

# THE '47

August 2024

## *School: OUT; Jennings-Dill: IN*



When we envision summertime, we often think of the “lazy days.” Life moves a little slower; families take vacations; Saturdays are spent at the pool or the ballfield.

However, if you were to ask many of our field employees what summer is like for them, they would paint an entirely different picture.

Since Memorial Day, at least 87 of our field employees have worked six days or more a week, trading summer vacations and those Saturdays at the pool or ballfield for their tool bags and trucks. Due to an earlier start date for the 2024-2025 school year (Greenville County teachers report back on August 1 and students head back on August 8), our field had eight weeks to button-up projects at numerous upstate schools: Boiling Springs Middle School, Hillcrest High School, Byrnes High School, Simpsonville Elementary School, and Mountain View Elementary School.



As Piping Field Manager Carl Watkins says, “I’d like to thank all the guys for the amount of work accomplished in such a short time. It is remarkable the work that was performed in the heat and the time allowed.” While the work is intense and there is a heavy load, our top-notch field employees developed good plans and strategies which helped lessen the chaos of such a demanding schedule: 30,000 hours of manpower in less than two months’ time.

To help ease a little bit of the pain, Jennings-Dill pitched shaded tents at the work sites, and our own resident chef Dave Doser grilled hot dogs while chili connoisseur Carl Watkins served his homemade recipe. Even Chef Andy Locklair, during Chef Dave Doser’s absence, managed to grill up some scrumptious red hots!



For our field employees, the August hallways full of children will bring a welcome relief to the dogdays of summer school construction work.





## Employees Receive Safety Award

During this hot summer, Thompson-Turner Construction recognized two of our Clemson Jervey Field Employees, Konner Wacenske (Sheet Metal) and Blake Pace (Piping) for their commitment to being safe on the job site. Every time a Thompson-Turner employee spotted Konner or Blake, they were wearing their safety gear and working in a secure manner.



Konner came to us in March of 2024 as a Work Based Learner. After earning his Eagle Scout Award and graduating from Powdersville High School and Anderson Career and Technology Center, Konner continued full time with our Sheet Metal division. He will be starting his associate's degree in Welding at Tri-County Tech this fall.



Blake came to us in January of 2022 after learning about the company through his brother Joseph Kimbrell. Blake started in the Plumbing division but has since moved to the Piping division. Blake is from this area and is a graduate of Berea

High School. Thompson-Turner awarded both Konner and Blake with some cold, hard cash, as well! Jennings-Dill, Inc., working SAFELY since 1947!!

### Employee Spotlight:

Charlie McAlister, who joined our team as Operations Manager in May, brings a wealth of local experience, a love of the upstate, and a vision that his best professional days lay ahead at Jennings-Dill. In a sit-down chat, Charlie answered a few get-to-know-you questions as he settles into his new position with the company.



**Q: What is your favorite food?**

**A: *Lewis Barbecue, if someone else is buying!***

**Q: What is a fun fact about you that might surprise people?**

**A: *I am in two bowling leagues, one in Greenville and one in Easley.***

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?**

**A: *Hunting deer on my 52-acre farm.***

**Q: What inspired you to pursue your career?**

**A: *My dad, Ray McAlister, was a Pipefitter and worked for Freeman. I learned to weld as a little boy- we had welding machines at home.***

**Q: What is your favorite part about working at Jennings-Dill?**

**A: *The people- there are a lot of good people that care about the job and company. You don't find that everywhere. This says a lot about the family atmosphere.***

Charlie, who has three adult children and five grandkids, is a family man who has found that important sense of family right here at Jennings-Dill.

**Employee Spotlight:** Randy Pelfrey, who joined our team as Project Manager in June, brings a passion for the field, a strong toolbox of Project Management skills, and a work ethic that started many years ago when he was a green Pipefitter in Savannah, Georgia. In a sit-down chat, Randy answered a few get-to-know-you questions as he settles into his new position with the company.

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

**A: Crab Legs- which I love to cook myself!**

**Q: What is a fun fact about you that might surprise people?**

**A: I used to play the banjo.**

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?**

**A: I have several: hot rods, riding motorcycles, and camping, especially at Hunting Island**

**Q: What inspired you to pursue your career?**

**A: My stepfather worked for Davis Mechanical, and I started with him as a green helper. I've always enjoyed working with my hands.**

**Q: What is your favorite part about working at Jennings-Dill?**

**A: Jennings-Dill takes care of their employees. People are only as good as the people around them, and there are good people here who work as a team.**

Randy, who has been married for thirty-four years and has two adult children and one grandchild, values family time. In fact, both of his boys live across the street from him, and he hopes that never changes!

**Save the Date: September 14, 2024**

Jennings-Dill Fall Family Picnics are legendary, and our 2024 Picnic will be no exception.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14, 11:00 am -2:00 pm, and plan to bring your family to *Group Therapy Pub and Playground*, an indoor venue in downtown Greenville offering an 18-hole wacky mini golf course, ice curling, ping pong, axe throwing, and tons of backyard games. A delicious barbecue meal with all the fixings as well as lemonade, tea, and cookies will be served up in Jennings-Dill style. Mark your calendar and look for more details in the coming weeks!



**JD COMPANY PICNIC**



Camperdown Plaza  
20 E Broad St  
Greenville, SC 29601

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**SATURDAY**

BARBECUE, AXE THROWING, MINI-GOLF, CURLING, ETC.

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

LIMITED FREE PARKING AT 301 FALL ST.  
(BOUHAROUNS' FINE WINE & SPIRITS)



## Announcements



### **Gary and Nancy Marshall Update**

Thanks to all who donated to the GoFundMe page created by Mike Sanders for Plumbing Foreman Gary Marshall and his wife Nancy. Due to the generosity of their friends, family, and co-workers, over \$5000 was raised to help them offset medical expenses.

### **Holiday: Labor Day, Monday, September 2**

- Enjoy a well-earned break with family and friends.



### **Newsletters Published Quarterly**

- Next Newsletter, November 2024



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### **SURVEY QUIZ**

- Answer all questions correctly by **August 15, 2024**, and your name will be entered in a prize drawing for a Gift Card.
- Linked [HERE](#).