# THE MOUNTAIN STATES MESSENGER



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# **FEATURED PROJECT**

# **Fieldstone Memory Care**

4120 Englewood Ave. - Yakima, Wa

Project Manager: Chad Null | Superintendent: Travis Glenn





A ribbon cutting celebration was held on May 29th for the Fieldstone Memory Care facility in Yakima. Fieldstone is for individuals with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Dementia.

Mountain States broke ground on the facility in June of 2013 and it is now accepting residents. The 32,000 sf facility has room for 40 residents, however it is licensed for 50.

The facility was designed to mirror someone's home. It has a great room, two dining rooms, and corridors. It also has a "town square". The painted murals in the town square provide residents with the feel as though they were taking a stroll downtown without leaving the facility. A movie theatre, Pepsi Café, an exam room, hair salon and a serenity room are all reflected. Outdoor there is a 7,500 sf courtyard with walking paths and a gardening shed.

The facility is located behind Wynwood Retirement Center on the corner of 40th and Englewood.

Thank you to all the subcontractors who worked on this project and aided in Mountain States delivering a quality facility to the Owner's of Fieldstone Memory Care.

## **MESSAGE TO THE CREW**

It is 2014 and it has been over 2 years since the last Messenger was created. A lot has transpired since then and there is not enough room to fit it all in here. First, we must note that this November will mark the 50th anniversary of Mountain States Const. Co.

We have been fortunate to have two solid years of steady workflow and because of all of you, we have completed projects we should all be proud of. The cooperation and teamwork that has taken place sharing manpower, equipment, etc. in order to be successful on projects should not go unnoticed. We truly are a "team". It takes a combined effort by all of us to produce quality workmanship in a timely manner for our clients. Our project list of repeat clients demonstrates just that. Thank you!

Work continues to be spread across the eastern part of Washington State from Walla Walla to Yakima and places in between. Mike Hyatt keeps busy with steady trips to Bellevue to service our ongoing relations with Safeway Beverage. In addition, our hydro work in Montrose, Colorado continues. These projects have kept Ben Sartain, Jason Bird, Tim Howell (3 who uprooted to Colorado) and the Colorado crew busy since 2010. Since then, the South Canal and Tri-County Hydroelectric facilities have been completed and are producing power. Now underway are Shavano Falls and South Canal Drop 4 hydro. Both will produce power in the spring of 2015.

The heavy civil division of Mountain States has reemerged and we now have the ability to self-perform a great deal of the earthwork on each of our projects. In order for this to happen, Chris Meirndorf joined the team in December of last year. Chris hit the ground running and hasn't stopped yet. You've most likely seen him on one of your jobs. We have several new operators in the force as well to support the operation. Civil work is something that we have historically done, however moved away from due to work-force changes and overall workloads. Luke Schilperoort has made it back to Sunnyside after graduating and spending a couple years working for Keiwit in Alaska. Some of you may remember Luke as he interned here at MSCC during several school breaks. We are excited to have him back. Both Chris and Luke are a great addition to the team and will be an asset to the overall operations.

Also joining our team is Mark Wyatt. Mark has a long history in field safety. Since Mark joined us in December, we have seen noticeable improvements to the overall program and culture of a safety minded work place. Mark is certified in First-Aid training and has put on 2 First-Aid classes here at the office in the past 3 months and has plans for more.

As we move forward let's remember that everything we do is an opportunity to make us better, as individuals and as a team. We continue to thank you and your families for the hard work and dedication you put forth in order to do your job well and help in the success and longevity of Mountain States. We are proud of who we are, and you all are the foundation to our abilities.

We look forward to seeing you all at the picnic in September. There are several new families amongst the crew and what better way to interact and have some fun together than at the picnic. Please continue to have a safe summer!

### CHRIS MEIRNDORF

**CIVIL OPERATIONS MANAGER** 

Chris joined the MSCC team in December of 2013 and oversees and manages the heavy civil operations including the estimating and management of the self-performed earthwork packages on all projects as well as the equipment fleet. Prior to joining Mountain States, Chris worked at Tapani, Nutter Corp and Wubben Brothers.

Family: Wife – Wendy, 3 Daughters: Taylor-17, Haley - 14 & Grace - 11

What part of your job do you like best? Luke & Chris are working on the Shavano Every day presents a new opportunity. Falls 2.8MW Hydro facility in Colorado.

Interests/Hobbies: Spending as many summer days as possible on the river.

Best advice you have ever received/ words to live by: Always treat people as you would like to be treated.

If someone gave you one wish, what would you wish for? *More time to spend* with family & friends.

What's your idea of a perfect get-away? A condo on a beach on Maui.

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

### LUKE SCHILPEROORT PROJECT MANAGER/ESTIMATOR

It's great to be back working for Mountain States. Since interning back in 2007 and WE BUILD ALASKA 2008 I've finished up school at Washington State University and went to work for the Bridge and Marine division of the Peter Kiewit Construction Company. I spent a year working at their home office in Vancouver Washington estimating and bidding work. After that I was asked if I would move up to Alaska and work on a bridge for the Alaska Railroad. I said yes, and luckily my

wife did too. The project consisted of a

3,300' long steel girder bridge with over 2 miles of levee. I started out as a field engineer pouring concrete and driving pile and worked my way to a superintendent to oversee those operations in the last 3 years.

The opportunity to come back to work for Mountain States as a Project Manager and Estimator came up and I jumped on it. My wife Cassie and I are excited to be back home in the Valley and I'm glad to join the hardworking team of people here at Mountain



(Pircutred Below)



## **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

#### WASHINGTON FRUIT - YAKIMA, WA CHERRY PROCESSING FACILITY

#### Project Manager: Dave Ranger | Superintendent: Scott Carlson

Many thanks to everyone who helped bring this project to a close on a tight timeline. Scott Carlson headed up the on-site supervision along with at times as many as 24 field employees. The project consisted of a 70,000sf process facility split into cherry packing and cold room receiving areas. A 26,000sf 2nd floor concrete mezzanine over the packing room houses all of the cardboard packing materials and box making equipment. Three loading docks were installed in a pit set fashion to receive refrigerated shipping containers to feed the operation. This project followed a tightly scheduled format to ensure that all aspects of the project including the owners equipment suppliers, refrigeration and electrical



subcontractors were able to efficiently complete their work side by side with our forces. This facility is part of an overall 4 phase site development on 46 acres. This project required overall site planning and access. Construction of approximately 2,700lf of 40ft wide paved access road, 1,800 lf of new 10" public sewer main and 3,200lf of 10" water line was constructed to service both the current and future developments. Approximately 130,000sf of 4" thick asphalt was placed to create the access roads and parking areas. Another 42,000sf of concrete drive aprons were placed to handle required empty bin unloading and loading operations. A detached 75'x35' mechanical engine room was constructed as well to handle the new Cherry Facility as well as the future 300,000sf new Apple Processing & Cold Storage Facility which is currently under design.

### **ROSA MYSTICA BARN - WAPATO, WA - EAST ADDITION (PICTURED RIGHT)**

### Project Manager: Mike Thelen | Site Supervisor: Allen Glidewell

The Rosa Mystica Barn Winery is owned by Owen Roe Winery and was completed last fall. The main building is 6,000 s/f pre-engineered metal building with 5" thick Kingspan insulated roof panels. The overhead doors are all 14' wide by 12' tall and are all made of storefront glass and frames. We recently finished adding an additional 4,000 sf on to the East side of the building.

### HANSEN FRUIT CA - MOXEE, WA | 20 ROOM CA STORAGE

### Project Manager: Dave Ranger | Superintendent: Travis Glenn

Currently under construction is a 20 room CA (Controlled Atmosphere) apple storage facility for Hansen Fruit and Cold Storage in Moxee, WA. The facility is the 2nd structure to be built for Hansen Fruit by Mountain States. The facility is approximately 68,000sf and is constructed of

insulated concrete exterior sandwich panel walls with concrete interior divider walls and an interior full length maintenance mezzanine. The mezzanine is constructed of concrete tilt up wall and floor system. An attached 35'x86' 2 story engine room is located on the northwest corner of the structure. In addition to the building, we will place approximately 42,000 sf of exterior concrete drive aprons and on site catch basins and related storm water piping.



Project Manager: Delton Bonds | Superintendent: Jerry Garza

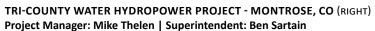
Mountain States is wrapping up work at Loftus Ranches in Moxee on their new Baler Building and Kiln Building Addition. MSCC constructed an 8,600 S.F. addition to their existing Kiln Building that included five

new kiln rooms for drying hops and the construction of the new 20,250 S.F. Baler Building for baling hops. The Kiln Addition consists of a pre-engineered metal building structure with concrete tilt-up interior walls that make up the Kiln drying rooms. The Baler building consists of the pre-engineered metal building with 8'-0" tall exposed aggregate wainscot panels. Mountain States will be demobilizing the site first of August and completing our work on time for the owner to prepare for harvest.



MSCC recently completed a 13,500 S.F. Bottling Building addition to the existing case goods warehouse building

at Waterbrook Winery in Walla Walla. The new addition houses two bottling lines, bottling tanks, dry goods storage, loading dock, office, restrooms, mechanical room, and boiler room. In addition to the bottling building construction, Mountain States built a new 6,000 S.F. exterior tank pad (PICTURED ABOVE RIGHT) for 16 new large exterior tanks and handled the relocation of existing tanks from the winery to the new bottling building and installation of new tanks inside the existing winery. The last phase of the project, which MSCC is underway on, is the construction of two new waste water lagoons.



Tri- County held their grand opening/ribbon cutting July 6th. Mountain States broke ground on this project in the Fall of 2012. The 0.8 MW turbine began operation this past April and the 8.0 turbine began its operation this May. This project consisted of constructing a powerplant located at the base of the Ridgway Dam and included bifurcation and connection to an existing 64" outlet pipe and 24" pipe. The penstocks are 72" diameter and 32" diameter steel pipes that deliver water from the bifurcations to the powerhouse. Complete mechanical and electrical auxiliaries including substation and transmission lines were also included.





# ANNUAL COMPANY PICNIC







The 2013 picnic and (1st ever) Carnival was held here at MSCC's office. There were several games, a fishing pond and of course Mr. & Mrs. Giggles and their magic show, face painting, and balloon arts. Several generous donations from vendors stocked the raffle and all sorts of treasures were handed out.

THIS YEAR'S PICNIC IS SEPTEMBER 6TH here at the office again. Mr. & Mrs. Giggles will again be here and we are going to have some new games to get the adults engaged in the fun as well. Please mark your calendars as we have several new families who have become a part of the team and what a great opportunity to meet one another!

### **MESSAGE ON SAFETY**

### **MARK WYATT** SAFETY DIRECTOR

I was born and raised in Sunnyside where I grew up on a 25 acre farm. My parents raised asparagus, corn, creatures large and small and 5 kids. I started in the building trade a couple of years after graduating from high school and continued building for 10 years. After leaving the building trade I went to work as the Safety & Security Manager for the state's largest winery located in Paterson, WA. After working there for 25 years, I came back to Sunnyside and started working for a local electrical contractor where I worked until December of 2013

when I came to work at Mountain States Const. Co. as the Safety Director. I have been married to my "very understanding" wife Donna for just over 40 years and we have 2 awesome daughters, Andrea who lives in the Tri-Cities and Megan who lives in Las Vegas. I have 2 grandkids who are just amazing and keep us very busy.

I joined the Sunnyside Fire Department as a volunteer in 1976, becoming a firefighter captain and an EMT. I am currently the Assistant Fire Chief for Benton County Fire District #5.

#### **SUMMER TIME FOOD SAFETY TIPS:**

Here are some simple food safety tips to help keep your summer illness free.

- Wash your hands and all cooking or food preparation surfaces frequently!
- Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs separate from ready to eat foods.
- Always marinate food in a refrigerator.
- Cook food to the proper temperature. Use a meat thermometer.
- Keep hot food hot!
- Keep cold food cold!
- Refrigerate leftovers promptly.

#### **2013 SAFETY AWARD RECIPIENTS**

RECIPIENT	# YRS. W/O INCIDENT
Miguel Juarez	17 Years
Scott Carlson	16 Years
Mauricio Alvarez	11 Years
Enrique Alarcon	9 Years
Larry Bond	8 Years
Travis Glenn	7 Years
Quintus Jones	7 Years
Juventino Abonza	6 Years
Mike Hyatt	5 Years
Camilo Alvarez	4 Years
Ben Sartain	4 Years
Mike Sartain	4 Years
Jason Burns	3 Years
Dan Pasko	3 Years
Donnie Tongate	3 Years
Dustin Roberts	2 Years
Tim Howell	2 Years

The 2014 Safety Awards will be handed out at the picnic September 6, 2014.



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