

# Are You A Mule?

A man set out on a journey with his jackass and a mule, both carrying the load he had placed on their backs. The trip was taken only once a year, so the man loaded everything that he could trade or sell, so as to make the most of his time at market.

As he traveled along the winding mountains paths, the little mule began to feel the weight of the items on his back. He turned to the jackass and said, "My load is too heavy for me. I'm afraid I won't be able to make it all the way to market. Can you take some of my load and carry it for me?" The jackass answered, "I have my load and you have your load. I'm going to carry my load and you are going to carry your load, end of conversation."

After that encounter, the mule fully understood why his traveling companion was so aptly named.

It wasn't long before the mule began to struggle under the weight. Shortly after their conversation, the mule fell to the ground and died. Not wanting to lose his once a year trip to market, the man took the items off the mule and placed them on the jackass. In addition, he skinned the mule and placed the hide on the jackass as well. Soon the jackass was on his way with the entire load. Groaning under his heavy load, the jackass thought to himself, "If I had only been willing to help the mule a little, I wouldn't have to carry the entire load by myself."




In any given day, we are given the opportunity to be like the mule in the story, but do we ask for help? Likewise, we are also faced with the choice of whether or not to act like the jackass when others solicit our help.

The mule understood that working together, we can accomplish far more than we can alone. He knew his limits, and had no problem asking someone to get him out of a bind. Given the outcome of the story, I'd say, "Don't be a jackass!"

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# EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

-  Are you feeling down because of high gas prices?
-  Does the high cost of healthcare make you sick?
-  Do you want to see less waste in government?

**"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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### Rig #16

Pictured from left to right are: Lionel Ernestine, Chas Nall, Chris Matt, Shannon Vidrine and Paul Wayne Taylor.

Paul Wayne is the Rig Supervisor, having been with Reliable nearly eighteen years. Shannon recently transferred from Rig #20 where he was the derrickman. Today, he is the driller for Rig #16. He came to Reliable in May, 2001. Chris is the derrickman. He'll have nine years with the company on November 4, 2008. Chas and Lionel are the floorhands. Chas will log two years on December 19<sup>th</sup>, while Lionel will have worked nine months as of October 1st.

The crew has spent the last year in South Louisiana working for Liberty Resources, Swift Energy, Mustang Energy and North Coast Energy.



# October Anniversaries

Rufus Miller 29 yrs. 10/1 RPS  
Paul Wayne Taylor 18 yrs. 10/4 RPS  
Nick Guzzardo 1 yr. 10/8 RAC  
Nicole Foret 9 yrs. 10/11 RAC  
Huey Boudreaux 4 yrs. 10/12 RPS  
Cade Chenevert 7 yrs. 10/22 RAC  
Kenneth Clardy 6 yrs. 10/31 RPS



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.

# October Employee Birthdays

Donavan Coates 10/1 RPS  
Jimmy Truett 10/3 RPS  
Buck Chustz 10/6 RPS  
Joshua Hughes 10/10 RPS  
Robert Meche 10/11 LRI  
Risa Weaver 10/14 RAC  
Paul Wayne Taylor 10/20 RPS  
Corey LeBlanc 10/24 RAC  
Evelyn Hebert 10/28 RPS  
Charles Hydle 10/28 RPS  
David Hebert 10/30 RPS

RPS – Reliable Production Service  
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LRI – Liberty Resources, Inc.

# SAFETY FIRST

## TREE TRIMMING SAFETY



*Be aware of the risk of chain saw injury during tree removal.*

Each year, approximately 36,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries from using chain saws. The potential risk of injury increases after hurricanes and other natural disasters. The reason is chain saws are widely used to remove fallen or partially fallen trees and tree branches. In addition, most of the people that are removing trees and tree limbs during this time have very little experience with chain saws.

## Safeguards while using a chain saw

- **Always** use a sharp saw blade and properly lubricate the blade with bar and chain oil. Additionally, you should periodically check and adjust the tension of the chain saw blade to ensure good cutting action.
- **Always** wear the appropriate protective equipment, including hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, heavy work gloves, cut-resistant leg wear and boots which cover the ankle.
- **Always** assume that power lines are energized. Never cut around power lines until they have been de-energized by the power company
- **Always** cut at waist level or below to ensure that you maintain secure control over the chain saw.
- **Always** keep bystanders or co-workers at least two tree lengths (at least 150') away from anyone cutting a tree and at least 30' from anyone operating a chain saw to remove limbs or cut a fallen tree.

Medications, alcohol, and similar influencing factors can cause you to be a hazard to yourself and others when working with chain saws. Your chances of injury become much less when you are sober, alert, well-rested, and healthy.

# LUCKY YOU!



Good Luck!

Because of the destruction caused by the recent hurricanes, I was reminded of a story that questioned any situation as being one of good luck or bad luck. The title was aptly named, Good Luck...Bad Luck? The story is about an old man who had one son and a prize horse. One day the horse broke out of the corral and fled to the freedom of the surrounding hills. One of the neighbors remarked to the father, "I heard that your horse got out. What bad luck!"

"Why do you say that? Asked the old man. "How do you know its bad luck?"

Sure enough, the next night the horse came back to his familiar corral for his usual feeding and watering, leading twelve wild horses with him. The farmer's son saw the horses in the corral, slipped out the side door and locked the gate. Suddenly the farmer and his son had thirteen horses instead of none. The neighbor heard the good news and rushed to the farmer, "Thirteen horses! What good luck you have."

The old farmer answered, "How do you know that it's good luck?"

Several days later his son was trying to break one of the wild horses, only to be thrown off and break a leg. The neighbor came back that night and passed another hasty judgment: "Your son broke his leg. What bad luck!"

The wise father answered again, "How do you know its bad luck?"

Sure enough, a few days later a warlord came through the town and recruited every able-bodied young man, taking them off to war, never to return to their homes again. However, the young son was saved because of his broken leg.

The pessimist looks at his current situation and says, "This is bad! Really bad. The optimist looks at the same thing and concludes, "This could be worse." The pessimist will proclaim, "We'll never get out of this hole we're in," while the optimist declares, "It won't be long, we'll be back on our feet and things will get back to normal."

Do you remember the old saying, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." That's so true!