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Powerful Analogy

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar...and the coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, without saying a word, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things...your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favorite passions...things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else...the small stuff."

“If you put the sand into the jar first”, he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled, “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.”

Birthdays

March

Dan Maple

April

Dennis Beekman

May

*Dina Fraulini
Laura Hawes*

*Efficiency is doing things right. Effectiveness is doing the right things.
Success is doing the right things right, right now.*

Museum Alley Renovations Completed

The alley next to the Southern Ohio Museum has a new look. All of the overhead wiring has been moved underground, and it has a new concrete surface with a block pattern. This is Phase I of the overall Alley project. Once completed, it will have tables and chairs, plants, decoration, etc.; and should be a beautiful attraction to the downtown area. Our contract was to install underground conduit and wire to the Esplanade Electric Service Cabinet. This work was completed by Dwane Johnson, Kenny Stewart, & Ed Sommer. We look forward to the finished project, hopefully in the near future.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of David Yuenger, who passed in April 2013. David’s father, Ralph started West End Electric and later passed the business on to his sons, Dave and Don Yuenger.

Dave retired in 2000 and Don in 2002.

Dave was always a fun loving person who enjoyed life, and loved to make people laugh. Anyone who knew him will have fond memories of Dave and his sense of humor. He will be missed by family and friends.

Scioto Water Renovation Work Continues

When you drive on Route 23 and look over at the Scioto Water Treatment Facility on Fairground Road in Lucasville, it's easy to see there is something big going on over there. New tanks, structures, and buildings are rising up above the railroad tracks. The project is progressing at a good pace. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have been keeping up with the schedule. As of this date, the new Electric Service has been upgraded and the new switchgear is now on line. The new generator is set and wired up. Underground conduits have been installed in the new Filter Building. Installation of above grade conduits, wire, switchgear, and lighting have started going up in the new building. This project is scheduled to wrap up later this year, so things should be pretty busy for our crews until then. There have been no injuries reported to date, and that is great news!

Misc. Electrical Work Continues in the Clay Annex

We recently completed installing additional exterior lighting on the Annex Building behind the new Clay Pk-12 School Building, as well as replacing an old Electric Panel on the Annex Stage. There are a few sign lights to install on the building, and that should wrap up everything for us. There are several more Electrical improvements the District wants to do in the Annex, and will do so as the funds become available. Kenny Stewart has been working on this project. He has had some help from Dwane Johnson, Ed Sommer, and Todd McCain. We have appreciated the additional work the Clay Local School District has provided.

Ironton-Russell Bridge Project Continues

Work has expanded to underground utilities and pole bases in Ironton, where the new Ironton-Russell Bridge connects to Second and Jefferson Streets. Our crews have been busy installing traffic signal and street lighting conduits, pullboxes, and pole bases at and between the intersections of 2nd & Jefferson Sts. and 3rd & Jefferson Sts. In addition to this, bridge health monitoring wiring and grounding has been going in two of the new piers that will support the two approaches to the bridge. Kenny Stewart, Dan Maple, and Ed Sommer, with some help from Dwane Johnson and Josh Reed, have been busy the past several months. Work should continue in these areas during this year. No injuries to date, and this is "as per plan".

Well, it's official...Dan Maple has retired. We're not sure what he's been up to, but I would say his sense of humor is still active (poor Loreen). Best wishes to Dan, now that he's in his "Golden years".

Eden Park Sewer Service to Portsmouth

J & H Erectors has been busy installing the new sewer line extension from Portsmouth to Eden Park. When the flow meter manhole has been set at the South end of Eden Park, we will install the Electrical power and monitoring equipment that measures the flow into the Portsmouth system. Once completed, this sanitary sewer system should make a big difference in the creeks and streams in the area that are currently taking in much of the sewage from that area. We wish the best of luck to J & H Erectors. Installing these new sewer lines deep in the ground is not an easy task. But then again, if it was easy; anyone could do it.

Time is what keeps things from happening all at once.

Iron Ridge Campground Upgrade Nears Completion

Buckeye Rural Electric finally got power to the new Iron Ridge Campground sites in Wayne National Forest. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt had completed everything they could, and had to pull off the job until the Power Company extended the primary power to the two Electric Services our crews built for the two new toilet and shower houses. We should be wrapping things up within the next week or two.

A problem is a chance for you to do your best!

Service Work Continues...

The flow of service calls and small jobs continue to keep Dwane Johnson busy. Lately, he has been working on the following calls: Ripley RULH Local School District, Frontier Communications (Portsmouth, Athens, New Boston, & Circleville), American Savings Bank, US Bank, Portsmouth Public Library, US Bank in Wheelersburg, New Boston Flood Defense, Arrick's LP Gas, Wheelersburg Local School District, Portsmouth Waste Transfer Station, Goodwill Industries-Gallipolis, Greenglen Apartments, Clay Local School District, Portsmouth Fire Dept., Cornerstone Methodist Church, Dr. Inoshita's Office, SOMC Life Center-Wheelersburg, New Boston Wal-Mart, South Shore Water, BG Grocery, Daymar College, Orieley's Auto parts, Access Scioto County, Pepsi Bottling Co., Valley Materials, Beltone, and New Boston Safety Building to name a few. Dwane had some help along the way from Andy Eldridge, Kenny Stewart, and Ed Sommer. When you aim to please, they call back. Good job Dwane & Company!

NARCO'S New Grinder is On Line

We recently completed the Electrical installation to the new Grinder that was installed at NARCO of South Shore, Kentucky. 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. Led by Andy Eldridge, the following men worked on this project: Michael Hunt, Dwane Johnson, Kenny Stewart, and Josh Reed. This was a major investment for NARCO, and our prayer is that this new grinder becomes a very profitable piece of equipment for the South Shore, Ky. facility. We appreciate the opportunity to work for NARCO again. No injuries reported on this project. This makes everyone happy!

There is no education like adversity

Riverside ETC Park Lighting Updated with LED

Our crews have removed all of the existing light poles at the Riverside ETC Park, and replaced them with new LED light fixtures and poles. The difference from what was there before (400 Watt HPS) and the new LED lighting is incredible. The park is getting much more light for much less cost, thanks to the LED technology. In addition to the light pole replacement, receptacles and security lighting has been installed inside of the big shelter building. Our crews still have an additional light pole assembly to install, and this should finish up the project. Those working on this project have included Miles Lee Ferguson, Dustin Pendleton, Kenny Stewart, Ed Sommer, and Todd McCain. This is just another project we can drive by and be proud to have had a hand in. Thanks Scioto County!

USEC ACP Research & Development Work Winding Down

The Research & Development Phase of work on the ACP Research and Development Project is nearly completed. We started cutting back on manpower around the end of March. We currently have one crew working at the site. Work is expected to wrap up in a couple more weeks. The ACP (American Centrifuge Plant) is still on track to pick back up later this year, and, if USEC is granted the loan guarantee from President Obama; work will really take off the first of next year. The next few months will be critical for the future of this project...a project that our area needs desperately. We will be praying that our President does the right thing and secures the future of the ACP with this loan guarantee. Led by Pete Nichols, the following workers are part of our team on this project: Greg Tingler, Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, Tim Jenkins, Will Collier, Nick Kingrey, Dennis Beekman, Rod Hensley, & in the office; Laura Hawes & Melodee Ruby.

NARCO Gets Emergency Power Provisions

Work was recently completed on the installation of a 600 Amp Manual Transfer Switch, as part of the Emergency Power System Installation for the Kiln Ovens at the South Shore, Ky. Facility. Led by Andy Eldridge, the following men worked on this project: Michael Hunt & Rod Hensley. We really do appreciate the work NARCO sends our way. No injuries were reported on this project.

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.

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 Waiting to Move In At A-Plant

We continue to wait for Fluor B&W Portsmouth (FBP) to allow delivery of the Adena Health Care trailer complex at the A-Plant. Materials have been ordered and received, and we are ready to jump on this at a moment's notice. Our contract is with Satellite Shelters, who is furnishing and installing the Adena Health Care trailer complex. We will be installing Fire, Evacuation, and PA Systems, as well as some power and tele-data work in these trailers. A change order was issued to extend site utilities to the trailers we well.

Rubyville Community Church Gets New Parking Lot Lights

We recently received a contract, and completed the installation of new parking lot lighting for the Rubyville Community Church parking lots. These lights are all LED, which may be the first parking lot in our area to go with LED lighting on an entire parking lot. The lights really do a nice job of lighting up the entire lot. Concrete light pole bases and underground conduit and wiring were also installed as part of this project. Kenny Stewart, Ed Sommer, Dwane Johnson, and Todd McCain completed the work on this project. Make it a point to drive by and check them out. If you drive by on a Sunday or Wednesday, just plan on staying for the service. We'll leave the light on! As always, we really do appreciate the opportunity to work for Rubyville Community Church. No injuries reported, and that is always good news.

High Voltage Maintenance & Repair Work for USEC

We continue to work on a number of different contracts with USEC to perform high voltage maintenance, testing, and repairs to the high voltage switches, breakers, and transformers at the ACP facility. We have contracted the services of High Voltage Maintenance to perform much of this work, and assisted them with their work. We really do appreciate working with the good folks at USEC and High Voltage Maintenance. No injuries to date. There is power in safety!

SOMC East Campus Gets New Switchgear

Our crews are preparing to begin the main switchgear replacement in the oldest building (former Portsmouth Receiving Hospital) at the East Campus. This building currently houses SOMC offices that include Home Care and Home Hospice Care. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton will be performing the work on this project. Once this has been completed, we will be replacing motor control centers in two penthouses at SOMC's Main Campus. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the fine folks at SOMC.

*Give a man a match, and he'll be warm for a minute, but set him on fire,
And he'll be warm for the rest of his life.*

SOMC Gets New X-Ray Equipment

We just completed the Electrical installation for one of the existing X-Ray Rooms at SOMC. The new Philips equipment is installed and operational. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pentleton installed conduit, wiring, a distribution panel, wireways, and cabling provided by Philips. The new X-Ray equipment will allow SOMC to better serve their patients. We always appreciate the opportunity and consider it a pleasure to work with the fine folks at SOMC.

New Boston Gets Two More Traffic Signal Controllers

We recently completed the installation of two more traffic signal controllers at two intersections in the Village of New Boston. Dwane Johnson and Kenny Stewart replaced traffic signal controllers at the intersections of Harrisonville Ave & Oak Street, and at Rhodes Ave. & Center Street. This completes the replacement of all but three Traffic Signal Controllers in the Village of new Boston. We really do appreciate the opportunity to work for the Village People of New Boston!

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Gets New VFD

We recently completed installation of a new Variable Frequency Drive and Manual Transfer Switch for the two (2ea.) 4,160 Volt, 350 Horsepower High Service Pumps; at 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 new VFD is making a difference already. Workers on this project included Kenny Stewart, Danny Maple, Dwane Johnson, and Todd McCain. We always appreciate the chance to work with the folks at the Portsmouth Filtration Plant. No injuries reported on this project, and that is great!

Never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Manchester Locals Schools Health Center Is Completed

It sure looks like it's done. The new Health Center at Manchester Schools that is. State Inspectors gave their final inspections and approval this week. With the exception of some work in the proposed Dental Lab, this place is done! Kenny Stewart, with some help from Dan Maple and Dwane Johnson; completed all of the Electrical work. It's always appreciated anytime we have the opportunity to work for the fine folks with the Manchester Local School District. No injuries reported on this project. That's great news!

Happy Mothers Day

A halo that reflects a life of wisdom, kindness, and caring.

Eyes that sparkle with pride and show how much she believes in you.

Shoulders that have been slept on and wept on and carried a world or two.

Arms that never run out of hugs.

Hands that know just when to hold on and when to let go.

A mind filled with amazing things from fairy tales to family tails and long-ago stories of you. A smile that can jump right into your heart and warm you faster than hot chocolate.

A heart of gold that holds more love than you can possibly imagine.

Area 8 Shower Trailer Project...Slow to Start

We received a contract with Pac-Van to perform Electrical and Systems work in the new Shower Trailers being installed at the A-Plant. We have been ready to go for several months now, and so has Pac-Van. They are just waiting on Fluor B&W Portsmouth to give them the go. This shower trailers will be used by crews performing demolition work on two large process buildings (X-326 and X-330). We have ordered and received all of the materials for this project. Our work will start as soon as the trailers have been delivered to the site and set-up. We look forward to working with the folks at Pac-Van once again.

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

Chesapeake Schools Athletic Complex Nears Completion

Work on the Chesapeake Athletic Complex should be wrapping up in the next week or two. Josh Reed has been working closely with J & H Erectors, to complete Electrical work around the project. With the exception of connecting some Electric unit heaters and exhaust fans, the Visitor's Locker and Concession Building is done. We still have work to perform on the Football Field sound system, connections to the score board, and complete flag pole lighting. Josh has had a little help from Dwane Johnson. We have a subcontract with J & H Erectors to perform the Electrical work on this project. The students and community of Chesapeake will get to use their new Athletic Complex for this year's football season. No injuries reported to date!

Wrong Email Address...

A couple was going on vacation but the wife was on a business trip so the husband decided to go on to the destination first and the wife would meet him the next day. When he reached the hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, while typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was redirected instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.

When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

Her family heard her scream and rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

"Dearest Wife, Just got checked in. Everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow."

P.S. Sure is hot down here.

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

- We recently bid the Electrical on a Medical Office Suite in the Waller Building at SOMC. BB&E was the successful bidder on this project. We should be getting a call from BB&E as soon as they get their contract from SOMC.
- We recently bid the Electrical on a CT Scan Renovation Project at SOMC. J & H Erectors was the successful bidder on this project. We should be getting a call from J & H, as soon as they get their contract from SOMC.
- We recently bid the Electrical package on a Computer Lab and Guidance Office Renovation project with the Manchester School District. We have not heard back on this project.
- We recently bid an Electrical project with the Green Local School District, to install power to new bleachers and a divider curtain in the Gymnasium, and wiring in the Football Field pressbox and scoreboard. We have not heard back on this project.
- We recently bid a Generator Replacement Project at SOCF in Lucasville. We were not low on this bid.
- We recently bid the Electrical package for a "Factory Connection Outlet Store" going in the former Sears Bldg. in Wheelersburg. We've not heard back on this project.
- We recently bid the installation of lighting and receptacles in two shelter buildings at the Nile Township Park. We have not heard back on this project.
- We recently bid the Electrical on a new Sewage Lift Station being installed in Gallia County. We were not low on this project.
- We recently bid installation of two new VFD's at the Greenup Hydro Plant. We have never heard back on this project.
- We recently bid a Natural Gas Fill Station at the Wayne National Park Office on Rt. 93 in Lawrence County. We were not the low bidder on this project.
- We recently bid the Electrical package for a Water Treatment Facility and Well Field being installed for Scioto Water, in Franklin Furnace, Ohio. We've not heard anything.
- We recently bid the Electrical package on the SOMC Heliport Project. DKM, Inc. was awarded this project, and he awarded the Electrical to Heibel Electric.
- We recently bid the Shawnee State University Founder's Plaza Project. The low bidder on the Electrical Contract was Miller Electric of Lucasville.
- We recently rebid the 13.8kV Distribution System to Fluor B&W Portsmouth (A-Plant). We have never heard from anyone on this project, but rumor has it that Davis Pickering of Marietta may end up with this project.
- We recently rebid the Electrical package for the new Infra-Metals Project to J & H Erectors. It has been 2-weeks now, and we've never heard from anyone on this bid. Steel is already going up on this building.
- We will be bidding the Electrical on the new Urgent Care Facility SOMC will be constructing in West Union, Ohio. This project should be out for bid in the next two weeks.
- We will be bidding renovations to SSU's 3-story building on Chillicothe Street, in the coming weeks. SSU will be converting this empty building into a Nurses Training Facility. Classes are scheduled to begin in this building right after the Christmas Break.