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Happy holidays! This will be the last weekly newsletter for the 2009 construction season. The year started off with major flooding in the Red River Valley. Many of our projects

were severely affected. Your determination and dedication pushed our projects through the wet, rainy spring and into a productive summer.

The month of October was from start to finish a weather disaster. The recorded rainfall on our projects exceeded 377% above the historical average. Again, the push was on and progress was made. Thank you for your efforts.

I won't complain about Mother Nature. It falls upon deaf ears. One aspect of my job is to build positive relationships with the project owners and their representatives. The goal is to work together to provide the traveling public with safe and quality structures. We all succeed in those goals. However, occasionally the concept of working together is lost to the owner's representative holding the "Big Stick" and swinging it without any regard to the real world circumstances. Unreasonable people result in unreasonable decisions and we are the casualty of those actions. These people may benefit in the short run, but they will surely harm the owners they represent in the long run.

I am proud of this family company. All those that work here are a source of my pride. You choose to work in this demanding and challenging industry and you choose to employ with our outfit. We value and respect you. This company's great reputation is the sum of all your actions and efforts. You develop the public's perception of Swingen Construction Company. Through your interactions with each other, the engineers and the public – and through your talents building quality structures – our reputation is forged.

That's the way it's been these past 99 years. We just wrapped up the 99<sup>th</sup> year of bridge building across the upper Midwest.

This week Jimmy and Bob Folstrom will kick off the pile foundation project for the Prairie Knights Casino parking ramp structure. On the University Avenue project in Fargo, Harlo and his crew are making good progress on the lift station.

This past construction season we built twenty-eight structures: 3 miscellaneous concrete projects, 5 bridge repair projects, 2 sheeting projects, 3 pile foundation projects, 1 reinforced box culvert, 1 lift station, 1 flood wall and 12 bridges.

Have a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season.



Pat and Crew's Heartland Trail Bridge

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