

# COMMON GROUND

OCTOBER 2024

## KEEPING CUSTOMERS FOR LIFE

### Kenworth chassis paint facility an example of confidence in RLI work

**Chillicothe, Ohio** — A dreary wet day failed to dampen the mood of those participating in Kenworth Truck Company's groundbreaking ceremony for its state-of-the-art chassis paint facility.

RLI is building the 45,825-square-foot structure, which is an expansion of the truck manufacturer's plant in southern Ohio. Kenworth executives, along with the RLI team and paint-finishing company Giffin Inc., shoveled dirt with Kenworth trucks and an RLI excavator



*Left: The RLI team at Kenworth Truck Company. Right: The crew went right back to excavating the site once the groundbreaking festivities were completed.*

in the background. The new chassis paint facility, expected to be operational by the first quarter of 2026, will allow the truck manufacturer to enhance efficiency and



product quality. RLI has had dedicated staff at the plant for nearly three decades and continues to win work with 30-plus projects in the pipeline.

## BLUESCOPE RECYCLING WORK TO IMPROVE CAPACITY

### New equipment to provide North Star BlueScope Steel with more scrap



*The upgrades at BlueScope Recycling will help it meet the demands of the second arc furnace at North Star BlueScope Steel.*

**Delta, Ohio** — The steel recycling process at BlueScope Recycling & Materials (BRM) has resumed.

At BRM, scrap metal is shredded into smaller pieces, sorted, and then sent across the street to be melted down and turned into new steel at North Star BlueScope Steel (NSBSL).

RLI and GEM have installed a new 6,000 HP alternating current motor and a large material pre-shredder to increase BRM's

capacity to meet the demands of the second electric arc furnace at NSBSL completed as part of Project Aristotle.

This new equipment will allow BRM to process 250% more material and decrease maintenance downtime.

During the motor installation, different roof sections of the motor building were removed to allow the motor and heat exchanger to be placed. To accommodate this new motor, new structural supports, an inverter with associated electrical gear, and new HVAC systems were required.

The complex HVAC system will control temperature and air flow for both the inverter and the motor.



*A complex HVAC system will control temperature and air flow for the motor and inverter.*

## CHOPPER LIFT

### GEM lifts heavy equipment to roof at OHAP with help from above

**Sheffield, Ohio** — GEM moved 84 exhaust fan units and two HVAC units into place via helicopter at the under-construction electric vehicle facility at Ford Motor Co.'s Ohio Assembly Plant.

A crew from the GEM Mechanical Team attached straps to each exhaust fan unit and then left the immediate area so the helicopter could safely lift each one to a GEM crew on the roof, which would carefully guide them to their correct positions and remove the straps. Each lift took about two to three minutes.



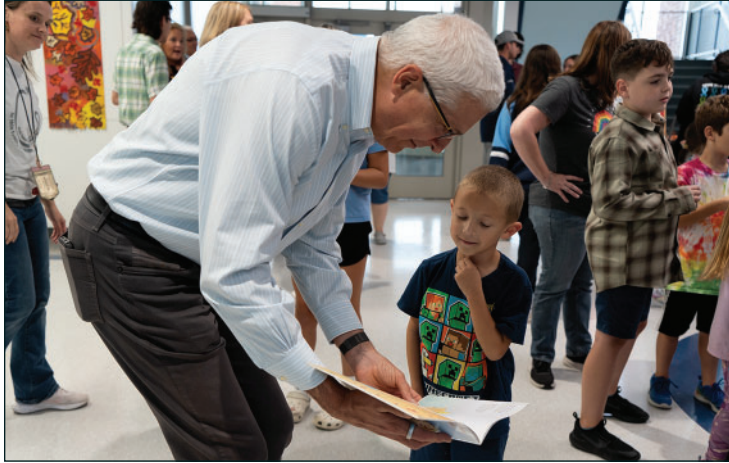
*Two GEM crews safely conducted the work.*

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## BOOK VENDING MACHINE ENCOURAGES KIDS TO READ

RLG Chairman **Bill Rudolph** checks out the book that Carson Snyder, the son of RLI Accounting's **Jeanette Snyder**, received from a book vending machine that RLG recently donated to Lake Elementary School. Students receive tokens as rewards that they can use to buy a book.



## NEW WORK

**Toledo** — GEM electricians are installing underground electrical feeders and distribution systems to provide power to new offices at Perstorp Polyols Inc.

The project at the specialty chemicals manufacturer began Sept. 9 and should wrap up by the end of October.

The team: Senior Electrical Project Manager **Jeff Sneider**; Electrical Foreman **Dave Turk**; Director of Business Development **Brandon Gartee**.

**Lima, Ohio** — GEM will be providing maintenance support during Guardian Energy's Fall outage period.

Eight millwrights will replace gearboxes and perform other preventive maintenance at the ethanol producer.

Ten pipefitters will work on 24-inch stainless steel piping in the cook building and on dryer deluge piping in the dryer building. The work must be completed within a short window as corn harvest season begins soon.

The team: Project Manager **Shawn Babcock**; Mechanical Estimators: **Adam Tobe** and **Nolan Cox**; Millwright General Foreman **Jeromey Wilson**; Pipefitter General Foreman **Jay Leininger**; Safety Specialist **Ron Dickens**.

**Mentor, Ohio** — GEM will install a new truck loading platform to improve safety at water treatment chemicals provider USALCO.

The work includes process pipelines and supports, insulation, emergency shower/eyewash stations, an electric heat trace system and traffic lights. RLI will install the unload platform foundation and pipe support piers.

GEM's success at installing a similar platform at USALCO's Ashtabula facility earlier this year led to this award.

The team: Mechanical Group Leader **Dominic Vecchio**; Project Engineer **David Sweet**; Account Managers **Luke Hauser** (Structural Steel) and **Tim Wintersteller** (Electrical); RLI Civil Group Leader **Austin Bischoff**.

### New GEM Service Contracts

#### Grace United Methodist Church

Perrysburg, Ohio

#### Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (Senior Center and Main Office)

Fremont, Ohio

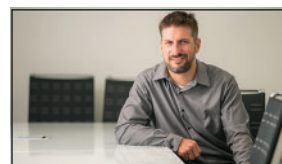
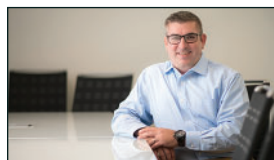
#### Henry County (Sheriff's Office, Senior Center and Hahn Center)

Napoleon, Ohio

## PROMOTIONS

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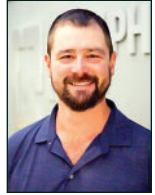
**Andy Mack**  
Director  
Building Group  
Northeast Ohio



**Bryan Risner**  
Project  
Executive  
RLI Walbridge

## NEW ASSOCIATES

### Welcome!



Top row from left: **Kyle Bellor**, Solar Project Engineer, GEM Energy, Walbridge; **Thor Morrison**, Project Engineer, RLI Walbridge; **Kenny Katschke, Jr.**, Superintendent, RLI Walbridge. Right: **Valentino Carriero**, Project Engineer, GEM Northeast Ohio.



### New Special Accounts Contracts for September

**St. Rose Catholic Church**, Perrysburg — East Elevation Renovation

**Jones Hamilton**, Walbridge — Pit Floor Repair

**Hoover Wells**, Toledo — Building Addition

**Ball Can (GEM)**, Findlay — Scaffold

**Johns Manville**, Waterville — Sanitary Line Replacement

**First Solar-PGT3**, Perrysburg — Concrete Dock Repairs

**Hollywood Casino**, Toledo — Team Members' Entrance/Ceiling Repairs

**Mondelez (GEM)**, Toledo — Scaffold

## THANKS FOR THE LEADS!

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

Winners for 2024 Quarter 3

**Brian Hahn**, GEM

**Vince Piscopo**, RLG

The next drawing is in January for leads generated in October, November and December.

New Leads: **Jason Quisenberry**;  
**Vince Piscopo**.

Report your leads to:

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**GEM** — **Julie Camper**, ext. 2654,  
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