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Laurel Tornado

In the early morning hours of April 15th, 2019 an EF-2 tornado with maximum sustained winds of 120 miles per hour tore a six-mile path of destruction through Laurel and the surrounding community. It damaged or destroyed everything in its path including approximately 10 Center Pivot systems.

Mr. Wayne Horsey of Horsey Turf Farms experienced a total loss of three Center Pivot systems plus damage to other equipment as well. Wayne said 2018 and so far 2019 have been tough farming years for everyone but thank goodness he did adequate insurance on his pivots which allowed him to replace them with three new Pierce pivots and keep his sod farming operation on schedule.

After talking with Wayne and witnessing the destruction we realize we cannot predict or control the weather but it reminds us that having good insurance on your center pivots is certainly a necessity.

Summer Hours

SMW Sales
Summer Schedule
Effective February
1st through
November 1st.
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday
8:00am - 12:00pm
Sunday
CLOSED



Employee Happenings

Congratulations to Jory Oursler and his wife Jamie for having their second child on April 30th. An 8lb 11oz 21-inch long baby girl , Emerson James Oursler. Everyone is doing fine.

SMW Employees enjoyed an early Fourth of July picnic on June 22nd at Richard & Phyllis's house. Everyone had a great time playing volleyball, cornhole, horseshoes, while having plenty of steamed crabs and other great food to eat. Will Malchow & Richard Carmine dominated the horseshoe toumament.



Irrigation Pump Facts

The first irrigation pump known to the modern world was known as the Archimedes Screw. Archimedes, a Greek Scholar, invented the device while visiting Egypt in 250 B.C. The device consisted of a screw inside a hollow tube. The screw was turned and as the bottom end of the screw rotated, it scooped up water. The water traveled up the length of the screw until it poured out the top of the tube. Today, the principal is used most noticeably in combines, feed trucks, and grain mills.

World's Largest Pump

Worthington's Standard "B" Pump cannot be equaled for efficiency. The 60-inch volute "B" pump, designed for irrigation, has a capacity of 100,000 gallons per minute or 144,000,000 gallons in 24 hours. One of these pumps will irrigate 1,000 acres 6 inches deep in 24 hours. These large pumps are used in low-lying lands. Many Worthington pumps of this size and capacity are successfully operated in the United States and Mexico, and are the largest irrigating pumps in the world.



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New Products & Additions



SMW is now stocking Poly-Lined & Stainless replacement pipe for Zimmatic machines manufactured from 1990 to present. This pipe is manufactured under the same strict specifications as the Pierce Poly-Lined pivots which have been produced for the past 20 years. SMW can repipe your current Zimmatic pivot with this stainless/poly product for approximately \$6.00 per foot above the standard galvanized repipe price. This pipe also has the new-style 3/4" poly outlets & is now in stock and available for immediate delivery to your farm.

Just for Laughs...

A farmer wrote a letter to his son in jail for robbing a bank: "This year, I can't plant potatoes because you are not here to plow the field." The son wrote back, "Papa, don't dare plow the field. That is where I hid the money I stole." The police intercepted the letter and by the next day they'd dug up the entire field but found nothing. The son wrote to his father, "Now you can plant your potatoes."

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." -Thomas Jefferson