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Great Start For Summer

The month of June is off to a great start. Over the past 4-weeks, we have received contracts on some very good projects that promise to keep us busy for the next 15-months. We should be hiring at least 20-Electricians and Apprentices within the next 3 to 4 weeks. And, if things get started back up at USEC, these numbers will go up.

Tough times cause many contractors to tighten their bids as much as possible. This comes with some risk, especially in the area of labor. This is one area that is the biggest risk for any contractor. But it is also one area that each of you can make the biggest difference in. It takes the best, operating at their best; to get through tough times. If we as contractors, are able to get more work by tightening our labor costs, and you help to keep these projects under cost; we have just become a stronger and more competitive contractor.

I know there are many who have been layed off for over a year, and I believe this has been a direct result of the poor economy. But we are at a stage now where we are crawling out of the recession.

It is now that we must be better than ever, in order to survive the onslaught of competitors out there. We aren't the cheapest contractors around, but I believe we are up there with the best. With your help, we have the opportunity to prove it!

And, each day you travel to your jobs, remember to act upon this scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In everything, give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, concerning you." That makes it personal, just between you and Him!

June and July Birthdays

June: Bill Mershon
Mike Snipes
Chad Hawes

July: Mike Cantrell
Tim Jenkins
Nick Kingrey

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found the mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey", I announced to the mechanic, "it's open!". His reply: "I know. I already got that side."

Clay PK-12 School Begins

We were given the notice to proceed on the new Clay PK-12 School project on May 7, 2010. As of this date, we have mobilized, installed some temporary, and have been taking care of misc. paperwork, underground conduit lay-out, etc. Led by Mike Snipes, this project is expected to be completed before school begins in August 2011. Justin Singer has been working with Mike Snipes. This project is expected to man-up the third week of June. We look forward to working with the folks at Clay Schools, as well J & H Erectors, B B & E, and Central Fire Protection. The C.M. on this project is dck Worldwide, Inc.

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

Washington-Nile Middle School Gets Started

We recently received a contract for the Electrical/Telecommunications work on the new Washington-Nile Middle School Project. Bill Mershon will be running this project for us. Geiger Brothers will serve as the General, Mechanical, and Plumbing Contractor on this project. We are excited to begin another project with the great folks in the Washington-Nile School District. We received a notice to proceed on May 17, 2010. Bill has already begun installing underground conduits on the site. Bill has had the help of Ed Sommer and Justin Singer so far. This project is expected to be completed when school starts in August 2011.

ODNR Watercraft Office Comes Out Of The Ground

The floor slab has been poured, and the steel and block work is going up; at the new ODNR Watercraft Office & Maintenance Facility. Conduits have been coming up out of the slab, and will soon be tying together in the ceilings. The building should be under roof soon, allowing interior conduits and Electrical equipment to be installed. Danny Beekman has been tending to this project, and will seek help as soon as the project needs it. This project has a December 2010 completion date. There have been no injuries reported to date. Keep up the safe work!

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot!

Nile Township Fire Station Gets Started

Ground has been broken at the site of the new Fire Station. Workers are preparing the building pad at this time. We have installed some temporary Electric, but nothing else at this point. We should be roughing in underground conduits very soon. We will be working with our friends from Riser Construction on this project.

Norfolk & Southern Crew Facility Progresses

Bill Mershon installed conduits below the floor slab, and now Dwane Johnson is extending conduits and boxes up into block walls. This building should be under roof soon, allowing our crews to get the conduit rough-in and electrical equipment installed. We are a sub-contractor to Portco, Inc. This project is a new Crew Facility for the N & S Railroad Yards in Portsmouth.

Congratulations To Graduating Apprentices

We want to congratulate the 2010 JATC Class of five: William Collier, Justin Wood, Timothy Jenkins, Nicholas Kingrey, and Jeffrey Siebert. These young men have successfully completed five years of classroom and on the job training, and are now Journeymen Wiremen. Contractors, lay it on them! These guys have received some of the best training ever taught in our JATC. We're proud of these men!

There is no education like adversity.

Portsmouth WWTP Work Continues

Our crews have installed underground and above grade conduits to the top of the two existing trickling filters. We still have work to complete on the new UV Disinfection System, new Sludge Press equipment, new sludge pumps, and the drain pump station; at the Lawson Run WWTP Rehab Project. Bill Mershon and Ed Sommer have been the last men to perform work on this project. This project will be a hit and miss project for our crews, into next year.

Horizon Telephone Comes To Town

We recently completed an Electrical project for Horizon Telephone Company of Chillicothe, Ohio. Horizon recently purchased what was once known as Zoomnet Internet Services, who has their equipment set up in the PNC Bank Building. Horizon will be upgrading the system and equipment, and expanding their services to our area. They had us install 4" conduits from the 5th floor of the building, to the alley. Once in the alley, we installed underground conduits in two different directions, and stubbed conduits up at existing utility poles. We want to welcome Horizon to our area, and let them know that we appreciate the opportunity to work for them.

USEC Security Card Reader Work Nears Completion

Our A-Plant crew is wrapping up the Security Card Reader work for USEC. Led by Pete Nichols, the following men have been working on this project: Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, and Nick Kingrey. There has been talk of adding more work to this contract, which is always welcome.

USEC Fire Alarm Work In X-710

We were recently awarded a Fire Alarm System upgrade contract for USEC, in the X-710 building. Phase I of this project is nearly completed. Just this week, we received a change order for work in two more areas of the building. Led by Pete Nichols, Tucker Smalley and Will Collier. No injuries have been reported on this project. That's a good thing!

A problem is a chance for you to do your best.

Portsmouth City Schools Central Office Nears Completion

The new Central Office Building for Portsmouth City Schools Administration is changing before our eyes. The exterior is looking better all the time. The sheetrock has been hung, and is being finished for painting. Kenny Stewart and Dan Maple are waiting for ceiling grid and finished walls, so they can return and complete this project. The project is now looking at a July completion date. This has been an injury free project for our crews, and that is always welcome news. Keep up the great work!

ACP FUTURE STILL LOOKS PROMISING

The latest word is the ACP Project will start back up the beginning of 2011, with Fluor cranking back up in the Summer of 2011. We have been performing work directly for USEC for months now, and we believe this will continue throughout the rest of this year. As of this date, the following men are on site, performing work for USEC: Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Tucker Smalley, Nick Kingrey, Will Collier, and Tim Jenkins. In addition to these Electricians, we have Carole Martin, Laura Hawes, and Terry Fite working in our plant site office.

SSU's Student Service Center Renovation Work Begins

On June 7, 2010, Kenny Stewart began Electrical demolition on the Student Service Center Renovations Project, on the second Floor of the newly renovated University Center; at Shawnee State University. This project should be completed in August of this year. We really do appreciate having another project with Shawnee State University.

Waiting On Shut-Down At Narco

Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt completed all they can, and are now waiting on a weekend that the plant can be shut-down; for the transformer and switchgear replacement to take place. Narco's orders for materials has increased, delaying our work. That is a good thing for Narco, as long as the old gear and transformer holds up. It's good to see local businesses doing well again. No injuries reported on this project, and that is always welcome news.

Manchester Schools Continues Small Projects

Kenny Stewart, Dan Maple, and Ed Sommer have been busy completing small projects for the Manchester Local School District. They recently completed the installation of a flag pole with lights, a school marquee sign, and power for a new Bus Parking Lot. Work continues on a Distance Learning Center, and repairs to pole lights on the parking lot. We really do appreciate the opportunity to work for the good folks at Manchester Schools.

Rubyville Community Church Hopes for a Late Summer Completion of Worship Center

During the past few weeks, Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have completed some minor Electrical work at the new Worship Center. Interior finish work continues. The folks at Rubyville Community Church are still hoping for a late Summer completion. Until then, we will continue on an as-needed basis.

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.

Oak Hill Campground Progressing

Andy Eldridge and Michael Hunt have completed the underground conduits, and begun installing wire and power pedestals at the Oak Hill Campground in the Wayne National Forest. Even though there has been some rainy days, the good weather has allowed the underground to go pretty good. Dwane Johnson, Bill Mershon, and Dan Maple have filled in for Mike when he was unable to be on the job. It is still looking like an August completion for this project.

X-670 Dry Air Plant To Start Soon

We recently received a contract from CDM, for a Dry Air plant facility being constructed for USEC, in the old A-Plant facility. Work on this project should begin in July, with a completion date of August 31, 2010. This will be an extremely fast track project, but we have confidence that our A-Plant crew can handle it.

SOMC Peds. Project Finishes In June

Light fixtures and devices are being installed at this time. The completion date for this project is June 15, 2010 (next week). It looks like it will be close, but our crews should be finished by that date. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have performed the Electrical work on this project. It's always great to perform work for SOMC, and we look forward to bidding future projects with the Hospital.

*The healthy and strong individual is the one who
asks for help when he needs it.
Whether he's got an abscess on his knee or in his soul.*

Service Work Continues

Dwane Johnson continues to take good care of our service calls and small projects. Some of the calls Dwane has answered recently have been for: PNC of Jackson, Portsmouth Cinema, Scioto County Jail, Buckeye Towers, New Boston (traffic signals), Rumpke Transfer Station, Holiday In Express, Doctor Lucas, Valley Materials, SOMC Urgent Care, Tow Path Ready Mix, Elks Country Club, Counseling Center, New Boston Flood Defense, KDMC Medical Office, Shawnee Lodge Park, and South Shore Nursing Home.

PMHA Generator Work Started

Danny Beekman recently began installing conduits at the Miller Manor site. Ed Sommer worked with Danny to install underground conduits at this site as well. We are waiting on delivery of the manual transfer switches, and then the generators. West End Electric was awarded the installation of Emergency Power Generators at the Lett Terrace Apartments in West Portsmouth, and the Miller Manor Apartments in Wheelersburg. Work is expected to finish the first part of July 2010.

Japanese Steakhouse Coming Soon

We were recently given the Electrical work on the Japanese Steakhouse, that is moving into the former Huddle House on Scioto Trail. Miles Lee Ferguson was approached about this work, and has been working closely with the Owner and Operator of the facility. Kenny Stewart and Danny Maple recently completed the Electrical demolition and rough-in. The owner is hoping for a grand opening within the next 6 to 8 weeks. As witnessed by Miles Lee, with the help of a Minford turtle, he has already made some fresh turtle soup in his kitchen.

You may have noticed a new face around here lately. We hired TJ Mershon of West Portsmouth in May, to help with deliveries and warehouse work. We appreciate the job TJ has done so far. Let's make him feel welcome.

Interesting Facts...

- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “MT”.
- Almonds are members of the peach family.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- All 50-states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the five dollar bill.
- A cat has 32-muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich’s eye is bigger than it’s brain.
- Tigers have stripped skin, not just stripped fur.
- In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- A goldfish has a memory span of 3-seconds.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.
- John Lennon’s first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.
- The average person falls asleep in 7-minutes.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- Assuming proper typing, “stewardesses” is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Thanks to Ed Messer.

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

- We were awarded a contract to install traffic signals at one of the main intersections in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. We are waiting on a schedule for this work to begin.
- We received a contract from Solid Rock Construction, for the Electrical lighting on the Ironton Schools Site Project we bid earlier this year. We should be starting on this project sometime this Summer.
- We were the low bidder on the Shawnee State University Multi-Purpose Athletic Complex. Work on this project should begin sometime this Summer.
- We recently bid the KDMC Scioto Trail Expansion Project. Elford Construction was awarded the contract. We have been working closely with the folks from Elford, and should hear from them in the next week.
- We will be bidding a Generator Replacement Project for the Village of New Boston, later this month.
- We will be bidding the Ramada Inn and Damon's Restaurant Renovations Project. This project is scheduled to bid on June 22, 2010. The existing facility will be converted into a Holiday Inn.
- We will be bidding the Physicians Group's new Medical Office Building being constructed on the former McKinley Middle School property on Kinney's Lane.
- We will be bidding the USEC Underground Distribution System for the X-670 Dry Ari Plant, later this month.
- We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School Facility, for New Boston Local School District. The latest word is this project should be out for bid in a month or two.
- We recently bid the Mass Notification System Project for Shawnee State University. JMK turned in the low bid, and has been awarded the project.
- We recently bid the installation of an Emergency Power Generator at the Porter Township Fire Station. The low bidder was Wagner Rental. We are not sure who will receive a contract for this project.
- We recently bid the Generator replacement at Buckeye Towers in New Boston. We are waiting for a response from the owner on this one.
- We recently bid a Handicapped Assistance Ramp for CSX, at the Vanceburg, Kentucky train stop. This consisted of site lighting, and power to lifting equipment. We are waiting on approval of this quote.
- The lighting retrofit project we bid recently, on four (4ea.) of the Pepsi bottling Facilities, was awarded to Denier Electric.