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Tis' The Holiday Season Again

What emotions do you feel as you enter this year's Holiday season? Peace, joy, and thankfulness? Or does this Thanksgiving and Christmas season mean exhausting and hectic schedules, and a lot of stress?

We're all encouraged to remember the true meaning of the holidays, but those encouragements usually come once the hectic pace of the holidays is already upon us. Now is the time to make this year a special time for you and your family. We need to decide in our hearts to get into the spirit of the holidays before we get overwhelmed with all of the activities, shopping, kids programs, parties, etc. that hit us this time each year. Make a strong effort to thank God each day for His blessings on your life. God blesses all of us but we fail to see it all too often. Just take a moment before you get out of bed, or when you go to bed. Maybe during your lunch break or at dinner with your family. Even if it is only a minute, focus on something you are thankful for and thank God for it. If we make it a point to do this simple but powerful exercise each day, I believe God will bless our efforts in a special way.

Another way to make this season special is to help the less fortunate around us. So many times we focus on our own hectic lives and fail to see the needs of others right in front of us. If we just look as we drive through town or walk through the stores, we will see the needs, real needs. Try to keep a sensitive heart and be open to what God might have you do for someone or some family in need.

Your acts of kindness will not only help those in need, it will make this holiday season extra special for you and your family. I realize times are tough, and some may be experiencing sickness, depression, or difficulties in their lives; but the fact remains that we still have so much to be thankful for. You might feel like you have so little to be thankful for, but remember this: Jesus thanked His Father for the 5-barley loaves and two small fish, a little boy's lunch; and this little lunch was multiplied to feed more than 5,000 people with 12-baskets full of left overs.

Thought for the Holiday Season: Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.

From all of us at West End Electric, may God's blessings be with each of you and your families this Holiday Season is our Prayer.

Birthdays

October

*Miles Ferguson
Ed Sommer
Greg Tingler
Melodee Ruby
Tom Hastings*

November

*Tucker Smalley
Miles Lee Ferguson
Tim Keyser
Terry Fite
David Sams*

December

*Kenny Stewart
Dustin Pendleton
Don Yuenger
Will Collier
Gary Price
Ben Pollard
Bobby Dehart*

In prosperity, our friends know us. In adversity, we know our friends.

Scioto Water Gets Major Renovations

We recently received a subcontract with Doll Layman, to perform the Electrical work on the renovation and addition work taking place at Scioto Water's Filtration Plant in Lucasville. Andy Eldridge will be heading up this project for us. He and Michael Hunt have already begun installing conduits inside of the existing building. This project should wrap up later next year.

Underground Conduit Repairs Made at SOCF

Bill Mershon and Josh Reed recently completed repairs to rusted and aged underground conduits and wiring at a cooling tower on the South side of the SOCF. Hard to believe, but it's been 40-years since the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility was completed. FYI, the SOCF was built before my time, but there are still some around that worked on this project. You know who you are...or maybe you forgot in your old age. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the folks at SOCF.

Lighting Repairs Being Performed for SOMC

We received a call last month from SOMC, to repair the outside lighting at their South Campus, Cancer Center, East Campus, and Main Campus. Miles Lee Ferguson, Dustin Pendleton, and Michael Hunt have replaced many bad lamps and ballasts, as well as some minor Electrical repairs; and the lights are coming back on. We appreciate another opportunity to perform work for the folks at SOMC. No injuries reported, and that is the way it should be.

Iron Ridge Campground Upgrade Stalls

Work has come to a stop on the Iron Ridge Campground in Wayne National Forest. 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. Nearly all of the Electrical work has been completed in these buildings, and we are ready for permanent power. I always thought spinning electric meters was a good thing for any power company, but that must not be the case in Wayne National Forest. As of this date, we don't know when we will be able to return to complete our work, but we stand ready for the "go to launch".

House guarded by shot-gun, 3-days a week. Guess which days.

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!

Work Continues in Clay's Former H.S. Building

Small projects continue in the Clay Annex Building (former H.S. bldg.). Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton recently completed installing new exit and emergency lights in the Gymnasium, Locker Rooms, Music Room, and short Corridor. We just received an order for the installation of additional exterior lighting and exterior sign lighting. We are still waiting on a response to our proposal for some fiber work and additional security work. Another project in the waiting is flood damage repairs in the Annex Basement. The District is now using the entire Annex Building, which houses some pre-school classes and activities. We have appreciated the additional work the Clay Local School District has given us.

Hillview Retirement New Parking Lot is Done

Work has been completed on the new parking lot that was constructed on Sherman Road. Solid Rock Construction crews completed the job and the lot has been in use for many weeks now. We were hired by Solid Rock Construction to do the lighting on this project. The four decorative light poles really make this one beautiful parking lot. We appreciate the opportunity to work again with the fine folks at Solid Rock Construction, and look forward to future projects. Andy Eldridge, with some help from Michael Hunt, performed the Electrical work on this one, and it really looks nice.

If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light.

Ironton-Russell Bridge Project Under Way

Clearing has been completed, and there are concrete piers popping up in the path of the new Ironton-Russell Bridge being built just up-river from the old bridge. Bill Mershon, with some help from Josh Reed and Dwane Johnson, has been performing grounding in the concrete piers, as they rise up from the ground. Work has begun on the two main towers that come up out of the Ohio River. These two towers are going to be taller than the two towers on the Grant Bridge in Portsmouth. Work has also begun on Jefferson Street in Ironton. The new bridge approach ties into Second Street, just East of Jefferson St. Kenny Stewart has been preparing to begin underground conduit installation at 2nd and 3rd and Jefferson Sts. for new traffic signals and power to the new bridge. Kenny has also scheduled to do some modifications to the existing traffic signals at Route 23 and Bellefonte Street in Russell, Ky. The new bridge connects with Route 23, at this intersection. Kenny will have help from Danny Maple, Dwane Johnson, and Todd McCain at this intersection. ODOT awarded the new bridge contract to Brayman Construction Corp. of Pennsylvania, who awarded us a subcontract for the Electrical work.

Service Work Continues...

Service calls and small jobs continue to keep Dwane Johnson busy. Lately, he has been working on the following: Northwest Local School District, the Counseling Center, New Boston Library, Wheelersburg Library, South Webster Library, PNC Bank in Jackson, Shawnee Lodge, the Horizon House Apartments, Wheelersburg Local School District, PNC Bank in Sciotoville, SOMC Life Center, Wal-Mart in New Boston, the Valley Local School District, A.P. Green, Portsmouth Public Library, Shoe Sensation, O'Reillys Auto Parts, South Shore Post Office, Goodwill Industries in Chesapeake, and American Savings Bank to name a few. Dwane had some help along the way from Kenny Stewart, Andy Eldridge, Danny Maple, Bill Mershon, and Michael Hunt. Good service with a smile... can't beat it!

Fluor-B & W Trailer Projects Completed

Work has been completed 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!

Years teach us more than books!

X-100 Vault Relocation Project Wrapping Up

All of those classified records have been placed in the new Vault, and work is wrapping up in the office area. Unless there is more extra work coming up, we should be completely done with this project in the next week or two. We are a subcontractor for Geiger Brothers on this project. Led by Chad Hawes, the following Electricians have been wrapping up this project: Dennis Beekman, Will Collier, Blake Darst, Rod Hensley, Ed Sommer, and Dan Beekman. No injuries reported to date, and that is great news!

SOMC Having Two AHU's Replaced

We were recently awarded a contract with SOMC to perform the Electrical work on an AHU Replacement Project in two of the Hospital's Penthouses. These are believed to be the two oldest air handling units in the hospital. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have completed the demolition work on the first AHU, and are ready to connect the replacement unit. Once the first unit is back on line, the second unit will be replaced. Thanks SOMC, for the work. We just love doing Electrical work!

*Religion is a guy in church, thinking about fishing.
Spirituality is a guy out fishing, thinking about God.*

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Gets Exhaust Fans

Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt recently completed installation of exhaust fans and the associated wiring in the two sand filter areas of the Portsmouth Filtration Plant. These exhaust fans serve to keep the heat and moisture out of these areas. No injuries reported on this project. We always appreciate the opportunity to work for our home town!

USEC ACP Research & Development Work Mans Up

Work on the ACP Research and Development Project is well underway now, and we have nearly 30-workers hard at it. Work continues to mount, and is expected to wrap up sometime in March of next year. Needless to say, this work couldn't have come at a better time. Pete Nichols and Greg Tingler have been working with folks from USEC for months to prepare for this work, and it's great to finally see the progress. There's a lot to get donw, and we are up for the challenge! In addition to Pete and Greg, the following workers are a part of the West End Electric Team on this project: Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, Tim Keyser, Tim Jenkins, Scott Wilbanks, Will Collier, Dave Sams, Nick Kingrey, 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, Thom Hastings, Laura Hawes, David Nichols, Melodee Ruby, and James Fite. No injuries to date, and we plan to keep it that way!

AP Green Locker/Shower Building Completes

The new Employees Locker/Shower Building at AP Green's Oak Hill Site is wrapping up. We had our final Electrical inspection about a week ago. With some minor additions, we can stick a fork in this one. Bill Mershon, Dwane Johnson and Josh Reed finished installing the lighting recently. A few exit lights and GFCI breakers need to be installed, and this one is history. A.P. Green recently issued us a purchase order for some new dust collector work that should begin sometime next month. 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

We recently received a contract with Satellite Shelters to perform the Electrical work in the Adena Medical Services Trailer being installed at the A-plant. We have ordered the parts and waiting on the new trailer to be delivered and set up. Once it has been set and connected together, we will begin our work. We are installing Fire and PA Systems, as well as some power and tele-data work.

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Filtering System is Done

Work was recently completed on the new filtering upgrade and valve replacement project at the Portsmouth Water Treatment Plant. PAE Associates is the lead contractor on this project. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton finished the Electrical last month. This was a major improvement to the Filtration Plant, and we are glad to have been a part of it. No injuries have been reported on this project, just as planned!

*This place where you are in life right now,
God circled on a map for you long ago.*

AEP Grid Smart Projects Nearly Completed

Led by Dwane Johnson, we have been blessed to have been a part of the AEP Grid Smart work in our area. In addition to Dwane, this project has provided work for the following men: Kenny Stewart, Danny Maple, Ed Sommer, Danny Beekman, Michael Hunt, and Josh Reed. Here are some of the projects we have completed:

American Savings Banks
West Side IGA Grocery
Portsmouth Public Library, & the following branches: New Boston, Lucasville
Portsmouth Public Library
Northwest Local School District
Desco Federal Credit Union
The Briar Patch
Goodwill Industries in South Point, Ohio
Frontier Communications, 20ea. different facilities in 9-different Counties
South Shore Fire Department

SOMC: Misc. Electrical Work

Dwane Johnson recently completed some work in the switchgear at the SOMC Life Center, and replaced fused cut-outs at SOMC East Campus. This equipment was affected by power outages earlier this year. We appreciate the trust SOMC has placed with us to perform this work.

Everyone is entitled to be stupid at times, but some people abuse the privilege.

Gas Fired Boiler Plant Wrapping Up

Work has been completed, and our crews are performing some extras on the 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. Led by Chad Hawes, the following Electricians have worked on this project: Tucker Smalley, Danny Beekman, Ed Sommer, Will Collier, Blake Darst, Dennis Beekman, and Rod Hensley. There is some additional site lighting and heat trace to install before walking away from this one. We really do appreciate the opportunity to work with the folks from Geiger Brothers and Fluor B&W Portsmouth, LLC.

Hold your parents tenderly, for the world will seem a strange and lonely place when they are gone.

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 Progresses

With the building under roof, Kenny Stewart and Dan Maple have completed the rough-in work, and some wiring has been pulled in already. This project had a slow start, but should wrap up before the end of the year. We are the Electrical subcontractor to B B & E on this project. We've always appreciated working with the fine folks at the Manchester Local School District, and appreciate this opportunity as well. No injuries reported to date!

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 Renovated

Work was recently completed on the SOMC Family Practice Suite in the Herbert Building at SOMC's South Campus. We worked as a subcontractor for J & H Erectors on this project. Michael Hunt performed most of this work, and had alittle help from Andy Eldridge and Dustin Pendleton. No injuries reported, and that is great news.

Area 8 Shower Trailer Project Awarded

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 appreciate the opportunity to work with the folks at Pac-Van once again.

Chesapeake Schools Athletic Complex Well Underway

Work has been moving along good on the new Athletic Complex being constructed for the Chesapeake School District. The new turf is down and the light towers are up on the football field, and new bleachers have been installed; along with a new Press box. Led by Bill Mershon, our crews have completed most of the underground conduits, and installed the four new Football Field light towers. The Visitor's Building is coming out of the ground, as well as other site changes. In addition to Bill Mershon, the following Electricians have been working on this project: Josh Reed, Ed Sommer, and Dwane Johnson. We have a subcontract with J & H Erectors to perform the Electrical work on this project. With the approval of some additional changes to the Electrical System, our work can continue. No injuries reported to date, and that's good news.

A Kentucky Senior Citizen drove his brand new hopped up Mustang convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-75, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Kentucky State Trooper, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing" I'm too old for this!" and he pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Mustang. He looked at his watch, and then said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30-minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding—a reason I've never before heard –I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused then said, "Three years ago, my wife ran off with a Kentucky State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir," replied the trooper.

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

- We recently bid the Electrical work on the Eden Park Sewer Extension Project. J & H Erectors were awarded the project, but we haven't heard how our bid looked with them.
- We recently bid a generator replacement project for Frontier Communications, in Wheelersburg. I was told we had a good price, but they were going to wait and do the project later next year.
- We recently bid installation of VFD's for three Portsmouth Pump Stations. We've never heard back on this bid.
- We recently bid the underground wiring feeding the highway lighting on a major Highway and Overpass Upgrade Project in West Portsmouth. This includes State Routes 52, 73, 104, & 852. We were not the low bidder on this project.
- We recently turned in a bid for the CCTV Cameras, Voice, & Data work in the new Manchester Health Center. We will be getting a contract for this work.
- We recently bid major renovations to the ODNR Marina. JM Miller Enterprises of Lucasville had the low Electrical bid.
- We recently bid the Electrical on a new office building for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Corp. in Waverly. We haven't heard anything back on this one yet.
- We recently bid the Electrical on a major renovation to the Georgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant. PAE was the low Prime Bidder. We haven't heard how our price looks with them yet.
- 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 turned in a bid for the new Kingston National Bank. We never heard anything back on this project.
- We recently turned in a price to install a 400 Amp Disconnect Switch for Pepsi in Franklin Furnace. We're waiting to hear back on this one.
- We recently turned in a price for site lighting at the new Fruth Pharmacy in Ironton. We never heard back on this bid, but I did notice the lights have been installed.
- We recently turned in a price to install Soccer Field Lighting for the Washington Court House High School. No word on this project yet.