



FRONT RANGE LUMBER COMPANY

The news you need to make your project a success!

> POWER NAIL EVENT <

See the attached flyer for more details on **FRONT RANGE LUMBER'S** biggest event of the year. We are offering great prices on the entire range of GripRite gun nails, tools and accessories.

Why you should attend:

- Best prices on a wide range of tools and their matching nails, brads, and staples.
- You can get expert help on all your power fastener questions.
- We can help you repair your hoses and fittings.
- Enjoy lunch and a Magill's ice cream on us.
- Upgrade and augment your tool selection including coil nailers, hanger nailers, staplers and brad nailers.
- Use the demonstrator tools and materials to determine your specific needs.
- Triple T savings as attached.
- Speak directly to a supplier representative for in-depth information.
- Pick from the GripRite line of fasteners and tools to exactly match your needs.
- Obtain those harder to find fasteners – galvanized, ring shank or smaller case amounts.

Remember, in our flyer we're showing only a few of the many of tools offered in the GripRite line. Consult the PrimeSource.com website for the entire GripRite selection available. We are able to order any tool or fastener available through them on a special order basis at amazing prices.

Leading up to June 12, you can pre-purchase any GripRite tool available through PrimeSource and we'll make sure it's ready for you to pick up on June 12th or later.

We'll have the experts from PrimeSource onsite to answer all your questions on June 12th. Ask any of our sales staff for more details. Stop by for lunch on that day— we're looking forward to seeing you.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Lumber Pricing

Cedar products have increased in price as the outdoor season kicks off in earnest. We continue to see price change announcements across the entire spectrum of building products. Basic framing lumber and most plywood items are hovering in the same price range where they have been for the last few months. Transportation—always a key issue in our products because of their weight and bulk—remains tight and is causing delays in the distribution system. Specifically, the railroads appear to be getting further behind in their deliveries throughout the nation.

FRLCO NEWS

Holidays

We are all looking forward to the summer. We will be closed all day for the summer holidays: Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day. We will be open regular hours before and after each of those holidays.

We be social!

We are now using social media!

FOLLOW us on TWITTER:

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LIKE us on FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/frontrangelumberco

FOLLOW our BLOG:

frontrangelumber.blogspot.com

KENT'S CORNER

I write this article on Memorial Day. Even a guy like me, never in a war nor was anyone close to me, appreciates what servicemen have done for our nation. I have a long deceased Uncle Leo Kent who fought in famed battles in World War II. May his soul, and all the others through time, rest in peace.

Most of our contractor friends are finding plenty of work out there. While homeowners are doing most outdoor work by themselves, kitchens, baths, basement finishes, window and door replacement are hot. We try to be thoughtful, matching homeowners to contractors as best as possible.

Speaking of doors and windows: While windows can generally be made to any exact size you need, doors are not so easy. The industry has streamlined door sizes, anything different can cost a lot more. Certainly availability plummets, so remember that the first thing to consider on exterior door replacement is size. We're appy to discuss your alternatives.

The big rains of this past week in May are ending, thank God. But remember the heat in May in the last couple of years? (And now this year!). I CAN wait for the 90-degree temps to get off to a slow start. Gotta love Colorado

PRODUCT NEWS

OZCO Pergola Hardware

OZCO by Fortress is a newly released line of powder coat hardware made specifically for pergolas and arbors. Sized for either smooth or rough sawn lumber, they provide a great finished look to any outdoor project.

BUILT RIGHT...

Safety

It seems so simple, it's amazing how often handling building materials turns into a logistical battle. Over the years, the materials most commonly used have changed. One of the largest changes is the weight (or "density") of the items used. For illustration, composite decking products such as Trex have taken over a significant portion of the deck market. Trex and similar are much heavier than the conventional products used in the past (redwood and others). Other examples include treated lumber, engineered wood products and MDF products. As a sidelight, we see this in reaching weight capacity quicker on our delivery trucks without bulk.

As the summer half of the year is upon us, decks, pergolas and other outside structures are key projects being built by contractors and homeowners; it's also a great time to remind all users of the following:

- Use clamps or other holding devices to hold posts and beams in position until all connectors are well installed.
- Check for underground or hidden utilities.
- Use the proper ladder – ladders are rated by weight capacity for the WHOLE load, which is you AND what you're holding/carrying.
- Wear gloves and other safety equipment.
- Get a capable partner to help!
- Get pre-approval from local authorities and/or the homeowner's association.

PROFIT SHARING

Landscape Timbers

Don't get stuck – availability of landscape timbers is *very limited*. This includes virtually any size which are commonly referred to as "railroad ties" but aren't the real thing.

TAKING STOCK...

Cedar

Few lumberyards stock the quality and grade **FRONT RANGE LUMBER** does, especially in the width of sizes and products. We always urge you to compare quality – a large price difference may be due to quality differences.

Dog-Eared Pickets

We've added 1x4-8' dog-eared pickets; however before installing a "non-standard" fence, we suggest you consult any applicable local government and/or the homeowner's association.

CONSUMER NEWS

Trash Clean-Up

FRONT RANGE LUMBER heads up the South Lakewood Business Association's (SLBA) trash clean-up of the Jewell and Wadsworth area every three months. The next scheduled trash clean-up is July 27th starting at 9am. This is a great civic event for your volunteer hours. Contact Andy at our store for more information (303-988-5980).

Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

Memorial Day weekend has arrived, marking the start of a fun-filled swimming season for kids and parents alike. Last summer, Mario Vittone dispelled a popular myth about a preventable risk: drowning. The original piece is reprinted below.

By Mario Vittone

In many child drownings, adults are nearby but have no idea the victim is dying. Here's what to look for.

The new captain jumped from the deck, fully dressed, and sprinted through the water. A former lifeguard, he kept his eyes on his victim as he headed straight for the couple swimming between their anchored sportfisher and the beach. "I think he thinks you're drowning," the husband said to his wife. They had been splashing each other and she had screamed but now they were just standing, neck-deep on the sand bar. "We're fine; what is he doing?" she asked, a little annoyed. "We're fine!" the husband yelled, waving him off, but his captain kept swimming hard. "Move!" he barked as he sprinted between the

stunned owners. Directly behind them, not 10 feet away, their 9-year-old daughter was drowning. Safely above the surface in the arms of the captain, she burst into tears, "Daddy!"

How did this captain know—from 50 feet away—what the father couldn't recognize from just 10? Drowning is not the violent, splashing call for help that most people expect. The captain was trained to recognize drowning by experts and years of experience. The father, on the other hand, had learned what drowning looks like by watching television. If you spend time on or near the water (hint: that's all of us) then you should make sure that you and your crew know what to look for whenever people enter the water. Until she cried a tearful, "Daddy," she hadn't made a sound. As a former Coast Guard rescue swimmer, I wasn't surprised at all by this story. Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing, and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for is rarely seen in real life.

The Instinctive Drowning Response—so named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind. To get an idea of just how quiet and undramatic from the surface drowning can be, consider this: ***It is the No. 2 cause of accidental death in children, ages 15 and under*** (just behind vehicle accidents)—of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. In some of those drownings, the adult will actually watch the child do it, having no idea it is happening. Drowning does not look like drowning—Dr. Pia, in an article in the Coast Guard's *On Scene* magazine, described the Instinctive Drowning Response like this:

- "Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is the secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled before speech occurs.

- Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale, and call out for help. When the drowning people's mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly as their mouths start to sink below the surface of the water.
- Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
- Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer, or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.
- From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs."

This doesn't mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble—they are experiencing aquatic distress. Not always present before the Instinctive Drowning Response, aquatic distress doesn't last long—but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs—vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder

So if a crew member falls overboard and everything looks OK—don't be too sure. Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look like they're drowning. They may just look like they are treading water and looking up at the deck. One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you all right?" If they can answer at all—they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents—children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you get to them and find out why.

This article is reprinted from Mario Vittone's blog.

FUNNIES

Very Punny...

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu- the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding- A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia- the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted – 'taint yours and 'taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.