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Billion....Think About It.

*The next time you hear a Politician use the word “**Billion**” in a casual manner, think about whether you want the “Politicians” spending your tax money.*

*A **billion** is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.*

- *A **billion** seconds ago it was 1959.*
- *A **billion** minutes ago, Jesus walked on the earth.*
- *A **billion** hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.*
- *A **billion** days ago, no-one walked the face of the earth.*
- *A **billion** dollars ago was only 8-hours and 20-minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.*

*While this thought is still fresh in our brain...it’s amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Not too long after hurricane Katrina swept across the Gulf shores, Louisiana Senator, Mary Landrieu asked Congress for 250-**billion** dollars to rebuild New Orleans.*

Interesting number...what does it mean?

- *If you were one of the 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, & child) you each would get \$516,528.00.*
- *Or, if you had one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans, your home would get \$1,329,787.00*
- *Or, if you are a family of four...your family would get \$2,066,012.00*

Here are some of the taxes currently in place, providing our government the “billions” of dollars they struggle to survive on...

Building Permit tax...CDL License tax...Cigarette tax...Corporate Income tax...Dog license tax...Federal Income tax...Federal Unemployment tax...Fishing License tax...Food License tax...Fuel Permit tax...Gasoline tax...Hunting License tax...Inheritance tax...Inventory tax...IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)...IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)...Liquor tax...Luxury tax...Marriage License tax...Medicare tax...Property tax...Real Estate tax...Service charge tax...Social Security tax...Road usage tax...Sales tax...Recreational Vehicle tax...School tax...State Income tax...State Unemployment tax...Telephone Federal Excise tax...Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee tax...Telephone Federal, State & Local Surcharge tax...Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge tax...Telephone Recurring & Non-recurring Charges tax...Telephone State & Local tax...Telephone usage Charge tax...Utility tax...Vehicle License registration tax...Watercraft Registration tax...Well Permit tax...Workers Compensation tax...

Not one of these taxes existed 100-years ago...and our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt...We had the largest middle class in the world...And Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened? Can you spell “Politicians!”

Birthdays

June

***Bill Mershon
Chad Hawes
Blake Darst***

July

***Mike Cantrell
Nick Kingrey
Josh Reed***

August

***Danny Beekman
Andy Eldridge
Michael Hunt
Rod Hensley
Pete Nichols***

September

Prudy Copas

***Opportunity is missed by most people because
it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.***

WASHINGTON-NILE Middle School

We recently completed the installation of LED lighting in the stairs and ramps to the Stage, in the new Washington-Nile Middle School. Bill Mershon and Josh Reed performed the rough-in, and Kenny Stewart and Danny Maple installed the lights. We certainly do appreciate the work from the Washington-Nile Local School District.

Manchester Local School District Work Continues

Work was recently completed on two small projects at the Manchester Local Schools. Installation of an access control system for the office area, and replacement of the metal halide lights in the High School's Round Room; with LED lights. This work was performed by Kenny Stewart and Danny Maple. We really do appreciate the work from the fine folks with the Manchester Local School District.

Lighting Upgrades Performed for New Boston

The Village of New Boston recently approved the installation of security and night lighting at two of their flood pump stations. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton just completed the installation of new light fixtures, receptacles, and switches at Flood Pump Stations #7 and #10. We always appreciate the opportunity to provide work for the Village of New Boston.

Iron Ridge Campground Upgrade

Work has been moving along on the Iron Ridge Campground in Wayne National Forest. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have been performing the work at the site. We received a contract with Diaz Construction to install power to two new combination toilet and shower house buildings being constructed at the facility. Work should be completed the end of Summer 2012. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends from Diaz Construction.

*If you don't pay appropriate attention to what has your attention,
It will take more of your attention than it deserves.*

Clay Work Continues In Former H.S. Building

Kenny Stewart and Dan Maple recently completed lighting and other Electrical improvements in the former Clay High School Building. The District's workers are preparing this building for classes later this month. We appreciate the opportunity to help with this effort. The basement mechanical room was flooded recently. Kenny and Danny responded to this situation and got the power back on. This may lead to more work in the near future.

Hillview Retirement Center gets New Parking Lot

Work has begun on the new parking lot being constructed on Sherman Road. We recently received a contract with Solid Rock Construction to install lighting for a new parking lot being constructed for Hillview Retirement Center. Materials have been ordered, and Andy Eldridge has been preparing to begin the conduit rough-in work.

Ironton-Russell Bridge Project

We recently received a contract to perform the Electrical installation on the new Ironton-Russell Bridge being built just up-river from the old bridge. ODOT awarded the new bridge contract to Brayman Construction Corp. of Pennsylvania, who awarded us a subcontract for the Electrical work. Dwane Johnson, Ed Sommer, and Kenny Stewart completed the installation of temporary power and lighting at Brayman's field office trailers; while Bill Mershon and Josh Reed have been performing grounding on several of the piers. This new bridge will be a beautiful addition to the Ironton and Russell areas. The old bridge will be removed once the new bridge opens in 2015.

*You will find, as you look back upon your life,
that the moments when you have truly lived,
are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.*

Portsmouth Medical Office Building Now Open

The new Medical Office Building opened for business in May. This turned out to be a beautiful facility. Andy Eldridge and his crews wrapped things up with time to spare. This has proven to be a nice (and bright) addition to the neighborhood. And, it seems to be a busy place as well. Led by Andy Eldridge, the following Electricians are on this project: Michael Hunt, Chance Cooper, and Chris Good. No injuries reported on this project!

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.

Service Work Continues...

Service calls and small jobs continue to keep Dwane Johnson busy. Lately, he has been working on the following: Porter Township Fire Station, New Boston Traffic Signals, Northwest Local School District, Pittsburg Paint Store, Shawnee Lodge, A.P. Green, SOMC Hospital, Portsmouth Public Library, PNC Bank of Portsmouth, American Savings Bank, Yamato's Restaurant, McGovney Read-Mix, Scioto County Jail, Schwan's Foods, Wheelersburg Traffic Signals, Pepsi Bottling Company, Blue Flame Gas, American Savings Bank, BP Bulk Plant in Sciotoville, Village of South Webster, and Jackson PNC Bank; to name a few. Dwane had some help along the way from Kenny Stewart, Andy Eldridge, Danny Maple, Bill Mershon, and Michael Hunt.

Fluor-B & W Trailer Projects Progressing

Our crews have nearly completed the Electrical work on the Areas 1 & 2 Trailer Complexes, as well as the Area 7 Trailer Complex. Plant personnel have already moved into many of these trailers. We have worked as a sub contractor to Geiger Brothers and Pac-Van on these projects. This work has been part of the Decontamination & Demolition work going on at the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Uranium Enrichment Facility in Piketon, Ohio. These trailer complexes have allowed workers to move out of the X-100 and several other buildings; so the old buildings can be torn down. Led by Pete Nichols, the following Electricians and Linemen have been working on these projects: Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, Will Collier, Dennis Beekman, Ed Sommer, Danny Beekman, Danny Maple, Blake Darst, Rod Hensley, Christopher Good, Cody Breech, Nick Kingrey, and Mark Thompson. No injuries have been reported to date. Always a good thing!

*Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift back to God.*

X-100 Vault Relocation Project Progresses

After a slow start, work has been moving along at a rapid pace on the new X-100 Vault Relocation Project. The new records vault is being constructed in the South-West corner of the X-720 building. Once this project is completed, demolition of the X-100 building can be completed. We are a subcontractor for Geiger Brothers on this project. Led by Chad Hawes, the following Electricians have been working on this project: Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, Will Collier, Blake Darst, Rod Hensley, Ed Sommer, Dan Beekman, This project should be completed in the next few months. No injuries reported to date, and that is great!!

PMHA - CCTV Camera Work Nears Completion

The Electrical installation is nearly completed at the Hudson House, Alexandria House and Cliffside House; and installation of the CCTV cameras began around mid-July. Crews from Resource One have been installing equipment and bringing the cameras on line. Work is scheduled for a mid-August completion. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been working on the Alexandria House and Hudson House while Kenny Stewart and Danny Maple have worked at the Cliffside House. No injuries reported to date, which is always welcome news.

*Life is like riding a bicycle...
To keep balance, you must keep moving.*

USEC ACP R & D Work Starts Back Up

For several months now, Pete Nichols and Greg Tingler have been working with folks from USEC to prepare for work to continue on the development and design of the centrifuge machines in the X-3001 building. Work has finally resumed on the research and development phase of this project. USEC and DOE have proven their commitment to moving forward with the ACP project by putting up millions of dollars towards further research and development work, which will decrease the risk of the two billion loan guarantee we all have been waiting for. We certainly look forward to continued progress and success with the ACP Project, and are hopeful that politics will not be a hindrance from this point on. To date, led by Pete Nichols, the following people have are working on and/or providing support for this project: Greg Tingler, Mike Cantrell, Tim Keyser, Tim Jenkins, Scott Wilbanks, Dave Sams, Thom Hastings, Laura Hawes, and James Fite.

AP Green Work Progressing

The new Employees Locker/Shower Building at AP Green's Oak Hill Site is getting close to completion. Our crews have completed most of the Electrical work are ready to finish up once the other trades get their work done. Bill Mershon and Josh Reed have been hard at it for several weeks now, and have had some help from Ed Sommer and Danny Beekman. In addition to this project, our crews recently completed the Electrical work during a plant shut-down, and some other small projects. There are more small projects on the drawing board for AP Green that should be starting in the coming months. As always, we really do Appreciate the work AP Green sends our way. No injuries reported to date. Great news!

Service Repairs Made at Rio Grande College

Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt recently completed repairs to Electrical services on the Rio Grande College Campus, that were damaged by the high winds the last Friday of June. The College Campus sustained a lot of damage due to fallen trees. Andy & Michael made quick work of it and had power restored in short order.

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Gets Filtering System Upgrade

Work has been progressing on the new filtering upgrade and valve replacement project at the Portsmouth Water Treatment Plant. PAE Associates is the lead contractor on this project. Bill Mershon, Danny Beekman, and Josh Reed worked on this project earlier, and now Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton are working to wrap it up. Who'd of thought the Ohio River could look so clean when it comes out of our faucets? We always appreciate the opportunity to make our City a better place. No injuries have been reported on this project, just as planned!

*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

AEP Grid Smart Projects Keep Electricians Working

Dwane Johnson has been busy chasing after AEP Grid Smart Projects, with much success. He has worked with Hector Reffit of State Electric Supply Co., Inc. to calculate savings by switching to more efficient lighting in their facilities. In addition to the savings in energy costs, AEP Grid Smart Program has provided rebates for these upgrades as well. Led by Dwane Johnson, the following Electricians have been working on these projects: Kenny Stewart, Danny Maple, Ed Sommer, Danny Beekman, Michael Hunt, Some of the projects we have completed or are in the process of completing are:

American Savings Banks
West Side IGA Grocery
Portsmouth Public Library in New Boston
Northwest Local School District
Frontier Communications, 12ea. different facilities in 6-different Counties
South Shore Fire Department

A clever person solves a problem....A wise person avoids it.

SOMC: Misc. Electrical Work

SOMC recently called out Dwane Johnson to check-out the switchgear at the Life Center, during a recent power outage. Dwane was called out again on August 5, to switch over the primary power source to the Main Campus; at the Hospital's Automatic Transfer Switch. We appreciate the trust SOMC has placed with us to perform this work.

*Here is a test to find if your mission on earth is finished...
If you're alive, it isn't!*

Gas Fired Boiler Plant Awarded at A-Plant

To date, equipment has been ordered and drawings have been drawn up for approval. Work should begin very soon on the new Gas Fired Boiler Project at the A-Plant. These new boilers will replace the old coal fired Steam plant that has been in operation since the 1950's. Once the new boilers are operating and on line, demolition work will begin on the old steam plant. This is part of the decontamination and demolition project headed up by Fluor-B&W Portsmouth LLC. Once again, we really do appreciate the opportunity to work with the folks from Geiger Brothers and Fluor B&W Portsmouth, LLC.

*Fall seven times,
Get up eight!*

Lawrence County Depot Project Wraps Up

Our Electricians recently completed work on the Lawrence County Depot Project in Downtown Ironton. This is a beautiful addition to the Ironton area! It has already been used for several special occasions. We have appreciated the opportunity to get to work with the City of Ironton and the Lawrence County Community Action. Led by Dwane Johnson, the following men have worked on this project: Ed Sommer, Kenny Stewart, Dan Maple, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pendleton. No injuries were reported, and that is a good thing!

Manchester Locals Schools Gets Health Center

We recently received a contract with B B & E to perform the Electrical on a new Health Center being constructed between the Manchester Local District's two buildings. This is a very new program being offered to school districts that allows them to meet the physical needs of children in the district. We appreciate being a part of this project, and hope to see more of them in the future. Kenny Stewart and Danny Maple have been performing work on this project. Completion is expected late Summer or early Fall.

Ron, an 85-year old man was sitting on the couch with his wife, Maisie, when she said to him, "Why don't you come site close to me like you used to." So he did. After a moment, Maisie said, "Why don't you put your arm around me like you used to." Ron put his arm around Maisie and held her tight. Then she said, "Why don't you nibble on my ear like you used to." Ron got up and left the room. "Where are you going?" Maisie called out. "To get my teeth," Ron replied.

SOMC Family Practice Suite Gets Renovations

We recently received a subcontract with J & H Erectors for renovations to the SOMC Family Practice Suite in the Herbert Building at SOMC's South Campus. Work began late July, with a completion date of around Mid-October. Dustin Pendleton and Michael Hunt have been working on this project. We always appreciate the opportunity to work for SOMC!

Chesapeake Schools Gets New Athletic Complex

We recently received a contract from J & H Erectors for the Electrical work on the new Athletic Complex being constructed for the Chesapeake School District. A new football field with a running track is being installed under another contract. Our contract includes new football field lighting, a Field House with the Home Team locker room, a Concessions and Restroom building with Visitor's Team locker rooms, new bleachers with a new press box, and associated support facilities. We should begin our work around mid-September.

Eleven Commandments of Good Business

- A CUSTOMER...is the most important person in any business.
 - A CUSTOMER...is not dependent on us – we are dependent on him.
 - A CUSTOMER...is not an interruption of our work – He is the purpose of it.
 - A CUSTOMER...does us a favor when he calls – we are not doing him a favor by serving him.
 - A CUSTOMER...is a part of our business – not an outsider.
 - A CUSTOMER...is not a cold statistic – he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
 - A CUSTOMER...is not someone to argue or match wits with.
 - A CUSTOMER...is a person who brings us his wants – it is our job to fill those wants.
 - A CUSTOMER...is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.
 - A CUSTOMER...is the fellow that makes it possible to pay your salary whether you are a truck driver, plant employee, office worker, sales person, or manager.
 - A CUSTOMER...is the life blood of this and every other business.
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What we've bid, and will be bidding...

- We recently turned in a bid for renovations at the Wayne Hills Apartments. We heard this work went to Distel Construction.
- We recently turned in a price for apartments being built in South Webster. We haven't heard anything on this bid.
- We recently submitted a proposal to the Portsmouth Filtration Plant, to install VFD's on the high service and river intake pump motors. This project will save the City of Portsmouth close to \$100,000.00 per year on the power consumption at the plant. This project has been presented to City Council for approval. Once approved, the project will go out for bid, and we will be watching for it.
- We recently turned in a proposal for the 13.8kV Electrical Distribution Project with Fluor B&W at the A-Plant. No word has been given as to who the low bidder was, but there is talk of redesigning the project and putting it back out for bid. This project was bid late last summer (2011), and again in early spring of this year. I guess we'll wait for the next request for bid, and do it all over again.
- It's been months since we turned in a price for 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 select the contractor to build their facility.
- We recently turned in a bid for installing power to some relocated and new equipment at the SFI Steel Facility in New Boston. Shortly after this work was bid, SFI announced they were closing the New Boston Facility.

- **We recently bid the Electrical on a new Adena Health Trailer Complex being installed at the A-Plant. Follow-up calls indicate we may have this project.**
 - **We recently turned in a price to install a 200 Amp Electric Panel in the Ironton School's Bus Garage. We're waiting to hear back on this one.**
 - **We recently turned in a price for renovations to the Portsmouth Taco Bell. We haven't heard anything on this project, or seen anything happening at this location.**
 - **We recently turned in 3-bids for renovations to H & R Block offices in Portsmouth, New Boston, and Chesapeake. No word back on these bids.**
 - **We recently bid a renovation project at Holzer Medical Center in Jackson. We have not heard back on this project.**
 - **We recently bid a renovation project at Heartland of Portsmouth. No word back on this project.**
 - **We recently bid a renovation project at PMHA Alexandria House. This contract was awarded to a Columbus contractor who is using someone else for the Electrical.**
 - **We recently bid the Electrical on a screen upgrade at the Portsmouth Waste Water Treatment Plant. No work back on this project.**
 - **We recently bid wiring for a concession/restroom/storage building at the Rose Ave. Park in Sciotoville. No word back on this project.**
 - **We recently quoted a project at SOCF, installing power to a new vehicle lift in the Maintenance Garage. No word back on this project.**
 - **We recently quoted the installation of an underground primary electric conduit being installed at the Girl Scout Camp Molly Lauman. No word back on this project.**
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