*People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously.  
This is how character is built.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt  
(1884 – 1962)*

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### Changes around UMC

With all the new people who've joined UMC, we've made some changes in who handles what. Here's a heads up on a few of them:

**Linda Barnhart** now handles all travel arrangements, ordering office supplies, the UMC Charity Foundation information and the credit card statements. You can contact her at (206) 368-6227 or [lbarnhart@umci.com](mailto:lbarnhart@umci.com).

**Lisa Bigler** now handles all the event planning, drug screening and driver abstracts data. She can be contacted at (206) 368-6969 or [lisakb@umci.com](mailto:lisakb@umci.com).

Please check out the attached flyer for all the specifics:

[http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/company\\_contact\\_info\\_8\\_05.pdf](http://pipeline.umci.com/intra/temporary/company_contact_info_8_05.pdf)