

## An Electrical Contractor You Can Count On

Electricity is the lifeblood of the modern world. Without it, our most valued devices and systems would not function. Here at Van Maanen Electric of Newton, Iowa, we understand how essential electricity is to your home or business. As a premier electrical contractor, we deliver superb, comprehensive services designed to make things as convenient as possible for you. With around 180 friendly, reliable employees, we're able to fulfill all of your electrical service needs. Let us serve as your local electricians and see for yourself why so many of our clients continue to depend on us.



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the conduit! I am proud to announce we will be sending this newsletter out monthly. You can expect this newsletter the last Friday of every month. I would like to explain the different articles and section of the conduit:

- Presidents Corner, I will be writing this article and giving facts about upcoming projects, company accomplishments and company changes to make things continuously improve.
- Project Spotlight, this will acknowledge one commercial, traffic, underground, datacom, or airport signal project and give various details of why the project was a success.
- Small Project and Service Team Project Spotlight, will be from our small projects and service group, they will pick out a completed project and we will also explain why the project was a success.
- Safety spotlight, this will focus on simple safety reminders, areas for improvement and success stories with the ultimate goal of bringing safety front and center of every day so we all make it home safely.
- Employee Corner, will recognize an apprentice starting with the 4<sup>th</sup> year group and working our way to 1<sup>st</sup> years. We will also be highlighting a our most senior employee in work years and working our way to the newest employee.
- Birthdays and Anniversaries, we will list everyone's birthday for the month and your start date anniversary. Please let us know of any mistakes.
- New Employees, our goal here is to have a name a picture of all new hires for the month so everyone can welcome the new faces to the team.

We will be adding new sections to "The Conduit" as we progress. I look forward to this being a good communication tool to keep us all connected and communicating all the success of the company and the items we need to keep working on. If you have any questions about "The Conduit" please contact Joy Plumley. Joy works in the office and has done a great job putting this newsletter together. You can reach her by calling into the office or e-mailing her at [jplumley@vanmaanenelectric.com](mailto:jplumley@vanmaanenelectric.com).

In closing, I hope everyone has a safe and happy New Year and enjoys their time with friends and family. Also, I would like to thank everyone for working together so nicely this last week as the weather was deteriorating and we were moving people to warm sites. I think we made it thru the storm fairly gracefully and kept everyone earning that didn't have time off.

Sincerely,

Nate Van Maanen

*Van Maanen*  
*Electric, Inc.*

CLIENT

Bondurant Farrar CSD

DELIVERY METHOD

Primary Contract:  
Van Maanen Electric  
CM: Story Construction

ARCHITECT

SVPA Architects Inc.

PROJECT MANAGER

Scott Handeland

PROJECT FOREMAN

Luis Medina

PROJECT SIZE

105,000 SQFT

DATE COMPLETED

August 15, 2022

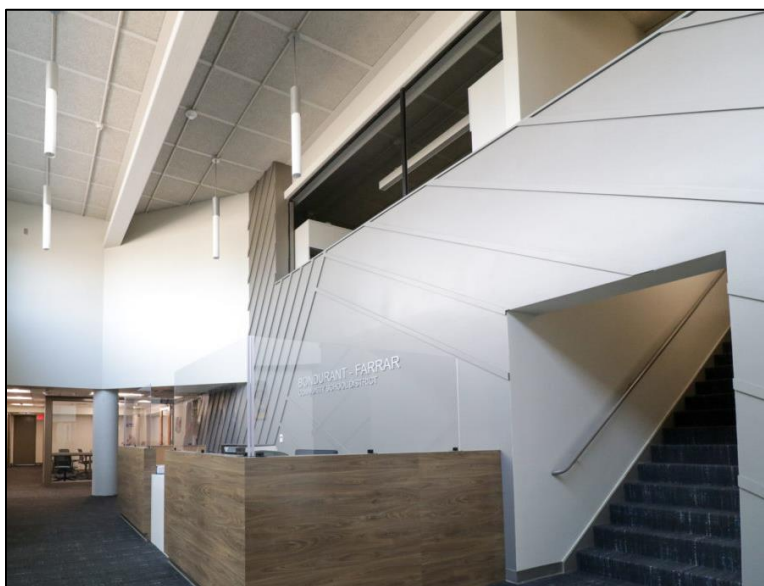
# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## BONDURANT FARRAR NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the Bondurant-Farrar Community School District voted to pass a \$23 million bond issue in September 2020 for the new junior high school along with revenue from the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. The goal was to improve function and increase building capacity. The new 105,000 sq. ft. school includes a commons area, main offices, media center, classrooms, industrial technology space, outdoor classroom space, a competition gymnasium, athletics support spaces, a green room for digital media, teacher support space, science rooms, plus family and consumer science rooms. The new junior high school allows the district to address the need for increased capacity due to enrollment growth, now able to accommodate 600 seventh and eighth grade students.

“On behalf of the Story Construction team, I’d like to congratulate you for being recognized as an outstanding partner on the new Bondurant-Farrar Junior High School completed this fall...You should be proud that your team stood out in supporting our core values – honest, caring, integrity, hardworking, helpful and planful...Our team had particularly high praise for Scott Handeland and Luis Media on this project. Luis did a great job coordinating with other trades...Scott stayed up to speed and relayed information with Luis and our team, including staffing the project as needed to reach project milestones on time.” This was just a summary of the letter that Van Maanen received from Pat Geary, COO of Story Construction.

We also want to thank all employees who worked hard to keep this project on track; Luis Media, Bryan Adamson, Austin Andreasen, Hipolito Carrera, Ismael Ceballos Garcia, Jacob Christiansen, Gerardo Galvez, Cody Gent, Colton Gibson, Dalton Gosselink, Derek Gosselink, John Hernandez, Desmonne Hoffert, Melvin Marroquin, Patrick Moes, Alex Regalado, Guillermo Rodriguez Bedolla, Eruben Ruiz, David Salinas, Gary Wanders, Jon Warnick, and Alvaro Zarate-Gonzalez. These men installed 40 miles of wire and 15 miles of conduit!





CLIENT

Delta Metals

DELIVERY METHOD

Van Maanen Electric

PROJECT MANAGER

Jason Shine

PROJECT FOREMAN

Ed Levesque

PROJECT SIZE

59,000 SQFT

DATE COMPLETED

December 14, 2022

Delta Metals is a metal roofing and post frame building package company. They are located in Lamoni, Iowa. They specialize in residential and commercial building materials. They offer high quality steel roofing and siding, products to contractors, lumber yards and do-it yourselfers at affordable pricing. The small projects group has done numerous projects for Delta Metals over the years. We took on this project with a "Design Build" approach. It is always nice to work for a company that is willing to dress up the building with proper outdoor lighting. The project consisted of 59,000 SQFT of warehouse and office space. Typical warehouse lighting, wiring of numerous new and used machines moved from other facilities and beautiful outdoor lighting to highlight the office portion. The project was a success and Ed and team did a great job.



# SAFETY SPOTLIGHT



## SAFETY DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: Winter Conditions Are Upon Us

Winter weather is more than just a comfort issue; here are a few ways electricians can stay safe while getting the job done.

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER- layers!** According to OSHA, outdoor workers should wear at least three layers of loose fitting clothing.

**PREPARE FOR ICE & SNOW – slips and falls!** Be prepared to take it a bit slower when outside where snow and ice could have accumulated.

**PREPARE COMPANY VEHICLES – warm up!** Allow time for the company vehicle to warm up before taking off for the day. Make sure to keep the windshields clean and free of obstructions. This is also important for those driving in their personal vehicles.

**PREPARE JOB SITE – clean site!** Prep your job site, plug in equipment and warm up machinery. Also, when you have finished using heavy machinery outside, be sure to clean off any dirt, debris, snow or ice before parking it. Make sure the job site is tidy and things are where they belong and protected from the winter elements.

**CAUTION WHILE DRIVING – take it slow!** Remember there may be sudden hazardous road conditions, or other distracted drivers on the road. Be observant and cautious. Watch for other drivers, deer, and give yourself plenty of time to stop.

**STRIVE FOR ZERO ACCIDENTS AND MISSED TIME! BE THE MOST RESPONSIBLE ON THE ROAD! STOP AND THINK THIS WINTER!**

If you or someone you know is struggling and could use help, you can contact the Employee Assistance Program 800-316-2796, it is free and confidential

## APPRENTICE CORNER

Did you know that you can learn to become an electrician and get paid to learn at Van Maanen? We operate largely throughout Central Iowa, with job sites ranging from large commercial, underground, light industrial and service work. We are affiliated with the ABC of Iowa apprenticeship program, which is recognized by the Iowa Electrical Examining Board (IEEB). This means all of our employees have the opportunity to enroll in this four year program and obtain their Journeymen electrical license.

We'd like to take some time to introduce one of our Electrician Apprentice 4's.

This month's feature apprentice is Cameron Smith. Cameron has been with Van Maanen just over 6 years. His favorite project completed with Van Maanen was District 6 in downtown Des Moines, IA. Everyone in his family is from Newton, with dad operating a lawn care service for Newton when he isn't a biodiesel operator and mom at Gates! Outside of working at VME Cameron owns and operates a mowing and snow removal company, but enjoys focusing his attention to his puppy dogs and his Pontiac Tran Am, to which he admits spending too much money on! He likes to watch the Iowa Wild hockey team at the Wells Fargo Arena during the winter, and in summer months just hanging out.

For Cameron, the apprenticeship with VME allowed him to learn and practice to build his skill set. He strives to learn new things to better himself and focus on his skills and knowledge to become a successful electrician and person.



Eric has been an electrician with Van Maanen Electric since November, 2005! So, aside from Nate Van Maanen, Eric is our most senior employee with over 17 years at Van Maanen! Eric is a foreman and he is from Eddyville, Iowa. When Eric is not at work he likes to hunt, fish, camp, shoot guns, and ride side-by-sides! He is married to Jackie and has two step daughters at home named Zoey and Chelsea. Eric has especially enjoyed working on the Oskaloosa Fire Station Project and the Appanoose County Jail Project. If you see Eric, please congratulate him on another year growing with Van Maanen Electric.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: ERIC JOHNSON



## December Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Rhoads

Gary Wanders

2<sup>nd</sup> Rodolfo Rodriguez Jr

3<sup>rd</sup> Benjamin Smith

4<sup>th</sup> Tony Fernandez

5<sup>th</sup> Matthew Oleson

7<sup>th</sup> Wilton Gonzalez

8<sup>th</sup> Eruben Ruiz

11<sup>th</sup> Tristan Gilster

Thomas Wilmes

12<sup>th</sup> Scott Scharber Jr

13<sup>th</sup> Sabas Ramirez

14<sup>th</sup> Kyle Rojohn

15<sup>th</sup> Cameron Smith

Matthew Smith

17<sup>th</sup> Cesar Alvarez

18<sup>th</sup> Kasey Barnes

20<sup>th</sup> Ricardo Heredia

22<sup>nd</sup> Nate Merino

27<sup>th</sup> Travis Lemon

29<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Hansen

Tristin Johannes

## December Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> Scott Hande

land – 13 years

7<sup>th</sup> Garrett Arnold – 4 years

10<sup>th</sup> Cole Wright – 4 years

17<sup>th</sup> Jason Shine – 15 years

Jordan Travis – 3 years

18<sup>th</sup> Alex Stambach – 5 years

Michael Davis – 3 years

22<sup>nd</sup> Adam Carr – 8 years

23<sup>rd</sup> Justin Ruhge – 9 years

28<sup>th</sup> Kevin Rhoads – 4 years

30<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Hansen – 9 years

## New Employees

Daniel Hellstern



Bryce Steines

