

COMMON GROUND

SEPTEMBER 2024



Bates Recycling celebrates the completion of its RLG Special Accounts project.

BATES RECYCLING

Expansion, new office building equal a better work environment

Cygnets, Ohio — Bates Recycling cut the ribbon on an expansion of its non-ferrous metals processing facility and a new office building.

The now 7,600-square-foot building brings more work inside and out of the elements. The new 2,000-square foot office building has a breakroom and restrooms with showers for employees.

A SKY-HIGH MILESTONE AT FORD OHAP

Topping-out ceremony celebrates installation of final steel beam



It is a tradition for all those who contributed to the project to sign the final beam.

Sheffield, Ohio — More than 500 trades workers, project team members, engineers, architects, plant operations and leadership, and support personnel were on hand to watch as a crane lifted the final steel beam for the 2.7 million-square-foot Ford Motor Co. Ohio Assembly Plant project into place. Rudolph Libbe is building the expansion at the plant, which will begin producing an all-new electronic commercial vehicle mid-decade. A small pine tree and American flag placed on the beam before it was hoisted stems from an ancient Scandinavian tradition that has transformed into a symbol of growth, success and most importantly that the project is being completed safely.

LAKE LOCAL SCHOOLS CELEBRATES ITS NEW ELEMENTARY BUILDING

Ribbon-cutting held for RLI project that wrapped up 15 months after ground-breaking ceremony



Left: Lake Local Schools officials cut the ribbon on their new elementary school. (Photo credit: Ashley McGovern Photography) Center: The exterior of the school's entrance. Right: The gymnasium is part of a multi-function area called the 'Cafenasium.'

Millbury, Ohio — It was fitting that it was oppressively hot on the day Lake Local Schools showed off its new elementary school to the community.

One of the main knocks against the old school was that an unairconditioned building isn't conducive to learning. The new school, which opened to students in September, has air conditioning — and a whole lot more. Based on the

reactions from those in attendance, it was an instant hit.

"Our kids deserve a quality learning environment, and it provides a real sense of pride when you live in a community that wants to support our children and our schools," said board member Nick Baer, who has three children attending the school and is also vice president of GEM Service Group.

The two-story, 91,000-square-foot structure boasts a long list of amenities, including 20 more classrooms than the old school; dedicated music and band rooms; three recess spaces; a "Cafenasium" that functions as a gym, full-service cafeteria and special events space; dedicated space for special education and many other state-of-the-art features.

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THANKS FOR THE LEADS!

Every associate who reports a new business lead is entered into a drawing for \$100 in GEM and RLI merchandise.

The next drawing is in October for leads generated in July, August and September.

New Leads: **Bob Briggs; Brad Delventhal; Matt Ohlrich; Sarah Helbig; Dan Kovacevic; Dustin Shonk; Denise Cromwell; Brian Hahn.**

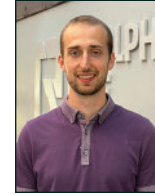
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NEW ASSOCIATES

Welcome!



Top row from left: **Nikkol Kwapich**, Accounts Payable Clerk; **Ashley Latta**, Administrative Assistant; both GEM Walbridge; **Madelyn McCabe**, Dispatcher GEM Service Walbridge. Second row: **Sam Asa**, Solar Project Engineer; **Dan Liszka**, Solar Project Engineer; both GEM Energy Walbridge; **Allie Pakulski**, Graphic Designer, RLG Walbridge.

NEW WORK

Sterling Heights, Michigan — A joint Michigan Operations/Site Management project will switch an automaker's forklifts from battery-powered to hydrogen-powered at two Detroit-area plants.

RLI is the general contractor for installing tank farms, foundations, distribution systems, power and fill stations throughout the facilities. As a trade partner with fuel cell power provider Plug, RLG previously installed a similar system at an automotive facility in Northwest Ohio. RLI will self-perform civil work on the Michigan project.

The team: Estimator **Don McClellan**; Project Manager **Bobby Tikkanen**; Project Engineer **Max Fisher**; Civil Supervisor **Randy Urbanek**.

Avon Lake, Ohio — GEM will install four 12-ton Bohl hoists at Ford Motor Co.'s Ohio Assembly Plant.

GEM will also install 100 feet of magnetic electrobar conductor rail for each hoist, including brackets, couplings, end caps and power connectors.

GEM previously installed temporary hoists at the plant. RLI is the general contractor for the main OHAP construction project.

The team: Ironworker Account Manager **Luke Hauser**; Electrical Group Leader **Mark Tomasek**; Ironworker General Foreman **Chris Campbell**; Electrical Field Supervisor **Randy Breier**.

Medina, Ohio — GEM will remove 60 feet of fixed windows and replace them with operable, motorized windows at the SFS Group facility.

GEM is a trade partner with commercial contractor Weaver, which is performing roof work at the facility. GEM's work will help provide better ventilation at SFS Medina, which produces fasteners for industry, including the automotive market. The work is expected to begin in November.

The team: Business Development Manager **Jordan Prosser**; Safety Specialist **Brandon Heidecker**.

Archbold, Ohio — GEM is performing regular HVAC maintenance along with monthly, quarterly and biannual filter changes at the Conagra food processing facility. The contract, which began in June, runs through May 31.

The team: Account Manager **Cameron Marengo**; Service Manager **Jason Sekulski**; Foreman **Justin Weilnau**.

Marysville, Ohio — GEM Service in Columbus is performing regular maintenance on process heating and cooling equipment at Scotts' Miracle Grow.

The maintenance is required to keep Scotts' fertilizer production lines running smoothly. The challenge to the work is maintaining the equipment in a corrosive environment so there is no downtime when production is running.

The contract runs for one year. GEM Service Manager **Zach Arbogast** says all Columbus technicians will work to keep Scotts' equipment in top shape.

New GEM Service Contracts

Kroger Company

Delaware, Ohio

Central Ohio Technical College

Mount Vernon, Ohio

Dana SMC

Maumee, Ohio

Amware

West Lake, Elyria, Brook Park (Ohio)

Clarios Hansentek Panels

Holland, Ohio

Great Lakes Community Action

Partnership, Fremont Senior Center

Fremont, Ohio