

# COMMONGROUND

MARCH 2022

## INTERDEPENDABILITY IN ACTION

Site Management and RLG Cleveland office team up on Ford outage

**Ford Ohio Assembly Plant [OHAP], Avon Lake - RLG's Site Management and RLG Cleveland** office associates partnered on a month-long outage between December and January, throughout the holidays.

**RLI and GEM** trades peaked at 170, working around the clock, seven days a week on numerous projects including:

- conveyor upgrades
- facility/tooling modifications
- miscellaneous civil projects

**"This difficult outage was successful because our Site Management leadership, RLI trades and GEM trades worked together for the benefit of the project and not individual successes."**

**- Mike Beetler, RLG Director of Construction Operations in NE Ohio.**

Projects were completed simultaneously, all with critical timing and deadlines. Production resumed Jan. 18 as scheduled.

## RLG'S IDEA LAB IS OPEN 24/7/365

Implementing 5s principles at Bluewave/Ardagh

RLG's Continuous Improvement team has been working with Bluewave/Ardagh to apply the principles of 5s, starting with a gang box.



5s stands for Sort-Straighten-Shine-Standardize-Sustain. It's the first of many continuous improvement practices we plan to implement at RLG.

5s creates a quality workplace – clean, uncluttered, well-organized and safe.

"The outage success depended on our ability to coordinate the effort safely and efficiently across the entire team," says **Patrick Carney**, RLG Site Manager at OHAP.



"The RLG team overcame installation and schedule challenges through a coordinated and focused approach guided by a singular vision," says **Mike Beetler**.

Own the whole before owning my piece.  
- 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.

To learn more about 5s and Bluewave, reach out to **Kevin Sealts**, Director of Continuous Improvement.

Have an idea for a continuous improvement project? Log into the Idea Lab and submit your idea using the Viima link on the GEM or RLI intranet home pages.



No Viima account? Contact **Jennifer LaCourse** at [jennifer.lacourse@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:jennifer.lacourse@rlgbuilds.com).

## RLG PEOPLE

Welcome!

**Vince Piscopo**  
Communications  
Manager  
RLG Walbridge



**Daniel Bender**  
Maintenance  
Technician 2  
Facility Management  
GEM Cleveland

**Aidan McCall**  
Warehouse Clerk  
GEM Walbridge



**Jake Rumer**  
VDC Associate  
GEM Walbridge

## February Black history story

The February story in our Black history series featured **John "J.R." Mitchell**, RLI laborer, and appeared in the February 16 Toledo Journal (<https://thetoledojournal.com>).



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## NEW PROJECTS

### Whirlpool, Creek Plastics and Campbell Soup

**Whirlpool, Clyde** – RLG is working on plant modifications for a new plastics press.

**RLI** is demolishing an existing plastics press foundation and installing a new foundation for the press.

**GEM** is modifying process piping in a trench to accommodate the redesigned footing for the new plastics press.

Work will be done during a shutdown for the press while all other areas of the plant remain functional. The new press will be delivered in May.

Leading the team:

**Dan Diekman** (RLI) and **Jack Wilson** (GEM), Project Managers  
**Eric Hodulik** (GEM) and **Pat Blevins** (RLI), Foremen

**Creek Plastics, Tecumseh** – Creek Plastics is switching from secondary to primary service. This means cheaper rates but the customer will own and be responsible for all service equipment.

**GEM** is providing engineering, installation, scheduling and purchasing for:

- Two new 1500KVA transformers
- A PMH-7 switch
- New 1200A service

GEM is also replacing an old interior 1200A panel at same time.

The project began in early March. The customer would like service to be running by April, the beginning of Creek Plastics' peak season.

Leading the team:

**Brian Hinde**, Estimator/Project Manager  
**Gabe Salenbien**, Foreman

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**Campbell Soup Co., Napoleon** – GEM is working on two Stork cooker projects:

- The replacement of the chain, top shafts and sprockets on the Stork 11 cooker. Work begins on April 23 and wraps up on May 28.
- The rebuilding of Stork 13 and 18 towers. Work starts March 26 and finishes on May 1.

Leading the team for both projects:

**Lee Pfund**, Estimator/Project Manager  
**Jory Galbraith**, Millwright Foreman

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**Campbell Soup Co., Napoleon** - GEM is replacing the programmable logic controller (PLC), control wiring for the A filling line, installing PLC, conduit and wire.

The project will be finished on March 18.

Leading the team:

**Lee Pfund**, Estimator/Project Manager  
**Todd Wiemken**, General Foreman

## NEW CONTRACTS

### FM360 annual agreements

#### Life Church

Southfield, Mich.

#### MWN Equities LLC

Toledo, Ohio

### Chappel Place at Levis Commons

Perrysburg, OH

### GEM Service

#### Michigan

Aisin Technical Center  
Ferndale Labs

#### Lima

Scotts Miracle-Gro  
Scotts Miracle-Gro R&D Pilot Plant  
Timken Steel

#### Cleveland

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) Shiloh School

#### Walbridge

Change Healthcare/CBRE  
Holland Sylvania Group Realty  
ProMedica Health and Wellness  
Magruder Hospital (11 locations)  
NSG Glass  
Green Labs Grow Facility  
Cleveland Cliffs  
TDC Companies  
MWN Equities

## 'VERY IMPRESSIVE TO SEE'

### GEM Service's work at First Federal Savings and Loan in Swanton



**First Federal Savings and Loan, Swanton** – GEM Service techs replaced two split systems, furnaces, air conditioners and a hot water heater.

**Scott White**, Account Manager, GEM Service, compliments the team: "Everything was straight, square and level. Very impressive to see!"

## THANKS FOR THE LEADS

**Kevin Comerford**      **Kurt McKee**  
**Dick Inderrieden**

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