

# THE WEST END WIRE



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The summer has flown by, and autumn has landed. For the Farmer, this is the season where he reaps the benefits of the spring and summer months of hard work. As Construction Workers, we find ourselves in a different situation. Fall brings rest from a busy Construction season, and this has been a very busy summer. Now, the mornings start to get a little darker and crisp, the days are clearer and less humid, and evenings become cooler and more comfortable. Fall is a great time to be outdoors – football games, camping, 4-wheelers, horseback riding, hiking, fishing, hunting, home comings, family reunions,; you name it. I'm sure all of us will find ourselves in one of more of these situations this fall. When we do find ourselves outdoors this fall, we need to stop and take a good look at the beauty this season brings. Genesis 2:9 tells us, "And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye". It is apparent that God created trees to be pleasing to the eye, our eyes. So, lets enjoy the beautiful color show that exists in the trees and foliage; and thank the One who created this amazing season.

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*Faith is like Electricity. You can't see it, but you can see the light.*

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## **Portsmouth Filtration Plant Is On Line**

The new MIEX Water Filtration System at the Portsmouth Filtration Plant is on line, and giving us the cleanest water around. Mark Spriggs and his crew worked with our neighbors from Australia, to put this project together. I understand Mark is ready to wrestle an alligator now. There were no injuries reported on this project. That's great news.

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## **Our Condolences To These Families**

Our condolences go out to the family of Donald G. Batterson, a IBEW Local 575 Brother, who passed away on August 31, 2008.

We also lost a good friend at Mechanical Construction Company, Emerson Coriell, who passed away in August, after a long bout with cancer.

Another friend who passed away was Alan Crace of Crace Construction Company, who passed away at home from a brain tumor; on August 12.

Our Prayers go out to each of these Families.

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## **Scioto County JVS Work Continues**

Students moved into the renovated Schulte Building and new addition when school took up in August. And now, our crew is working hard to get the T & I Building ready for a October 17 move-in. Led by Mike Snipes, our crew has had numerous challenges to work through, but they've gotten things done. Workers on this project include Mike Snipes, 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. Keep up the good work!!

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*Never make the same mistake twice, or you'll never get around to all of them.*

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## **A.P. Green-Oak Hill Work Coming Up...**

We turned in a proposal to perform some Electrical work at A.P. Green's Oak Hill facility. This work should be starting in a month or so. We want to thank our friend, Ed Messer of A.P. Green, for keeping us busy.

## **Fire Alarm Work Wraps-Up At Hill View**

The new Fire Alarm System installation in one of the facilities at Hill View Retirement Center has been completed. This work was performed by Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton. We thank our friends at Simplex Grinnell for the opportunity to work for them. There were no injuries reported on this project.

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## **Wheelersburg's New K-12 School Is In Session**

The children of Porter Township began their school year in a brand new K-12 School Building. The new Wheelersburg K-12 School building is an awesome sight. As with any new building, there have been a few glitches, but there is a lot of education going on in that place. Our crew, led by Ed Sommer, has been finishing up extras, punchlist items, and other loose ends the last few months. This one is really close to walking away from. Ed Sommer and Adam Mullins have been finishing up the loose ends, with occasional help from Dan Maple and Dwane Johnson. This project finished with only a few minor injuries. Great work!!

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**September Birthdays: Prudy Copas, Tyler Siebert, Nate Vest, Bill Taylor, Brian Maple, Martin Fisher, Randy Eldridge, Rod Griffye, Tom Bryan, and Josh Marcum.**

**October Birthdays: J.B. Cronin, Miles Ferguson, Mike Mershon, Ed Sommer, Jason Russell, Tommy Nichols, and Greg Tingler.**

*We don't stop working because we grow old, we grow old because we stop working.*

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## **Shawnee State Gets New Tennis Courts**

Have you noticed the new tennis courts going in at Second & Union Streets. We were awarded the Electrical work on this project by T.L. Blackburn Construction Co. Dan Beekman, along with John Hill, have been installing underground conduits for future lighting. It's always great to get work a few blocks from the office.

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*What three words are guaranteed to humiliate men everywhere??  
"Hold My Purse"*

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## **New Boston Shopping Center Nears Completion**

Our contract work is getting close to finishing up at the New Boston Shopping Center. What a beautiful building this turned out to be. Several new businesses have already opened, including Staples, Dollar Tree, and Petland. Other stores soon to open are: Shoe Show, Sally Beauty, Nail Salon, Fantastic Sam's, and Radio Shack. We're still hearing about a Pizza Shop leasing a space. Led by Josh Blevins, this project has the following workers on it: Joe Roberts and Malisa Sand.

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

Task Order work has slowed down a little, but continues for our crews at the A-Plant. Fluor is the Contractor for the ACP Centrifuge Project, and the USEC work continues as well. Fluor is about ready to start hiring their own work force. 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, David Sams, Bud Thacker, and Scott Wilbanks.. Others working for WEE at the A-Plant include Carole Martin, Terry Fite, and Laura Hawes in the Office; and Dale Williams as our Health & Safety Officer. This site has had no serious injuries reported to date.

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

There's no doubt the ODOT Workers are happy with their new Maintenance Garage at the intersection of Routes 23 and 32 in Pike County. This is a great looking facility. Kenny Stewart and his crew have been working in the Storage Shed that is expected to be completed in a month or so. Tim Literal continues to help Kenny with this project. No injuries have been turned in on this project. Great Job!!

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*Don't find fault. Find a remedy!!*

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## **Very Good Things Are *Happening* At SOMC!!**

Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center is completed, except for some punchlist and extras. SOMC opened the new Emergency Room and Emergency Room parking lot on September 11, 2008. As the SOMC Staff move in and begin to find their way around, they are coming up with additional work for us. This new South Addition will allow SOMC to better care for those in need of Emergency Care and surgery. There are Corridors that connect the new South Addition with the new North Bed Tower. Mike Mershon has had a crew finishing up the South Addition, and will be moving these men to the front Penthouse next week. The new Lobby opened in July, and it is impressive. This really accents the whole Hospital. There is plenty of room and seating for guests and visitors. The new Café and Gift Shop off of the Lobby are also great additions, as well. Work has progressed very quickly in the North Bed Tower. SOMC has taken over the entire First Floor, and is preparing the floor to open very soon. The Second and third Floors are nearly completed as well. We are waiting on finish painting so we can install wall mounted light fixtures, devices, and covers. The Fourth Floor and Penthouse is an extremely busy place to be. You can imagine tools and materials being forced up off of the floors that are finishing up. We hope to have all conduit and wire completed, and ceiling light installation well underway by the end of October. The exterior work is wrapping up as well. The new landscaping, parking lots, and of course exterior lighting really make this a beautiful facility. We are all very proud to have been a part of this major expansion, and are grateful to our friends at SOMC. The overall project is being led by Bill Mershon. Current Workers on this project include: Mike Mershon, John Lambert, Randy Eldridge, Andy Adkins, Andy Holsinger, Josh Gammon, Mike Howard, Dave Marting, Dan Hayden, Phil Matiz, John Kennedy, Tom Human, Bill Taylor, Debra Adams, Wayne Bentley, Martin Fisher, Rick Deime, Justin Diller, Brett Zwhalen, Gary Hatfield, Kenny Dyers, Josh Marcum, Wes Cline, Matt Rider, Jason Russell, Jason Cole, Mike Maple, Matt Secrest, Chris Dotson, Will Mershon, David Dillon, Micah Knisley, Mark Ruggles, Rod Griffey, Leonard Foster, Randy Tucker, Mike Hair, Casey Booth, Brian Compton, Tom Bryan, Daryl Wolfe, James Leeth, Evan Meyers, Brandon Harbolt, Matt Meeker, Alan Gulley, Mike Hunt, Shawn McBee, Todd Dunn, and Mark Ruggles.

Update: Rick Mingus returned to work on light duty in July, and went to physical therapy as well. He worked for awhile, and the back pain just got worse. He had more surgery on his arm, and continues to recover. Rick's progress has been slow. We look forward to Rick's full recovery, and his return to work. Our thoughts and Prayers are with him.

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*Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground..and miss.*

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## **Brown's Medical Office Building Is Under Roof.**

Jeff Brown's new Medical Office Building in Wheelersburg, Ohio is taking shape. It is under roof and closed in. We are a sub contractor to T.L. Blackburn Construction Co. Mark Spriggs is running this project, and has had the help of Tyler Siebert, Josh Reed, and J.B. Cronin. No injuries reported to date. Keep up the great work!!

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

The Phase II work in the James Rhodes Athletic Center has been going well. The new wood playing floor has been completed, and the Students have already began using the Gymnasium for practices and sporting events. Work continues in the restrooms and Locker rooms, as well as the HVAC upgrades. Danny Beekman has been running this project, and has been joined by John Hill, Danny Maple, and Nate Geyer. Other contractors on this project include T.L. Blackburn Construction, and A.J. Stockmeister Mechanical. No injuries have been reported to date!

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## **Scioto County Pump Stations Upgrade Project Wraps Up.**

Andy Eldridge and Brandon Harbolt have been climbing in and out of underground pump stations most of the summer. They are finishing up the last pump Station in Franklin furnace, and that will just about do it. These guys have done some quality work! 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. This project is expected to be completed early Fall of this year.

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*Fix your eyes on perfection and you make almost everything  
speed towards it.*

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## **NARCO To Upgrade Switchgear**

Andy Eldridge is preparing to begin this project at NARCO, located in South Shore, Kentucky. The Plant will be replacing an Oli-Filled Transformer, Maid Distribution Gear, Distribution Panel, and Motor Control Center. This project is expected to wrap up around the first of December. Once Andy gets settled in, he will be calling for help.

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## ***Manchester Local School District Gets Football Field Lighting***

Kenny Stewart has been involved in a new Football Field Lighting Project for Manchester High School. The Football Team played their first game under the lights this past weekend. A few loose ends will finish this project. Kenny has had help from Dave Marting and Tim Literal, as well as volunteers from the School District. No injuries reported on this project. That's the ticket!

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### ***An Extremely Loyal Fan...***

*There was a Buckeye Fan with a really crappy seat in C Deck at Ohio Stadium. Looking around the Stadium through his binoculars, he spotted an empty seat on the 50-yard line. Thinking to himself, "what a waste", he made his way down to the empty seat.*

*When he arrived at the seat, he asked the man sitting next to it, "is this seat taken?" The man replied, "That was my Wife's seat. She passed away. She was a big Buckeyes Fan." The other man replied, "I'm sorry to hear of your loss. May I ask why you didn't give the ticket to a relative or friend?"*

*The man replied, "They're all at the funeral."*

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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, and sometimes Dwane Johnson have been taking care of this work.

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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 have been negotiating the Electrical work on the Portsmouth Athletic Complex. This work is expected to start very soon. The plans are indicating a beautiful facility, and we're thrilled to be a part of it.**
  - **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 the new Radio Shack Store; going in the New Boston Shopping Center.**
  - **We are watching for plans for a new K-12 School facility, for Clay Local School District.**
  - **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.**
  - **If the vote for new Government Services Buildings pass in November, we will be going after the new Justice Center and City Municipal Building (former Marting's Building Renovation) for the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.**
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