

# Clampco Clips

## March 2018



### The Safety Corner - Tow Motor Safety

**2011 DENTON (AP)** – Police say a forklift accident at a North Texas business has left a worker dead. Denton police say the accident happened Friday morning when the forklift overturned. Police told the Denton Record-Chronicle that the man, whose name wasn't immediately released, had dropped off a pallet in the parking lot of the business. Police say the worker was backing away when a wheel on the forklift got stuck in a pothole. Police say the man tried to free the equipment and raised the forks. Investigators say the machine's weight shifted, causing the forklift to overturn. The driver tried to jump to safety but was caught beneath the machine.

**2017 BURNSVILLE, Minn.** - A Menards employee was killed last week in what the Hennepin County Medical Examiner is calling a "forklift mishap" while working at the Burnsville store. Authorities say the incident happened around 8:56 a.m. Friday at the Menards at 2700 E. Hwy. 13. Witnesses say the employee, identified Tuesday as 27-year-old Alec Saunders of Burnsville, was trying to move two-by-fours when the forklift started to flip over. They say he tried to jump off the equipment and that's when it landed on top of him. Saunders was rushed to Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) where he died of blunt force chest injuries.

**2017 MCALLEN** – At least one person is dead following a forklift accident at the McAllen produce terminal. McAllen police are investigating a "fatal industrial accident." It happened before 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mid Valley Ice on Military Highway and 23rd Street, right across the street from the McAllen Border Patrol station. Police told CHANNEL 5 NEWS 25-year-old Gabriel Lopez, of San Juan, died at the scene. Multiple witnesses said Lopez was backing up a forklift when the heavy machinery started to fall off the concrete platform by the warehouse. We learned he tried to jump off to safety but ended up under the machine instead. McAllen police are handling the investigation.

**2013 WATERLOO, Iowa** — A John Deere employee injured in a forklift accident last week has died. Stan J. Delagardelle, 54, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday at University Hospitals in Iowa City, according to Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Service in Waterloo. A worker was injured early Tuesday at the company's Service Parts Operation on Westfield Avenue in Waterloo when he was struck by a forklift while working on third shift, said Deere company spokesman Ken Golden in Moline, Ill. "Our concern is first and foremost with the employee and his loved ones," Golden said. "A Deere representative has been at the hospital continuously with the family since the accident." According to his obituary, Delagardelle was a supervisor in the Service Parts Operation.

**2017 Allentown** - An Allentown man died Thursday afternoon as a result of a forklift accident at the Trader Joe's warehouse just south of Bath, officials said Friday. Miguel A. Amonte, 32, died of blunt force injuries suffered 12:21 p.m. when the forklift he was operating hit a steel post in the warehouse at 6835 Silver Creek Road, East Allen Township, the Lehigh County coroner's office said. Amonte was taken to St. Luke's University Hospital-Fountain Hill, where he was pronounced dead at 1:21 p.m. An autopsy was conducted Friday morning. The coroner's office ruled the death an accident. State police assisted the coroner's office in the investigation at the warehouse, which also is called World Class Distribution. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration said Friday night it has opened an investigation into Amonte's death. OSHA has six months to conduct its inquiry and release its findings.

– *Matt Olszewski, Safety Director*

# A Note from the desk of: Rick Gissinger

It's all in your perspective.

For some it is a blessing. For others a curse. But we all have it. That most common of human traits; we see what we are looking for.

By the end of last week, we had used *half* of the blanket quantity of 11062-1627 for the entire year. Six months of steel used in 12 weeks.

Thus far this year we have utilized just under 50% of the *yearly* blanket for 600401-300 bolts.

In 2018 we have used 57% more 700521 nuts than we did in the same period last year.

One might think that these stats would have a slightly deflating effect on the disposition of those responsible for procuring nuts, bolts and steel. On the contrary, Tom Clark's response was "if life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Adversity often brings opportunity. Wise people know that the reverse is also true.

If we use these occasions to learn and grow, we come out the other side better and stronger. In response to the recent growth we have added two solid new vendors that will help us grow well into the future. In addition, we have strengthened the relationship with many long-time vendors. They are ready and willing to step up and help us.

It never fails to amaze me as I walk through the plant and see folks, busier than ever, but bearing up under the load with great spirits. All of the demand obviously adds a great deal to the raw material coming in and the finished goods going out. I could not be more-proud of the shipping and receiving teams and their great efforts.

Nor it that all. The turning center and tool room are producing amazing amounts. The press room is in great shape. The cells, of course, speak for themselves. Look at the long line of crates and skids that ship every day. And then, of course, there is the reverend "old plant". The rolling, bending, assembly and welding of the legacy customers. There is no shortage of new and challenging work in the heritage business.

We should not fail to recognize the great effort from our intrepid sales team in all of this. And maintenance, engineering, quality and human resources have experienced commensurate pressure as well. All this and the safety record has been stellar. We cannot say enough about the efforts of those responsible for safety in that regard.

So, what are you looking for? If you are looking for an excuse, you will find one. Looking for a fault in someone? You will find that as well. However, if you are looking for a chance to help, you won't be looking for long. If you are looking for someone working hard to help the company succeed, you will find that easily.

You will find what you are looking for. The realization can change everything. Just change your perspective.

## Congratulations to the Chili Cook Off Winners!!

**1<sup>st</sup> Shift** – Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, *Brandy Quinones & Mike Lawson*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – *Jason Biagini*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shift** – 1<sup>st</sup> place – *Dawn Nye*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – *Kelly Berryhill*

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped. It was a great success!!