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## Happy Retirement Russ Hitz

Congratulations and best wishes for a Happy Retirement, Russ.

We appreciate your hard work and dedication, these past 10 years as Estimator with American Structures.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up on the home farm around Wheeler, WI.

**Tell us about your family.** I am from a big family of eleven and the baby of the family. Sue and I were married on June 5th, 1971. We adopted a baby girl, Kimberly at the age of 2 months. We have two grandchildren, Jame (12) in 6th grade and Wyatt (10) in 4th grade. We currently don't have any pets, but over the years we have had numerous beagles and coon hounds. This year Sue and I will celebrate 48 years of marriage.

**What is the biggest change you have seen in your work experience?** Technology.

**Tell us about your hobbies and interests.** I enjoy woodworking, drawing, camping, the outdoors, gardening and tending to my 36 blueberry bushes.

**Is there a feature that amazes you about bolted stainless steel tanks?** The volume tanks can hold and the height.

**Where has your engineering career lead you to?** Adventures. Going to school & learning to fulfill my life.

**Is there a location you would like to visit?** We want to travel to Maine and Vermont and would also like to return to Alaska. During our travels, if we see a tank, we will likely stop and look at it.

**Where are you headed next?** We have 6 states that we haven't been in and are on our bucket list. We plan to enjoy retirement and live life to the fullest.

**Do you have any parting words?** Have a dream and follow through. Enjoy the work.





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## What's New?

### Welcome A New Face To Estimating



Blane Knutson is a new Estimator with American Structures. He is from a large family and has 2 brothers, 2 sisters, & grew up in Ishpeming, MI.

Blane served for the U.S. Army as a Helicopter Crew Chief, and was in active duty from 1982-85, and was stationed in Ft. Benning, GA.

His work experience has lead him to a variety of industries including concrete, auto, and farm implements, as well as packaging machinery, and cabinet making.

Blane is running the paces and training with Russ to learn the job. Russ is excited to help with the smooth transition.

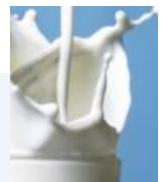
## Wisconsin Receives \$61M For Drinking Water, Wastewater Improvements

Wisconsin is getting more than \$61.7 million from the federal government to fund improvements to water and wastewater infrastructure through the state's revolving loan programs.

Last year, the state awarded \$123 million in low-interest loans for wastewater projects in 44 communities across Wisconsin. The state provided \$57 million in loans to 32 municipalities for drinking water projects last year.

Gov. Tony Evers has declared 2019 as the year of clean drinking water in Wisconsin.

<https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-receives-61m-drinking-water-wastewater-improvements>



## JUNE is National Dairy Month.

How many servings of dairy do Americans consume each day? A) One B) Two C) Three

On average, Americans consume two dairy servings a day.

Resource: MidwestDairy.com

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