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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

*From all of us at West End Electric!!*

## Thanksgiving Day Proclamation:

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

*President George Washington*

**The Thanksgiving legacy has been alive for hundreds of years. The customs we see in our homes today remind us of ancient celebrations of harvest, thankfulness for peace, and the endeavors of Native Americans. It is also a day of prayers and thanksgiving. People offer meal time prayers during the day. It is a time when mankind thanks God for all His blessings and grace.**

**This Thanksgiving, whether we are alone or with our entire family, let us all take time out to follow the proclamation of President George Washington, and acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, obey His will, be grateful for His benefits, and humble ourselves to implore His protection and favor.**

**What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!**

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*Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.*

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## **ODOT'S New Pike County Maintenance Garage Is Now Open**

**Work on the new ODOT Maintenance Garage & Facility at the intersection of Routes 23 and 32 in Pike County, will finish up in a matter of days. With the old buildings gone and the site cleaned up, this facility really looks great. Kenny Stewart and his crew have done a great job bringing this project together. The last building to be completed has been the storage shed. Kenny and Tim Literal have been working on the final stages of the project, and will soon be looking to get started on the next project. No injuries have been turned in on this project, and that is a great accomplishment!**

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## **Brown's Medical Office Building Nears Completion**

**Mark Spriggs and his crew have been putting the finishing touches in one of the two Office Suites in the Brown Services' new Medical Office Building in Wheelersburg, Ohio. This project should finish up some time in December. We appreciate the opportunity to work for Jeff Brown. Workers on this project include Mark Spriggs, Tyler Siebert, and Josh Reed. Still no injuries reported to date!**

## **Scioto County JVS Work Moves To Taylor Bldg.**

Students at the Scioto County Joint Vocational School have settled in to the newly renovated and expanded Schulte Building, T & I Building, and the Riser Classroom Building. Now the work is concentrated in the Taylor Building, where our crew has completed the Electrical demolition, completed the permanent power and distribution system, and are performing the conduit rough-in. Led by Mike Snipes, Workers on this project include Dave Nichols, Ryan Evans, Tommy Nichols, Aaron Lore, David Shoemaker, Dick Greathouse, Dicky Greathouse Jr., Brent Bostic, Aaron Johnson, Mike Cross, and Boyd Wisecup. This project continues to be injury free, and that is great news!

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*There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.*

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## **Work Is Completed On Shawnee State's New Tennis Courts**

We finished up the Electrical work on Shawnee State's new tennis courts, located at Second & Union Streets. We were a Sub Contractor to T.L. Blackburn Construction Co., on this project. Dan Beekman and John Hill installed the underground conduits, and Josh Blevins and his crew pulled the wire and finished up the project. This is just another great addition to SSU's facility. And, no injuries reported on this project. Great job!!

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**November Birthdays: Josh Blevins, Brent Bostick, Jeff DePugh, Miles Lee Ferguson, Terry Fite, Aaron Johnson, Tim Keyser, Phil Matiz, Richard Meeker, Dave Nichols, Chad Roberts, David Sams, and Tucker Smalley.**

*It is better to wear out than to rust out.*

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*Our condolences go out to the family of Mike Lee, whose Mother passed away on November 17, 2008. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lee Family.*

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## **NARCO Switchgear Upgrade Work Begins**

Andy Eldridge got a running start on the Switchgear Upgrade at NARCO, located in South Shore, Kentucky. The Plant is replacing an Oil-Filled Transformer, Maid Distribution Gear, Distribution Panel, and Motor Control Center. Andy and his crew have already installed the MCC, cable tray, Distribution Panel, some conduit, and pulled in feeders. Preparation is underway for an outage to replace the main switchgear and transformer the weekend of Thanksgiving. This project should wrap up the first part of December. In addition to Andy, Mike Hunt, Joe Roberts, and Dwane Johnson have been getting things done!

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## **Settling In At Wheelersburg's New K-12 School**

The students, faculty, and staff of Porter Township are settling into their brand new K-12 School Building. Ed Sommer and Adam Mullins have been completing punch-list, close-out, and warranty issues items; and are ready to move on to the next project. Dwane Johnson will be wrapping up the last of the punchlist in a week or two. It is amazing to see such a large facility get completed and occupied in such a short period of time. The folks of Porter Township have a lot to be proud of.

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*One day your life is going to flash before your eyes. Make sure it is worth watching!*

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## **New Boston Shopping Center Is Open For Business**

Our contract work is finished on the New Boston Shopping Center's building, and work is underway on the new Radio Shack Store; which is expected to open in a couple of weeks. Several new businesses have already opened, including Staples, Dollar Tree, Petland, Game Stop, and Sally Beauty. Other stores soon to open are: Shoe Show, Nail Salon, Fantastic Sam's, and Regis Hair Salon. We're still hearing about Papa John's Pizza and a Cell Phone Company leasing spaces as well. Led by Josh Blevins, Joe Roberts and Malisa Sand are working on these projects.

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*Formula for success: under promise and over deliver!*

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

Task Order work is picking up on the ACP project in Piketon. Fluor continues to provide us with more work, and we are grateful! We are still maintaining some work for USEC as well. Fluor has begun hiring workers directly for their projects, and we've been told that we will continue with task order work around the project. Led by Pete Nichols, workers on site include Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Greg Tingler, Nelson Duncan, Barry Fyffe, Tim Keyser, Brian Maple, Will Collier, Nick Kingrey, Matt Louanglath, Tucker Smalley, Chad Roberts, David Sams, Chris Shope, Bud Thacker, Scott Wilbanks, David Wickersham, Jason Cole, Jeff DePugh, Donald Myers, and Gary Price. Our office staff includes Carole Martin, Terry Fite, and Laura Hawes; and Dale Williams as our Health & Safety Officer. This site has had no serious injuries reported to date.

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## **S.S.U.'s Rhodes Center Phase II Renovations Continues**

The Phase II work in the James Rhodes Athletic Center continues now, around sporting and special events in the Gymnasium. Electrical work in the Locker Rooms is nearly complete, while Electrical to the new HVAC equipment continues. We still have some lighting to complete in the Public Restrooms at each end of the Gym floor, and some lighting in the area of the Stage. This project is scheduled for completion in December. Led by Danny Beekman, workers on this project include John Hill, Danny Maple, and Nate Geyer. No injuries reported to date. That's great news!

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*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take away our breath away.*

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## **Manchester Local School District Gets Walkway Lighting**

We have been awarded a small project installing walkway lighting for the Manchester LSD. This one is reserved for Kenny Stewart, who still has some finishing touches on the recent Football Field Lighting project. Kenny has had help from Tim Literal on this project.

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## **Very Good Things Are Wrapping Up At SOMC!!**

SOMC has been operating their new Emergency room for almost 3-months now, and will be performing surgeries in the new Operating Rooms any day now. Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center is completed, except for some extras. The North Bed Tower has been progressing as well. SOMC has occupied the First Floor with Patients, and will be moving Patients into the Second Floor Patient Rooms in a week or two. Our crews are following finishes on the Third and Fourth Floors, and should wrap things up on the Third Floor in a week, and the Fourth Floor in a few more weeks. The Penthouse should be completed in mid-December. We are also performing additional work for SOMC in and around the North Bed Tower. We are all very proud to have been a part of this major expansion, and are grateful to our friends at SOMC for the opportunity. The overall project is being led by Bill Mershon. Current Workers on this project include: Mike Mershon, Randy Eldridge, Andy Adkins, Dave Marting, Kenny Dyers, Phil Matiz, Bill Taylor, Debra Adams, Wayne Bentley, Tom Human, Rick Deime, Brett Zwhalen, Gary Hatfield, Josh Marcum, Wes Cline, Jason Russell, Mike Maple, Will Mershon, David Dillon, Micah Knisley, Randy Tucker, Evan Meyers, Matt Meeker, Shawn McBee, Todd Dunn, J.B. Cronin, Leonard Foster, and Mark Kuntzman.

Update: Rick Mingus has been off work since August 18, and has had some surgery during this time. Our thoughts and Prayers are with him.

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## ***Small Jobs Continue To Come From SOMC***

We continue to pick-up small projects at SOMC, and are grateful for these opportunities. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been performing this work.

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## **SSU's University Center Project Continues**

Electrical work has been slow starting on this project. Underground utilities took longer to complete that planned. Now that the underground work is nearly completed, and foundation work begins on the new addition, we are getting underground conduits installed. Electrical work in the ATC Building has also been progressing. Danny Beekman is heading up this project. He has had the help of the following men: Ed Sommer, Adam Mullins, Dan Maple, John Hill, and Nate Geyer. Activity on this project will pick-up quickly. No injuries reported to date. Keep up the good work!

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## *Service Work Continues*

Dwane Johnson has been busy taking care of service calls and small projects. Some of the smaller projects have included work at the BP Bulk Plant, Ripley Elementary School, 14<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center, and SOMC parking lot lighting. Dwane always seems to leave the Customers happy, and that's a real good thing.

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## **PHS Athletic Complex Update**

The building steel, bleachers, and other long lead items have been ordered for this project. We are working on the final numbers on this one. Work should start next month. J & H Erectors is the General Contractor on this project. As a Sub Contractor, we will also be working with B.B.& E. We are looking forward to being a part of this great facility.

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*The U of M Football Coach walked into the locker room before the game, looked over at his newest player, and said; "I'm not suppose to let you play because you failed your math exam, but we really need you in this game today. So, what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right then you will be allowed to play."*

*The player agreed, so coach looked into his eyes intently and asked, "Okay concentrate hard and tell me the answer to this question. What is two plus two?"*

*The player thought for a moment and answered, "Four"?*

*"Did you say four?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he got it right.*

*Suddenly, all of the other players on the team began shouting..."Come on Coach, give him another chance."*

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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. We're still waiting on the Owner to start this project.**
  - **West End Electric turned in a bid for two AEP garages, one at the Gavin Power Plant in Gallipolis, and one in Chillicothe, Ohio. We have not heard anything on either of these projects yet.**
  - **We are negotiating the Electrical work on a Steel Plant being proposed for New Boston, Ohio. Infra Metals is planning a new Distribution Facility in the area behind the former Wal-Mart Shopping Center, East of OSCO. Our friends at J & H Erectors have invited us to be a part of this design/built/bidding phase of this project. A decision is expected very soon.**
  - **We are expecting plans any day now, for a Papa John's Pizza Shop, going in the New Boston Shopping Center.**
  - **We are watching for plans for a new K-12 School facility, for Clay Local School District.**
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  - **We are watching for plans for a new Middle School facility, for Washington-Nile Local School District.**
  - **We've been invited to bid a kidney dialysis Center being installed in the lower level of SOMC's One West.**
  - **We are looking forward to plans for Renovations of the SOMC Cafeteria and Kitchen areas, due out the first of the year.**
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