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Profile of Month - Mark Hunter

Mark Hunter joined our Geology Department ten years ago. With an impressive resume and superior technical writing skills, he has made significant contributions to our environmental projects.

Handling the Professional Geologist role for Marion's U.S.T. work, Mark has displayed an impressive mechanical aptitude and a keen scientific mind. Coupled with his precise reports and his general attention to detail, Mark has been an exceptional employee and an integral part to our Knoxville branch's success.

Marion Environmental Inc. is one of the leading providers of environmental consulting, remediation, and emergency response in the southeast. Our goal is to provide cost effective solutions to environmental problems. Making *our* standard, industry standard.



Barry Lasley, Mike James, Randall Woodlee, Ryan Godsey, & Scott Wilson
Railroad Environmental Conference – October 2015

In late October, MEI representatives attended the Railroad Environmental conference in Urbana, IL and hosted an exhibition booth.

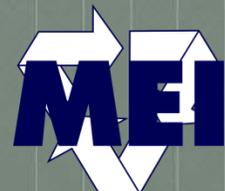
Several MEI representatives attended a presentation addressing environmental issues related to aging subsurface infrastructure at rail yards. One of the featured case studies revolved around a rail yard project, where MEI was instrumental in the identification of the issues and the subsequent remediation efforts.

This is always an informative meeting and a great time to catch up with our rail friends from around the southeast.



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Thanksgiving Memo

Many people don't realize that Thanksgiving became a permanent national holiday through an official proclamation by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. George Washington had a national day of thanks and various states had observed thankful days, but the national day was declared during the height of the civil war.

Through the agony of war and a country divided, it was a gesture meant to elevate the consciousness of everyone to the blessings that were given to us all. It was a day of gratitude and a time for families to come together.

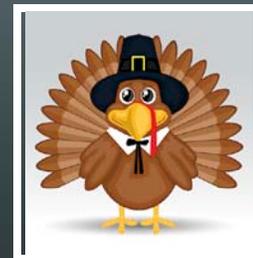
The tradition endured. Every era has had its grievances, every era its strife, yet Thanksgiving remains a day to embrace each other and set aside our differences. These days it isn't fashionable to eat pie or gravy and stuffing, but we do. It isn't common to sit down to a family dinner, but we do. To be sure, it is a relic of a different time, but it is tradition and traditions survive, because they are a remembrance of our past.

Today, Thanksgiving is woven into our fall landscape. People feel deprived if they don't have a family feast. Dinner alone on Thanksgiving is a pitiable thing.

This Thanksgiving, I hope that no one eats alone, that we are all grateful for living in this free country, that we remember our good fortune, and that we give a nod to Abe and all those before us who kept freedom alive.

Thanksgiving Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food. Check on the turkey frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



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