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## Message from the President

Our last summer holiday is around the corner. Fall is quickly approaching. Employees, children and grandchildren are headed off to school and college. We are already missing our summer help in the shop and field. We thank them for their hard work this summer, and we are excited for them as they pursue their goals and future.

All division's sales and backlogs are significantly ahead of 2015. Glass fabrication, shop and tempering are entering a very busy season, and are ramping up for our busy fall and winter.

Our company T-Rats game was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came out for a great night of baseball and fun! A big thank you to Kari Seefeldt for her efforts to make this a memorable event. We are already in the planning stages for a summer picnic for 2017.

Please consider being a participant in the upcoming FVJM Walkathon on September 17th at 9:17 a.m. at Plamann Park in Appleton. Omni is a proud sponsor of this event. We know that the inmate outreach and after care makes a difference in our communities and families.

Make the most of this Labor Day weekend. We celebrate our entire company's efforts and know that we are who we are because of our labor force.

God's heart & blessings,

David Miller

### New OmniGP.com Homepage!

*Head to omnigp.com to check out the new design for the homepage. The new homepage is more visually appealing and easier to navigate for customers.*

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# INDUSTRY NEWS

## Sherwin Williams' 2017 Color of the Year: 'Poised Taupe"

Sherwin-Williams revealed its 2017 color of the year on Monday and are you ready for this? It's taupe.

Defined as brownish gray, taupe (technically a Sherwin-Williams hue called "Poised Taupe") got the big honors for 2017 because it "signals a new direction in society's ever-growing thirst for beautiful neutrals that bring warm and cool tones together to create one irresistibly versatile color," the company said in a statement.

Not hot or cold, gray or brown, dark or light, taupe exists somewhere in the lukewarm middle zone, and Sherwin-Williams noticed that consumers are looking for more conservative color palettes for their homes.

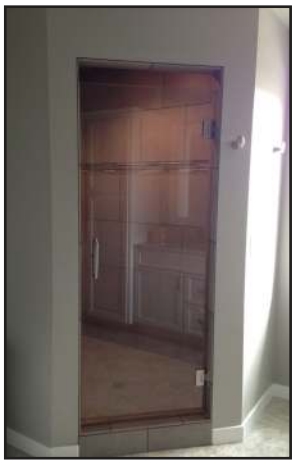
"Neutrals are shifting," Sue Wadden, the director of color marketing for Sherwin-Williams, told the Today Show. "For five years everybody's talking about gray well, they're warming up. It's like gray and brown had a baby, and it became taupe."

Taupe might not be the riskiest choice, but it's still more exciting than last year's choice, which was white.

*Skyward - Stevens Point*

**Check out some of the projects we have been a part of this year! New project photos are being added monthly to the photo galleries on our website.**

*Milwaukee Intermodal Station*



*Cypress Homes - Greenville*

*Festival Foods - DePere*

*Below is a list of jobs that have been completed or are close to completion. Thank you everyone for all your hard work.*

### GLASS JOBS

Sargento Office & Warehouse Expansion, Kiel
Care Partners Assisted Living, Appleton
North Barstow Parking Structure, Eau Claire
Aurora ACC-MOB, Burlington
Thurgood Marshall Apartments, Milwaukee
Madison Country Day School, Waunakee

### PAINT JOBS

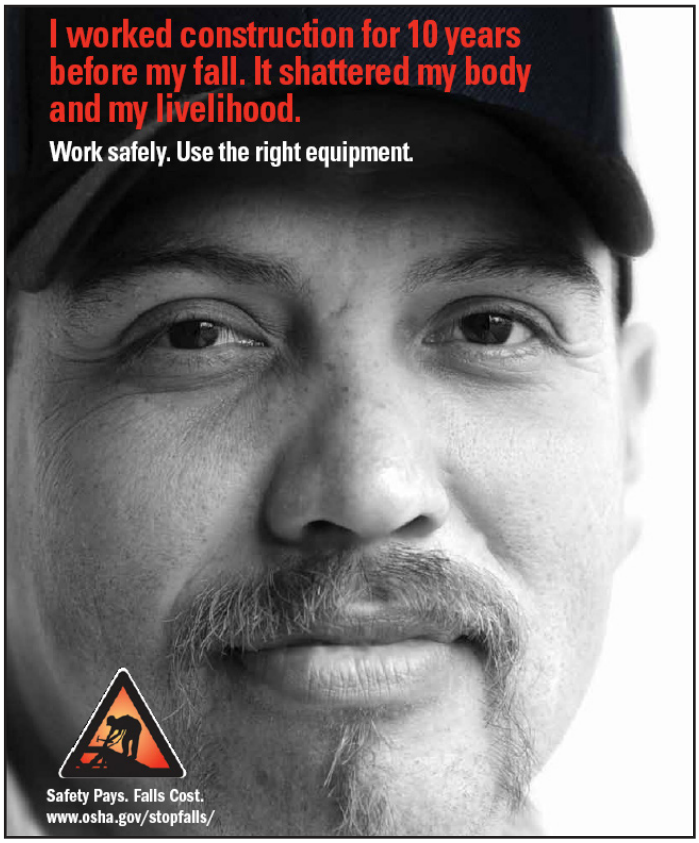
Oneida Casino - Algoma
Hatch Public Library - Mauston
Staab Office Expansion - Marshfield
Bergstrom Auto – Various locations
NATC Art Gallery – Rhinelander
Dental Associates – Appleton and Howard
Sheboygan High School – Sheboygan
Menasha Corporation - Menasha

## New items coming to the Omni store in Fall!

We are working on getting some new items in the Omni store in fall. Look for new items at the beginning of October. If you have suggestions of what you would like to see, please email Kari Seefeldt at kseefeldt@omnigp.com

Everyone has a username/password setup already, if you forgot what yours was, please reach out to Kari.

# SAFETY




# HUMAN RESOURCES

## New Employee Handbooks

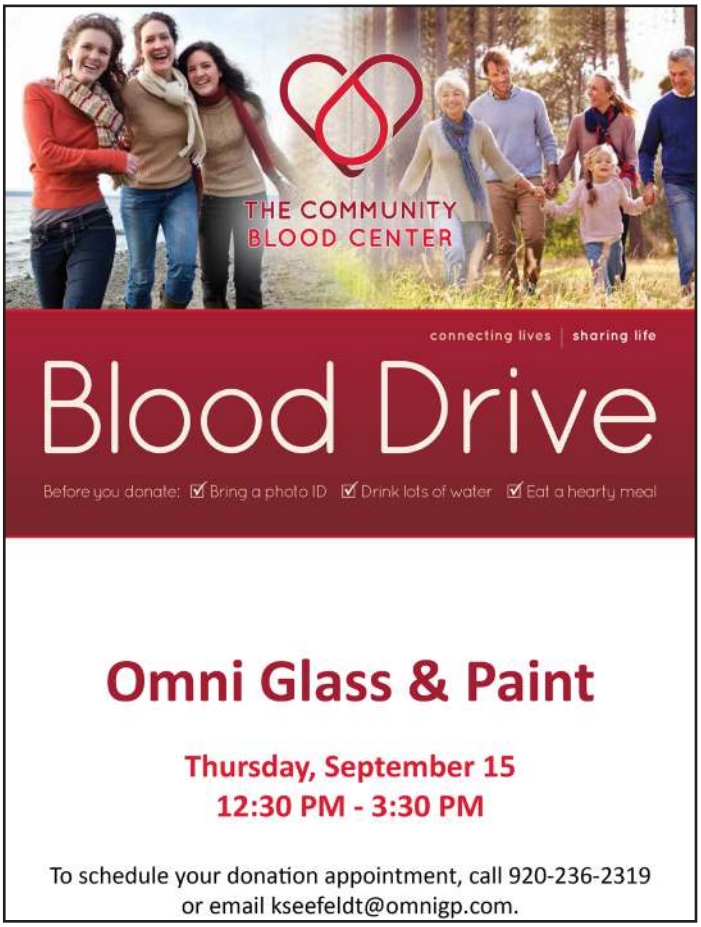
A big shout-out to the HR team - Melissa and April - for all their hard work with revamping the employee handbooks.

Please take the time to look over the handbooks. An important change to note is the attendance policy. If you haven't already, please return the sign-off sheets to Melissa as soon as possible.

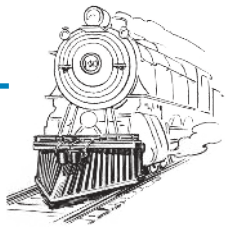
If you have questions about the handbook, please contact Melissa at (920) 236-2391.

## meet our NEW HIRES

*Alan Poepping - Safety/Risk Manager*
*Garrett Boese - Painter*
*Monte Paul - Painter*
*Thomas Mlodzik - Seasonal Painter*
*Michael Van De Ven - Glass Shop/Delivery*
*Kade Kleinschmidt - Painter*
*Robert Lorbecke - Seasonal Painter*
*James Powell - Painter*
*Andrew Kortbein - Glass Shop/ Delivery*
*Brandon Hawkins - Glass Production Laborer*
*James Powell II - Painter*
*La Ly Vang - OEM*
*Gerald Taylor - Painter*
*Houa Vang - Tempering*



# JUST FOR FUN



## Five Scenic Fall Train Rides in Wisconsin

Winding through the wooded landscape of Wisconsin as a passenger on one of Wisconsin's trains in the autumn is the perfect way to experience the stunning fall foliage.

**LUMBERJACK STEAM TRAIN FALL FESTIVAL – LAONA**
This celebration of fall rings in the season with plenty of fun for the whole family. The beautiful colors of northern Wisconsin paint the way for this vintage late 1800s lumberjack steam train. After peering out the windows at the changing leaves, enjoy the other activities of the festival including face painting for kids, pumpkin patch, marshmallow roast and fresh apple cider.

**MID-CONTINENTAL STEAM TRAIN AUTUMN COLOR TOURS – NORTH FREEDOM**
All aboard a turn-of-the-century steam train for a journey through the scenic Baraboo River Valley. The rides aboard the vintage cards built in 1915 last around 55 minutes and travel the historic former Chicago and North Western rail line. The unspoiled journey through the rural countryside painted beautiful shades of ruby, orange, and yellow is sure to deliver a ride for your family won't soon forget.

**OSCEOLA & ST. CROIX VALLEY RAILWAY – OSCEOLA**
Vintage steam and diesel passenger trains re-create the experience of rail passenger service of the 1940s and 50s. Traveling from Osceola to Marine, MN on the St. Croix, the ride along the stunning St. Croix River displays beautiful fall colors. This 90-minute round-trip offers unique views of the area's famous beauty.

**RIVERSIDE & GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY - WISCONSIN DELLS**
Fall is the perfect season to visit the Riverside & Great Northern Railway. The trips through the wooded scenery lining the railroad's historic right-of-way are even more stunning during the autumn as the trees are ablaze with fall foliage. The special October pumpkin trains also include the gifts of pumpkins for the youngsters.

**WISCONSIN GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD EXCURSION TRAIN - SPOONER**
Enjoy fall's stunning foliage by train aboard of the many different rides offered by the Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad. The sightseeing excursion travels along Highway 53 and leaves to a scenic overlook of the Namekagon River only reachable by train or canoe. Hungry? The kids will love the opportunity to take in the sights of the changing leaves while they eat pizza provided by Tony's Riverside on the Family Pizza Train ride.

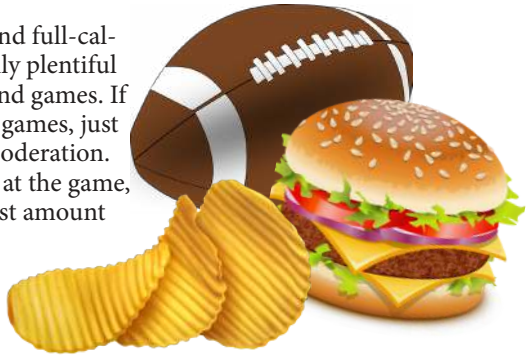
## Have a Heart-Healthy Football Season

Football season is back! And the return of America's most popular sport means the return of many beloved traditions – including lots of fried and fatty meats washed down with calorie-laden drinks. Can you keep it healthy at the tailgate party or football-watching bash? Yes!

**The Meats:** No tailgate is complete without a pile of meat on the grill. Just be mindful of which ones you're firing up. Choose lean or extra-lean beef burgers, and keep the patties to the size of a deck of cards. Or try turkey burgers or salmon burgers, which are tasty and give you the essential omega-3 fatty acids your body needs. Choose 100 percent whole-wheat buns or make a lettuce wrap. Or you can cut your burger in half and have just one side of the bun.

**The Sides:** At many football parties and stadium parking lots, there's no shortage of chips or fries stacked high with chili, cheese and whatever else you can think of. However tempting they may be, you can fill up (and feel better later) by nibbling on vegetables throughout the game. Or serve plenty of salsa and bean-based dips rather than other high-calorie dips.

**The Drinks:** Beer and full-calorie sodas are usually plentiful at football parties and games. If drinking alcohol at games, just remember to use moderation. If you do get a beer at the game, try one with the least amount of calories and carbohydrates.



## The Perfect Tailgate Recipe

### Five-Layer Dip

This popular party dip gets a facelift with a few simple changes. Keep fat and calories to a minimum by swapping whole-kernel corn for the customary layer of ground beef.

Ingredients
1/2 teaspoon paprika
2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 (16-ounce) can organic refried beans
1 cup organic bottled salsa (such as Muir Glen)
2/3 cup frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
1/4 cup chopped green onions
2 tablespoons chopped black olives
3 ounces pre-shredded 4-cheese Mexican blend cheese
3/4 cup (6 ounces) light sour cream
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Tortilla Chips

Preparation
1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Combine juice, cumin, and beans in a medium bowl, stirring until well combined. Spread mixture evenly into an 11 x 7-inch glass or ceramic baking dish coated with cooking spray. Spread salsa evenly over beans. Combine corn, onions, and olives; spoon corn mixture evenly over salsa. Sprinkle cheese over corn mixture. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes. Top with sour cream; sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips.

Serves 12 (serving size: 1/2 cup)  Calories: 162

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Aaron Giles

### Glazier (Oshkosh)

***Tell us a little about yourself.***
I have a wonderful wife named Erin. Yes, we have the same name, and people always say, "isn't that hard having the same name." Not only do we have the same name but we also share the same birthday - January 14. Yeah, weird. I also have two children Adison, who is 7 going into 2nd grade and Bentley, who will be two in December.

***What is your job at Omni? What aspect of your role do you enjoy the most?***
I am a glazier for Omni. I like what I do because we are always doing something a little different and get a change of scenery often. We don't typically stay on the same job for too long. A lot of people think all we do is put in frames and glass and caulk. We do anything from mirrors, sunshades, panels, louvers, handrails, anything metal or glass to name a few.

***What do you like most about Omni?***
I think Omni is a great company to work for. They offer a lot of activities for their employees throughout the year like Timber Rattler games, YMCA memberships, and many more.

***What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?***
Outside of work during the fall, I have a passion for deer hunting, and during the winter months from September to April I am in a five person bowling league. Last year, I held a 209 average. Back in 2004 I bowled a 300 in league which is my only one to date in league. Over the summer months our family has a permanent campsite on White Potato Lake "near Crivitz" that we enjoy going up on weekends.

***What is one thing you couldn't live without?***
One thing I couldn't live without is my wife and kids. If I'm having a bad day at work and get home to see their faces it turns my day right around. In my spare time, I enjoy reading outdoor Life magazine.

***What is your favorite movie?***
A couple of my favorite movies are Planes, Trains, and Automobiles and National Lampoon's Vacation.

***What is your favorite travel spot?***
A fun travel spot for my wife, kids and I is Fort Myers Florida. We usually go once a year to enjoy the beaches and soak up some sun. My wife's parents own a condo there so it's a relatively cheap vacation.

# EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**
*May you continue to inspire us for many years to come!*

## SEPTEMBER:

Tim Tyson – 30 years
Brian Barbeau – 22 years
Michael Carlsen – 21 years
Jeff Gibson – 20 years
Dan Strathmann – 20 years
Richard Strathmann – 20 years
Jerry Gmeiner – 14 years
Brian Rilling – 13 years
Adam Baer – 13 years
Jeff Kraemer – 10 years
Scott Raymond – 7 years
Eric Orne – 6 years
Steven Koeppe – 6 years
Matthew Schmitt – 5 years
Paul Cardin – 3 years
Kyle Pawelkiewicz – 3 years
Joshua Boyd – 2 years
Steven Kaszynski – 2 years
Scott Pribbernow – 2 years
Julie Salm – 2 years
Rachel Vincent – 1 year
Paul Schmidt – 1 year
Benjamin Zimmerman – 1 year
Perry Zimmerman – 1 year
William Lorbecke – 1 year

## OCTOBER:

David Miller – 36 years
Tim Armatoski – 27 years
Matt Craig – 22 years
Steve Ermer – 21 years
Andrew Jones – 20 years
Jim Vlies – 18 years
Rhonda Akers – 16 years
Aaron Giles – 13 years
Michael Keller – 13 years
Jeremy Jungwirth – 11 years
Greta Ashauer – 10 years
Russ Keller – 8 years
Jordan Bleier – 6 years
David Flood – 3 years
Bill Rochon – 2 years
Patrick Steele Jr. – 2 years

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**
*On behalf of the entire company, we wish you a very happy birthday,*

## SEPTEMBER:

Gerald Taylor - 9/1
Drew VanderZanden - 9/1
Ross Tomczyk - 9/2
Lee Schouten - 9/6
Jeff Fryczynski - 9/6
Timothy Ashauer - 9/7
Joe Gose - 9/8
Sydney Reese - 9/8
Logan Reitz - 9/8
April Hill - 9/9
Laly Vang - 9/10
Douglas Brantley - 9/12
Travis Kinney - 9/12
Adam Baer - 9/14
James Roderick - 9/15
Mike Carlsen - 9/23
James Knoll - 9/27
Jason Houle - 9/29
Alan Vanden Wyngaard - 9/30

## OCTOBER:

Joseph Van Kammen - 10/2
Lisa Rieckmann - 10/2
Bryan Walker - 10/3
Christopher Fedie - 10/7
Joe Wellner - 10/8
Kayleen Hammock - 10/9
Rick Ludwig - 10/10
Eric Jones - 10/10
Clarence Mutale - 10/10
Austin Schirpke - 10/10
Tim Tyson - 10/15
James Powell - 10/19
Joe Lemper - 10/23
Aaron Brechlin - 10/25
Stacy Kohn - 10/26

# BULLETIN BOARD

*The bulletin board is an area for employees to submit anything they would like: family, vacations, volunteering, sporting events, etc. To submit information, email kseefeldt@omnigp.com*

*ColorVibe 5K Fun! Left: Camie Akers, Brendan Koxlien, Rhonda Akers (employee), Kevin Koxlien, and Chris Koxlien (employee). Front: Bryce Akers*

*Kari Seefeldt recently took a trip to Baltimore with her husband and his family. They explored the Inner Harbor and went to an Orioles baseball game.*

*Stacy Kohn and her husband Mike welcomed Sidney Marie Kohn into the world on August 27th at 12:24 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz., 21.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well!*

## GET MOVING

*Omni will reimburse up to 2 runs per year up to $30 each, please contact wellness@omnigp.com.*

*9/10 – Big Brothers Big Sisters Splash and Dash 5K, Fond du Lac*
*9/10 – Brewers Mini Marathon, Milwaukee*
*9/10 – Cheese and Sausage Fest 5K, New London*
*9/10 – ReThink Addiction 5K Run, Oshkosh*
*9/10 – TosaFest 5K, Wauwatosa*
*9/16-9/18 – Fox Cities Marathon (Kids Run, 5K, Full/Half Marathon, Appleton*
*9/17 - Fox Valley Jail Ministry Walkathon*
*9/17 – Blubber Run 5K, Stevens Point*
*9/18 – Milwaukee Heart Walk & Fun Run 5K, Milwaukee*
*9/24 – Runners Cure Cancer (Half, 10K, 5K), Rothschild*
*10/1 – Rock'n the Farm Fall Fun, Wittenberg*
*10/1 – Wausau Rotary Ultra Trek & Fun Run*
*10/1-10/2 – Tough Mudder, Plymouth*
*10/6 – Run with the Cops 5K, Oshkosh*
*10/8 – St. Joe's 5K Run/Walk, Neenah*
*10/15 – Green Bay Duathlon, Green Bay*
*10/21 – Haunted Chase Race, Green Bay*
*10/21 – Jeremy Monnett Rock n' Glow Fun Run 5K, Oshkosh*
*10/23 – Run for the Mummy 5K, Kids Run, Marathon*

*To take a closer look at the details of each event and to register, head to www.runningintheusa.com*

Plamann Park @
Chris Brant Shelter
Sept. 17th
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Omni is a proud sponsor of this event!

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE TRATS GAME!

**Congrats to RHONDA AKERS she won 50 Omni points from the July/August Newsletter Quiz.**

Did you read this month's newsletter?
Test your knowledge.

1. What is Sherwin Williams color of the year?
2. Which employee got a shout-out for safety?
3. When is the Omni Blood Drive?
4. Where can you look at the fall colors via train in the Dells?
5. How many employees have been with Omni for more than 20 years?

*All Omni employees who submit correct answers to the quiz will go in a drawing for 50 Omni points. Answer must be submitted by Sept. 16th to kseefeldt@omnigp.com*