



Hello Everyone,

I just want to start out by saying Thank-you!! Our company is always growing and reorganizing to meet the current needs of our customers and employees. This transition has been smoother than originally anticipated. We are starting to see trends and are receiving good feedback from our customers. This month alone we have added 7 new apprentices to VME and VMT and our work is not slowing down.

I am very proud of all the work that has been accomplished. Our estimators, Josh Hetzler, Rick McCarty and Chad Price have been working hard to make sure we have a full pipeline of work. We are also far enough on most projects that the conditions of buildings means we can be all tucked in for winter.

After careful thought and discussions with the team, we have decided to not have a company picnic this year. We are approaching our 20th year anniversary and are currently working on plans for celebrations after the first of the year. We anticipate October being busy and then we'd prefer to not pull anyone away from holiday celebrations in November and December.

We are over 80 days of no loss time incidents! Great job everyone! You are all on your way to meet the new 6 month goal of being injury free. Please remember to get your boots and check in with your foreman if you are needing any other safety equipment or PPE necessary to complete your work. You can also speak with Jagger in the tool crib here at the office.

Lastly, we apologize that somehow our Employee Spotlight call out got missed. Last month Zach Thomas was our spotlight employee. I want to personally thank Zach for his years of dedicated service and quality of work performed. I am happy to have him as a leader within this company and am excited for many more years of partnership!

Travis Love is this month's Employee Spotlight. Travis has been a valuable member to have on our side. I appreciate all of your hard work over the years and the knowledge and leadership that you have brought to Van Maanen. I look forward to many more years of having you on the team!

Sincerely,
Nate Van Maanen

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Located southwest of the high school in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, there was a plan to build a stadium that would convert 52 acres of land into an expansive, ADA-accessible stadium with seating for up to 6,200 people – 5,000 for home fans on the west side and 1,200 for away game visitors on the east. The amenity-rich facility includes junior varsity and varsity locker rooms, a standard NFHS eight-lane track, shot put and discus throwing sectors and a synthetic turf infield that accommodates football, soccer and other sports, and expands opportunities for the high school's physical education curriculum and serves as a venue for marching band practice. Van Maanen has provided many electrical, communication, lighting and technology services to Southeast Polk Community School District; however this was by far the largest project to date.

The crew consisted of Project Manager, Matt Van Maanen, Foreman, Joe Jansen, Roel Baez Rocha, Aaron Barajas Ramirez, Luis Chavarria Alcaraz, Salud Chavez Saldana, Cody Gent, Colton Gibson, Alfredo Hernandez Alvarez, Des Hoffert, Tate Hoskins, Kade Tharp, Garrett Arnold, Hipolito Carrera, Mike Davis, Tristan Gilster, Kalob Hesson, Eric Johnson, Derek Jones, Thomas Libke, Omar Magana Alanis, Jammie Marks, Spencer Mauss, Tyler McAdoo, Trevor Meester, Jerred Miller, Byron Morales Samayoa, David Pedashov, Edgar Pena, Matthew Pester, Taylor Reed, Alex Regalado, Blake Roush, Larry Miller, Jon Warnick, Austin Andreasen, and Cameron Smith.

Fun Fact: This is the first football stadium with colored LED lights.

PROJECT
SE Polk Multipurpose Stadium

CLIENT
Southeast Polk

PROJECT MANAGER
Matt Van Maanen

PROJECT FOREMAN
Joe Jansen

PROJECT SIZE
Football Field, Stadium, Underpass, Press Box, North building, Locker Room

DATE COMPLETED
8/16/2023



SE POLK MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM

MAIN ENTRANCE



TUNNEL

STADIUM FACILITIES



GAME NIGHT

SAFETY REPORT

All electrical systems have the potential to harm you, so you have to approach each job with knowledge and focus to stay safe. Follow these five best practices any time you work with electricity in the field.

1. Lock and tag your power source.

The cardinal rule of electrical work? Treat every device as if it's live. Always disconnect the power source before working with any kind of electrical equipment. You'll also want to check for a secondary power source before you begin work. Lockout/Tagout procedure every time you work with electricity. With this procedure, you shut off the power source and you padlock it shut. Place a tag on the padlock with your information, including the reason why you've locked the breaker. This information will keep other people on the job site from inadvertently switching the power on while you work. Always double-check that an outlet isn't energized before you begin work. Use a multimeter on the circuit before touching it with your gloved hands.

2. Use the right tool for the job.

We get that shortcuts occasionally seem appealing. Sometimes you must improvise with the tools available on your tool belt. However, there are no shortcuts for electrical work. You have to remain extremely careful with the tools you use. Always use tools intended for electrical work. Choose specialized tools with non-conducting handles, and always use them for the proper job. You always want to use non-conductive tools. It's also a good idea to inspect your electrical tools before working with them. Are there tears in the protective coating? Frayed cords? Is the handle cracking? If anything looks off, use tape and a Sharpie to label the tool as damaged so no one else uses it and turn it into the tool shed (Jagger) for repair/replacement.

3. Watch what you wear.

If you know you're going to work with electricity, rethink your work clothes. Avoid wearing loose clothing, like baggy sleeves or neckties. Your clothes should be reasonably comfortable, but not too loose. Wear non-conductive clothes and shoes with insulated insoles. If you do have an electrical accident at work, insulated shoes prevent the current from grounding through you, which could save your life. Don't wear metallic jewelry or watches for electrical work, either. And yes, that includes wedding rings. Switch to a non-conductive silicone band or go ringless instead.

4. Water? Not your friend.

Elementary-school science class taught us that water and electricity don't get along. You want to avoid water in your working environment at all costs. Always work with dry hands. If you're prone to sweating while you work, wear non-conductive gloves to keep perspiration away from the wires. It's also smart to avoid working in rooms with lots of condensation. Try to dry out the room first to keep yourself safe. If you do have to work in a damp area, use GFCIs while you work. GFCIs interrupt the circuit so it can't enter your body; they can save your life in a pinch. If you find water on electrical equipment, don't unplug it. Instead, shut off the power at the circuit breaker and then unplug the equipment. Never, ever work on waterlogged equipment if there's a possibility it's energized.

5. Touch with care.

If you need to touch a piece of equipment, always use the back of your hand. If you experience a shock, this won't cause the muscles in your hand to contract, helping you escape serious electrocution. Sometimes you'll work on a job with a partner, or share the same space with another service professional. If you see them touch an energized wire, do not touch them. It's hard to remember that in a state of emergency, but touching an electrocuted person will electrocute you too, since the human body is conductive. Instead, cut the power source off. Next, call 911 and, if necessary, do CPR. If you're not able to cut off the power source, use a non-conductive material, like wood, to push the person out of harm's way.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: TRAVIS LOVE

Travis Love, started at Van Maanen just over 14 years ago as a foreman. He is now a Project Manager. As a project manager, Travis plans and coordinates electrical jobs from start to finish. He works directly with the foreman and clients to make the job as smooth and successful as possible.

His most memorable project he has completed with VME was Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn. These were two separate projects but they were completed simultaneously as they were next door to each other. Helping crews be successful is what Travis loves most about his job.

Travis comes to us from Granger, Iowa. He has been married to his wife, Courtney, for 16 years. They have two boys, Braden and Cooper as well as a dog named Hazel. Braden is 13 and Cooper is 10. His family spends a lot of time at sporting events. Braden is in Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Baseball. Cooper is in Football, Wrestling, and Baseball.

On the weekends, when the family isn't at a sporting event they can usually be found at a car show or cruising around in the Impala. Travis loves working on old cars and going to car shows. They try and get in a camping trip when they have time too!



APPRENTICE CORNER

We are pleased to introduce a Van Maanen 3rd year Apprentice, Trevor Meester. He has been with Van Maanen Electric for just over 2.5 years. He comes to us from Dexter, Iowa.

Trevor's dad is also an electrician, so he thought that it would be a good career path for him as well. His most memorable project completed with VME was Guthrie County Jail. He enjoys terminating on transformers and panels.



Trevor lives in a small town with his girlfriend Briley. They like to hang out and cook dinner and watch tv and like to do outside work around the house like gardening and improving their house.

He also can be found fishing, boating, watching football, or hanging out with his family and friends.

New Employees

We are participating in career fairs and Workforce Wednesdays. We are always busy deciding what the next employment opportunities should be. So, if you see new people on site or in the office, please take some time to welcome them to Van Maanen.

Giancarlo Nieto

VME Licensed Journeyman

Apprentices:

Marshall Bushman - VME

Matthew Riedemann - VME

Daniel Simpson - VME

Ben Hingtgen - VME

Eric Rocha - VME

Alexander Gutierrez - VME

Seth Brant - VMT

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

3rd	Alfredo Hernandez Alvarez
4th	Brad Griffin
5th	Tate Hoskins
6th	Josh Jensen
6th	David Pedashov
7th	Eric Johnson
12th	Levi Burton
16th	Jacon Kleywegt
17th	Becca Decker
19th	Ismael Ceballos Garcia
20th	Jason Krough
21st	Kevin Rhoads
23rd	Ryan Hall
30th	Jared Nuzum
30th	Paul Wilson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Tim Moore (6 years)
5th	Josh DeVos (8 years)
6th	Tyler McAdoo (9 years)
10th	Giovoni Montoya-Hernandez (1 year)
12th	Andrew Girod (3 years)
12th	Bryce Skaggs (1 year)
24th	Cameron Smith (7 years)
26th	Tracy Evans (14 years)
26th	Taylor Reed (3 years)