

# THE WEST END WIRE



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## **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

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

Christmas, what a wonderful time of the year. A great time of celebration, and of exchanging gifts. The news media reports on a weak economy, and the effect it will have on this shopping season. But our economy should not have anything to do with the Spirit of Christmas. In fact, the weaker the economy is, the stronger the Christmas Spirit should be. Why do we celebrate Christmas? What is the real reason behind this season?

The real reason for Christmas is the story of God sending His one and only Son to become a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:6 tells us, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given..." This is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

**Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself. Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by worshipping Him, giving each other gifts, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.**

**This Christmas Season, as we gather together with family and friends, let's not put all our focus on the gift, but the ultimate gift-giver, our gracious Heavenly Father. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." James 1:17**

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*Christmas is in my heart 12-months a year and thanks to credit cards, it's on my Visa card statement 12-months a year also.*

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

Task Order work is picking up on the ACP project in Piketon, but the progress seems to be slowing down a bit for the Holidays. We're having to make some adjustments in manpower to get us into January. Fluor continues to provide us with more work to price, and Pete's Electricians are ready to "Git-R-Done". We are still maintaining some work for USEC as well. 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, and Scott Wilbanks. 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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## **Brown's Medical Office Building Is Wrapping Up**

Mark Spriggs has been wrapping up the loose ends in one of the two Office Suites in the Brown Services' new Medical Office Building in Wheelersburg, Ohio. Jeff brown is planning on moving into his half of the building before the end of the year. The other half should be finishing up a week or so later. We appreciate the opportunity to work for Jeff Brown. No injuries have been reported on this project!

## **Ripley Elementary School Punchlist Work**

We have been working on completing Electrical punchlist work at the RUHL Elementary School, in Ripley, Ohio. This is a project that we were an unsuccessful bidder on, around 4-years ago. The low bid Electrical Contractor ended up going out of business before the punchlist was completed. Our friends at Ruscilli Construction invited us to complete the outstanding punchlist items. Led by Dwane Johnson, Ed Sommer, Adam Mullins, Dan Maple, and Nathan Geyer performed some of the work in September. Dwane will be going back during the Christmas break, with Kenny Stewart and Tim Literal, to replace bad ballasts in the Classroom light fixtures; as well as other misc. items.

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## **ODOT'S New Pike County Highway Maintenance Facility Nears Completion**

Work on the new ODOT Maintenance Garage & Facility at the intersection of Routes 23 and 32 in Pike County, is down to installing a few light fixtures in a Storage Shed. Kenny Stewart and Tim Literal have completed about everything, and they're waiting for the fat lady to sing. Kenny just got the final Electrical Inspection off. It's always great to complete a job with minor or no injuries, and this project fell into that category. Great Job!!

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## **Taylor Bldg. Progresses At Scioto Co. JVS**

Work is progressing in the Taylor Building. Our crew has established permanent power in the building, and they continue to get the branch conduit & wire installed. Students are occupying the renovated Schulte Building, T & I Building, riser Building, and new addition. 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's good for everyone.

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**December Birthdays: Will Collier, Gary Hatfield, Micah Knisley, Tim Literal, Matt Louanglath, Carole Martin, Dustin Pendleton, Gary Price, Kenny Stewart, Kevin Tucker, and Don Yuenger.**

*Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional.*

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## **NARCO Switchgear Upgrade Work Is Completed**

After a Thanksgiving weekend outage, Andy Eldridge and his crew had a long but successful day; completing the Switchgear Upgrade at NARCO. Our crews replaced an Oil-Filled Transformer, Main Distribution Gear, Distribution Panel, and Motor Control Center. We're grateful to our friends at NARCO for the work. In addition to Andy, Mike Hunt, Joe Roberts, Dwane Johnson, Kenny Stewart, and Tim Literal have done a great job!

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*You might be a redneck if....you've ever done your Christmas shopping at a truck stop.*

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## **Wheelersburg's New K-12 School Gets Afew Final Touches**

Dwane Johnson, Ed Sommer and Adam Mullins have been completing some small extras in the new K-12 School Facility, as well as completing punch- list items. and are ready to move on to the next project. As the occupants get settled in, they see some minor things they want to a

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## **S.S.U.'s Rhodes Center Phase II Renovations Wraps Up This Month.**

With the exception of a few additional light fixtures, the Phase II work in the James Rhodes Athletic Center should be completed by Christmas. This project includes: a new wood Gymnasium floor, all new HVAC equipment throughout the building, renovated Locker and Shower Rooms below the Stage, completely renovated Public Restrooms and other rooms at the Gym floor level, and other misc. upgrades. This was Phase II of a multiphase project. We're not sure when the next phase of work will be out for bid, but we'll be watching for it. Led by Danny Beekman, workers on this project include John Hill, Danny Maple, and Nate Geyer. No injuries have been reported on this project. That's the ticket!

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*Three phrases that sum up Christmas Eve: Peace On Earth, Good Will to Men, and batteries not included.*

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## **New Boston Shopping Center Continues To Grow**

Our contract work is nearly finished on the New Boston Shopping Center's building, and we've completed our part on the new Radio Shack Store; which is expected to open in a couple of weeks. We've also been working on the Electric for the Russell Cellular Phone Store. 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, Festia Hair Care, and Regis Hair Salon. We've been told that another Electrical firm will be doing the new Papa John's Pizza Shop, which is soon to start. Led by Josh Blevins, John Hill and Nate Geyer are finishing things up on these projects.

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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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### *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 just put the finishing touches on the recent Football Field Lighting project.

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*A three-year-old gave this reaction to her Christmas dinner.  
"I don't like the turkey, but I like the bread he ate."*

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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 than planned. As the foundation work progresses 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 should pick-up after the Holidays. No injuries reported to date. Keep up the good work!

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

SOMC has been operating their new Emergency room for almost 3-months now, and heart surgeries have also begun in the new Operating Rooms. Heart Patients have been recovering in the new North Bed Tower, First Floor Patient Rooms for several weeks now. Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center is completed, except for a few extras. The North Bed Tower is nearing completion as well. SOMC is scheduled to move Patients into the Second Floor Patient Rooms on December 22. Our crews are following finishes on the Third and Fourth Floors, and should wrap things up on the Third and Fourth Floors in a week or two. The Penthouse should follow close behind. We have been 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: Randy Eldridge, Mike Mershon, Wayne Bentley, Randy Tucker, Micah Knisley, Matt Meeker, Bill Taylor, Will Mershon, Kenny Stewart, Tim Literal, Dan Maple, Andy Eldridge, Mike Hunt, Kenny Dyers, and Jason Russell.

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

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### *Christmas Trivia...*

*In order for Santa to deliver all his gifts in one night, he would have to make 822.6 visits per second, sleighing at 3,000 times the speed of sound. At that speed, Santa and his reindeer would burst into flames instantaneously.*

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## **PHS Athletic Complex Is Under Way**

The construction fence is in place, and heavy equipment is making a muddy mark on the site. J & H Erectors are all over this one, and we hope to be very close behind them. The building steel, bleachers, and other long lead items have been ordered for this project; and are due in any day. We ordered some Electrical equipment this week, and are very anxious to get started. We are excited about being a part of this great facility.

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## ***SOMC CANCER CENTER ADDITION***

Andy Eldridge and Mike Hunt recently completed a small project at the SOMC Canter Center, installing the Electrical for a state of the art radiation treatment booth. This is a very special piece of equipment that should provide many benefits to cancer patients.

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### ***(Professional) 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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### ***Our Most Excellent Office Staff...***

We are so grateful for the fine folks who make up such an important part of this business. Our Office Staff includes the following: Miles Ferguson, Dina Fraulini, Prudy Copas, Dennis Beekman, Nate Vest, Mike Lee, Dereck Morgan, and (semi-retired) Don Yuenger.

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*After being away on business the week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift.*

*“How about some perfume?” He asked the cosmetics clerk.*

*She showed him a bottle costing \$50.00.*

*“That's a bit much,” said Tom. So she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30.00.*

*“That's still quite a bit,” Tom grouched.*

*Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15.00 bottle.*

*Tom grew agitated, “What I mean,” he said “is I'd like to see something real cheap.”*

*So the clerk handed him a mirror.*

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

- We are negotiating the Electrical work on a Steel Plant coming to New Boston, Ohio. Infra Metals is planning construction in early 2009, for a new Distribution Facility in the area behind the former Wal-Mart Shopping Center, East of OSCO. We have been working with our friends at J & H Erectors as part of this design/built/bidding Team. A decision is expected very soon.
  - We are watching for plans for a new K-12 School facility, for Clay Local School District.
  - We are bidding a new Crew Assembly Building at the N & S Yards in Portsmouth; next month.
  - We submitted quotes for several projects at SOMC, and are waiting to hear back on the status of these projects.
  - We are bidding a small project at OU of Chillicothe, next month.
  - We are watching for plans for a new K-12 School facility, for New Boston Local School District.
  - We are watching for plans for a new Middle School facility, for Washington-Nile Local School District.
  - We're waiting to hear back on a bid we submitted for a new 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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**HAPPY NEW**  
**YEAR!!!**