

# THE WEST END WIRE



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Thomas Edison once said the key to success is hard work and a little luck. Time has proven that the harder you work, the luckier you become. What is luck? Luck is when opportunity meets preparation. NECA and the IBEW have given all of us an opportunity, better known as the Apprentices Program, for preparation into the Electrical Construction field. We know this as five years of classroom and on-the-job training that, once completed, provides us with a Journeyman Wireman's Certificate. However, our preparation doesn't end there. This industry is so full of opportunities and growth that we must be prepared to learn something new, each day. But the only way we will ever be able to do that is to be there (on the job) each day. The two most common problems in the Electrical construction industry are absenteeism and turnover. These two problems ultimately reduce productivity on a job, which, and the end of the day, is all we have to offer. Our forefathers did not have the education or time saving tools and technology that we have today, but many of them did have a sense of commitment to the IBEW and this industry. This commitment drove them to give eight hours work for eight hours pay. It got them to work on days they really didn't feel like getting out of bed. It gave them a real sense of pride in their craft and what they could do for their community.

Each one of us wears an invisible label that has something written on it. The thing is, what we think is written on our label may not be the same thing that everyone else is reading. The good news is we all can control exactly what is written on our label, by how we live our lives. We need to develop the same commitment to this industry that our forefathers had.

No one is going to do it for us, and no one can improve on it like we can. Our future is up to us. We write it every day. Lets make sure we take care of our industry and have something we can proudly pass down to our next generation some day. If we don't, it will be there for the taking; and someone will come along and take it away from us!

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## **Portsmouth Filtration Plant Nears Completion**

The new MIEX Water Filtration System at the Portsmouth Filtration Plant is nearly completed. Mark Spriggs and his crew have done a great job bringing this project together. MIEX is a new water filtration process developed in Australia, that can make the drinking water cleaner than it's ever been; at a lower cost. I'll drink to that! I expect people will come from hundreds of miles away to drink Portsmouth's water, and see the rock.

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## **Scioto County JVS Work Continues**

Work on the Schulte Building and new addition are nearing completion, and work is well under way in the T & I Building; at the Scioto County JVS School. Led by Mike Snipes, our crews have been hard at it. The School District wants to move in the Schulte Building and new addition in time for school that begins next month. There is still a lot to get done before that can happen, and these guys up for the challenge. Workers on this project include Mike Snipes, Dave Nichols, Craig Gammon, Ryan Evans, Aaron Lore, David Shoemaker, Dick Greathouse, Dicky Greathouse Jr., Brent Bostic, and Tommy Nichols. There have been no serious injuries reported to date, on this project. That's great!

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## **Congratulations To Our JATC 2008 Graduates**

Congratulations are in order for the latest group of Apprentices. Those graduates are: Jason Cole, Ellis Greathouse II, Shonary Jenkins, Chris Jewett, Dustin Pendleton, Aaron Weber, and Wesley Wood. Welcome to the real world!

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*We are more casual about qualifying the people we allow to act as advocates in the Courtroom than we are about licensing Electricians.*

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## **Wheelersburg's New K-12 School Is Almost There**

Crews have been working hard to get the new Wheelersburg K-12 School ready for the July 18, 2008 completion date. Most of the building already has permanent lighting and finishes. It is really starting to look great. Paving began recently, and should be wrapping up soon. The wood Gym floors have been installed, painted, and finished. New furnishings have been placed in many rooms. Our crews continue to work 6-days a week, to meet this tight schedule. The extras are starting to surface now, and our crew is working to keep up with these latest challenges. A Life Safety Inspection by the State is scheduled for this Thursday. Led by Ed Sommer, the following workers are on site: Dan Maple, Anthony Arthurs, Rick Doke, Adams Mullins, Todd Dorland, Todd Martin, Joe Dillow, Shawn McDaniels, Nathan Geyer, Ryan Stenson, Josh Reed, Shannon Osborne, Boyd Wisecup, Gerald Boston, & Charles Keller. No serious injuries have been reported to date.

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## **Fire Alarm Work Gets Started At Hill View**

Our friends at Simplex Grinnell have awarded us a contract to replace the Fire Alarm System in one of the facilities at Hill View Retirement Center. This work is being preformed by Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton.

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**July Birthdays: Josh Reed, Boyd Wisecup, Anthony Arthurs, Robert Bowman, Mike Gay, Bret Coville, David Dillon, Ricky Doke, Mike Howard, Mike Cantrell, Lynn Lindhom, Shannon Osborne, Randy Eldridge Sr., Nick Kingrey.**

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## **Desco Main Office Is Finished**

Have you noticed the new look at Desco's Main Office? The place really looks great. We appreciate the opportunity to work with Desco again. Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, workers on this project include Jimmy Joyner, Bobby Conn, and Dustin Pendleton. No serious injuries were reported on this project.

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*The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.*

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## **New Boston Shopping Center Work Continues**

Work is well underway on the New Boston Shopping Center. This place looks great from the street. The exterior work is nearly completed. All of the underground conduits are installed, and nearly all of the feeders have been pulled and terminated. Staples has permanent power now, and is expected to be completed in days. Work has taken off on the Dollar Tree Store, and is expected to be completed in a few weeks as well. As of this date, we are working on six different retail shops going in this strip mall. Led by Josh Blevins, this project has the following workers on it: Rick Eastwood, Elbie Mathis, Caleb Staggs, Allan Gulley, Michael Franks, Malisa Sand, Randy Eldridge Sr., Ian Egbert, J.B. Cronin, Joe Roberts, & Jerry Easter. 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. We've heard a Pizza Shop will be going in, as well. There are still a few unrented shops left, but they're going fast. Led by J & H Erectors, this project has an expected late Summer completion.

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## **Task Order Work Continues On The ACP Project**

Task Order work continues at a steady pace for our crews at the A-Plant. Fluor is the Contractor for the ACP Centrifuge Project. USEC work continues as well. It appears this work will continue for many months and possibly years in the future. Led by Pete Nichols, workers on site include Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Jeff DePugh, Greg Tingle, Nelson Duncan, Barry Fyffe, Tim Keyser, Brian Maple, Christine Singer, Robert Bowman, Leo Burns, Will Collier, Matt DePugh, Joe Galloway, Michael Gay, Matt Louanglath, Steven Smith, Rick Motz, Carlton Vaughn, Jeffery Rush, Brad Smith, Douglas Stephenson, Gay Jackson, Tucker Smalley, Denise Shreck, Chad Roberts, and David Sams. Others working for WEE at the A-Plant include Carole Martin, Terry Fite, and Laura Hawes in the Office; and John Howard as our Health & Safety Officer. This site has had no serious injuries reported to date.

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## **A.P. GREEN WORK CONTINUES**

We want to thank our friend, Ed Messer of A.P. Green in Oak Hill, Ohio, for providing us with little projects from time to time. Ed manages to have us in the plant every month or so. Mark Spriggs and Dwane Johnson recently completed projects at the refractory.

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## **Very Good Things Are *Happening* At SOMC!!**

Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center is expected to open in August, and the new Lobby at the front of the hospital is expected to open on July 18, 2008. Our crews have been working around the clock to get the Emergency Power and Fire Alarm System up and running for the new Lobby and South Emergency Department. There has been a tremendous amount of work accomplished in the last two months. The Normal and Emergency Power Distribution Systems have come together rapidly. Despite the additional work added to both the South ED Addition and North Bed Tower, our crews have managed to keep this project very close to the original schedule. Work is moving out on all floors of the North Bed Tower, which is expected to be completed later this Fall. Both buildings now have air conditioning, which helps out tremendously. The landscaping work around the hospital is looking beautiful. If you blink at this place, you'll miss something. The overall project is being led by Bill Mershon, with Randy Eldridge over the North Bed Tower. Crews are wrapping up quickly in the South Addition. Workers on this project include: Danny Adams, Mike Mershon, John Lambert, Bud Thacker, Andy Adkins, Josh Gammon, Ken Kleindorfer, Dan Loevenguth, Greg Kersey, Carl Stiger, Randy Jones, Dwayne VanScoy, Adam Arnett, John Morris, Sean Hastings, Dan Hayden, Phil Matiz, Brett Coville, Mark Foreman, Mike Hall, Chuck Howard, John Bonner, Dave Lipster, John Kennedy, James Leeth, Lee Craigelow, Tom Human, Ken Holt, Bill Taylor, Debra Adams, Terry Fogarty, Wayne Bentley, Martin Fisher, Jim Shope, Mike Geist, Rick Deime, Ty Newton, Derrick Shaheed, Floyd Rollins, Keith Webb, Justin Diller, Brett Zwhalen, David Barnett, Gary Hatfield, Kenny Dyers, Dave Allen, Josh Marcum, Bobby Thurman, Wes Cline, Matt Rider, Bill Loper, Jason Russell, Wayne Shepherd, Wilson Beasley, Patrick Beasley, Tom Bryan, Mike Howard, Matt Secrest, Chris Dotson, Lynn Linholm, Daryl Wolfe, Brian Compton, and Casey David Booth.

Rick Mingus has been going to physical therapy several times a week, as he recovers from his fall off of a ladder several months ago. After some surgery and a brief stay in the Hospital, Rick's progress has been slow. We look forward to Rick's full recovery, and his return to work. Our thoughts and Prayers are with him.

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## **SOMC SMALL PROJECTS**

The small projects at SOMC continue to come. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton recently completed the new Blood Draw Suite in Medical Office Building K. There are a couple of new suites on the drawing board for MOB-K, as we speak. Miles and Dustin have also been taking care of some small projects in the hospital, as well.

## **ODOT'S NEW PIKE COUNTY MAINTENANCE GARAGE IS NEARING COMPLETION**

From the outside, the new ODOT maintenance Garage looks like it is almost finished. The work inside continues at a steady pace. With permanent power now in place, Kenny Stewart and his crew have been finishing out the systems inside of the building as they approach the July 24, 2008 completion date. Once ODOT moves into the new garage, work will continue on the other buildings around the site. Kenny's crew includes David Marting, Tim Literal, Todd Davis, and Larry Morgan. No injuries reported to date.

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*For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.*

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### **It's A Girl!**

Congratulations are in order for Miles Lee And Ashley Ferguson, on the arrival of their baby daughter, Gracie Nicole Ferguson; who was born on June 23, 2008. Everyone is doing great.

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## **Brown's Medical Office Building Is Underway.**

Our old friend, Jeff Brown, has awarded West End Electric Co., Inc. the Electrical installation on his Medical Office Building being built in Wheelersburg, Ohio. This will house two different Medical Offices, and is located at the corner of Gallia Pike and Route 522. We are a sub contractor to T.L. Blackburn Construction Co. Mark Spriggs began work on this project a few weeks ago. Look for a new Restaurant to be built next to this Medical Office Building, in the near future. I understand this will be a spin-off of Pop's Place. Jeff has some great plans for the Wheelersburg Community.

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*When I die, I want to go peacefully like my Grandfather did, in his sleep - not screaming like the passengers in his car.*

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## **S.S.U.'s Rhodes Center Phase II Renovations Work Has Begun.**

As Phase I work in the Rhodes Athletic Center wraps up, the Phase II work is off to a great start. Danny Beekman began the Electrical demolition work several weeks ago, and has a great start on the conduit rough-in above the Gym floor. John Hill has been working with Dan on this project. No injuries have been reported to date. Great work!

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*Ability will never catch up with the demand for it.*

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## **Scioto County Pump Stations Upgrade Project Has Started.**

Andy Eldridge and Brandon Harbolt started on this project a few weeks ago. 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. This project is expected to be completed early Fall of this year.

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## **Portsmouth KDMC's New Addition Is Completed**

Andy Eldridge and his crew completed the new addition to the KDMC Portsmouth Medical Office Building. This new addition has an X-Ray Room, as well as sleep rooms. Monty Kilgore of Crace Construction Co. was the Superintendent on this project, which had a very tight schedule, but our guys had the work done before the completion date. Andy's crew consists of Randy Eldridge Sr., Ben Pollard, and Brandon Harbolt.

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*The four Engineers. One day, a Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chemical Engineer, and Computer Engineer were driving down the street in the same car. The car broke down. The Mechanical Engineer said, "I think a rod broke." the Chemical Engineer said, "The way it sputtered at the end, I don't think its getting gas." The Electrical Engineer said, "I think there was a spark and something is wrong with the electrical system." The Computer Engineer said, "I think we should get out and get back in."*

Many of you know that Chris Bledsoe's last day with us was June 20, 2008. Chris left us after 12-years, for a job opportunity with CSX Railroad. We really do appreciate the job Chris has done for us over these many years. He will be missed by all. The next time you hear that train a comin', rollin' around the bend, take a close look inside, that may be the train Chris is in.

We want to welcome Mike Lee to our family of Employees. He will be taking over the job that Chris has done for the past 12-years. Mike and his wife Dori reside here, in Portsmouth. Their four children have graduated from High School. Mike is in the learning stage right now, but he's catching on quickly.

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

- West End Electric was the low bidder on an addition to the SOMC Cancer Center. This project is being down sized to save money, and should be starting in the very near future.
  - West End Electric was recently awarded a contract from T.L. Blackburn Construction Co., for new Tennis Courts at SSU.
  - West End Electric was the low bidder on the SSU University Center Addition and Renovations Project. This work should begin in the next 30-days.
  - West End Electric turned in an Electrical bid for renovations to SOMC's existing hospital. We are waiting on a decision on this project.
  - We are watching for the plans and bid date for three new Adams County Elementary School Buildings, that should be out for bid in the next few months.
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