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## *A Season to Be Thankful*

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony invited their Wampanoag friends to a feast to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest that would sustain them all winter. Just 10-months earlier, their first winter at Plymouth had devastated the unprepared Pilgrims, taking the lives of half the Colony. Now they were filled with gratitude that this winter would be different. To celebrate the harvest and their ability to worship God without fear of persecution, they spent three days feasting and praying.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln gave a Thanksgiving Proclamation emphasizing the importance of recognizing God as the provider of all blessings. He proclaimed that Thanksgiving become a nationally recognized annual holiday. Lincoln was grateful because events of that year had turned the tide of the Civil War, and it finally looked like a resolution was at hand. Just like the Pilgrims, Lincoln had seen hard times and wanted to express his gratitude to the Lord for providing relief.

When I look back at the events surrounding my life this past year, I too am very thankful. I am thankful that the burden my Son, his wife, and this family carried for over two years, came to an end on November 18, 2009. I'm thankful for the hundreds upon hundreds of wonderful folks that stood by my Son throughout this ordeal, lifting him & his family up in their prayers and providing support in so many ways. I'm thankful for the work we were able to pick-up this year. Most of our Country is still feeling the effects of a recession, but we have been blessed to have picked up more work and put 25-additional people back to work.

I'm thankful for our first grandson, Miles Landon Ferguson. I'm thankful for my wonderful family. I'm thankful for a wonderful Church my family and I are privileged to be a part of. I'm thankful for such wonderful people I get to work with day in and day out.

In this season of Thanksgiving, what should you thank God for? The answer is anything and everything. The pilgrims and Lincoln had suffered great loss, but they were still grateful for the blessings God had bestowed upon them after those losses. No matter how difficult your life has been, you need to thank God during this season of Thanksgiving, for all of His blessings on your life. Thank Him for your family and friends, the food you have to eat and the roof over your head. Once you get started, you will find there isn't enough time to list everything!

*From All of us at West End Electric Co., Inc.,  
We want to wish you and your family a wonderful  
and blessed Thanksgiving season!*

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*Congratulations are in order for Miles Lee & Ashley Ferguson, on the birth of their Son, Miles Landon Ferguson; born on August 16, 2010.*

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### **The difference if you marry a Southern girl**

*The first man married a woman from OHIO. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day; he came home to see a clean house and dishes all washed and put away.*

*The second man married a woman from MICHIGAN. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.*

*The third man married a girl from the SOUTH. He ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything. The second day he didn't see anything, but on the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye; and his arm had healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. He still has some difficulty when he urinates.*

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## Clay PK-12 School Coming Up Fast

As you drive past the new Clay PK-12 School building, you can see the walls rising up from the ground. Most of the underground conduits have been installed, and switchgear is being set. Mike is planning to start pulling in feeders in a few short weeks. A lot has been accomplished, but there is much more to do. Crews are hoping for an enclosed building by Winter, and we are doing all we can to help make this happen. This project has some of the best craftsmen in Scioto County working on it. Led by Mike Snipes, the following workers have been bustin' it on this project: Ed Sommer, Justin Singer, John Messer, Steve Marth, Ryan Evans, Jeff Swords, John DeLaCruz, Paul Caplinger, Jeff Swords, and Kyle Moore. This project is expected to be completed before school begins in August 2011. This project continues to be injury free.

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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.*

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## Washington-Nile Middle School Being Enclosed

Many of the block walls are up, and roof trusses are being installed. This building isn't far from having a roof. Bill Mershon and his "A-Team" is ready to pull wire in several areas. Things have been moving along at a rapid pace, to have a completely enclosed building by Winter. Led by Bill Mershon, the following Electricians are working on this project: Dan Maple, JB Cronin, Rod Hensley, Dave Huff, Bill Holland, Will Mershon, and Sarah Justice. Washington-Nile School District is planning on occupying this new Middle School Facility when the 2011 School year begins in August 2011. It's always good to get to work with our 'Sider' Friends. No serious injuries reported to date, and that's great news.

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## ODNR Watercraft Office Under Roof

The new ODNR Watercraft Office & Maintenance Facility is now under roof. All of the walls have been erected and roughed-in. Wire has been pulled in most of the building. Danny is ready to start hanging light fixtures in the garage area. Plans are in the works to install an Emergency Power Generator and ATS on this project. We have held up on the permanent service work, until the generator plan has been secured. Now we are ready to get the permanent service installed and energized. Danny Beekman and Ian Egbert have been working towards a December 2010 completion date. It has been a pleasure working on this project, with the fine folks of ODNR. There have been no injuries reported to date. Great news!

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## **Nile Township Fire Station Is Getting' Electric**

The new Nile Township Fire Station is under roof and enclosed. The floor slab is finished, and Electrical rough-in is taking place. Kenny Stewart, Daryl Wolfe, and Jason Russell will begin installing conduit, wire, and light fixtures in the Apparatus Bay this week. Underground Electric will be going in at the same time. This project has been a long time coming, but it looks like it will wrap up very quickly. No injuries have been reported to date, and that is always good to hear.

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## **Norfolk & Southern Crew Facility Wrapping Up**

Dwane Johnson and Jason Russell have been installing light fixtures and devices, and connecting equipment in the new Crew Facility for the N & S Railroad. This project is nearing completion. It has been a slow project, but a good one. No injuries have been reported on this project.

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## **SSU Gets New Multi-Purpose Sports Field**

As you drive through the Shawnee State University Campus, you can't help but notice the new multi-purpose sports field, located in the 1200 block of Second Street; behind the Town House apartments. The project consists of a new regulation size soccer field with artificial turf, a new fence, a new scoreboard, 60' steel light poles, security lighting, and underground electric for future site lighting. The security lighting has already been installed on each end of the field, and will be completed once the 60' steel poles have been set. The General Contractor has already completed their work, and it looks like we will be the last one out of there. We are waiting on the four 60 foot steel light towers, scheduled to come-in any day now). The actual field lighting will be completed on a future contract. What a beautiful addition to the SSU Campus. The first soccer match took place on September 8, 2010. This field has been the "Home Field" since that date. We are grateful to have been a part of this project. This multi-purpose field will provide a place for different activities, for the record number of students attending SSU this year. The more recent workers on this project include: Dustin Pendleton, Miles Ferguson, Kenny Stewart, Daryl Wolfe, and Kyle Moore. No injuries reported to date. Good news!

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*Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.*

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## **Portsmouth WWTP Work Continues**

The electrical installation has been completed to one of the Trickling Filters, and the second Trickling Filter is not far behind. Our crews have also roughed-in the Electrical in the small Pump Building. We should be installing conduit to the new UV System very soon as well. This has been a slow moving project, but that's the way it is sometimes; with wastewater treatment plants. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been performing work on this project, with no injuries reported.

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## **SOMC Installing Sewage Grinders**

We were recently awarded a contract to install power to two new sewage grinder stations being installed in the two sanitary sewer lines exiting the Southern Ohio Medical Center. As of this date, Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have completed some conduit and wire installation. The project has been stopped to allow some changes in the design, and approval of the plans. We will resume work as soon as the permits are in hand.

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*It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.*

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## **ACP FUTURE STILL IN PLANS**

The latest news is that USEC has reapplied for the 2-billion dollar loan guarantee for the new ACP Project. We've heard that President Obama is scheduled to make an announcement about the loan guarantee around October 15, 2010. With the President's blessings on the loan guarantee, this open the door for this project to start back up next year. Latest dates we are hearing is early April for USEC to get started, and August for Fluor to return. Until then, we hope to continue to perform work for USEC. As of this date, the following men are still on site: Pete Nichols, Mike Cantrell, Chad Hawes, Tucker Smalley, Will Collier, Tim Jenkins, and Nick Kingrey.

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## **Exterior Lighting Repairs @ Manchester Schools**

Kenny Stewart has repaired several parking lot pole lights, and is waiting on replacement lamps and ballasts to come in; so he can finish the project. We really do appreciate working for the fine folks at Manchester Local School District.

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## **SSU's Student Service Center Renovation Nears Completion**

Work has moved along at a fast pace this past month, and we are down to a few lights to install; then finish work. This project has moved along very well, and looks to finish ahead of schedule. Led by Kenny Stewart, the following men have been working on this project: Justin Diller, Daryl Wolfe, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pendleton. Completion of this project should be some time in October 2010. Thanks SSU, for the opportunity to work on campus once again!

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*Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.*

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## **Narco Shut-down Was A Success**

Narco scheduled the shutdown for August 19 thru 21. Andy Eldridge and his crew did an excellent job getting the work accomplished, in short order. Narco was very pleased with the quality of the work, and at how quickly it was completed. Andy has been ready for this shutdown since this past January. He has been waiting on the word, and it finally came in August. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends at Narco, and look forward to that next call. Led by Andy Eldridge, the following Electricians were also a part of this project: Michael Hunt, Kenny Stewart, Jason Russell, Dwane Johnson, Justin Diller, Danny Maple, and John Messer. No injuries were reported on this project.

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## **X-670 Dry Air Plant.....Done!**

Our crew stepped away from a completed Dry Air Plant, on September 28, 2010. This project was completed in record time. It is hard to believe all that was accomplished in under 3-months. With a lot of well planned and hard work, this project was a success. Led by Pete Nichols, the following men are considered the A-plant "A-Team": Chad Hawes, Tucker Smalley, Mike Cantrell, Will Collier, Tim Jenkins, and Nick Kingrey. A job well done!!

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*You can never cross the ocean until you have  
the courage to lose sight of the shore.*

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## **Finishing Touches Going in at The Rubyville Community Church Worship Center**

Dwane Johnson and Jason Russell have been performing some minor Electrical items in the new Worship Center. Dwane recently installed one of the five large chandeliers in the Sanctuary. Interior finishes and trim work continues in the building. The congregation is hoping to be in the new facility before Christmas.

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*A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed.*

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## **Oak Hill Camp Grounds Wrapping Up**

Electrically, this project is ready to put a fork in. The only thing Andy has left to do is connect power to one of the pre-fabricated buildings, some signs, and lights on a rock. Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller should be able to wrap the Electrical up on this one in short order. This project is now scheduled for a mid October 2010 completion. No injuries have been reported on this project.

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## **SOMC Pharmacy Renovations Begins**

SOMC is getting a new Pharmacy! Plans call for a complete renovation and expansion of the existing Pharmacy. This project is broken down into phases, with demolition work nearly completed in Phase 1. This project is expected to be completed in December of this year. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have begun the Electrical work on this project, and will see it through to the end. We are working with crews from J & H Erectors and B B & E. It's always great to get to perform work for SOMC.

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## **Service Work Continues**

Dwane Johnson and Jason Russell have been taking care of service calls and small projects for us. These calls include: SOMC, Goodwill Industries, South Shore Water, Shawnee Lodge, Ironton Water, Rumpke, American Savings Bank, Minford High School, Wheelersburg K-12 School, Pepsi, Clay High School, Washington Court House Football Field Lighting, Desco, Golden Years, Counseling Center, Scioto County Jail, Ripley High School, New Boston Library, etc.

## **PMHA Generator Work Ready for Start-up & Training**

Danny Beekman and Ian Egbert have completed the installation at the Miller Manor site in Wheelersburg, and Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller completed the work at Lett terrace in West Portsmouth, Ohio. We are now waiting on the testing and training to be performed at both sites. We are waiting on Columbia Gas to increase the pressure at the Miller Manor site, so we can complete the project. This project has progressed with no injuries; and that is great news. The following Electricians also helped with this project: Ed Sommer, Dwane Johnson, Jason Russell, Kyle Moore, Sarah Justice, Will Mershon, and Bill Holland.

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*National Atheist's Day: April 1<sup>st</sup>*

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## **Preventative Maintenance Performed at SCCTC**

We recently completed preventative maintenance on the Electrical switchgear and feeder wires, at the Scioto County Career Technical Center. Work was performed on a Saturday (9/25/10). Led by Dwane Johnson, the following Electricians worked on this project: Kenny Stewart, Andy Eldridge, Danny Maple, Miles Lee Ferguson, Jason Russell, Daryl Wolfe, Ed Sommer, and Ryan Evans. No injuries were reported on this project.

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## **Ironton Middle School Site Work Underway**

Underground conduits have been installed, wire pulled to about everything, and light poles delivered to the site. This project is just a few weeks from being completed. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been working on this project, with no injuries to report. Once completed, this project will offer additional parking as well as a drop-off drive for students; at the new Ironton Elementary & Middle School. This installation is taking place where the former Middle School Building once stood. Demolition of that building was part of this contract. We are a sub contractor to Solid Rock Construction, on this project.

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## **A.P. Green Gets Expansion to Facilities**

Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller recently completed the lighting in the A.P. Green Warehouse Runway. They are now ready to begin lighting in the Shipping Runway. There are a few new projects in the works at A.P. Green that may have us returning very soon. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with the fine folks at A.P. Green.

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## SOMC East Campus Gets Chiller Replacement

B B & E Mechanical recently received a Chiller Replacement project for SOMC, at their East Campus Facility. We were awarded the Electrical for this project. To date, Dwane Johnson disconnected the old chiller for removal. We will return and connect the new chiller once it has been installed. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends at B B & E.

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## Buckeye Towers Gets New Generator

The equipment has arrived for the new Generator and ATS installation at the Buckeye Towers living facility in New Boston, Ohio. Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller will begin work on this project next week. This project consists of replacing the existing generator and automatic transfer switch with new equipment. Some additional work will have to be performed to accommodate the new equipment. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with the good folks at Buckeye Towers.

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*Everyone seems to be wondering why Muslim terrorists are so quick to commit suicide...Let's see now...*

*--No Jesus-----No Christmas-----No television-----No car races-----No football  
--No tailgate parties-----No soccer-----No hockey-----No golf-----No burgers  
--No shellfish, or even frozen fish sticks-----No Cheerleaders-----No lobster  
--No pork BBQ-----No hot dogs-----No nachos-----No beer nuts  
--Rags for clothes and towels for hats-----More than one wife  
--You can't shave-----Your wives can't shave  
--You can't shower to wash off the smell of donkey cooked over burning camel  
dung.  
--The women have to wear baggy dresses and veils at all times.  
--Your wives are picked by someone else.  
--She smells just like your donkey.  
--But your donkey has a better disposition.  
--Then they tell you that when you die it all gets better!*

*I mean, is there really a mystery here?*

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## *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. This work should start later this year.
- We turned in a preliminary bid for the Electrical system in the Physicians Group's new Medical Office Building being constructed on the former McKinley Middle School property on Kinney's Lane. Rumor has it that T.L. Blackburn Construction has been working with the owners on this project.
- We turned in a bid for the Electrical work on the Campbell Elementary School Cafeteria and Kitchen addition; on September 23, 2010. We have not heard anything on this project yet.
- We quoted the Electrical on a Batch Line Automation Project for A.P. Green, on September 16, 2010. No word back on this quote yet.
- We turned in a price for upgrading the Electric Service and misc. wiring, on a house owned by the ODNR – Dean Forest; on September 21, 2010. No word on this quote yet.
- We quoted a lighting replacement project in the Valley High School's Gymnasium, on September 14, 2010. No word on this bid yet.
- We recently bid traffic signal installations at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Waller Sts., and Scioto Trail and George Street; for the City of Portsmouth. No word on these projects yet.
- We will be bidding the Lewis County Public Library, on October 12, 1020.
- We will be quoting a generator installation project for Hillview Retirement Center, on October 8, 2010.
- We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School Facility, for New Boston Local School District. We are waiting on the plans to be released for this project.