

# THE WHITFORD QUARTERLY

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## SAFETY UPDATE This Quarter

**68,618**

**Man Hours  
With  
1**

**Lost Time  
Accident.**

**Keep up the  
good work!!!!**

## THE L.C. WHITFORD FEATURE JOB

### KNWA OHIO & WEST VIRGINIA

#### **Bridge Repairs**

*By: Dave Faulkner*

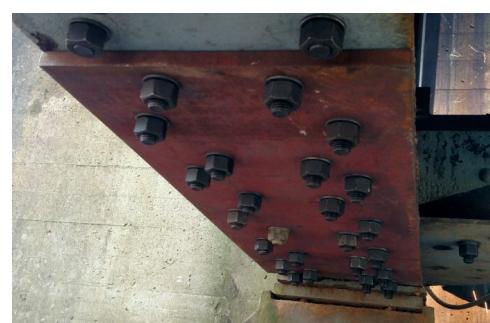


It is difficult to coordinate and repair one railroad bridge. Can you imagine having thirty-two bridges to repair on one job? That's the number of bridges L.C. Whitford has for the KNWA Railroad Job. The bridges are located along three lines, in two different states, Ohio and West Virginia. The distance between the first bridge and the last bridge on the two main lines is two hundred and ten miles. On the spur there are fifty-four miles between the first and last bridge.

The repairs consist of various types of work all within L.C. Whitford's wheelhouse. The majority of the work is steel repair. The other work includes concrete work, erosion repairs, and tie replacement. Some of the steel repairs are on the 127.27 bridge which crosses over the Ohio River. Dean and his crew are familiar with this bridge as they have completed numerous repairs on this bridge in the past.

Our superintendent, Dean Ingalls has stated that the KNWA has been very accommodating with coordinating track time. The scope of work for many of the repairs is general in nature, so we have to submit repair methods. The engineer has been excellent with communicating with us and approving our submittals. These two factors have been very helpful in the progression of the work.

As always, we would like to thank Dean and his crew for their hard work and dedication. Stay safe!



## MATERIALS COMPANY - LARRY CRAST

The Materials Company will begin the 2020 season in April this year. We expect to begin the year pouring prestressed concrete bridge beams for many New York and Pennsylvania projects. This includes box beams, bulb tee girders, and NEXT beams.

We also have three box culvert projects to pour this year. One of the culverts is a large job for a NYSDOT project in nearby Steuben County, consisting of 21 box culvert sections weighing up to 42 tons. There are also 10 precast sections for the wingwalls and headwalls. Below are some beam pictures showing some of our 2019 deliveries.



Box beams for PennDOT in Erie County, PA



Bulb Tee girder for the PA Turnpike in Allegheny County. Note: the LCW green coating!



Bulb Tee girders for PennDOT in Susquehanna County.

## EQUIPMENT COMPANY - BRUCE STRAIGHT

The first Quarter of 2020 was off to a good start. We have done some demonstrations of our new Morbark 6400XT Tracked Wood Hog and are hoping it will be sold soon. We have also just sold a new TimberPro TL735D with a Disc Saw to a new customer in New Jersey and a new TL745D to a customer in PA. We still have three new TimberPro's on order that are all sold to retail customers.

The Service and Parts Departments have also been busy with several large repairs both in our shop and on the road. Everyone here is trying to stay safe and healthy and we are hoping things get back to normal soon.



Morbark 6400XT Track Wood Hog



New Timber Pro going to New Jersey

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER - BRAD WHITFORD

To say that we have been dealing with an unprecedented situation this past month would be a gross understatement. What appeared as a distant blip on the radar screen a little over a month ago, has come to impact all of our lives in ways that I don't think any of us ever imagined. I hope it goes without saying that our #1 concern is and has been the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees. Those concerns have gone hand-in hand with our concerns about how and in what manner to continue company operations.

At this point in time, New York construction activities *have been* deemed essential. We are proceeding as scheduled with any projects for which we are able to do so. We have included COVID 19 safety standards/guidelines in all of our site-specific safety plans and will be incorporating similar information in our corporate safety policy. Most Pennsylvania construction activities *have not been* deemed essential. Any PA projects are currently, indefinitely on hold. Luckily, our Georgia, waterproofing and railroad work is continuing largely unaffected.

We have tried very hard to come up with workable solutions for the office and shop. The office has been working a split-shift schedule for over 3 weeks now. Some parts of the shop have been working split-shift while others are working full staff. In any event, any allowable work being performed by the company is being done so under CDC, New York State, and LCW safety guidelines to the furthest extent possible.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation during this trying time and hope that we roll out of it with a vengeance when it's over! Be safe.

Regards,  
Brad

## GEORGIA UPDATE - KARL YOUNG

### Project #19048 – Bridge Rehab on I-85 over Piedmont Rd

Not much has changed for this project in the last quarter. The colder and very wet weather has restricted our weekend polymer overlay work essentially since October. We are happy warmer, and hopefully dryer, weather has arrived in April. There are 70,937 SY of polymer overlay to complete and over 6,800 LF of bridge joints to seal. We have at least 16 busy work weekends ahead of us.

### Project #19053 – Sign Project for Tyler Perry Studios

This project is moving along nicely even with the wet winter we've had. Credit to Joe Howland and crews for maximizing production during the days we could work. All sign structure foundations are complete. The permanent concrete median barrier and guardrail installations will be completed in the next few weeks. Manufacturers of structures and signs are currently shipping materials our way. We should be able to finish all work by the end of April.

### Project #20015-#20020 – Various Sound Wall Repairs

GDOT recently awarded LCW six contracts for sound wall maintenance repairs on various Interstate routes near Atlanta. We'll be busy on the I-75 corridor, I-20 corridor and the entire I-285 loop around the City. Repairs will vary from new post installations, clearing of downed trees, angle installations between posts, corrugated metal panel replacements and flashing replacements. The work has already begun, and all six projects will be complete by the end of summer.

We've been fortunate to pick up several projects over the last month or so. We await execution of four new contracts – three bridge rehabilitation contracts and another sign project. These are obviously very strange times and the world is a little crazy right now. We feel blessed and very appreciative to have our health and a full plate of work to get done. Everyone, please stay safe & healthy, thankful for what you have and helpful to those in need. God Bless.



## POLYUREA UPDATE - JUSTIN FILLHART

The L.C. Whitford Co., Inc. waterproofing and containment division continues to gain traction in the industries we serve. Beginning in October of last year, LCW crews started working for a large power producer and distribution company on the East Coast installing new secondary containment liner systems for environmental protection measures in case of a unit failure.

Currently, the customer is in process of completing testing and preliminary surveys of all of their assets. LCW has installed over 70 containments already, saving our customer time and money, while confidently protecting the environment. The initial locations are planned to keep our crews busy through the fourth quarter of this year with the retrofits alone. In addition, the company has changed their specifications for all new construction to incorporate LCW's liner systems.

LCW is also gearing up for our third major liner installation phase with another power generation customer. With only 10% (approx. 300,000 SF) of the entire facility covered by the liner system provided by LCW, there is still plenty of work left to do. Phase two was completed in May of 2019. Phase three, while still in planning, will be even larger than the previous two phases.

In the rail and transportation markets, LCW continues to build a decent backlog of waterproofing work. We have secured new contracts for PENNDOT, NYSDOT, GADOT, and our railroad customers in numerous states. Even our competitors are reaching out for help on other projects. Currently, our regular bridge waterproofing work is slated to begin in May of 2020, with numerous projects on the bid schedule. For any information on our specialty coatings division, please contact Justin Fillhart at [jfillhart@lcwhitford.com](mailto:jfillhart@lcwhitford.com) or at (610)755-8153.

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*"With a new day comes new strength and new thoughts."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

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**RECENT  
CONTRACTS  
AWARDED**

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**Georgia**

- GADOT- I-285 Soundwall repair clockwise and counterclockwise.
- GADOT- I-75 Southbound & Northbound soundwall repair.
- GADOT- I-20 Eastbound & Westbound soundwall repair.

**Indiana**

- Norfolk Southern - Span replacement, Marshfield, IN.

**New York**

- UCC-Waterproofing Rt18 bridge over Prendergast Creek, Chautauqua County.
- NYSDOT-D264129-Rt226 Culvert replacement, Tyrone, NY.
- NYSDOT-D264130-I86 Box culvert, Bath, NY.
- Genesee County-Sheet piling Dry Bridge Road, Alexander, NY.
- City of Jamestown-Rehabilitation of Steele Street culvert, Jamestown, NY.

**Ohio**

- W&LE RR Bridge removal, Akron, OH.

**Pennsylvania Jobs**

- PADOT-ECMS 82191-Ulysses box culvert.
- PADOT-ECMS85400-SR4016 over Orebed Creek box culvert, Potter County.

**Virginia**

- Norfolk Southern-Counterweight rope replacement, Chesapeake, VA.

**SAFETY UPDATE - DAVE SHIELDS**

The whole world has been turned upside down! Please make sure you follow "social distancing" rules and wash your hands as often as possible.

We were fortunate enough to hold both the Georgia and New York Safety Days before Covid19 became an issue. I've received comments from many saying that Sean George's presentation was "moving", "eloquent", "real", and many other adjectives that described this year as one of our most memorable New York Seminars. Thank you to Sean for participating and bringing such a touching perspective to our profession.

The winner of this year's New York president's award is Caleb Freeman. Caleb, who is from Coudersport, PA., has been with the Company for over three years. He has supervised many bridge and building projects and is currently performing containment work out of state for our Dominion Energy contracts.

In Georgia the Employee of the Year was awarded to Jayson Nieves Rodriguez. Jayson is a dedicated, hardworking employee with many talents. He is very dependable and safety minded. His desire to take on added responsibility and perform well at any given task makes him a valuable asset and team member at LCW.

Congratulations to our winners, and let's stay safe!!!



*Caleb Freeman*



*Jayson Nieves Rodriguez*

**CHUCK'S CHUCKLE****HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed watching his wife who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked "What would you like to have for your birthday?" "I'd like to be eight again." She replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Puffs and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed completely exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you idiot!!!!"

The moral of the story. Even when a man is listening, he is still going to get it wrong.