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## *Autumn, Fall or Harvest...*

The season we call fall was once referred to simply as “harvest” to reflect the time when farmers gathered their crops for winter storage, roughly between August and November.

The word *autumn* comes from the ancient Etruscan root *autu-* and has within it connotations of the passing of the year.

As English spread to the New World, the common season names split as well. The use of the word *fall* fell out of favor in England. Today, American English uses the word *fall* while British English uses *autumn* almost exclusively. Fall provides a nice foil to its opposite season, spring, and gives us the helpful reminder, “Spring ahead, fall back,” when we get confused about our clocks on daylight savings.

***Which do you prefer?***



## ACCIDENT FACTORS...

Accidents on construction projects cause too many painful injuries and claim far too many lives. Our primary concern when we discuss the factors or causes behind an accident is to find a way to prevent a recurrence. The cause of an accident can be found in two areas -- **Unsafe Acts** and **Unsafe Conditions**.

As a construction worker you control the first cause, **Unsafe Acts**. For example: a worker uses equipment that is defective or damaged, or they may use good equipment in a careless or other unsafe manner. Other examples of unsafe acts include disregarding posted warning signs, failure to wear a hard hat, smoking near flammables or explosives, working too close to power lines, handling chemicals or other hazardous materials improperly, putting your body or any part of it onto or into shafts or openings and lifting material incorrectly. (Just a short reminder -- always lift with your legs while keeping your back straight.)

The second accident factor or cause is **Unsafe Conditions** which can be found on many construction sites. Examples include inadequate or improperly installed guard rails or a lack of any guarding at all which most certainly will lead to an accident. Insufficient illumination, poor ventilation, electrical grounding requirements not observed, too few fire extinguishers available, containers that are not labeled, careless disposal of waste or excess material -- these are just a few of many unsafe conditions that may be caused by co-workers, subcontractors, or the general contractor.

You can make a difference by taking the time to perform your work safely and reporting any unsafe condition you discover to your supervisor immediately.

When the cause behind the accident is found, you'll find that safety on the job plays a major part in preventing that accident from occurring again. If everyone on the job cooperates, injury and death statistics will be reduced and it will be much safer for you to do your job.

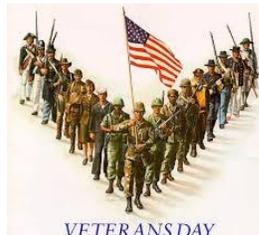
**Accidents - Learn the cause - Find the solution. Ultimately the jobsite and your job will be safer.**



## Holidays

### Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Sunday, Nov. 1st

Wednesday, Nov. 11th

Thursday, Nov. 26th

# Project Updates

<p><u>Toliver Building</u></p> <p>Completed and looks great.</p>	<p><u>Superior Ag</u></p> <p>Framing interior walls.</p>	<p><u>Kendall Property</u></p> <p>Done at last.</p>
<p><u>Calcar Quarries</u></p> <p>Ordered a new shop building for them. It will arrive end of December.</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0e68c;"> <h3>Recent Bids</h3> </div> <p>West Baden Colored Church waiting on funding.</p> <p>We were the highest bid on the Memorial Hospital job.</p> <p>We came in 2nd on the Benet Hall by an extremely small margin, darn it.</p> <p>Bidding a small renovation for SVB&amp;T, Main Office in Jasper.</p> <p>Bid a manure storage building for a farm in Daylight.</p>	



## This month in time...



**When did the Congress first meet in the Capitol Building?** November 17, 1800.

**What material is the U.S. Capitol made of?**  
 The original building, completed in 1826, was made of brick clad in sandstone. The north and south wings and connecting corridors added in the mid 19th century and the replica of the East Front constructed in the 20th century are made of brick clad in marble; the dome is made of 8,909,200 pounds of cast iron.

## Birthdays

9th - Steve  
 28th - Cory

