

Coffee Talk



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with Chevron Construction Services Ltd.

Black Dog Lubricants

This past winter Chevron Construction added a 13,700 sq. ft. addition to Black Dog Lubricant's Morrisburg distribution warehouse. The space will be used for extra storage as well as offices and a washroom. The addition is a Steelway Pre-Engineered metal building with an RTL-24 steel roof. It features an interior ramp to access the existing building and a mezzanine.

Beginning in 2005, Black Dog Lubricants is a distributor of quality Texaco products in Eastern Ontario. Owners Terry and Randy Veinotte have over 20 years each of successful business management at their family owned transportation company, Harland Veinotte Ltd.



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Building Budget Responsibility

In 80BC guess who was responsible for low building budgets?

The following is an excerpt from Book 10 of “De Architectura” (On Architecture) written by Marcus Vitruvius and dedicated to Augustus Caesar. The date of the writing is estimated at 80BC.

Book X

1. It is said that in the famous and magnificent Greek city of Ephesus a law with stringent but not unjust stipulations was established long ago by their ancestors:

When an architect accepts a commission for some public building, he declares in advance

what the cost of the operation will be. Once his estimate is handed over to the magistrate, his property is pledged as collateral until the work has been completed. Once it is finished, if the cost corresponds to the estimate, he is rewarded with official decrees and honours. Again, if no more than a quarter has been added to his estimate, it is made up with public funds and penalty is inflicted on the architect. But if more than a quarter extra is spent on the work, the money needed to make up the difference is taken from the architect's own resources.

Family Medical Centre, Smiths Falls

This renovation included enlarging an existing washroom for handicap compliance, repairing floor throughout and adding a new reception area. To add the new reception area walls were removed and counters, doors and windows were added.



Reception area before.



Reception area after.



Reception area after.

Test your “smarts”

1) A group of geese on the ground is called a gaggle. What is a group of geese in the air called?

- a) murder
- b) parliament
- c) flock
- d) skein

2) The average hen lays how many eggs a year?

- a) 1052
- b) 227
- c) 113
- d) 526

3) The first bird domesticated by man was:

- a) goose
- b) parrot
- c) dove
- d) crow

4) What is the largest species of penguin?

- a) King
- b) Emperor
- c) White Flipped
- d) African

5) What is the fastest running bird?

- a) Road Runner
- b) Ostrich
- c) Wild Turkey
- d) Chicken

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Safety First

Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI)

A ground-fault occurs when there is a break in the low-resistance grounding path from a tool or electrical system. The electrical current may then take an alternative path to the ground through the user, resulting in serious injuries or death. The ground-fault circuit interrupter, or GFCI, is a fast-acting circuit breaker designed to shut off electrical power in the event of a ground-fault within as little as 1/40 of a second. It works by comparing the amount of current going to and returning from equipment along the circuit conductors. When the amount of going differs from the amount returning by approximately 5 milliamperes, the GFCI interrupts the current. Only type A GFCIs are designed to trip at about 5 milliamperes (5 thousandths of an ampere), offering adequate protection to workers.

It's important to always use GFCIs with any portable electrical tool operated outdoors or in wet locations. This is required by the Construction Regulation, Section 192. Because GFCIs are so complex, they require testing on a regular basis. Test permanently wired devices monthly, and portable type GFCIs before each use. All GFCIs have a built-in test circuit, with test and reset buttons, that triggers an artificial fault to verify protection.

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Brockville Braves Night

On Friday, February 11th Chevron Construction employees and their families attended the annual Brockville Braves game sponsored by the company. Ben Ross dropped the puck for the ceremonial puck drop. Ben is the son of one of Chevron's owners, Darren Ross. The Braves put up a good fight but lost to their rival the Pembroke Lumber Kings 3-4.



What's so punny?

- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class; it was a weapon of math disruption.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- Two peanuts were walking through a dark alley. One was a salted.

What's been said?

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia."

-Charles Schulz



Going Green

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In progress...



Tackaberry Heating Supplies, Brockville

Tackaberry Heating Supplies is getting ready to move into their new Brockville location on Orchard Street. Chevron is currently updating the existing warehouse space to include a showroom, front desk and a conference room.

Ingleside Plaza

The Ingleside Plaza on Dickenson Road is about to receive a face lift. Chevron will be adding a new canopy and sidewalk.



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