

# On the Level

A quarterly update published by Gates Construction Company Inc. - A Commercial Masonry Contractor

HAPPY  
JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

## Letter from Bob

The summer months are in full swing and it's hard to realize 2010 is half over! Gates Construction Company, Inc had its employees ae still going strong. As a company we have faced many challenges this year many of which have to do with the slow economy. I am proud that we have managed to stay afloat in large part because of our strong work ethic and dedication to our jobs. I want to thank each of you for your continued hard work.

This year's company picnic turned out to be a great success. It was very rewarding to see over 200 Gates Construction employees and their families come together for fun, food and fellowship. I hope you all had as much fun as I did.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Robert H. Gates  
President



## Letter from the Editor

Happy Independence Day weekend, or commonly referred to as Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! Many of us take note of this celebratory holiday because it means a vacation holiday and long weekend!

Writing this column every quarter presents a challenge to me because often times I feel like I repeat myself. This time I thought it would be quite appropriate to share with you one of my favorite 4<sup>th</sup> of July recipes. This year American turns 223 and since we Americans love eating, here is one of my most favorite summer dips!

### Summer Guacamole

2 avocados  
½ small onion, finely chopped  
1tbsp chopped cilantro  
Juice of 1 lime  
Dash of hot sauce, salt & pepper

Cut avocados in half, remove pits and scoop flesh out of their shells. Place in a bowl and smash together. Add onion, cilantro, lime-juice, hot sauce, salt and pepper. Mash until thickness you want. Sometimes I add a little dash of olive oil as well.

Best if served with Tostitos Scoops.

Enjoy your holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

Melissa Lyerly  
Marketing & Events Coordinator



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> marked the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gates Construction Company, Inc Family Picnic. Dan Nicholas Park, Salisbury, NC hosted the picnic this year. Over 200 employees and their families were in attendance. Koala- T-Katering of Statesville, NC catered our picnic with delicious BBQ chicken, coleslaw, beans, and, of course, dessert! Gates Construction gave away monetary door prizes and visa gift cards to participants. Employees and their families were able to take advantage of the many park amenities, to include, mini golf, petting barn, nature walk, gem mine, carousel and paddle boats.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable time at the park.



## NCMCA Apprenticeship Contest

Chris Charles, apprentice mason for Gates Construction placed fifth at the Annual North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association Apprenticeship Masonry Skills Contest on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The contest was held at McGee Brothers Company in Midland, NC. Chad Moore, brick mason for Gates Construction Company, also competed in the event. The two hour competition was scored on "plumb," "level," "square & range," "measurement," "correct design," "manipulation," "tooling," and "neatness," "full joints," and "production."

The first place winner and champion was Cory Honeycutt, a young man from Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Cory plans to attend Western Carolina in the fall to study Construction Management. There were twenty-five contestants from eight NCMCA member firms.

Congratulations to all for your hard work!



### Gates Hires New Management

Gates Construction Company, Inc would like to welcome Kathy Daniels and David Walker to our management team in Wilmington, North Carolina. Kathy is originally from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania but currently resides in Burgaw, North Carolina. She plans to move to the Topsail Island area to be close to Camp Lejuene, where she will be working. Kathy will be assisting Project Manager/Estimator, Kendall Paramore.

Davi Walker is originally from Livingston, Tennessee but is currently living in Pine Tops, North Carolina. David has been in the construction industry for over 31 years and will be assigned to the Wilmington Area as Area Superintendent.

Welcome Aboard to both of you!

### Trade Fair

The NCDOT and CPCC hosted a career fair April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for all high school students in Cabarrus



County. Chris Bruner, Project Manager/Estimator along with Jeremy Eudy, Area Superintendent volunteered their time to participate in the event. The NCMCA set a booth up outside the arena for any young adults wanting to practice laying brick.

Thanks Chris & Jeremy or representing Gates Construction Company!

The annual NCMCA convection was held April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> , May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> this year in Atlantic City, North Carolina. Wayne Starr, Project Manager/Estimator for Gates and Committee Chairman for the NCMCA along with Chris Bruner, Project Manager/Estimator and President of the Metrolina Chapter and Central Regional Vice President of the NCMCA attended the convention.

### Employees in the Community

Leroy Blankenship, Gates Construction employee of Statesville, NC coached his daughter's

softball team this spring. The Statesville Recreation Department had several teams competing this year in the girls



10 and under division. The Gates girls came in 1<sup>st</sup> place for the season and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament season!

Congratulations Girls!





### **Employee of the Quarter**

#### **Duane Heller!**

Congratulations to Duane Heller for being chosen as our Employee of the Summer Quarter 2010!

Duane is a native of Coudersport, Pennsylvania and has been in the masonry industry for almost 30 years! A resident of Denver, North Carolina Duane has been married to his wife Melody for 24 years. They have two grown children, Louie 31 and Krissy 30, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, in his free time Duane enjoys fishing and hunting.

### **Project Manager & Estimator Weds**

John Fesperman, Project Manager/Estimator was married on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Kelly Sheehe of Mooresville, North Carolina. Their wedding was held at Saratoga Springs in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Kelly and John reside in Mooresville with their son, Connor.



Congratulations to you both!

---

### **Congratulations Graduates!**

David, son of Robbie Ludwig graduated from Mooresville High School on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. David plans to attend Western Carolina I the fall.

Emily, daughter of Bob and Denise Gates graduated from Mooresville High School on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Emily plans to attend Appalachian State University in the fall.

Hunter, son of Dink Mitchell graduated from South Iredell High School. Hunter plans to attend Mitchell Community College in the fall. Congratulations Hunter!

Katie and Meghan Frye, daughters of DC Frye graduated from South Caldwell High School. Both girls plan to attend Caldwell Community College in the fall.

Congratulations to all graduates!



# Huntersville Town Center

June 9, 2009 marked the ground breaking of the 48,000 square foot Huntersville Town Center, located in the heart of downtown Huntersville, in which, Money Magazine placed 76<sup>th</sup> on "America's Best Places to Live," this new building will house offices, retail space and Discovery Place Kids. Some amenities include a gallery, theater and a learning garden.

"The combination of brick and cast stone, makes the Huntersville Town Center the main focal point of the downtown area. My wife and I had dinner across the street and with the lighting on the building and the plaza area, it is indeed a show piece. The brick on the project was furnished by Hanson Brick and the Cast Stone by Cast Stone Systems.

-Chris Bruner, Project Manager/Estimator

Gates Construction project crew included Chris Bruner, Project Manager/ Estimator  
Jeremy Eudy, Area Superintendent  
Casey Mitchell, Job Superintendent

General Contractor: Rodgers Builders of Charlotte, NC

Architect Creech & Associates



## Employee News

Nicholas Marratta, a Gates Construction mason, welcomed a new baby boy in April.

Congratulations to Kendall and Marsha Paramore, they are expecting their first child in December.

Katie and Meghan Frye (DC Frye's daughters) of Hickory, North Carolina were awarded the PCEA of Catawba Association a \$1,000 scholarship each. Congratulations girls!

Gates Construction announces the resignation of Area Superintendent David Chance in June. We wish him all the success and happiness in the future and he will be missed!

## Company Holidays

Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2010

Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2010



Gates Construction  
Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 150  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
Phone: 704-664-2121  
Fax: 704-664-2952  
Visit us @  
[www.gatesconstco.com](http://www.gatesconstco.com)