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## FEATURE JOB

### JAMES MORRISON BRIDGE REHABILITATION

By: RJ EMPSON

In the first quarter of 2024, LCW was awarded the James Morrison Bridge Rehabilitation Project, a contract valued at several million dollars. Originally constructed in 1962, the James Morrison Bridge carries an average daily traffic of approximately 1,000 vehicles, serving both tourists and daily commuters.

While maintaining one-lane roadway traffic and uninterrupted boat traffic in the Kinzua Reservoir, the project scope included concrete pier and abutment repairs, structural steel repairs, replacement of the navigational lighting system, and most notably, the removal and replacement of high-load, multi-rotational bearings. These bearing swaps were executed during tightly controlled 48-hour shutdown periods, during which LCW implemented a 62-mile detour. LCW completed the swaps in a much shorter duration than anticipated. With site access limited to materials lowered by hoist or transported via barge, LCW implemented a series of mast climbers and scaffolding platforms to complete the work safely and efficiently.

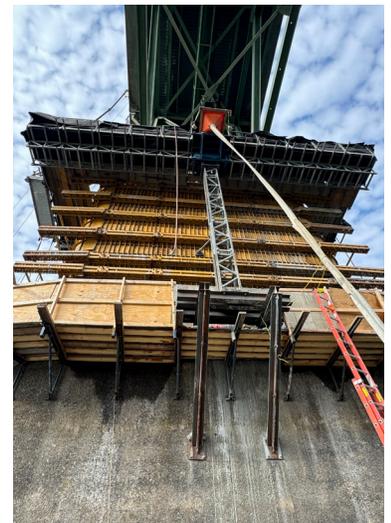
With physical construction now complete and the project nearing closeout, we extend a sincere thank you to Superintendent Troy Bates and his crew. Their dedication, resilience, and work ethic carried this project through a demanding construction schedule and grueling weather conditions, resulting in an impressive and successful outcome.



*James Morrison Bridge Span Over Kinzua*



*Forming & Pouring Pier Encasements*



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*Lowering Jacking Beam into Place*



*Prepping to Remove Mast Climber Tower*

## EQUIPMENT COMPANY – JUSTIN SNYDER

This quarter was an exciting and productive one at the L.C. Whitford Equipment Co., highlighted by several major equipment deliveries and continuing to build strong customer partnerships.

We are happy to announce the sale of a new TimberPro 830D Forwarder to Karlene Logging, as well as a used TimberPro TL745C Feller Buncher to Chad Swim out of Northwest Nebraska. A special shout-out goes to Mark Wilson for enduring the long trip and working through the challenges that came with delivery, your dedication and patience did not go unnoticed.

Additionally, we are excited to share a significant sale of a new TimberPro TL755 West Coast Feller Buncher, paired with a new Quadco 7000XTDS Harvesting Head: the biggest forestry cutter package to date. It was delivered to the Ball family of Future Forest and despite some seriously challenging seasonal road conditions, the startup and training was a success. We appreciate the trust they placed in our team and equipment, and I am thankful to have had an opportunity to spend time with them during this deal.

I want to close by expressing my sincere gratitude to everyone at LCW who helps our operations along; your cooperation, hard work, and commitment behind the scenes are what make these successes possible. Thank you all for consistently stepping up and getting the work done.



*TL755-WC with Quadco 700XTDS*



*Future Forest Startup*



*Timberpro TL745C*

## MATERIALS COMPANY – JESSICA LAFLEUR HUNT

Happy 2026 fellow L.C. Whitfordians! Although all but a few Materials Company Crew have been out for the winter or working for other divisions of our larger company, the remainder of us have been hard at work the past couple of months. We've managed to pick up 12 jobs so far this year with multiple PO's already received. As mentioned before, receiving the paperwork and documents needed from the contractors early on has helped Brady, Chad, and me to start the shop drawings and quality packages early on, so we can be ahead of the game come production time. With multiple jobs coming up for bid in the next few months, we are confident we'll have a full schedule soon with the intent of bringing the crew back the end of February/early March.

Let's get straight to what's been taking place the past few months... We have bid numerous jobs for the 2026 season and came out low bidder on 12 of them. We also have 3 jobs left from last year that will be shipping in the weeks ahead. On that note, bidding this past year has had some challenges given the market and major changes at both NYSDOT and PennDOT. However, resilience, patience, on-time delivery, and outstanding quality keeps us on top of the market and helps us to maintain our preferred manufacturer reputation. From the drafting department, Brady has already completed 4 sets of shop drawings ensuring we'll be ready to roll once our crew returns. In the background our company has initiated and will be leading NYS's first Prestress Committee within the PCANY Organization. This will entail meeting with the PCANY organization along with NYSDOT Structures Engineers on 6-month schedule to promote prestress manufacturing and improve prestress practices. The Materials Company Management Team will also be attending this year's NPCA Precast show in Kansas City, MO. Attending this show will allow our teams to explore the latest innovations in the precast industry as well as develop connections with fellow precasters and vendors, ensuring we remain on top of the market while maintaining communication with all possible precasting sources. We look forward to reporting back to everyone with our experiences after we return!

Lastly, the next few months will be crunch time for us here at the shop. We still have lots of bidding coming up, drawings that need to be completed, schedules to prepare, and product to order. With that being said, we will also continue to promote cost-effective standards at the NYSDOT and PCI levels for the precast/prestressed concrete industry within the State of New York and hopefully this year come more involved on the PA side. Pennsylvania tends to be a trickier market for the Materials Company, but we are hopeful that with continued communication and relationship building, we will be able to make a successful break through. By attending the APC conferences and inviting PA Contractors to conversations and our facility, we have already seen our customer base increase and we are confident we'll continue to trend up.

## PRESIDENTS CORNER – BRAD WHITFORD

2026 is shaping up to be a big year! Between remaining work on ongoing projects and new contracts, our work-on-hand is significantly higher than our "average" year. The Materials Co. has about fifteen projects on the books for a combined value of approximately 1/2 of what our 2025 revenue was. That is pretty good considering that it's January. We expect to exceed 2025's revenue this year!

Things are starting to pick up at the Equipment Co. and the GA Division continues to have a steady diet of profitable work.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and I am excited to get started on some of the awesome projects we will be building this year

*Regards,*

*Brad*

### GEORGIA NEWS – BY KARL YOUNG

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

The bridge painting is now complete on all three bridges of this project. When the winter weather allows, we have been installing polymer overlays on the bridges. The permanent roadway striping on the bridges will be done once the overlays are finished. We will start sealing the bridge joint seals shortly. Depending on nighttime & weekend temperatures coupled with dry weather, we will complete this project this spring or early summer well ahead of our current contract completion date of October 8th, 2026.

#### **Project #25051 – Sign Project in District 3**

GDOT had several downed signs on I-85 near the Alabama border apparently due to high winds. Our crew recently replaced the large special roadside signs and structures at four locations.



*Project #25051 - Sign Repair*

#### **Project #25055 – Bridge Rehab on US 280 over Chattahoochee River**

LCW was awarded this GDOT project in August. Clearing of trees, drainage cleanups at roadway & approach slabs, and rip rap installation is complete. The remaining scope of work includes structural steel repairs, a steel finger joint deck drain system, and painting the new steel. We have started on the deck drain system and structural steel repairs. Steel will be painted thereafter. We will complete this project in March.

#### **Project #25075 – Bridge Debris Removal near Trenton, GA**

GDOT once again hired LCW to remove stream debris from a bridge; this time we were in the far northwest corner of the State near Alabama & Tennessee. Our crew did a great job of completing this project in just a few days.



*Project #25075 - Before Debris Removal*

#### **Project #25078 – Bridge Repairs on I-285 over Mt. Gilead Road**

LCW was requested to perform emergency bridge repairs for GDOT on I-285 in the City of Atlanta. Multiple areas of the concrete deck and edge beams had failed due to shoddy construction from a previous contractor. We are now halfway through the concrete deck and edge beam replacements. The bridge joint seals will also be replaced. We should complete the project in March.

#### **Project #25082 – Hardin Bridge Rd Bridge Repairs**

Bartow County, GA hired LCW to fix a settling approach slab, fill voids under both approaches, make a few bridge repairs, and fix an erosion issue. We pumped flowable fill under the approach slabs, replaced a concrete header and two bridge joints seals, constructed a new concrete spillway with drainpipe, and re-graded the shoulder roadway section.



*Project #25078 - Edge Beam Pour*



*Project #25078 - Edge Beam Steel*



*Project #25075 - After Debris Removal*

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FINAL THOUGHT

*“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.” - Albert Schweitzer*

**SAFETY UPDATE THIS  
QUARTER  
108,574  
MAN HOURS WITH  
4  
LOST TIME ACCIDENT  
KEEP UP THE GOOD  
WORK!!!!**

RECENT CONTRACTS  
AWARDED

*Georgia*

- GADOT – Bridge Debris Removal, Dade County
- GADOT – Emergency Bridge Repair 1285, Fulton County
- Bartow County - Bridge Repair Hardin Bridge

*New York*

- Village of Wellsville - Curb Replacement
- Fingerlakes RR – Bridge Repairs, Hemrod, NY
- Norfolk Southern – Bridge Replacement Binghamton, NY
- NYSDOT – D265625 Cohocton Bridge Replacement
- Allegany County – CR4 over Genesee River Bridge Rehab, Fillmore
- Orlean County - Groth Road Waterproofing, Albany
- Town of Montour - Bridge Replacement Fitzpatrick Hill Road

*Pennsylvania*

- PADOT – ECMS 114180 Bridge Deck Rehab., Sayre PA
- PADOT – ECMS 98478 DF Superstructure Replacement
- Norfolk Southern – Pottstown, PA Bridge Rehab

*Virginia*

- Dominion – Alto Station, Fishersville, Pleasant, Harper

EEO UPDATE – ANGELA DUPUIS

LCW actively supports equal employment opportunity by making fair, job-related employment decisions, fostering a respectful workplace, and addressing concerns promptly and appropriately. We value diverse perspectives, hold leaders accountable for fair treatment, and strive to ensure all employees feel respected, supported, and able to succeed. We are proud of our continued progress and efforts to uphold our EEO Policy. We look forward to another strong year built on respect, accountability, and inclusion.

RAILROAD UPDATE – MATT INGALLS

It seems like yesterday that I was writing the first railroad update of 2025; the year seemed to fly by. I would consider that a good thing—people say that time flies when you are busy. Busy would be an understatement for the LCW Railroad Division. We have been working on projects all over the eastern United States for a few years straight, with no breaks in between.

In 2025, we completed about twenty-two projects. These ranged from emergency repairs on the Norfolk Southern coal pier in Norfolk, VA, to a 117-foot-long span replacement in Binghamton, NY. We have already secured a healthy work log for 2026, and with quality projects still coming out for bid, we do not plan on slowing down.

I appreciate the hard work of everyone involved with the Railroad Division. Without you, none of this would be possible. Here is to another successful year!

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.” — Robert Collier



Installed Span - Elliston, VA



Installed Span - Binghamton, NY

SAFETY UPDATE – ANDREW JOHNSON

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday season with your families and that 2026 is treating you well already! During the last two months of 2025, we had ZERO new recordable injuries! We ended the year with a Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) of 3.37, which is the lowest TRIR in the past 5 years! While this is still above the industry average of 2.5, I see this positive trend as momentum we can carry into the new season coming up!

The Safety Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 7th at the Wellsville Country Club, and I am excited about how it’s coming together. Amanda, Steve, and I have been putting a lot of thought into how we can make the best use of this time to help give you the tools and knowledge needed to work safely this year, and I think we’ve got a pretty good day lined up. I am looking forward to seeing a good group of engaged leaders there!

*Be safe out there!*

*Andrew*

CHUCK’S CHUCKLE

The Talking Parrot

A man went to a pet shop and bought a talking parrot. He took the parrot home and tried to teach the parrot how to say a few things, but instead the parrot just swore at him. After a few hours of trying to teach the bird finally the man said: “If you don’t stop swearing, I am going to put you in the freezer as punishment”. The parrot continued, so finally the man put the bird in the freezer. About an hour later the man opened the freezer. As the man took the shivering bird out of the freezer it said “I promise to never swear again. Just tell me what that turkey did!”