

# COMMONGROUND

MARCH 2021

## INTERDEPENDABILITY IN ACTION

### A snowy success story at Total Sports



#### Total Sports, Rossford

- Last month's winter storm left Total Sports with a true emergency.

The heavy snow put pressure on the dome walls and blocked emergency exits.

Total Sports' snow removal service had no idea when they could respond to the emergency.

"Kevin did not need to do this, as we are not a snow removal company, but Kevin did not hesitate to help GEM FM or our customer," Stout says.

"When I called, Andy was on it immediately and within the hour had a solution. He's always there when we need him!" Pappas says.

"The emergency services the Rudolph Libbe Group has provided to us have been invaluable," she adds. "I've worked with other companies in the past and NO ONE comes close to their response time."

"When there is an emergency, 100 percent of the time I know I can count on them to respond, quickly and effectively. I am very grateful to have that peace of mind."

Removing the snow reduced the chance of damage to the dome and allowed Total Sports to reopen for business sooner.

**Tracy Pappas**, Total Sports facility manager, decided not to wait.

Total Sports is an FM360 customer, so she called **Andy Stout**, property manager at GEM Energy, for help.

Emergency snow plowing isn't a typical FM360 service. Nor does the team have equipment for that kind of task - but RLI does.

Stout made a quick call to **Kevin Burtchin**, RLI sitework superintendent, and notified **Nick Walby**, group manager, Special Accounts, about the project.

In under two hours, **Doug Kadlick**, RLI truck driver, arrived with a front-end loader and started removing the snow.



**Doug Kadlick** clears the deep snow at Total Sports

Commit to success of others  
- the Building Success Together Roadmap

#### Interdependability:

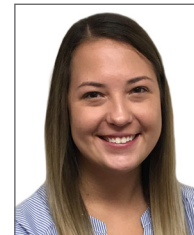
Making the choice to work together and be the person others can count on to accomplish something even greater than what could be achieved working independently.



### Series on RLG Black associates continues

The next story in our series of articles honoring Black associates features **Kay Jones**, human resource director. The article appears in the March 17 edition of the *Toledo Journal* (thetoledojournal.com). For a print copy, contact June Remley, 419-206-1262, [june.remley@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:june.remley@rlgbuilds.com)

### Promotions



**Kendalyn Jacobs** has been promoted to human resources generalist II and just received her Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) Certified Professional credentials.

**Scott White** has been promoted to account manager for the **GEM Energy Service Group**.



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## RLG PEOPLE

### A new assignment

**Mary Willbur**  
Preconstruction  
Services  
RLI Walbridge



## NEW CONTRACTS

### Service Group

Congratulations to **GEM Energy Service Group** on signing a new customer: 55 Public Square, Suite 111, Cleveland.

## MARCH IS KIDNEY MONTH

### Five steps to protect your kidneys

Take five steps to protect your kidneys:

1. Ask your doctor for an ACR urine test or a GFR blood test annually if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, are over age 60 or have a family history of kidney failure. Get screened for free through the National Kidney Foundation's KEEP Healthy program ([www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)).
2. Take fewer over-the-counter pain meds, such as NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) and never go over the recommended dosage.
3. Cut out processed foods, which contain lots of sodium, nitrates and phosphates. Try the DASH diet.
4. Exercise regularly - at least 30 minutes a day is a great goal.
5. Drink plenty of water - 1.5 to 2 liters (3-4 pints) a day.

## Thanks for the leads!

**Kevin Burtchin**  
**Denny McAnally**  
**Brian Wiemken**

**Jon Harris**  
**Will Reifsnyder**

Each associate who reports a business lead is entered into a drawing for \$100 in RLI or GEM merchandise.

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## PROJECT NEWS

### Chappel Place at Levis Commons and feedback on Toyota's TRINA lab work

**Levis Commons, Perrysburg - RLG** is design/build contractor for **Chappel Place**, a 13,000-square-foot, single-story retail and office building with multiple tenants.

**RLI** is self-performing earthwork, utilities, concrete, masonry and carpentry. **GEM** is performing steel erection. Construction starts in late March and will be complete in mid-November.

Leading the team:

**Michelle Dean**, RLI business development

**Christian Simpson**, RLI preconstruction lead

**Annette Stuller**, RLI project manager

**Chris Bachmayer**, RLI superintendent

**Jim Russell**, GEM steel erection preconstruction

**Jacob Butler**, GEM steel erection project manager



A rendering of Chappel Place

**Toyota, Michigan TRINA Lab - RLI's** work on the Toyota Research Institute, North America (TRINA) lab exhaust job went smoothly and was completed two days ahead of schedule.

RLI managed and coordinated modifications to the existing system with the TRINA lab user groups.

"I am thankful for your team doing their work in our lab space as requested from our side - no one has raised any concerns or complaints so that is awesome. Deeply appreciated," says **Nik Singh**, senior scientist in the lab.

## A STRONG START TO A CAREER

### Class recognition and a chance to compete

First his fellow students voted his block-and-brick wall project the best in their class.

Then, **Kurtis Sutter**, second-year brick-layer apprentice at **RLI**, went on to compete in the 2021 Annual



Region C Masonry Skills Challenge for the Masonry Contractors Association of America (MCAA).

Sutter didn't place in the competition, but his classmates' recognition and being chosen to compete are reasons to feel proud.

"We're very proud of him," says **Don Brigh-ton**, RLI masonry general superintendent. "He's a hard worker. He shows up every day. He's good to work with and everybody likes him. His class voted his project the best, so that says a lot about him."

## WOOD COUNTY PLAYS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

### BuildWeek starts June 21 for Perrysburg Inclusive Playground

**Perrysburg Inclusive Playground - Wood County Plays** needs volunteers to erect playground equipment for the Perrysburg Inclusive Playground, a thoughtfully designed, safe space for all children regardless of size, mobility or ability.

BuildWeek starts June 21 with the total build taking 3-4 days.

Volunteers don't need to commit to all days; just give whatever time you can.

To sign up, contact June Remley, 419-206-1262, [june.remley@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:june.remley@rlgbuilds.com).

