

Schellinger News

To all the employees, customers and community that make up the Schellinger Construction Family, may your holiday season sparkle with moments of love, laughter & goodwill.

Dear Employees & Friends

As our 60th year comes to an end, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation to all our employees, their families, our customers and suppliers, for enabling us to have one of our most successful years.

This success did not come easily, nor without sacrifice. In these times of record low unemployment, most folks get to sleep in their own bed each night, while the vast majority of our employees have to travel, spend the working week away from their families, work long hours and fight the daily battle with Montana's weather. It's these employees and their families that form the backbone of Schellinger Construction – THANK YOU.

I'd also like to thank our local employees - the office and shop for their continued support, and the concrete batch plant and our retail pits, which had record years. Record years that would not be possible without our employee's unquestionable work ethic and commitment.

Looking forward to 2022 we are set to have another successful year. We already have two large projects on the books, and we are looking to add to these in the coming months.

May you all enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends. I can't thank you enough for your loyalty and dedication.

Al Schellinger - President

IN THE FLATHEAD VALLEY

Our valley is growing which means more people, more traffic and more residential building! Our retail operations have expanded just as quickly. Schellinger has 3, strategically located gravel pits, throughout Flathead Valley. Products from all 3 pits are used in everything from small and large home improvement projects to ingredients for our asphalt and concrete production.



Arlyn Baumgartner surrounded by many of his drivers at his farewell party

Much of our local work revolves around our Carlson pit and batch plant. Prior to this year, most of this was overseen by **Arlyn Baumgartner**. When Arlyn retired in April, **Fred Miller** was promoted to Batch Plant Manager. **Coy Aasheim** assists with the concrete production as the Batch Plant Operator and **Mark Carlson** is the loader operator. Completing this all-star cast is **Cristi Wells** who keeps everything running smoothly scaling trucks, billing customers, and answering the telephone. *Did you know they start work at 4:00 a.m. in the summer?*

Barry Strangward mans our busy gravel pit in Bigfork. This pit located on McCaffery Rd, is the largest gravel pit in the area and often loads gravel to over 100 customers a day during the summer months.

Our 3rd pit located out in West Valley, is run by **Greg Missman**. Tutvedt pit wasn't just a retail center this year since they provided much of the gravel for the state job constructing a roundabout at the Dern/Spring Creek intersection.

Tony Price officially assumed the role of Shop Foreman in January 2021 after working 10 years for Schellinger. He oversees a staff of six mechanics that work in the shop and on the road. They take care of a large fleet including 43 Kenworth tractors, 27 loaders, 13 mixer trucks, 5 Dozers, and 7 scrapers.

Matt Adkins has been running our wash plant operations since 2018. After a lengthy stint on the road crew, Matt switched to running our wash plants.

Schellinger Construction and Whitefish High School partnered to provide a work study program for students interested in a field relating to construction. **Landon Peacock** is our 1st recruit and assists Matt with the washing at our Carlson pit.

Tony Thompson has held many positions in the last 21 years such as loader operator, truck driver, and hot plant operator. He is currently in charge of taking care of the lube and oiling needs of all the equipment.

Schellinger also has two track crushers operated by **Shorty Shepard**. These smaller crushers are easy to move around and set up.



ON THE ROAD

As you all know, 2021 was a very busy year for us, With 13+ jobs spanning the state, there was no lack of work or travel! We had a very successful year thanks to everyone on the Schellinger Team!

The following is a quick summary of what we did last summer and what we have coming up!

Schellinger began the spring of 2021 finishing work on 2 projects: The City of Ft Benton Street Improvements, an overlay of almost all of the streets in Fort Benton and the Chinook-Harlem Culvert project, which replaced pipes & box culverts and slope flattened nearly 30 miles of Hwy 2 east of Havre.

Late last fall, Schellinger began work on the Great Falls North project. We finished the job this fall. The job consists of 7 miles of reconstruct on Hwy 89. This project included 330,000 tons of base gravel and 45,000 tons of plant mix. We crushed and hauled the aggregate from a remote pit located above the Missouri river to the project. Our drivers logged over 20,000 hauling hours on the project! Big shout out to project manager **Matt Schellinger** doing a great job for us on this project.

Also in the spring, we worked on the Joplin-North project. Schellinger crushed gravel NW of Chester, MT in the late winter of 2020, which led to a 20+ mile haul on gravel roads, to the hot plant site. This job consisted of a 10-mile overlay & chipseal and included major shoulder work.

Soon after Schellinger began work on the 1st of three Airports we would do this year. At the Helena Airport, we partnered with Helena Sand and Gravel to do echelon(side by side) paving with dual hotplants. **Shane Smith, Brad Fairclough,** and **Jay Lester** kept this job running smoothly, sometimes having pavers on the job 24 hours a day, completing this 70,000-ton project in a timely 10 days.

Next on Schellinger's list was the Wisdom-West and Trail Creek Structures job, located between Chief Joseph pass and Wisdom, on HWY 43. Phase 1 of this project began on June 1st with 18 miles of hot-in-place recycling by a Subcontractor. They literally lit the road on fire and re-laid it! Phase 2 consisting of two bridge replacements and some pipe work.

The bridge work was set to begin in July, but due to wildfires, this was pushed back to September. Instead Schellinger crews spent those frantic days in the July heat, evacuating crews and equipment-right up to the point of being forced to evacuate our crews for safety! We lost quite a bit of material and had fire damage to equipment as the fire burned right through our job site, but everyone stayed safe. In September, we began the work on the two bridges, each of which took one week to replace. Kudos to **Bryan Erickson** and **Jerry Purdom** for their hard work on this job and also to **Mark Cyr** and **John Williams** for their help with the bridge replacements.

Schellinger then focused on two small airport jobs. The Libby Airport Project was a small milling/overlay project with a taxiway reconstruct. The job went very well, and the project was completed on time with



Echelon paving at the Helena Airport

exceptional smoothness. Thanks to **Grant Roberts** for stepping up and helping out over there!

Geraldine Airport was a full reconstruct project with new grading and gravel on the runway and aprons. The job was completed on time and under budget. We hauled material from three different pits for this project.

This year we were a sub on a project in Glacier National Park, 7 miles of overlay, on Camas Road. **Nathan Martin** and his paving crew battled tough conditions and demanding Federal Specs to achieve full incentives for the quality of the mix and the smoothness of the finished product. Shout out to **Kodi Cunningham** and the hot plant crew also for making the mix locally at our Jellison location.

Schellinger is looking forward to having another successful year in 2022. We have two projects underway, that will carry into the new year. We acquired the South of Stevensville Safety Improvement project after the previous contractor defaulted on the contract. With the hard work from **Kyle Schellinger** to negotiate with the bonding company, we were awarded the 5-mile project on the East Side Highway, between Stevensville & Hamilton. **Jake North** and **Byron Barnes** will be heading this project which looks to be a difficult pipe job, along with the narrow conditions and heavy traffic.

We also will be working on the Hudson Bay Divide South project. This is a major reconstruct project, 100% located on the Blackfeet Reservation. Crews have completed clearing on the job which sits right in the middle of grizzly bear country! **Matt Schellinger** will be leading the charge!

We are looking forward to another successful year and continue to be ever grateful to our workers on all our projects!

George Schmidt Award

George Schmidt is a legend of Schellinger Construction. Sadly, we lost George to cancer in 2012, but the respect and admiration for George lives on. This annual award recognizes the employee who demonstrates the dedication, work ethic and drive that George embodied.

Attention Employees

To nominate a co-worker for the **George Schmidt Award** and be entered for a chance to win one of two \$100 Visa cards, please call the office, email info@sccimt.com or text Jodie at 406 471 3698. **Be sure to leave your name as well as who you are nominating, to be entered into the drawing!!!!



Tim Secord - a valued employee at Schellinger Construction for 39 years, he was also the 1st winner of the George Schmidt Award in 2016!!!

A Huge Thank You to our Loyal Employees

20+ Years: Al Schellinger, Tim Secord, Duane Moore, Kyle Schellinger, John Otto, Tony Thompson, Cameron Jones, Nathan Malmin, Tim Wood, Darrell Aitken, Joan Weaver, Josh Burke, Bob Warren, Mike England.

15+ Years: Charles Leisinger, Matt Schellinger, Mike Upwall, Kathy Anderson, Mark Rutherford, Matt Adkins, Peter Henry, Barry Strangward, Dan Kinney, George Smyth, Lloyd Cunningham, Mark Carlson, Michael Paul, Coy Aasheim, Fred Miller, Grant Roberts, Rickie Gembala, Roland Beach.

10+ Years: Brad Wortman, Rob Koelzer, Ken Tregidga, Mark Cyr, Tim Shepard, Dewayne Blackman, Joe Tull, John Fitzgerald, Sam Spicer, Tony Price, Brad Fairclough, Bradley Finch, Brad Johnson, Jay Lester, Owen Weaver, Susan Anderson.

Recent Retirees: Rich Burke, Arlyn Baumgartner, Norm Johnson, Dick Eickert, Karee Miller-Drennon, and Mark Cyr who will retire at the end of this year.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party on Dec 17