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## Decker Electric Newsletter

### June 2020 Issue

## Project Progress

### BNSF Silsbee, TX

Decker Electric Foreman Bryan Wallace is just underway in Silsbee, TX with a project at the BNSF rail yard to completely overhaul the overhead service system. Decker subcontractor Mesa Line Services is replacing the old poles and overhead wire that feeds the yard lighting and the buildings on the property. Decker Electric is purchasing and installing 7 Musco light poles that are each 100' tall to re-light the entire yard. This job is expected to last until the end of 2020.



### Sanford Research Laboratory CyberInfrastructure Project

Decker Electric is making quick progress on a one-of-a-kind project. The Yates Shaft (at the Sanford Underground Research Facility) was constructed back in 1939 and is now undergoing important infrastructure work. As part of those efforts, a Decker Electric team has just completed the first of a few major milestones – lowering fiber down 1 mile into the Yates Shaft.

This fiber pull on this Cyber Infrastructure Project lasted 2 days with our team working two shifts. It was incredibly difficult work, and is being handled by such key personnel as Kyle Kennedy, Clint Townsend, Nick England and Bryan Wallace.

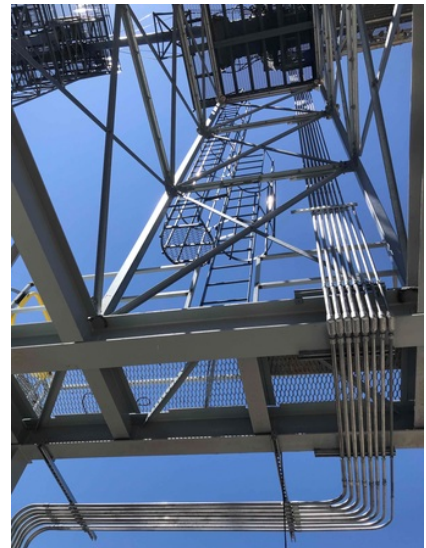
Kyle, Nick, and the rest of the Decker team successfully installed a 192 strand fiber down the Yates shaft in mid-June. The crew worked four shifts around the clock to accomplish the successful installation. We are now beginning planning for the Ross shaft installation of a 240 strand fiber cable. Both cables go down 4,850 feet into the mine. The Ross shaft installation is scheduled to take place at the end of July. Kiewit, the construction manager for the project, recognized our crew for the exemplary safety protocols we used for the Yates shaft install at their monthly corporate safety meeting in June. Our team continues to exceed the expectations for safety, quality and schedule on this project. Well done!

## Sanford Research Laboratory Temporary Power Project

Kyle and the Decker team have been working on the 4850 level this past week setting a 750 KVA mine power center, installing a 1000A I-Line distribution panel and terminating 350 MCM feeder cable. Much of the temporary lighting is already burning and our team is setting the standard on the site for safety, quality and schedule. Good work men!

## Frenchman - Culbertson

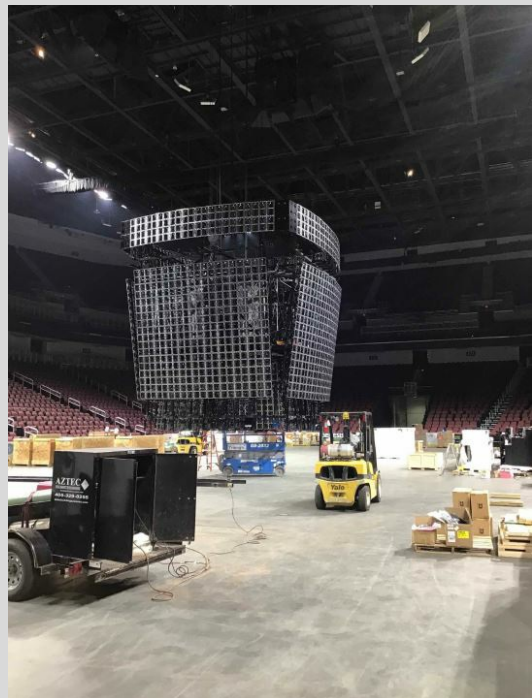
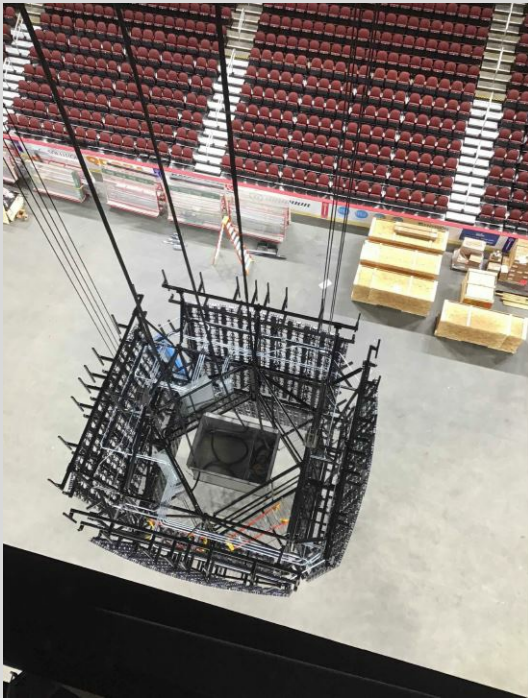
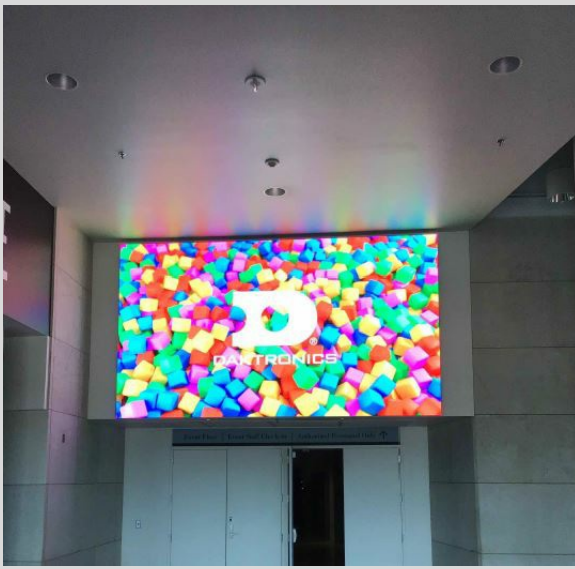
Decker foreman Miles Cleary and his crew of 7 have been working hard at installing new electrical equipment at the Frenchman Valley grain storage facility in Culbertson Nebraska. Some of the challenges of this job are running conduit and wire up the side of a grain elevator that cannot be reached by standard manlifts. We have used a device that is called a sky-climber. It is basically a one man lift that travels up and down a stationary cable that is supported on the top of the elevator. The wind, sun, and dust have all presented their own challenges during this job as well. There has been a big push to get as far as we can by the beginning of harvest. This facility is still in use, and so coordination of conveyors, grain legs, and the hazardous monitoring systems has been a challenge as well. This job is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2020.





## Intrust Bank - Daktronics

Ryan Atchison, his crew Norman King and Thomas MacKay have been right on the heels of Daktronics and Aztec as they build and install all new displays at Intrust Bank Arena. New North Display and 2 South Displays are complete with just the Concourse and Center-Hung Displays left to be completed later this month. The old center-hung display was completely removed and disassembled and a new Center-Hung frame and design are being installed. This has been an exciting install as we watch all the pieces come together.



# Review Highlights

2020-05-13 ★★★★★

Eldon was **AWESOME!** Quickly fixed a small issue for us that our new buyer requested on our home. Really professional and affordable!



Kendra Smith

2020-06-10 ★★★★★

The electrician was informative and took the time to address my issues and concerns. Very professional and efficient!



Cindy

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## Employee News



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## MILES CLEARY

### FOREMAN

### 7 YEARS AT DECKER!



### Miles Cleary

This month's employee spotlight is featuring our very own Miles (bare knuckle) Cleary. Miles has been working on the road for Decker Electric for the last 7 years in various capacities. He is currently



a Foreman working at the Frenchman grains facility in Culbertson Nebraska. He has been an electrician for 13 years and first came to Decker as a young Journeyman with 3 years of field experience for a previous contractor here in Wichita. His first job for Decker Electric was working at the newly constructed Ethanol plant in Hugoton KS. He will tell you that this was his favorite job to this point because of all the guys that he got to meet from around the world, along with all the interesting work that he got to see right off the bat. Working in Hugoton was Miles's first time really getting to do any traveling for work, and he took full advantage. "It felt like the Wild West and I would take every chance I got and explore the area around Western Kansas with my dog Hendrix. We went all over and got to see a lot of new exciting places".

Miles got started in the electrical trade after moving back home from Kansas City where he was going to college for architecture. "I decided college wasn't my thing and I wanted to be back home in Wichita. I never had any intentions of being an electrician, but I needed a job and remembered how much fun electric fences were on the farm growing up." He enrolled in a local apprenticeship and realized he could really excel in this trade that he also really enjoyed doing. "I love to build stuff, it's very rewarding knowing all the things I have helped power and construct around the country. The trade has been awesome for me and I have grown a lot from the experiences it has given me. I've met a lot of awesome people, and I've got to see a lot of country I never would have before".

Miles grew up here in Wichita and graduated from East High School. He has 4 younger brothers as well. He still calls Wichita home and has a house here where he keeps his prized white 1991 Mustang GT named Pegasus that is his project car. He has had this car for about 10 years now and has finally started to be able to commit some serious time getting it just how he's dreamed. Miles has installed a pro charged coyote engine into the car and when completed, it will have about 1000 horsepower of "red-blooded American power" to get him down the road. He has some 10.5" slicks that he will put on for racing at the track. He is installing a full roll cage along with a fully tubular race suspension that helps to cut down on weight. Fingers crossed; He is expecting to have this car completed by the end of the year.

Another one of Miles's hobbies is his love and talent for photography. Miles got started by taking pictures with his phone of his adventures. He found that he had a knack for photography and began to do some studying on different aspects of taking pictures. He really enjoys taking photos of weather, and landscapes. He upgraded his iPhone to a good DSLR camera and started to take some phenomenal photos with it. Decker Electric has had some of Miles's photos framed and are currently hanging in the hallways of the shop. He has hundreds of awesome pictures on his Facebook page that are really worth a look.

Miles likes to spend his spare time traveling around the world when he can. Last year he went on trips to Australia, Alaska, and Hawaii. He enjoys traveling and taking photos, and he is somewhat of an adrenaline junkie. He is quite the artist as well. His jobsite drawings are notorious for their detail and humor. His future plans include more traveling (for vacations), hunting down an elusive tornado to take photos of, and working on figuring out a way to be part of the future owners' group of Decker Electric.

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## Osage Park Clean Up

We had 14 employees take time out of their day to head to Osage Park in South Wichita to assist with the park clean up that we do the first Wednesday of each month. There was plenty of trash to be picked up after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities that took place in the park. Thanks to all who came out to help!



## Ben Pappan

New Decker Electric journeyman Ben Pappan was recently awarded the “Outstanding Apprentice” for the WEJATC class of 2020. Ben will receive a weeks’ pay of journeyman’s scale along with a commemorative watch for the IBEW 271. He will also receive an M-18 tool set courtesy of Milwaukee tools. Ben also achieved perfect attendance for all 4 years of his apprenticeship. This has earned him a set of tools from both Ideal tools and Milwaukee tools.

Be sure to congratulate Ben on a job well done when you see him out on the jobsite!





## Current Projects - 2020

### Job Description

Service Department Work – Wichita (Monthly)  
Telecom Service Department - Wichita (Monthly)  
Foley Electrical - Wichita, KS (Monthly)  
Tyson - Emporia, KS (Monthly)  
City of Wichita - Electrical (Monthly)  
City of Wichita - Telecom (Monthly)  
Fermi LBNF Cyber Infrastructure - Lead, South Dakota  
Valley Center WWTP Phase III - Valley Center, KS  
Neodesha SCADA System Improvements - Neodesha, KS  
All Creatures Vet Clinic - Wichita, KS  
Health South Generator - Pleasant Gap, PA  
Lyons Cogeneration Plant - Lyons, KS  
Riverlawn Youth Center Addition - Wichita, KS  
Seaboard Energy MV Conversion - Hugoton, KS  
Fermi LBNF Early Work Temp Power - Lead, South Dakota  
EKAE - Renewables Tier-4 Generators - Garnett, KS

## Recently Awarded 2nd Quarter Projects - 2020

### Job Description

Maxgen - Mercedes Charging Stations - Memphis TN  
Intrust Bank Arena - LED Board Upgrade  
Frenchman Valley Coop - NE  
APC Sublette Service - KS  
Occidental Petroleum Company - PDC-3 Replacement - KS  
Kansas Ethanol Cogeneration Project - Electrical Scope  
Riverlawn Youth Center Addition - Wichita, KS  
Tyson EMP Weiler Cabinet - Emporia, KS  
NNG Palmyra CS Mods - Palmyra, NE  
NNG Palmyra D-Line Mods - Palmyra, NE  
Tyson LEX 40 HP Water Pumps - Lexington, NE  
BNSF Silsbee, TX Electrical Upgrades - Silsbee TX  
Tyson LEX Rendering Feed Screws - Lexington, NE  
Tyson LEX SWBD 1-16 Replacement  
COW NWWTF Temporary Electrical Design Build  
SAOLA Glycol Skid - Garnett, KS  
Seaboard Energy Substation PM - Hugoton, KS  
Spiritual Life Center LED Upgrades - Wichita, KS