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Signs of Spring are beginning to pop up around our area. For the Construction Worker on a job coming up out of the ground, this means frozen mud thaws and we're in it up to our knees. Wind and rain are plentiful as the seasons change, but nothing feels better than working in the sunshine on a Spring morning. That first sweat you break while working in the mud without your carhartts on sure feels good. Before you know it, that mud will dry up, and the temperature will be in the mid 90's.

Springtime is seen as a time of growth, renewal, of new life (both plant and animal) being born, and of the cycle of life once again. To be able to experience this miracle of nature is truly a blessing from our Creator. We not only see the miracle of Spring, we also can feel this renewal in our own lives.

It is early enough for us to start watching for the signs of Springtime around our daily routines. Take the time to notice it and appreciate it. It really is a beautiful time of the year. And while your enjoying the beauty of Spring, take the time to thank God for creating such a beautiful season. Just being able to see, feel, smell, and taste the signs of Spring is a blessing from above. And remember, it's never too late to start a new beginning in your own life as well!

Enough talk, it's time to "Spring into action!"

Scioto County JVS Work Continues

Renovation work continues in the Schulte Building and new addition, and some work is starting in the T & I Building as well; at the Scioto County JVS School. Led by Mike Snipes, our crews have been installing conduits, as well as pulling branch circuits and feeders. We are working towards a completion of the Schulte Building and new addition in time for the next school year. Workers on this project include Mike Snipes, Dave Nichols, Craig Gammon, Ryan Evans, Aaron Lore, David Shoemaker, Dick Greathouse, Dicky Greathouse Jr., and Tommy Nichols. There have been no serious injuries reported to date, on this project. Please continue to work safely.

Welcome To Portsmouth, State Electric Supply!

This one is very close to being done. A.E.P. turned on the permanent Electric Service a few days ago. Did you know that State Electric purchased Central Industrial Supply. These two stores will be moving into the new building, and operating as State Electric Supply Co., Inc. Danny Beekman, with the help of John Hill, Josh Blevins, and Michael Murphy have done a great job on this project. Within one month, we should be able to buy Electrical materials right here in Portsmouth. State Electric Supply is planning a new store in Chillicothe, Ohio in the near future. As of this date, No injuries reported on this project. That's the ticket!

Before everything else, getting ready is the secret to success.

February Birthdays: Danny Adams, Andy Holsinger, Dwane Johnson, Tommie Human, John Griffin Jr., Rick Deime, Daniel Kerber, Jeff Sheets, Rick Mingus, and Steve Marth.

Lake White Has Some Extras

Electrical changes to the control building for the locks and dam should take place in the next week or so. Andy Eldridge and his crew will be taking care of these final items. We must finish up this project before April 1, 2008.

Task Order Work Continues On New DUF6 Conversion Facility

Work continues on the new DUF6 Conversion Facility. Our manpower numbers have gone up and down, but there's still plenty of work to do. Led by Greg Tingler, our crew has been completing this first of it's kind project. As of this date, our work force on this project has leveled out to a total of 33-Electricians. This work is currently on a 5-10's schedule, and is expected continue into late Spring. There have been no accidents turned in on this project to date. Workers on this project include Greg Tingler (GF), Joe Galloway, Denise Shreck, Brett Zwahlen, Bret Coville, David Gualtieri, Terry Lansaw, Bill Dominick, Chad Robert, Ron Crabtree, John Ellis, Mike Stenson, Gary Pope, Lee Creiglow, Daniel Kerber, Derrick Shaheed, Joe Keglovich, Richard Hutchinson, Stan Pence, Jim Hall, Ken Holt, Ken Weaver, Lee Mastin, Ron Bailey, Rick Deime, Ty Newton, Mike Geist, Charles Corns, Randy Young, Mike Lapinski, Ricci Jackson, Michael Hall, and Rick Holloway.

Desco Main Office Is Looking Good!

The conduit and wire installation is nearly completed on the First Floor Renovation Work at Desco's Main Office. There have been several extras on this project, that will make this place look even better. Our friends at Desco have been great to work with! Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, workers on this project include Jimmy Joyner, Bobby Conn, and Dustin Pendleton. No serious injuries have been reported on this project.

The Atomic Employees Credit Union Corporate Office Is Nearing Completion.

Andy Eldridge and his crew are nearing completion on this project. Andy says he'll need to return at a later date to complete the exterior lighting around the front of the building. The expected completion date is April 2008. This has been an injury free project to date. Workers on this project include Brandon Harbolt, Ben Pollard, Anthony Gross, and Tyler McNeer.

It's not the Employer who pays the wages. Employees only handle the money. It's the Customer who pays the wages!

Wheelersburg's New K-12 School Is Progressing

Work continues at a rapid pace, to get the new Wheelersburg K-12 School ready for the July 15, 2008 completion date. The power distribution system has been completed through-out the buidling. Several of the Educational Wings have permanent lighting installed and working. Our crews have been working 6-days a week for several months now, to try and keep up. In addition, we are planning on starting an evening shift crew next week; to install the Electrical in the two large Gymnasiums. As of this date, we have a total of 23-Electricians and Apprentices working on this project. Led by Jared Downey, the following workers have been hard at it: Ed Sommer, Charles Keller, Ray Ervin, Chris Fowler, Gerald Boston, Tyler Siebert, Josh Reed, Boyd Wisecup, Dereck Morgan, Martin Fisher, Randy Eldridge, Andy Holsinger, Nathan Geyer, Anthony Arthurs, Todd Davis, Adam Arnett, Shannon Osborne, Joe Dillow, Mark Seigrist, Ricky Doke, and Tim Jenkins. No serious injuries have been reported to date.

New Boston Shopping Center Work Continues

While progress is being made on the building shell, our work has been limited at the Boston Shopping Center. Once the roof and floors are in place, we will be at it full force. Josh Blevins has been tending this project so far, and he looks forward to getting a good start on the Electrical installation. Some of the stores going in this strip mall include: Staples, Petland, Dollar Tree, Shoe Show, Fashion Bug, Sally Beauty, Nail Salon, and Fantastic Sams. There are still seven unrented shops left, but they're going fast. Led by J & H Erectors, this project has an expected completion date of Spring 2008.

Did You Know.....

For almost six years now, Dennis Beekman has been "learning" how to estimate many of the projects you've been working on. Dennis has 26-years in this trade, and has been with West End Electric for 19 of those years. Before trying his hand at estimating, Dennis ran many small and large projects for us. We really do appreciate the job he does for us. He has proven to be a big help to this business. Dennis and his wife Julie reside in Russell, Kentucky.

Faith is like Electricity. You can't see it, but you can see the light.

Very Good Things Are *Happening* At SOMC!!

Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center is moving at warp speed. Conduit & wire is nearly completed in the basement and Ground Floors, and the First Floor conduit rough-in is well under way. Our crews have also been setting switchgear and installing conduits in the Penthouse. Lay-in lighting installation just began in the Basement. There is still much to do on the South Addition, but it has come along way. We expect to have permanent power by April 1, 2008. The South Addition is expected to be completed in June of 2008. The overall project is being led by Bill Mershon (General Foreman). Crews in the South Addition include Danny Adams (Foreman), Mike Mershon (Foreman), John Lambert, Bill Cole, Phil Matiz, Bud Thacker, Clyde Blanton, Howard Zellers, David Allen, Brian Jones, Matt Rider, Wes Cline, Bill Loper, Jason Russell, Reginald Ellison, Eric DeLong, Steve Marth, Doug Booe, Tim Haag, Mark Wright, Bill Teeters, John Kennedy, Rod Griffey, Johnny Bonner Jr., Bobby Thurman, Mike Mosley, Mark Ruggles, Rick Mingus, Mike Murphy, Dave Dillow, Charles Howard, Ernest Capozzi, Leonard Foster, Sean Hasting, and Eddie Riffe,

With temporary power and lighting in place on all six levels, conduit rough-in and panel tubs installation has begun on the lower levels of the North Bed Tower Project. Some of the Switchgear has also been set on the top floor Electrical Room. Conduit rough-in has been progressing in the new Entrance Lobby. This project is scheduled for a December 2008 completion, with the new Lobby expected to open sometime in July 2008. The North Bed Tower area has been closed in, and has temporary heat. Workers on the North Bed Tower include Randy Eldridge Jr. (Foreman), Jim Walsh (Foreman), Greg Shirey, Andrew Adkins, Tommie Human, Wilson Beasley, Russell Shue, David Pettry, Elbie Mathis, Michael Cross, Mark Schoenfelder, Wayne Shepherd, Josh Gammon, Patrick Beasley, Dan Myers, John Baker, Larry Conrad, Rob Cook, Eric Kiger, Dennis Ehrman, Art Martin, and Keith Regenhard.

The small projects at SOMC continue to come. Rough-in is nearly completed in the new Blood Draw Suite in Building K, and there are three Doctor's office Suites due out any day. Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, this crew consists of Bobby Conn, Jimmy Joyner, and Dustin Pendleton. Safety continues to be a major concern at SOMC, and it is no difference for us. As of this date, other than minor issues, there has only been one serious injury. Rick Mingus took a bad fall today. Our thoughts and Prayers are with him. Safety is something we all need to work at.

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Task Order Work Continues At A-Plant

Task Order work has continued for our crews at the A-Plant. Fluor continues to come up with more little projects that Pete Nichols and his crew love to take care of. Fluor's work has been on the ACP Centrifuge Project. USEC work has also continued at a steady pace. Our workers on site include Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Dan Maple, Nicholas Kingrey, Robert Bowman, Nelson Duncan, Matt Louanglath, Michael Gay, Will Collier, Christine Singer, Rick Eastwood, Brian Maple, James Fleming, Keith Mabe, Leo Burns, Matt DePugh, Tim Keyser; as well as Laura Hawes and Carole Martin in the Office and John Howard as our Health & Safety Officer. This site continues to be injury free for our crews.

THE STEEL IS UP, AT ODOT'S NEW PIKE COUNTY MAINTENANCE GARAGE

With the building underground conduit in place, Kenny Stewart and his crew have begun installing above ground conduits in the building shell. This project has had some bad weather days in the last month or two, and everyone is looking forward to Spring. David Marting and Tim Literal have been working with Kenny on this project. No injuries reported to date. Keep up the good work!

S.S.U.'s Rhodes Center Renovations Work To Start Soon...

T.L. Blackburn Construction has begun work on this project, but we are still waiting on equipment deliveries. We should be starting work by mid-March. The project has a completion date of April 18, 2008. The building gets a new Electric Service and Switchgear, along with a Generator and Emergency Power System. This is Phase 1, of a Multi-Phased Project.

It is not your aptitude, but your attitude, that determines your altitude.

Welcome to all of our traveling IBEW brothers. We have traveling guests on nearly every project we have going right now. We appreciate your help, and we're glad to be able to provide work for you!

Northwest High School Wraps-up

Punchlist work and some extra work has continued at Northwest High School. Kenny Stewart and Josh Blevins have been taking care of these minor items. We hope to wrap things up by the end of march.

We owe a lot to Thomas Edison - if it wasn't for him, we'd be watching television by candlelight.

Scioto County Pump Stations Upgrade Project

Southern Ohio Trenching has already started some work on this project, but we are still waiting on equipment and material deliveries. This project consists of performing upgrades to 11ea. of the many pump stations located throughout Scioto County. We are the Sub Contractor to Southern Ohio Trenching, for the Electrical work associated with this upgrade work. Despite the liquid being transported through these pump stations, we appreciate the opportunity to take care of the Electrical needs of our County. The pump stations being upgraded are located in Lucasville, Rosemount, Wheelersburg, West Portsmouth, and Franklin Furnace. We still have not selected the lucky guy to do this project yet.

What's Coming Up To Bid???

- We will be working up an Electrical bid for the new Tri-America Mechanical Shop in Wheelersburg, in the next week or two.
 - We are still waiting for a bid date for the seven Adam County School Projects in the next month or two. This includes renovations and upgrades to the Jr./Sr. High Schools and new Elementary Schools in Seaman, Peebles, and West Union, as well as upgrades and renovations to the Adams Co. Vocational School. Some of you may remember that we performed the Electrical work on the four Adams County Jr./Sr. High Schools that were built around 1995. We are planning on bidding these projects as well, which would be expected to start some time this Summer.
 - Now that Clay Local School District got their levy passed, the new K-12 School Facility should be out for bid later this year. We will be watching for this project.
 - New Boston School Districts to be starting construction on new School Facilities, in the not too distant future.
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