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## HOW DID THEY DO IT??

It's no secret that the economy has really taken a big hit this past 16-months or so. Unemployment has reached a 27-year high. Sadly enough, it looks like things may get worse before it starts to get better. Those who are fortunate enough to have work, can't help but wonder how much longer it will last. The big question on most minds is, what can we do to get through these difficult times? But even more than that, what can we do to get a job, not just any job; but a steady job that we enjoy. A job where we can earn enough to support our family and still have a little left over.

Take a look at the names of the successful businessmen listed below. I'm sure most if not all of these man had the same questions at some point in their lives. My guess is you have heard most of these names at some point in your life.

- Jack Canfield – Owner of the NBA's Orlando Magic
- David Liniger – Owner of RE/MAX Real Estate Agency
- Harland Sanders – Started Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)
- David Cathy – Owner of Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Chain
- James Cash Penney – Started JC Penny's
- Paul Orfalea – Started Kinko's, and later sold it for 116 million dollars
- Mark Victor – Author of the book, "Chicken Soup For The Soul"

- **John Gray – Author of the book, “Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus”**
- **Donald Trump – Chairman & CEO of the Trump Organization. A real-Estate Developer, American Business Magistrate, Socialite, Author, & Television Personality**
- **Bob Hope – Actor, Entertainer, Started the USO Tours for our Military**
- **W. Clement Stone – One of the richest men on Earth**
- **Dave Thomas – Started Wendy’s Hamburger Restaurants**

**There is one thing that all of these men have in common. This is something they have practiced for years, and firmly believe in. It is a covenant that has been around longer than the Bible itself. It is called tithing. Tithing is a spiritual law given by God to mankind, to assist people in finding abundance, fulfillment, and gratitude in their everyday lives. Notice this was not specified for those who call themselves Christians, but all of mankind. God’s law on tithing is to give ten percent of one’s income back to God (Leviticus 27:30 & Deuteronomy 14:22), usually given to a Church; but can also be given to some type of God’s work as well.**

**As mankind fulfills its part of the covenant by giving ten percent to God, then God fulfills His part by continually blessing us. Malachi 3:10 tells us, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, “says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it.”**

**Does this promise of God really work? The men listed above sure do believe it works. This many successful people can’t all be wrong!**

**I challenge you, actually God has already challenged all of us, to try this. Give it three months. See for yourself first hand, if God doesn’t bless you in ways you never thought possible. Tithing... it does a body good!!**

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### **October & November Birthdays**

**October: Eddie Nichols, Ed Sommer, & Miles Ferguson.**

**November: Dave Nichols & Miles Lee Ferguson.**

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***The man who smiles when things go wrong has thought of someone to blame it on.***

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## School Is In Session At The Scioto Co. JVS

The School District now has use of the entire facility. Students and Staff are enjoying the updated and expanded learning center. It took a little over two years to complete, but the project was well worth the wait. I believe this was one of the first Vocational Schools to qualify for State Funding from OSFC. In addition to the beautiful improvements, the students now have access to state of the art technology in each classroom. With the exception of completing the security work on about 5-doors needing replaced, Mike Snipes and Dave Nichols have wrapped up the loose ends on this project.

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## SSU's University Center Renovations Continues

SSU took over the new South Addition to the University Center, in August. Students are now enjoying the new Cafeteria and large dining room, as well as the offices and large event room on the second floor. This is a beautiful facility, that has a special appeal to students from all over. The new "Oval" at the front of the building was recently opened to students. There are a few things to finish in this area, but work has shifted to renovating the existing building now. The entire project is expected to be completed in December of this year. This project includes a new process for the cooling system in the building. Water from an underground river beneath the rear parking lot is pumped up and passes through air handling equipment, which cools the air being distributed throughout the University Center. Once the water has passed through the cooling equipment, it is pumped on to the Ohio River. This system has been working great so far. There are already plans to extend this process into several other buildings on campus. This should provide quite a savings in the electric usage for SSU, and will probably initiate energy saving changes to cooling systems in many other State Universities. Led by Danny Beekman, the following workers are currently on site: Dan Maple, John Hill, Kenny Stewart, Tim Literal, Eddie Nichols, Dave Nichols, Chris Fowler, & Tammie Puckett. As of this date, there have been no serious injuries reported on this project. That's always welcome news!

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*Men are like bank accounts. Without a lot of money, they do not generate a lot of interest.*

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## **Ironton Metropolitan Housing Authority Gets New Site Lighting**

Work has begun on this project. Led by Bill Mershon, Ed Sommer & Will Mershon are hitting it hard. The Owner wants us to be done by Thanksgiving. This project consists of replacing the existing site lighting system with new light poles and fixtures, at three IMHA housing facilities in Ironton, Ohio. We will be working with Portco, Inc. on this project. This is the first stimulus money funded project we've received a contract for.

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## **ACP PROJECT Shuts Down!**

Task Order work on the ACP Project in Piketon came to a halt in August. The plant was recently described as "looking like a ghost town". Things shut down after the Obama Administration announced the President would not sign the loan guarantee for the continued progress of this project. We laid off 23-Workers on this project. We still have Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, and Chad Hawes on site, but we do not know how much longer this will last. There is talk of our completing a fiber optic cable installation project we were preparing to start in August. If this does happen, we will be manning up for this project. We are hopeful this massive project will get back on track very soon, but we have not heard anything promising yet.

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*Make good memories today, so in the future, you'll have a good past.*

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## **Work Is Completed At The PHS Athletic Complex**

The new Football Stadium saw a packed house for the first game with the Washington-Nile Senators. With the exception of a few minor problems, the home opener was a huge success; and included a win over the "Siders". This new complex has brought a lot of life to downtown Portsmouth. Drive around the Complex on game night and you'll see tailgate parties, cornhole games, Ribber serving under a tent, and many other pre-game activities going on several blocks deep, around the Trojan Coliseum. Finishing touches are being completed on the Tennis Courts and Baseball Field. Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt completed the Electrical work several weeks ago. We are finishing up the close-out documents as this is being written. Andy and his crew did a great job on this project. This is one we are grateful to have been a part of. There were no reported injuries on this project. That's the way we (and the State of Ohio) like it.

## Service Work And Small Jobs

Dwane Johnson has kept busy on service calls and small projects. He has performed small jobs for Washington Court House Schools, BG Blackburn Grocery, Shawnee Mental Health, BP – Ironton Bulk Plant, Piketon High School, The Portsmouth Daily Times, the Village of New Boston, and many others. Dwane has also been involved in performing assessments for Venergy.

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*Our condolences go out to Peggy Yuenger and her family, for the recent loss of her sister, Doris Shelpman Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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## SOMC Small Projects

Bill & Will Mershon recently completed the Electrical connections to the mobile kitchen trailer at SOMC. This temporary kitchen will be in operation while the old kitchen is being renovated.

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## Rubyville Community Churches New Worship Center Is Progressing

Rough-in is nearly completed and panel feeders have been pulled in and terminated. We are ready for permanent power. Lighting on the new Church steeple was recently completed and put on line. Church goers and folks driving by the Church can now enjoy the newly lighted and beautiful steeple. This new Worship center is expected to seat around 1,200 when completed. Plumbing and duct work is currently being installed. Our crew will be installing wiring and lighting in the Sanctuary in the weeks to come. We share in the excitement of the folks at Rubyville Community Church, as they look forward to their first service in this beautiful place of worship. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton are currently working on this project. This continues to be an injury-free project. What a blessing!

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*Forgiveness does not make the other person right, but makes you free.*

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## Columbia Music Hall Gets New Electric Service

We recently received the go ahead to install a new 400 Amp Electric Service, for the Columbia Music Hall. Owner Lee Scott has plans for an open air music hall at the former Columbia Theatre. Work is starting today, on the first panel. Andy Eldridge and Mike Hunt are working on this project.

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*An Irishman, a Latino, and a Redneck were doing construction work on a scaffolding on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of a high rise building. They were eating lunch, and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage for lunch one more time, I'm going to jump off this building."*

*The Latino opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time, I'm going to jump off, too."*

*The Redneck opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again. If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."*

*The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, sees corned beef and cabbage, and jumps to his death. The Latino opens his lunch box, sees a burrito, and jumps too. The Redneck opens his lunch, sees bologna, and jumps to his death also.*

*At the funeral the Irishman's wife is weeping. She says, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"*

*The Latino's wife also weeps and says, "I could have given him tacos, enchiladas, or even peanut-butter- and-jelly sandwich! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much."*

*Everyone turns and stares at the Redneck's wife. "Hey, don't look at me," she says. "He makes his own lunch."*

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

- We turned in a bid on the Fleming County Courthouse Project in September. Glenwood Electric was the low bidder on this project.
  - On October 2, 2009, we bid a Security Camera Project for Lett Terrace and Miller Manor Apartments, owned by PMHA. Southern Ohio Communications was the low bidder on this project. We were the second and only other bidder.
  - J & H Erectors was the low bidder on the 8/4/09 bid for the Fire Alarm & Call System Replacement Project for the PMHA's Hudson House and Alexandria House Apartment buildings. We were the only other bidder on this project.
  - Denier Electric was the low bidder on the renovations project at the Portsmouth KDMC Medical Office Building that bid in September.
  - The SOMC Cafeteria and Kitchen Renovations project bid in August. T.L. Blackburn Construction Company was awarded the project. Hatzel & Buehler Electric had the low subcontractor bid.
  - Bids were received but over the budget, on the Animal Hospital being built by Shawnee Animal Clinic, in front of Clay High School. This project will be bid at a later date, unknown at this time.
  - Bids for the new office suites being built at SOMC were opened in September. Dixon Electric was awarded this project.
  - We will be bidding the Electrical package on the Clay Local School District's new K-12 School facility. We've been told the plans would be out later this year.
  - We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School facility, for New Boston Local School District. We've been told these plans would be out sometime next year.
  - We were the low bidder on the Electrical package for the Nile Township Fire Station to be built on US Route 52, West of State Route 125; adjacent to the Nile Township Community Center. We are still waiting on this project to be awarded. We've been told the trustees are waiting for the stimulus money.
  - We bid the Electrical work on the Portsmouth Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project in August. This project is being done with stimulus money. As of this date, no contracts have been awarded. The City is rebidding Contract IV of this project, which is for the SCADA System. Bids are due on October 6, 2009. We will be bidding on this project as well.
  - We were the low bidder on the new ODNR Watercraft Office being built at the Green-up Locks and Dam, adjacent to the Rest Area on the Ohio side of the dam. We received a contract for the Electrical, last week.
  - We will be bidding the electrical package for Washington-Nile's new Middle School. We've been told the plans will be available sometime in October 2009.
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