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FEATURE JOB

HARWOOD LAKE DAM REHABILITATION – FARMERSVILLE, NY

By: RJ EMPSON

In early April, LCW began working on the Harwood Lake Dam Rehabilitation project located in Farmersville, NY—an important improvement for dam safety and recreational accessibility. The project, for NYSOGS, includes the replacement of critical service spillway components and extensive rehabilitation of the earthen levee that protects the surrounding area.

One of the standout aspects of this project is its scale; over 16,000 cubic yards of embankment material will be placed. Harwood Lake is a multi-use public recreational area popular for fishing and upland bird hunting, so safety, access, and environmental care remain top priorities throughout construction.

As we approach the halfway milestone, the progress is a testament to the strong workmanship on site. Superintendent Fred Roys and his crew have kept the momentum high, maintaining steady progress without compromising on quality or safety. Their dedication has been central to keeping this project on track.

As our schedule progresses into the third quarter, we look forward to executing the remaining work safely and efficiently with completion in early September.



Placing Embankment Material Buildup



Top Soil Stripping



Final Grading Around Spillway



Installing Drains at Toe of Levee



Access Road and Dam Rehabilitation

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EQUIPMENT COMPANY – JUSTIN SNYDER

L.C. Whitford Equipment Co. had a strong presence at the 2025 PA Timber Show, connecting with forestry professionals and showcasing the latest in Timberpro and Morbark equipment. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage directly with industry leaders and connect with customers using a time tested sales method.

During the show, Pennline took delivery of a new 830D forwarder, a robust and reliable machine well-suited for their utility and right-of-way clearing work. The 830D's durability and efficient performance make it a fan favorite and natural fit for Pennline's demanding needs.

We showcased a custom TL735D feller buncher sold to Vito Tree, built to spec for their specialized vegetation management operations. The TL735D's custom paint was a real eye catcher! It will be outfitted with an incoming Quadco 24B hot saw and be shipped out this week.

In addition to our Timberpro lineup, a Morbark 40/36 Drum Chipper was on display at our booth, drawing strong interest with compact design and robust chipping capabilities. Meanwhile, our Morbark 6400XT Wood Hog took part in the show's live grinding demonstration, showcasing its power and throughput in real-world conditions.

I would like to thank our team for attending and everyone who visited our exhibit at the show, we look forward to building on these relationships and supporting the industry in the seasons ahead.



Timberpro 830D



Grinding Demonstration



Vitro's 475D

MATERIALS COMPANY – JESSICA LAFLEUR HUNT

What a spring it has been! We're making mad progress down here at The Shop and plan on maintaining the pace in the weeks ahead. So, let's cut straight to the chase...

In summary, we have produced 123 beams, 4 backwalls for the railroad, and shipped 6 1/2 jobs (totaling 41 beams shipped). We were also awarded a few more jobs the past couple months, which are due to ship later this summer. With these new jobs added to our already packed schedule, there is very little wiggle room in the months ahead.

While the production, quality, and finishing crews have been hard at work kicking out beams, behind the scenes our operations staff have been making headway working alongside the NYSDOT. Recently, we have been in regular communication with the NYSDOT Structures Engineers in Albany regarding new beam designs they have shown interest in producing. They originally reached out to us seeking our expertise regarding form functionality & producibility, but shortly thereafter, our meetings opened to general suggestions & concerns with their proposed designs. They have been very appreciative and receptive of our feedback, and we appreciate their trust in us. We are hopeful our positive relationship with them will continue to grow in the right direction.

The Materials Company and Construction Company also paired up earlier this month to deliver & erect seven slab beams to a private company in Yorkshire, NY. Jack DeAgazio, Jim Green, and Tim Mitchell lead the team endeavor and to say they did an excellent job would be an understatement. The customer was gleaming by the time the job was complete, and we cannot wait to produce their second stage slabs. Thanks to all who contributed to this project's success!

In the spotlight, the Materials Company's most recently made adjacent box beams for Allegany County DPW were the featured article in last month's PCANY (Precast Concrete Association of NY) Newsletter. This is an organization we just recently rejoined after many years and we are hoping our newfound relationship will lead to better standards in the prestressing industry.

Lastly, we are proud to announce the promotion of Zach Barrett from Production Crew Member to Crew Leader. Reporting to Dean Layfield, Zach will be leading the Precast Portion of our business as we expand into the precast industry. Zach's knowledge, experience, and work ethic have been paramount in the success of the LCW Materials Company for many years and we look forward to him leading this portion of our business.

PRESIDENTS CORNER – BRAD WHITFORD

We live in Western, New York, so we know how this goes. . . It was Memorial Day Weekend 2 weeks ago (seemingly), and soon it will be Labor Day Weekend. On that note, it is only about 165 days until Christmas. . . We do have lots of good work and have been picking up more.

We have some new employees on board who are making a difference.

Things are looking good for 2026! Let's get to it.

Regards,

Brad

GEORGIA NEWS – KARL YOUNG***Project #23107 – Bridge Rehab near Monroe & Athens***

There are four bridge structures we have been repairing in Monroe and Athens for this contract. The three bridges in Monroe, GA are all complete except for the bridge painting work which will begin this month. The finished work consisted of bridge jacking & bearing replacements, edge beam replacements, header repairs, polymer overlays and bridge joint seals. Our crews are currently working on finishing work on the lone bridge in Athens, GA. Repair of the parapet walls and replacing all chain-link fence posts is complete. The bridge jacking, concrete pier cap repairs, and bearing replacements are finished. The weekend edge beam replacements are almost complete and should be finished by the end of July. The polymer overlays and bridge joint seals on this bridge along with painting of all four structures should be complete by the end of August.

Project #23129 – Bridge Rehabs at 3 locations on I-95

On this GDOT project we have three bridges to repair along the I-95 corridor south of Savannah. The scope of work includes concrete header repairs, edge beam replacements, bridge jacking & bearing replacements, erosion stabilization, polymer overlays, bridge joint sealing and bridge painting. We finished the clearing, grading, and rip rap work during the winter months. The concrete header repairs are 75% complete and will be complete this summer. We have recently resumed work on this project now that the change order modifying traffic control restrictions has been executed. All bridge jacking and bearing work is complete. The edge beam work will begin shortly and conclude this fall. Bridge painting is 67% complete and should conclude by the end of this year. Polymer overlays will begin later this summer and bridge joint sealing will follow. With some favorable weather this entire project may be complete by the end of 2025. The current contract completion date is October 8th, 2026.

Project #25031 – Waterway Debris Removal in Canton, GA

We successfully bid and were awarded another Invitation to Bid (ITB) bridge repair project for debris removal. Like with our previous GDOT bridge debris removal projects, all debris had to be hoisted from the stream bed up to the bridge deck to comply with Federal Endangered Species Acts for various species of freshwater mussels, mollusks, and snails. No mechanized equipment could touch the stream bed. This structure is a one lane ramp to I-575 Southbound in Canton, GA. We were able to keep the ramp lane open on the right half of the bridge while utilizing the left shoulder and half of bridge to make space for a work area on the bridge deck. A boat was utilized below so crew members could access the debris, cut free sections of trees, and attach cables for hoisting. Debris was hoisted to the bridge deck utilizing our crane truck, cut up into smaller sections, and then hauled off for disposal.

Project #25036 – Sound Wall Repairs in Atlanta, GA

Another GDOT sound wall maintenance project is underway. We recently began work in June. Many various locations of sound walls along Atlanta Interstates needed repair due mostly to vehicular accidents and fallen trees. Our crews have been moving along quickly. We have completed all tree clearing, sound wall removal, new post installations and angle iron construction. New sound wall panels and trim pieces are being installed and will be complete by the end of July.

***Project #23129 – Savannah******Project #25031 – Canton Debris Removal******Project #25031 – Canton Debris Removal******Project #25036 – Sound Wall******Project #25036 – Sound Wall***

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FINAL THOUGHT

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

SAFETY UPDATE THIS QUARTER

105,659

MAN HOURS WITH

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LOST TIME ACCIDENT

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!

RECENT CONTRACTS AWARDED

Georgia:

- GADOT – ITB Sound Wall, District 7
- GADOT – Emergency Bridge Repair Bartow County
- GADOT – ITB Waterway Drift Removal, Canton, GA

Michigan:

- Conrail – North Yard Bridge Rep, Detroit, Michigan

New Jersey:

- NYS&W RR – Bridge 39.32 Butler, NJ
- NYS&W RR – Bridge 59387 Sparta, NJ

New York:

- NYS&WRR – Bridge 234.63, Cortlandville, NY
- Chemung County – Latta Brook Road Br Replacement
- TTCI – Waterproofing Icicle Br., D265340
- Oakgrove Construction – Sub waterproofing NY 5 & 277 Br.
- Village of Portville – Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Ohio:

- W&LE RR – Bridge Repairs MPK 98.13, Rayland, OH
- W&LE RR – Bridge Repairs MPK 96.38 Rayland, OH
- Norfolk Southern RR – Mason Repairs, Loraine, OH

Pennsylvania:

- Keating Township – T349 Bordell Rd Bridge Replacement
- PADOT – ECMS 85535 T-351 over Oswayo Creek
- Port Allegany – Hillside Avenue Sawing
- NYS&WRR – Mill Rift Bridge 90.34
- WNYRR – Bridge Rehab, Farmersville, PA

Virginia:

- Dominion – Sherwood Substation, Churchland substation, Roundtable Substation, Cumulus Substation, Varina Substation, Braddock Substation, Tall Pines, Butter Farm, Quarter Horse, Anderson Branch

RAILROAD UPDATE- BY MATT INGALLS

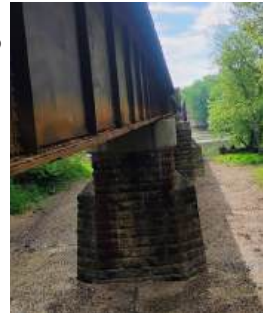
The Railroad division here at LCW has been humming along like a well-oiled machine for the first half of 2025. We have wrapped up a few projects so far this year as well as started some new ones. We have ongoing projects in Attica, IN, Lockport, NY, and Pittsburgh, PA that we hope to have wrapped up by the end of July. With the pile of work that we have on the books the railroad division is going to be extremely busy for the foreseeable future. In our opinion the highest production seems to occur when the next project is lined up and ready to start, so we plan to keep bidding and pack the schedule as tight as possible. The work that the railroad division is tasked with is dirty, grueling work that is many hours from home. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication.

"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."

– George Halas



**Culvert Replacement
in Lockport, NY**



**Bearing Rehabilitation
in Attica, Indiana**

SAFETY UPDATE – JUSTIN FILLHART

As you have all heard numerous times throughout the years (at least more frequently over the last 20), safety is paramount to every aspect of business that we do. Our safety record has become as important to our jobs, as doing the actual work. Safety, in a family ran company such as ours, goes much further than just some number though. Making sure that every single employee (family/team member) goes home at least as good, if not better than the way they came to work.

LCW has made continuous strides in bringing safety to the forefront of everyone's minds, every single day. Additions of ice machines, providing electrolyte rich drink mixes, purchasing new vented hardhats, instituting mandatory safety glasses and gloves, developing of new policies, and yes; even stretch and flex implementation has not just been dreaming up some new requirement to make everyone's day more difficult. These have all come from employee requests, industry changes, and ultimately insurance requirements to help make sure our people do not get injured.

Regrettably, all injuries big or small do revert back to some type of number and these numbers do have an effect on the company being allowed to build or even bid on projects for our customers. The shining light behind all of this is that in 2022, the company's Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) was 5.49 compared to the industry average of 2.7. In 2023, our numbers improved slightly to 5.28 compared to the industry average of 2.5. Since our renewed focus and implementation of some of these new safety protocols, our 2024 numbers fell to 2.99 and as of the first quarter of 2025, we are down to a 2.58. Those are major improvements compared to the previous two years. Improving these numbers allows us to continue working for, building, and bidding projects for our customers, ultimately making sure that we all can continue to have good paying jobs for a great company. Thank you to all that have contributed to our success. Through teamwork, we CAN achieve great things.

CHUCK'S CHUCKLE

Making Vika Happy

Since Vika's birthday was not too far off, I asked her what she'd like to have for her birthday. "I'd like to be eight again," Vika replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of Vika's Birthday, I got up early and made her a nice big bowl of Coco Puffs. After breakfast, I took Vika to the Adventure World theme park. What a day we had. I put Vika on every thrilling ride in the park. First, it was the Death Slide, then the Wall of Fear, then the Log Flume and finally the Screaming Roller Coaster. And after the rides, we went to see the Dolphin Show. Five hours later we staggered out of the theme park, exhausted. Vika's head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down.

However, I wasn't finished. I then took Vika to McDonald's where I ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to see a Disney movie, with popcorn, soda pop, and her favorite candy. I hoped Vika would see it all as a fabulous adventure and a bit like being eight again.

Finally, we staggered home and collapsed into bed, tired and weary. At this point, I leaned over to Vika with a big smile on my face and asked lovingly, "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?" Her eyes opened slowly, one at a time, and her expression changed suddenly. "I was referring to my dress size, you idiot," Vika responded sarcastically.

The moral of the Story: Even if a man's listening, he'll still get it wrong