

# INSIDE THE VALLEY

*An Informational Source for Current Events at Valley Interior Systems, Inc.*



**Valley Interior Systems, Inc.**

## **PATIENCE** by Jeff Hudepohl

**“How we were awarded Queen City Square Tower”**

Way back in 2001 I received a phone call from Turner Construction to help them with some “Budget” pricing for our scope of work on a particular project and was glad to help out. Turner informed me that they were in negotiations with an owner on what would be the tallest building in Cincinnati. As you may imagine, that sparked my interest and I ran over to get the drawings.

I picked up the drawings and noticed the name of the job for the first time, Queen

City Square Tower. I thought to myself, this job will never happen, not in Cincinnati.

It was time to pick an Estimator with enough patience to bid this job even though the drawings were only 50% complete. I decided on Dave Busam to do the takeoff. Dave worked with Turner pricing different sets of drawings on this project until his untimely death in fall of 2004. Since then Bob Bartlowe and Mike Strawser have filled in as Estimators on the

project.

After several long days and many hours dedicated to bidding this project, we received word that Valley would receive a contract for Queen City Square Tower.

Every time you drive past the tallest building in Cincinnati think of Dave, I know I will.

Jeff Hudepohl

## **VALLEY COMPLETES ARGOSY CASINO PROJECT**

Argosy Casino is a riverboat casino located in Lawrenceburg, IN. In September 2008 Valley was awarded the drywall, metal framing, and acoustic ceiling package for a new expanded riverboat casino. On June 26, 2009 the new riverboat casino will open

its doors with a new name, Hollywood Resort and Casino. The new boat boasts over 150,000 sq foot and it is impressive.

This was significant job for Valley with tight deadlines. We would like to thank all of our dedicated employees

who made this project a success. We would like to give special thanks to Justin Taulbee, Project Manger, and Todd Brandenburg, Executive Foreman, for their efforts and long hours to ensure this project was a success.

Volume 2, Issue 3

2nd Quarter 2009

### **Special points of interest:**

- Please visit us at [www.visohio.com](http://www.visohio.com)
- Mosser Construction Recognizes Valley for their work on the Savage Hall Renovation at the University of Toledo
- Valley is awarded Queen City Square Tower package. Queen City Square will be the tallest building in Cincinnati when completed.

### **Inside this issue:**

*The Engineering Role* 2

*Valley Apprentice Carpenters Compete* 2

*Crestview Elementary Project* 2

*Mosser Construction Recognizes Valley* 3

*Project Spotlight: Bryan Hospital* 3

*Retirements Announcements* 3

*Happy Birthday/ Happy Anniversary* 4

## The Engineering Role at Valley

By Brian Wudke, Dayton Office

While sometimes we feel we could do better than an engineer or believe the engineer of record over-designed a project, we are not certified engineers and can not alter our work from an engineer's design. There are many factors considered when an engineer designs a project. Snow loads, dead loads, live loads, wind factors, uplift, tension, seismic, and safety factors are all factors they consider in their designs. These factors are detailed out on shop drawings which include section, connection, and fastener detail. Engineered calculations and shop drawings are typically included in Valley contracts that include light gauge structural framing. A

Project Manager enters into a contract with a structural engineer to complete this work.

Historically, Valley has an excellent track record with completing light gauge structural projects. We have completed some of the most complex projects with minimal incidents. This is the result of a highly qualified, competent, and skilled workforce. Unfortunately, we recently experienced an incident this past winter when a canopy failed and fell after build-up of snow and ice. A major contributing factor was the structural support brackets had insufficient and wrong size fasteners. Valley's insurance policy does not

cover defaults in craftsmanship and results in Valley covering the full cost of repair.

While this is an unfortunate and rare incident we can learn a lesson and prevent this from happening again. We need to understand that we are responsible for the work we put in place. Engineered shop drawings are vital and work must be completed precisely as designed or structural failures will result.

Let's use this situation as a learning opportunity and ensure we utilize all of our resources in the future!

## VALLEY RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM ALBERT M. HIGLEY COMPANY FOR CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY PROJECT

Russel Goettemoeller, Project Manager for the Albert M. Higley Company, recognized Valley for their outstanding effort on the Crestview Elementary project. Specifically, Rick Ratliff who is based out of our Columbus office, was recognized for his outstanding effort and contributions to this project. Mr. Goettemoeller states, "I wanted to let you know that Rick had done an excellent job for us on this project. Crestview has been a difficult project to

*"Mr. Goettemoeller summed up his experience with Rick by stating, "I would like to let you know that Rick's hard work and dedication is much appreciated."*

manage due to all of the unforeseen conditions and numerous change orders. Rick has kept up with all of this very well." Mr. Goettemoeller further

stated that Rick worked well with the site superintendants and communicated with them to make sure all issues were taken care of in a timely manner.

Mr. Goettemoeller summed up his experience with Rick by stating, "I would like to let you know that Rick's hard work and dedication is much appreciated."

## VALLEY CARPPENTERS PLACE RUNNER-UP IN 2ND ANNUAL STATE APPRENTICESHIP CONTEST

Two of our Carpenters competed in the 2nd Annual State Apprenticeship Contest sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Carpenters' Union on May 15, 2009.

Gary Wilson, Apprentice Carpenter based out of Cincinnati, finished runner-up in a photo finish in the interior finishing category. Gary competed against some very stiff competition from around the state and his runner-

up finish is a tremendous achievement.

Tony Recker, Apprentice Carpenter based out of Cincinnati, finished runner-up in the residential category. Tony did exceptionally well against some excellent competition. Tony's runner-up finish is a terrific achievement and we congratulate him on his effort.

We want to thank all who represented Valley at this showcase event to include Marcus Taulbee, Gary Wilson, and Tony Recker. We look forward to next year and participating in this event in the years to come.

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: Bryan Community Hospital and Wellness Center

The Bryan Community Hospital and Wellness Center project is four stories and approximately 200,000 sq ft. It is a three year multi-phase project to renovate and expand the existing hospital that was awarded in June 2008. The east addition started in December 2008 and is scheduled for completion by October 2009, with the remaining phases to follow over the ensuing year. The exterior is one of the first in the area to utilize 3" thermafiber insulation and VaproWall Shield over the exterior sheathing, which will be clad with metal wall panels.

We are currently finishing the exterior insulation and wall shield as well as starting the interior drywall portion of the east addition. The Findlay office is proud to head up this project.

Our project team:

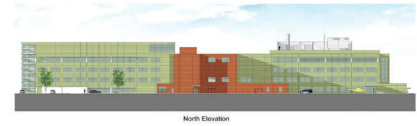
Estimator—Eli Roth

Project Manager—Troy Vance

Foreman—Tony Glass

Superintendent—JR Clyborn

Safety—Frank Ferguson



## Mosser Construction Recognizes Valley for University of Toledo's Savage Hall Project

Mosser Construction has recognized Valley for their outstanding workmanship on the University of Toledo Savage Hall renovation and expansion project. Andrew Boedeker, Project Manager for Mosser, states "I wanted to take a moment to compliment you and your company for the excellent job displayed by your craftsmen on the University of Toledo Savage Hall project. As we all know,

*"As we all know, some renovation projects are more difficult than others, but your onsite personnel was an asset to the project."*

some renovation projects are more difficult than others, but your onsite personnel was an asset to the project." Mr. Boedeker further states, "The initiative displayed by your em-

ployees helped resolve project issues and problems considering the aggressive schedule and constraints we were dealing with for a major, high profile project. The Savage Hall project should be considered a "feather in your cap."

Special thanks was given to the entire Findlay staff who performed so well on this important project.

## VALLEY RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There have been some retirements at Valley during the last few months of some long-term dedicated employees.

Kenny Dudley, Project Manager for our ceiling department in Cincinnati, retired at the beginning of the year. Kenny was with Valley for over 20 years. He was a valuable asset to the Cincinnati team and his expertise and knowledge will be missed. We

wish Kenny the best in his retirement. We know he will be working hard on his golf game and enjoying fishing!

Gary Sparks, Superintendant for our Columbus office, retired in June of this year. Gary was with Valley since the Columbus office inception in 1991 and has over 18 years of dedicated service to Valley. Gary's

experience, knowledge, and dedication will be missed. We wish Gary well in his retirement and hope to see him back in the future.

We thank you for your dedication and years of service with Valley!!



Corporate Office:  
2203 Fowler Street  
Cincinnati OH. 45206

Contact Information:  
Phone: (513) 961-0400  
Fax: (513) 961-1717  
www.visohio.com



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to all who celebrated their birthday during the months of April, May and June:

Doug Stutz, Casey Long, Melissa Fannin, Scott Kacho, Nicholas Free, Scott Fletcher, Justin Hollandsworth, Brad Kuehn, Adam Kidder, Tony Young, Ed Odisio, Larry Teters, Jeff Hudepohl, Washington Camacho, JR Clyborn, Matt Siebert, Chris Lantz, Ed Hayslip, Mike Ditullio, Johnn Delgado, Stacy Beasley, Greg Carr, Phil Wagner, Jim Melaragno, Joseph Fette, Kyle Young, Paul Lis, Robert Reeder, Eddy Cambizaca, Darrell Taulbee, John Ferguson, Nicolo Nesci, Tom Kessen, Elizabeth Cole, Jeff Thomas, Scott Smith, Darin Day, Eli Roth, Andy Wigton, Sharon Horstman, Steve Helber

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

### **“WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO VALLEY”**

Happy Anniversary to all who celebrated their anniversary with Valley.

Steve Erhart (25 years)

Jack Kandray (13 years)

Stephen Helber (12 years)

James Cuthbert Jr. (14 years)

Tony Shaver (9 years)

Melissa Fannin (5 years)

Gregory Carr (8 years)

Teddy Clements (16 years)

Tim Joseph (14 years)

Andy Wigton (8 years)

Dave Clifton (17 years)

Chris Lantz (3 years)

Anthony Michael (9 years)

Bobby Morgan (8 years)

Michael Feix (9 years)

Mark Willis (14 years)

Jared Dieselberg (12 years)

Matthew Barger (5 years)

Patty Higgins (8 years)

Chip Zanzinger (1 year)

Jamey Zehring (15 years)

Matt Siebert (12 years)

Troy Vance (7 years)

Marcus Taulbee (19 years)

Daniel Bischoff (20 years)

Ray Curtis Jr. (9 years)

Derek Atherton (9 years)

Matt Waters (12 years)

Kyle Atherton (5 years)

Jeff Gressler (13 years)

Eli Roth (2 years)

Brian Owens (18 years)

Scott Fletcher (16 years)

Jeremy Turi (3 years)

Jason Caudill (10 years)

Anthony White (12 years)

Brian Stutz (12 years)

Brad Kuehn (14 years)

Terrance Lindsay (2 years)

Colin Wolff (14 years)

Scott Merritt (14 years)

Michelle Dean (23 years)

Monte Meyer (11 years)