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Let It Snow!!

I never did like having to work outside during the winter, but I do love the snow. Winter brings us beauty that can only take place because of cold temperatures. A good covering of snow can't happen without freezing temperatures. There's something about falling snow that can be a little chaotic, but peaceful. I've heard WLW Radio refer to falling snow as "White Death", because of the terror on the roads and how the stores sell out of bread and milk in a matter of a few hours. It does cause some problems, but it also provides beauty that can't be duplicated. There is something about a pure white covering of snow over everything, the good, the bad, and the ugly, that makes it all look so beautiful. A torn and shredded bag of garbage looks beautiful when covered by a blanket of fresh snow. A junk yard full of old rusty automobiles looks beautiful when covered by a blanket of fresh snow. Then there is the reaction to snow. People slow down or just stay at home, schools close, some companies and businesses close. The fast pace we all seem to be caught up in slows way down when it snows. Snow also absorbs noise and sound, and provides a quiet peace. Life just slows down and becomes so peaceful when we get a good coating of snow.

Snow is a lot like forgiveness of sins. It only comes from above...It covers all of the junk, trash, and bad things it falls on...It brings peace during chaotic times...It makes the ugly become beautiful. The Bible tells us in Psalms 51, "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." "Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

So, the next time it snows, take time out to see the beauty, quietness, and peace it brings. Enjoy this miracle from the heavens. And, ask yourself if there is something in your life that needs a fresh coating of snow.

Birthdays

January

*Scott Wilbanks
Brad Smith
Lowell Kinney Jr.*

February

*Dwane Johnson
Todd McCain
Vancil Henry
David Huff
Andy Holsinger*

*A youth becomes a man when the marks he wants to leave on the world
have nothing to do with tires.*

Scioto Water Renovation Work Continues

For the most part, work at or below grade has been taking place on Scioto Water's Filtration Plant in Lucasville. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have been working inside the existing building, installing conduit, wire, and new switchgear. The generator has also been set in place, and wire pulled to it. Our crew is preparing to upgrade and convert the Electric Service to the new switchgear. The pace should really pick up when the weather breaks. This project should wrap up later this year. No injuries reported to date. Great news!

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Danny & Dennis Beekman
on the passing of their mother, Janet Beekman.*

Clay's Annex Getting Additional Outside Lights

We recently received a contract to remove some old and install new exterior lights on the Clay's Annex Building (former High School Building). Kenny Stewart has been working on this project. We still have 4-lights to install once the new signage has been installed. We have appreciated the additional work the Clay Local School District has provided.

Ironton-Russell Bridge Project Continues

Work continues on the concrete piers being installed to support the new Ironton-Russell Bridge. There are two piers on the Kentucky side, two in the Ohio River, and four in Ironton. Each pier has grounding that our crews have been installing. Bill Mershon, Josh Reed and Dwane Johnson have been installing grounding in the concrete piers, as they rise up from the earth. Traffic Signal and Street Lighting work has also progressed on Jefferson Street in Ironton. The new bridge approach ties into Second Street, just East of Jefferson St. Kenny Stewart Dan Maple, and Dwane Johnson have been installing underground conduits and concrete foundations for lighting and traffic signal poles at 2nd and 3rd Streets crossing Jefferson Street.

This project will see much more activity as the weather improves in the coming months. ODOT awarded the new bridge contract to Brayman Construction Corp. of Pennsylvania, who awarded us a subcontract for the Electrical work.

Congratulations are in order for Miles Lee and Ashley Ferguson, on the birth of Karlee Bell Ferguson. Mom and Daughter are doing fine. What a blessing!

Eden Park to Get Sewer Service

J & H Erectors was recently awarded a project with the Scioto County Commissioners to install sewer service for the Eden Park area. New sewer lines will connect to Portsmouth's sewer system just South of Eden Park. We received a contract from J & H Erectors to perform the Electrical on this project. There's not much Electrical, but every little bit helps. Miles Lee Ferguson recently completed the temporary Electric Service for the construction office trailer. We will need to perform the Electrical work associated with the metering vault in the coming months. We appreciate another opportunity to work with the folks at J & H Erectors.

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." Dan Quayle (remember??)

Iron Ridge Campground Upgrade Still Stalled

No work has been performed on the Iron Ridge Campground in Wayne National Forest, for many months now. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have completed everything they can and now we are waiting on the Power Company to install their power to the two Electric Services our crews built for the two new toilet and shower houses. We need power before we can complete the project. Until then, we continue to wait.

Pump Station MTS Work for Portsmouth Completed

Bill Mershon and Josh Reed recently completed installation/connection of new Manual Transfer Switches in two of the City's Sanitary Water Pump Stations, one for West Portsmouth and one for Rosemount. These manual transfer switches allow the City to connect generators to the pump stations and keep the pumps running during power outages. Small job with no injuries reported. That's a good combination!

Without a goal, you can't score.

Service Work Continues...

Service calls and small jobs continue to keep Dwane Johnson busy. Lately, he has been working on the following: Ripley RULH Local School District, Frontier Communications, American Savings Bank, Viox, Fifth-Third Bank, Portsmouth Public Library, US Bank in Waverly, US Bank in Gallipolis, Arrick's LP Gas in Peebles, Minford Local School District, KDMC Portsmouth, Goodwill Industries, High Voltage Maintenance, Clay Local School District, and New Boston Traffic Signals to name a few. Dwane had some help along the way from Kenny Stewart. Good service with a smile...Dwane's got it down!

B & W Conversion Services Awards Valve Project

We recently received a contract with Geiger Brothers, to perform the Electrical work on a Valve Replacement Project at the DUF6 Conversion Facility located at the A-Plant. Danny Beekman and Josh Reed performed the Electrical work on this project that was completed two and a half weeks after it began. We appreciate another opportunity to get to work on the Conversion Facility, and work with the folks at Geiger Brothers. No injuries reported on this project. Just how we planned it!

AHU Replacement Work Completed at SOMC

We recently completed the Electrical work on the air handler replacement project that took place in the old Penthouses at SOMC's Main Campus. We were awarded a contract with SOMC to perform the Electrical work on the AHU Replacement Project. New units are up and running as planned. Miles Lee Ferguson, Dustin Pendleton, and Dwane Johnson performed the Electrical work on this project. It's always good to be a part of upgrades at SOMC. Thanks for the work!

NARCO Getting New Grinder

We were recently awarded a contract with NARCO of South Shore, Kentucky, to perform the Electrical work associated with the installation of a very impressive grinder. With only a few of these installed in the United States, this grinder is a very unique piece of equipment; designed to grind all sides of kiln brick at the same time. The process leaves the kiln brick perfectly milled to the point they do not require mortar between the joints when they are placed in the kilns. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have been working on this project, that is expected to wrap up sometime this Spring. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the folks at NARCO again. No injuries reported to date, and that is great news!

Most people achieved their greatest success one step beyond what looked like their greatest failure.

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Gets New VFD

We recently began installation of a 5KV Variable Frequency Drive for the High Service Pumps at the Portsmouth Filtration Plant. Most of the work has been completed, and we are waiting on additional equipment to come in. The addition of this new VFD will provide the Filtration Plant with a significant savings in Electricity costs. This project should wrap up some time in February. Led by Kenny Stewart, the following Electricians have worked on this project: Dan Maple and Dwane Johnson. We always appreciate the opportunity to work for our home town!

Riverside ETC Park Getting LED Lighting

We recently received a contract with the Scioto County Commissioners to replace the existing light poles in Riverside ETC Park, with new LED lights and poles. We will be removing the old light poles that were installed by West End Electric during the 1970's, and replacing them with new poles and LED lighting fixtures. The LED lighting should make a big difference in their Electric bills, and also provide them longer lamp life. The project also includes additional receptacles and lighting inside the large shelter house. Miles Lee Ferguson has been working on this project. We are waiting on delivery of the light pole assemblies. This is just another project we can drive by and be proud to have worked on it. Thanks Scioto County!

USEC ACP Research & Development Work On Track

Work on the ACP Research and Development Project is moving along as planned. As of this date, we have 37-workers on this project. Work is expected to wrap up sometime in March. There may be some work continue after this, for a limited number of workers. The ACP (American Centrifuge Plant) has a great future that will employ a lot of construction workers, if USEC is granted the loan guarantee from President Obama. This is a critical year for the future of this project...a project that our area needs desperately. USEC continues to strive to provide DOE what they are asking for, in order to secure the loan guarantee...something we all need to pray for. Led by Pete Nichols, the following workers are part of our team on this project: Greg Tingler, Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, Tim Keyser, Tim Jenkins, Scott Wilbanks, Will Collier, Ed Sommer, Danny Beekman, Dave Sams, Danny Maple, Nick Kingrey, Dennis Beekman, Blake Darst, Rod Hensley, Brian Maple, Vancil Henry, Gary Price, Bob DeHart, Dave Marting, Terry Sheppard, Bradley Smith, David Huff, Ben Pollard, Dustin Pendleton, Bill Mershon, Andrew Holsinger, Jack Gay, Brian Knapp, Lowell Kinney, Thom Hastings, Laura Hawes, David Nichols, Melodee Ruby, and James Fite. No injuries to date, and we plan to keep it that way!

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

Museum Renovating Alley

The Southern Ohio Museum has taken ownership of the alley next to their building, and are in the process of renovating it into a user-friendly environment. Phase one is to get the old utility poles and overhead wiring out of the alley. This is where we come in. The Museum has contracted our services to install an underground service to the Esplanade Electric Service Cabinet, and provide a new point of attachment to the Museum building for the Power Company. Once the old brick and concrete surface has been removed in the alley, we can begin our work.

Dust Collector Work Completed at AP Green

Work was recently completed on the addition and relocation of dust collector equipment at A.P. Green's facility in Oak Hill, Ohio. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt completed this work. We really do appreciate the work AP Green sends our way. No injuries reported to date, and everyone wins with this news.

SOMC Preventative Maintenance Work To Begin Soon

SOMC is in the process of scheduling time for outages so we can begin inspections, operations, and cleaning of the high voltage equipment and switchgear at SOMC's Main Campus. This work will need to be closely coordinated with the Hospital Staff, due to power outages and testing. Dwane Johnson is heading up this work.

Adena Health Setting-up Shop at A-Plant

Materials have been ordered and received, and we are waiting for delivery and set up of the new Adena Health Care trailer complex at the A-Plant. Our contract is with Satellite Shelters, who is furnishing and installing the Adena health Care trailer complex. The trailers are completed, and Satellite Shelters is just waiting on Fluor B&W Portsmouth to give them the go ahead to deliver and install the trailers. Until then, we will be on stand-by. We will be installing Fire, Evacuation, and PA Systems, as well as some power and tele-data work in these trailers.

High Voltage Maintenance & Repair Work for USEC

For months now, we have received a number of contracts with USEC to perform high voltage maintenance, testing, and repairs to their high voltage switches, breakers, and transformers. We have contracted the services of High Voltage Maintenance to perform this work, and assisted them anyway we can. We really do appreciate working with the good folks at USEC. No injuries to date. That's just what USEC wants!

SOMC Getting New Switchgear

We recently received a contract to replace old switchgear at two of SOMC's facilities. We will be replacing the main switchgear in the East Campus office facility, which was the former Portsmouth Receiving Hospital. We will also be replacing motor control centers in two penthouses at SOMC's Main Campus. Equipment has been ordered. Once it arrives, we will schedule outages with SOMC, for installation of the new equipment. As always, we sure do appreciate the opportunity to work with the fine folks at SOMC.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

Access Scioto County Gets LP Fuel Station

We recently completed the Electrical installation for a new LP Fuel Pump Station installed at the Access Scioto County office. This new equipment will allow Access Scioto County to operate with a cleaner and less costly fuel for their buses. They have already converted two of their buses over to LP, and are in the process of converting many more. Dwane Johnson and Ed Sommer completed the work on this project. We appreciate the opportunity to work for our Scioto County Commissioners. No injuries reported, and that is always good news.

SOMC: Misc. Cysto Work

We just received a contract to make changes in the 480 Volt power supply to the Cysto Room at SOMC. Miles Lee Ferguson will be performing this work next week. We appreciate the trust SOMC has placed with us to perform this work.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

New Boston Getting More Traffic Signal Controllers

We recently received a contract with the Village of New Boston, to purchase and install new traffic signal controllers at two intersections in the Village. The equipment has been ordered, and we will start this work as soon as the new controllers are delivered. We have replaced almost all of the traffic signal controllers in New Boston now. After this project is completed, they will only have three intersections without the newer traffic signal controllers. We really do appreciate working with the good folks of New Boston!

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Gets New VFD's

We recently received a contract with the City of Portsmouth to install a new Variable Frequency Drive and Manual Transfer Switch for the two (2ea.) 4,160 Volt, 350 Horsepower High Service Pumps in the Portsmouth Filtration Plant. One of these pumps is running constantly, and this VFD will provide around \$100,000.00 savings in energy consumption each year. The equipment has been ordered and should be delivered later this month. This work will be completed before Christmas.

Manchester Locals Schools Health Center Wrapping Up

It sure looks like it's done. The new Health Center at Manchester Schools that is. The School District expects to get occupancy any day now. With the exception of some work in the proposed Dental Lab, Kenny Stewart has completed all of the Electrical work. Kenny has had some help from Dwane Johnson, in completing the loose ends. We are the Electrical subcontractor to B B & E on this project. Once again, we've appreciated the opportunity to work with the fine folks at the Manchester Local School District. No injuries reported on this project. That's great news!

*Here are possibly the five best sentences on our economy you'll ever read.
Unfortunately, most voters don't know this...*

- 1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealth out of prosperity.*
 - 2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.*
 - 3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.*
 - 4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.*
 - 5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them; and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.*
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Area 8 Shower Trailer Project Under Way

We recently received a contract with Pac-Van to perform Electrical and Systems work in the new Shower Trailers being installed at the A-Plant. This shower trailer will be used by crews performing demolition work on two large process buildings (X-326 and X-330). We have ordered and received most of the materials for this project, but our work will not start until the trailers have been delivered to the site and set-up. We still don't know when that will happen. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the folks at Pac-Van once again.

*Be careful with your words. Once they are said,
they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.*

Chesapeake Schools Athletic Complex Nears Completion

Work on the Chesapeake Athletic Complex should be wrapping up in the next month or so. Josh Reed has been working with J & H Erectors, to complete Electrical work around the project. The Visitor's Locker Building is under roof, and should be closed in any day now. We have some wire yet to pull, but it shouldn't take long to wrap this one up. Josh has had some help from Miles Lee Ferguson and Dwane Johnson. We have a subcontract with J & H Erectors to perform the Electrical work on this project. When completed, the students and community of Chesapeake will have a beautiful athletic complex that really looks great from the highway. No injuries reported to date. Good work!

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about it.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.00.

He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back the tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving...He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

"Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

What we've bid, and will be bidding...

- We recently rebid a generator replacement project for Frontier Communications, in Wheelersburg. We expect this work to be done sometime this Spring, but I haven't heard back from the customer yet.
- We recently quoted the Electrical work associated with the installation of two large diesel fuel tanks at the N & S Yards in Portsmouth. We've never heard from the customer on this one.
- We recently bid Electrical on Oak Hill School's new Baseball and Softball Fields. No awards have been made as of this date. There were so many alternates on this bid, it is still unclear who the actual low bidder will be.
- We recently bid the Electrical on a SSU Administration Building Renovation Project. Hatzel-Buehler was the low bidder on the Electrical contract.
- We recently bid the Electrical work on the Adams County Courthouse HVAC Upgrade Project. We have not heard anything on the bids for this project yet.
- We recently bid the Electrical work associated with a major renovation and addition to the Georgetown, Ohio Waste Water Treatment Plant. We've never heard back from the low bidder (PAE).
- We recently bid an underground 15KV feeder replacement project for one of Portsmouth's Flood Pump Station. We've never heard back on these bid results.
- We recently bid replacement of a PCB contaminated transformer in one of Portsmouth's Flood Pump Stations. We've never heard back on these bid results.
- We recently bid the Electrical work on two different projects at GE-Peebles Test Site. We've never heard back on these projects.
- We recently bid Electrical on a spec. building finish-out at South Point, Ohio. We unofficially heard Mullins Construction was the low bidder on this project.
- It's my understanding that J & H Erectors will be building the Infra-Metals Steel Distribution Facility to be built in New Boston. The last word on this project was there are some property issues to be resolved before they award any construction contracts. Once J & H gets a contract, we will be discussing the Electrical work with them.
- We recently bid Electrical on the 37th Street Lift Station Improvements in Ashland, Kentucky. We haven't heard anything on the bids yet.