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FEATURE JOB

JOHN H KERR DAM

By: *LOGAN KELLOGG*

To kick off the working season the L.C. Whitford Company recently had a project ten hours away, on the 144-foot tall 2,785 feet long John H. Kerr Dam in Virginia doing a latex concrete overlay in two phases for the US Army Corps of Engineers for a bid of \$1,165,540. The start date was pushed back an entire month leaving us to do a ten-week project in just four weeks!!!

We sent a very young but experienced crew that consisted of Derek Kreamer, Dakota Studley, and Evan Wood, being led by Brent Kreamer, coupled with the help of Jason Bishop, Nick Long, James Obrien, and Caleb Freeman on the nights we poured. To sum the project up, Brent and his crew saw cut 1,200 linear feet of deck and then assisted a subcontractor during the milling process. After the milling was completed, Brent and his crew then prepped the surface using shot blasters and a trailer mounted water vacuum to make sure that the Dam was clear of any debris. The next step consisted of the crew pouring 55 cubic yards per phase using a walk behind roller screed to finish the concrete, due to the narrow roadway, all being done through the night, because the temperature outside was in the low to mid 90s, and the high amount of traffic during the day. The last and final step was to then cover the freshly placed latex concrete with burlap. The job was completed on time and with zero reported accidents.



John H Kerr Project



Crew Working Late At Night Utilizing The Roller Screed.



The Finished Product

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SAFETY UPDATE
THIS QUARTER
85,512
MAN HOURS WITH
0
LOST TIME ACCIDENT
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!

EQUIPMENT COMPANY – JUSTIN SNYDER

The action in the service and parts departments has been steady and with the addition of new team members we are continuing to grind away. The office has welcomed on board new receptionist, Alicia Day and the shop added service tech, Phillip Freelove. A comprehensive service job was completed on a Morbark 6400XT Wood Hog received on trade, including the installation of two new hydraulic motors. Sales of new equipment are starting to pick up with the expectation that July will be a big month for both our Morbark and Timberpro lines. In April we sold a new Timberpro TF830D forwarder, followed by the sale of a traded-in 2019 Timberpro TL735D feller buncher in May. We are positioned well for a strong sales year with a good amount of machines on order and prepared to negotiate this ever fluctuating market.

The equipment company was well represented at this year's PA timber show in Furnace, Pennsylvania; myself, salesman Joe Catalone and Bill Maloy along with service techs Jake Kallenborn and Phillip Freelove were present for customer interaction and equipment demonstrations. We took 3 pieces of equipment for our dealer display booth and a new Morbark 6400XT Wood Hog featured in the competitive grinding demo. Operated by Jake it put on an excellent showing; capped off by it chewing up large pieces of wood that some of the competitive machines couldn't handle! Phillip drove the RAM service truck in a parade for Log a Load for kids fundraising efforts.



Timberpro

MATERIALS COMPANY – DAN WHITFORD

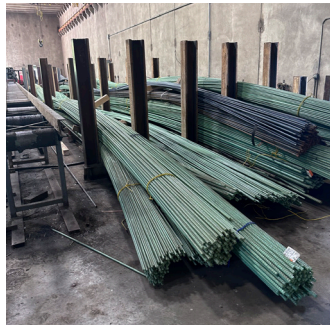
To be honest, when it comes to writing the Materials Company update, my messages begin to sound redundant. But that's a good thing, as the L.C. Whitford Materials Company is producing at a feverish pace. Our new tensioner is on its way, which will help improve our efforts. In the last quarterly, I recognized several of our longtime employees and was remiss in not including one of the standouts, Rick Mesler. He said this about his career with us:

“My career with LCW began April 1992 when Russ Baker took a chance and hired me to assist him in the Rebar shop. He taught me how to operate the cutters as well as the benders. Dean Layfield joined us in the Rebar shop in 2001. Russ passed in 2002, and Dean and I successfully ran the shop until Dean went into production to work on the beam crew. My son, Ricky Mesler, joined me in the Rebar shop in 2011 and has worked alongside me since. I have always enjoyed working for a family-owned company.”

For the most part, those reading our quarterly know what we do. Therefore, I'm going to continue with brief features on some of our Materials Company employees that truly make a difference. I would love to highlight others who are dedicated to their work. If Rick wasn't too shy, no one is. So lets make a difference!!!



Rick & Ricky Mesler



Rebar Inventory Grade 60



Tensioner



Tensioner For Prestress Dept.

PRESIDENTS CORNER – BRAD WHITFORD

So, our 2023 season is in full swing and I realize that it has a bit of a different flavor to it. As I have mentioned for the last several months, it is by design. Late last year, we decided to take a more strategic approach to our selection process for bidding projects. A large NYSDOT project within a 2-hour drive is no longer sufficient criteria to bid a project. Despite the optics, I am pleased with the results. The fact is, we had some difficult New York projects in the last few years. I think most people know what projects I speak of and I can tell you, I am happy not to have those type of projects on the books for this year. At the end of the day, we are looking for margin and not so much volume. The work we have is going extremely well and I am feeling good about all of our projects.

The nutshell: Our “local” work is going well. The equipment company has more equipment on order and just as many prospects as ever before. The materials company will produce more beams this year than in the last several years. The railroad division is booked beyond the end of the year and quite frankly, killing it. Georgia Division continues to be a top performer. Lastly, I should mention that our waterproofing work down south continues to be a bright spot.

Our work for 2023 may seem a little bit different but I think that is a good thing!

*Regards,
Brad*

GEORGIA NEWS – KARL YOUNG

Project #22108 – Bridge Rehab at six locations on I-20

GDOT awarded this project to LCW in November 2022. We are repairing and improving a total of six bridges along the I-20 corridor half-way between Atlanta and Augusta. Our crews have been busy completing multiple tasks this spring. Three bridges have been jacked with bearings and anchor bolts replaced. Two other bridges (#3 and #4) are 50% complete jacking and replacing bearings & anchor bolts.

We have completed most of the concrete patching on all bridge decks and pier caps. Concrete header replacements at multiple joint locations are also finished. We plan to soon begin polymer overlays on the four specified bridge decks. Thereafter we will reseal bridge joints and paint the structural steel on the same bridges.

Bridges #3 & #4 are over CSX railroad; we await submittal approvals to finish the jacking and bearing replacement work. Once approval is granted and railroad flaggers acquired, we will also replace edge beams and perform latex-modified concrete deck overlay on bridge #4. Ultimately, both bridges will also require painting of all structural steel and resealing of bridge joints. Depending upon other workload volume in the second half of this year, this project could be wrapped up by the end of 2023. The overall completion date is not until October 31st, 2024.



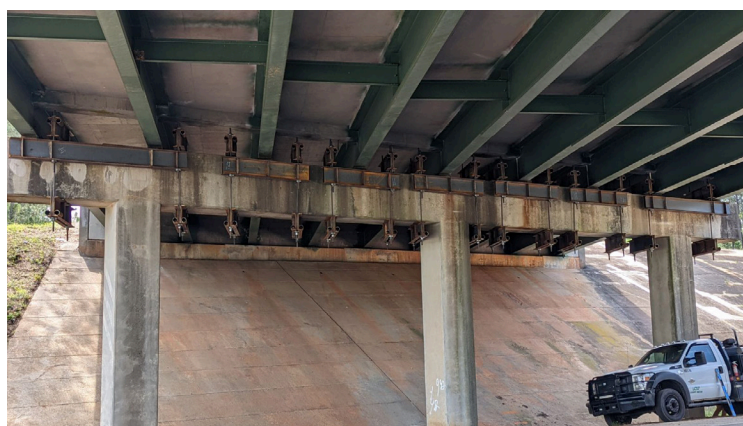
Concrete Deck Patching



Scaffolding Edge Beam Prep



Bridge Jacking



EEO UPDATE – SCARLETT TRIPP

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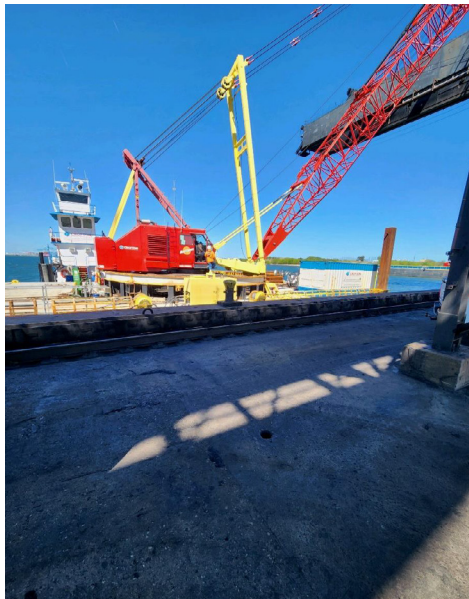
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FINAL THOUGHT

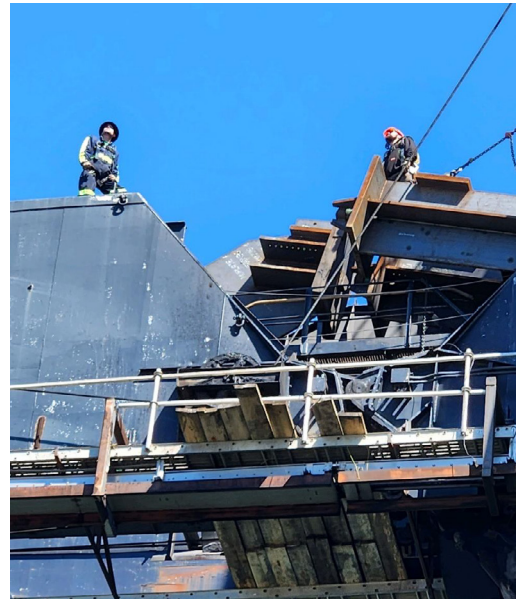
“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”
- John F Kennedy, President

RAILROAD UPDATE – MATT INGALLS

The railroad division at LC Whitford is as busy as ever. We have ongoing projects in PA, NY and NJ at this time and we will be starting a fourth project in OH in the coming weeks. We have started and completed 17 projects so far this year and we have 11 more on the books. Our bidding schedule has been jam packed and does not look to be slowing down any time soon. For the second year in a row we had all crew members in Norfolk Virginia for a four week outage to replace the hinge pins on the Norfolk Southern coal loader at the Lamberts Point Docks. With long days of hard work and excellent coordination, the crew had them changed in just two weeks! Excellent work gentlemen! “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” -Henry Ford



Crane & Barge Combination Used To Set The Hinge Pins. Norfolk, VA



Setting The Jacking Columns In Norfolk, VA.

RECENT CONTRACTS
AWARDED

New Jersey

- NYS & W RR – Ridgefield, NJ Steel Repairs
- NYS & WRR – Butler, NJ Steel Repairs

New York

- Genesee County – South Street Culvert, Leroy, NY
- Catco Sub – Waterproofing Rt 237, Orleans County
- Allegany County – Madison Street Bridge, Wellsville, NY
- Norfolk Southern – Span Replacement, Waverly NY
- B&W – Fox Road Solar – Fence Relocation, Marcy, NY
- Genesee County – Fargo Road Black Creek Culvert Repair, East Bethany, NY

Ohio

- Norfolk Southern – Span Replacement, Hebron OH
- WATCO – KNWA Steel Repairs Various Locations, Columbus - Gallipolis

Pennsylvania

- PADOT (IA Sub) – ECMS 58300 SR 62 Br. Over Lenhart Run
- NYS&WRR – Pile Repair, Lackawaxen, PA
- National Fuel – Rich Valley Containment

Virginia

- Dominion – Great Vine DHE, Northwest - Sepco

SAFETY UPDATE – COLTON SAULTER

Distracted driving is becoming more and more common it seems these days, with drivers more focused on their cell phones or grabbing the last french fry out of the bag than the road in front of them. The other day I was travelling down I-86 when I glanced into the car next to me to see the driver had a tablet on their dash watching a movie. It’s crazy to think that people are more worried about what’s going on in the world of social media or what is happening next in the latest show they are binge-watching on Netflix than wheeling a 4,000-pound vehicle at 65 MPH with only a 6 inch painted line to stop them from hitting another person or vehicle. Nearly 3,000 people die in auto accidents due to distracted driving every year. So, before you pick up that cell phone and respond to that message think to yourself, Is this text worth my life? Is it worth the life of the mother, father, child in the car next to me? As always be aware of your surroundings on the job as well as off the job.

CHUCK’S CHUCKLE

Young Man

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald’s. He noticed they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup.

As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them.

He then poured half the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap.

The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn’t have to split theirs. The old man said, “Oh no. We’ve been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared 50/50 “

The young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat, and she replied, “It’s his turn with the teeth.”