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I'm amazed at how much work there is in our area, while the larger cities seem to be going through rough times. I've been in the Electrical industry for 33-years now, and I've noticed that anytime work is good in the large cities, we are struggling here at home. But, when work is good here at home, the large cities struggle. I can't explain it, but I'm thankful that work in our area is doing so well. The great thing about it is there are several facilities being built that will be providing good paying jobs, jobs that will remain here and support our local economy for years to come.

Look around, it's plain to see all the good things going on around us. New schools, new industry, major upgrades and expansions to hospitals and medical facilities, new commercial businesses, new restaurants, new retail shopping centers, upgrades to public utilities, new municipal facilities, new bridges, and the list goes on and on. We've certainly had our share of difficult times, and it is great to see things turn around for the better. For some, these good times will keep you into your retirement years, while others will have the opportunity to take advantage of the good work and build up your savings for the next dry spell; and trust me, it will happen.

The work picture just didn't improve on it's own. I believe it is a blessing from above. It would probably amaze us if we knew just how many people have been praying over the years for the work picture to improve in our area.

Parents and Grandparents concerned about the future of their children and grandchildren, families struggling to make ends meet, businesses having to layoff their employees, churches and organizations going through financially difficult times, etc. I've seen people praying for the economy to turn around in our area, and praying that their jobs would be saved. I know because I'm one of them. People have prayed for the very days we are experiencing right now, and we are receiving the blessings from the prayers of those before us. Lets not take this for granted. We need to share our blessings by helping those around us in need. There are plenty of opportunities right here in our own jurisdiction. Matthew 25:35 & 36 tells us "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me. vs. 40: The king will reply, "I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do it also for me."

Lets do something special for someone in need. It might be your neighbor, a down and out person on the street, or a charitable organization. If you look for those in need, you will find them. And in doing so, you will be doing it also for the King!

Scioto County JVS Work Continues

Renovation work in the Schulte Building and new addition have progressed, and demolition work has begun in the T & I Building as well; at the Scioto County JVS School. Led by Mike Snipes, our crews have been installing switchgear, wire, and light fixtures in the Schulte Building; and conduits in the new addition. The School District wants to move in 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., Brent Bostic, and Tommy Nichols. There have been no serious injuries reported to date, on this project. Safety is a way of life..

Welcome To Portsmouth, State Electric Supply!

State Electric Supply Co., Inc. opened their doors for business at their new location on March 31, 2008. Their new address is 2042 - 8th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio; across the street from the Laborer's Union Hall. Danny Beekman, with the help of John Hill, Josh Blevins, and Allan Gulley have done a great job on this project. There are afew punchlist items remaining, but this one is a job well done. Stop by and ask Jeff Potter to give you the full tour, and let him know that you appreciate them doing the Electrical work with Union Electricians. No injuries reported on this project.

*You don't get paid for the hour,
you get paid for the value you bring to the hour!*

Lake White Extras Continue

Andy Eldridge and his crew got the antenna, pole light, and telephone service moved last month, and will be returning soon to relocate the Electric Service. High water and a lot of rain has kept this project from finishing-up.

March Birthdays: Dave Marting, Jim Walsh, Joe Galloway, Ken Holt, Jim Hall, Andy Adkins, Mark Seigrist, Shawn McBee, Tim Crothers, Kenny Mayes, Danny Maple, and Gay Jackson.

Task Order Work Continues On New DUF6 Conversion Facility

Work continues on the new DUF6 Conversion Facility. Our manpower numbers have gone down some, and should continue to decline as the project nears the June completion. Led by Greg Tingler, our crew of 31-Electricians have been completing this first of it's kind project. The project has been on a 5-10's schedule, and is expected continue into late Spring. There have been no serious 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, Richard Hutchinson, Jim Hall, Ken Holt, Ken Weaver, Lee Mastin, Ron Bailey, Rick Deime, Ty Newton, Mike Geist, Charles Corns, Mike Lapinski, Ricci Jackson, Michael Hall, Rick Holloway, and Dwayne Vanscoy.

Desco Main Office Is Nearing Completion

Our crews are finishing out the lighting and devices on the First Floor Renovation Work at Desco's Main Office. The extras continue to flow on this project. Work should be wrapping up in the next few weeks. 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 Open For Business.

I drove by this place today, and saw a parking lot full of cars. Andy Eldridge and his crew have done a great job on this project. There are a few little items left to finish up, but this project obviously got a partial approval and occupancy. This has been an injury free project to date. Led by Andy Eldridge, workers on this project include Brandon Harbolt, Ben Pollard, and Tyler McNeer.

What is the definition of a “shock absorber”? A careless Electrician.

Wheelersburg’s New K-12 School Is Getting Close

Crews have been working hard to get the new Wheelersburg K-12 School ready for the July 15, 2008 completion date. Many areas of the building already have permanent lights and finishes. It is really starting to look great. Curbs and sidewalks are starting to go in. Soon, the wood Gym floors will be installed. Our crews have been working 6-days a week for several months now, to meet this tight schedule. We starting an evening shift crew in March, to get the Electrical work done in the three Gymnasiums. As of this date, we have a total of 31-Electricians and Apprentices working on this project. Led by Ed Sommer, the following workers are also on site: Ray Ervin, Gerald Boston, Charles Keller, Tyler Siebert, Josh Reed, Boyd Wisecup, Martin Fisher, Andy Holsinger, Nathan Geyer, Anthony Arthurs, Todd Davis, Adam Arnett, Shannon Osborne, Joe Dillow, Mark Seigrist, Ricky Doke, Adam Mullins, Todd Dorland, Todd Martin, Jim Joyner, Michael Gallagher, Shawn McBee, Robert Hamlin, and Gary Jenkins. No serious injuries have been reported to date.

A-Plant Office Staff.....

Work at the A-Plant has increased to the point we have had to hire additional office staff to take care of the requirements of Fluor and USEC. Pete just couldn’t keep up with everything. Laura Hawes has been helping Pete out on a part time basis for several months now, and we recently added some full time Office Workers. We extend a warm welcome to Carole Martin and Berry Fite, our newest additions to our A-Plant Office Staff.

New Boston Shopping Center Work Takes Off

It's time to hit it on a dead run. Equipment and materials are coming in, and J & H wants us on it full force. Beginning Monday, April 12, we'll have 9-Electricians on this project. Everything is under roof now, and concrete slabs are poured. We will be completing the concrete light pole bases this week. Josh Blevins has been leading this project, and tooling up for additional manpower. We'll also be doing the Electrical work in the new Staples Store, which wants to open the first of June. This place will be buzzing with activity over the next 6-weeks. Allan Gulley and John Hill have been working with Josh to date. 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 late Spring completion.

Nobody notices what I do until I don't do it.

Task Order Work Picks-up On The ACP Project

Task Order work continues to grow for our crews at the A-Plant. Fluor is the Contractor for the ACP Centrifuge Project. Our friends at Fluor have continued to award more small projects for Pete Nichols and his crew. USEC work continues as well. Led by Pete Nichols, workers on site include Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Dan Maple, Nicholas Kingrey, Robert Bowman, Nelson Duncan, Michael Gay, Matt Louanglath, Will Collier, Christine Singer, Rick Eastwood, Brian Maple, James Fleming, Keith Mabe, Leo Burns, Matt DePugh, Tim Keyser, Jeff DePugh, Steven Smith, Rick Motz, Carlton Vaughn, Jeffery Rush, Brad Smith, Douglas Stephenson, Gay Jackson, Tucker Smalley, Barry Fyffe, and Michael Conley, as well as Carole Martin, Berry 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.

Northwest High School Wraps-up

Kenny and his crew have been wrapping up the punchlist work at Punchlist work at Northwest High School. Sometimes, closing a job out is the hardest part. This work should be completed next week.

Very Good Things Are *Happening* At SOMC!!

Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center is progressing, and is expected to wrap-up in June. Lighting has already been installed in the basement and Ground Floors, while wiring is being installed on the First Floor and Penthouse. Our crews have also been setting switchgear and installing conduit and wire in the Penthouse. We expect to have permanent power by April 23, 2008. Despite the additional work added to the South Addition, our crews have managed to keep this project close to the original schedule. 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, Eric DeLong, Steve Marth, Mark Ruggles, Mark Wright, Bill Teeters, John Kennedy, Rod Griffey, Johnny Bonner Jr., Bobby Thurman, Mike Hair, Mark Ruggles, Rick Mingus, Mike Murphy, Dave Dillow, Charles Howard, Ernest Capozzi, Leonard Foster, Sean Hasting, Jamie Garcia, Ken Gibson, Deborah Adams, and Kenny Mays.

Our crews have been installing conduit, boxes, and panel tubs on the lower levels of the North Bed Tower. We are still missing a few Switchgear parts for the Penthouse Electrical Rooms. Conduit and wire 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 new parking area in front of the North Bed Tower is taking shape, as is the new entrance and Lobby. Workers on the North Bed Tower include Randy Eldridge Jr. (Foreman), Jim Walsh (Foreman), Andrew Adkins, Tommie Human, David Pettry, Michael Cross, Wayne Shepherd, Josh Gammon, Dan Myers, John Baker, Larry Conrad, Rob Cook, Eric Kiger, Dennis Ehrman, Art Martin, Tony Carpenter, D. Kelly Stroud, Jim Shope, James Leeth, Matt Seacrest, Mike Howard, Kenny Kleindoifer, Bobby Conn, Tom Bryan, and Dave Crowell.

The small projects at SOMC continue to come. Conduit and wire are nearly completed in the new Blood Draw Suite in Building K, and the small projects in the hospital keep coming. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been taking care of these small projects.

Rick Mingus fell off of a ladder last month, breaking several bones. After some surgery and a brief stay in the Hospital, Rick has been going through some physical therapy. We look forward to Rick's full recovery, and his return to work. Our thoughts and Prayers are with him.

We want to welcome Peggy Legg to our Office Staff. Chances are she'll be the one answering the phone when you call. She's been a big help around here.

*Drive carefully! It is not only cars that can be recalled
by their maker.*

Portsmouth Filtration Plant Gets MIEX

We have received a contract with P.A.E. to perform work on the new MIEX Water Filtration System at the Portsmouth Filtration Plant. This is a new process developed in Australia, that can make the drinking water cleaner than it's ever been; at a lower cost. Mark Spriggs started working on this project several weeks ago. It's good to have Mark back with us. Welcome home.

ODOT'S NEW PIKE COUNTY MAINTENANCE GARAGE IS UNDER ROOF

The building is up, roof is on, metal siding is done, and floors are being poured. Kenny Stewart and his crew have been installing above ground conduits and wire, as well as the high bay lights. Switchgear was delivered today. With warmer weather comes more work. Kenny's crew includes David Marting and Tim Literal. No injuries reported to date. Let's keep it going.

S.S.U.'s Rhodes Center Phase I Renovations Work Is Off And Running.

Danny Beekman began the Electrical on this project about three weeks ago, and has completed about all of the conduit rough-in and some demolition work. The projects original completion date of April 18, 2008 will slip a month or two. The new Electric Switchgear and Generator should be arriving within the next two weeks. This is Phase 1, of a Multi-Phased Project. John Hill and Dwane Johnson have been working with Danny, on this project. No injuries have been reported to date. Great work! We were the low bidder on the Phase II part of this renovation, that bid last week. It looks like Danny and his crew will be busy all Summer at SSU.

Most people achieved their greatest success one step beyond what looked like their greatest failure.

Scioto County Pump Stations Upgrade Project Starts Soon.

Electrical equipment has been arriving for several weeks now, and we should be starting work on this project in a week or two. 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. With the help of these pump stations, crap can run up hill.

The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.

King's Daughters Medical Center Gets New Addition

Andy Eldridge and his crew have been working on the new addition to the KDMC Portsmouth Medical Office Building. The new addition has an X-Ray Room, as well as sleep rooms. We are working for Crace Construction Co. on this project, and are expected to turn this over to the Owner on May 15, 2008. A very tight schedule, but our guys can do it. Andy's crew consists of Randy Eldridge, Ben Pollard, and Brandon Harbolt.

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

- West End Electric was the low bidder on an addition to the SOMC Cancer Center. This work should begin in the next 30-days.
 - West End Electric was the low bidder on Phase II of the SSU Rhodes Athletic Center Renovation Project. This work should begin in the next 30-days.
 - We turned in an Electrical bid for the new Tri-America Mechanical Shop in Wheelersburg, a few weeks ago. We've never heard anything on this project yet.
 - We turned in an Electrical bid for the new Medical Office Building being built in Wheelersburg, Ohio; for Jeff Brown of Brown Services LLC.
 - We received drawings for three Adams County Jr./Sr. High School Renovations, as well as the Adams County Vocational School Renovations. This project bids April 23, 2008. The three new Elementary Schools are suppose to bid some time this Summer.
 - We've been invited to bid on the new Dollar Tree Store in the New Boston Shopping Center.
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