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BY GARY REICHERT

Exciting New Changes ... New Websites, New Innovations, and a Challenge For You!

Hello Readers,

Welcome to the 2022 version of the Rural Builder Buyers' Guide and the October issue of Rural Builder. This month introduces a newly formatted online Buyers' Guide and new digital versions of our magazines.

Each of our six magazines has its own new URL. Rural Builder's new digital home is ruralbuildermagazine.com. The new websites will feature digital versions of each issue, digital versions of the Buyers' Guide, and unique content only available online.

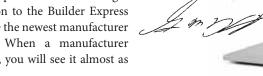
The new Buyers' Guides can be updated by manufacturers at any time. This makes them the perfect avenue to see and promote new products or services.

To promote innovation and our supporters we are adding a new "Updates and Innovations" section to the Builder Express Newsletter. Each newsletter will feature the newest manufacturer updates from our Buyers' Guides. When a manufacturer announces a new product or a change, you will see it almost as soon as we do.

So...our challenge to you? Update your Buyers' Guide entry and earn more public relations reach for your company. Use our Buyers' Guides, newsletters and resources to maintain your competitive edge and stay current in our rapidly changing business climate.

Enjoy the October Rural Builder and our annual Buyers' Guide.

Gary Reichert, Publisher





BY LINDA SCHMID

I'm Pleased to Meet You...

Hello! I'm Linda Schmid, the new editor of Rural Builder magazine. Really, I should say the BRAND-NEW editor, for I'm new, not only to the land of publishing (I come from an advertising background), but also to the construction empire. I'm excited to be here, but it is, well...different, so I am relying on all of you in the industry to help me out. Explain to me about the specific properties that make one underlayment better than another, tell me what's going on at the construction site, reach out to me to tell me what kind of information you are interested in, and maybe even advise me when I've gone off the rails. I promise to do my best to make your effort worth your while.

I should tell you now that I am not completely uninitiated in the use of power tools; I've driven a screw or two, cut a few boards, and mixed up a batch of cement stucco. My husband is a lifetime member of the DIY club, and he has tackled projects, big and small, with me standing by holding the ladder and generally playing gofer. As a construction worker you might not think much of DIY projects, but we have managed to construct decks, remodel rooms, and even build a post frame, straw bale, off-thegrid home without the help of professionals. These projects have given me a deep appreciation for the knowledge, hard work, and dedication that goes into construction, as well as the pride that comes with a job well done. This issue of Rural Builder focuses on helping you to locate the suppliers and manufacturers of the building materials you need for the job, from adhesives to trusses. For even more convenience, you can go to ruralbuildermagazine.com, click on "Buyers' Guide (Business Directory)," choose the product you are looking for, and click through to manufacturers' and suppliers' microsites.

As I said before, I am interested in what you, our subscribers, have to say. I understand that earlier this year, the folks here at Shield Wall Media were calling you and we plan to bring that practice back. Don't be surprised to see my phone number on your caller id. (That's 920-659-6319.) I'll be checking in to find out what feedback you have for me: Do you want to hear more about concrete? (We have a little bit about it in this issue.) Do you like hearing about new products? Would you like more tips about how to market your business? Your input is important; we create this magazine for you!

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Turning a Propensity for Precision Into a Dream Job

By Toni Rahn

CHLOE HUDSON, 28, A RESIDENT of Huntersville, North Carolina, was awarded a mikeroweWORKS Foundation Scholarship in 2017. The scholarship came when she needed it most, while pursuing her degree in welding, a trade she was introduced to while still in high school.

"I started welding when I was 17," she said. "I had a 1998 Jeep Cherokee and I wanted to put new bumpers on, and while the other guys in my class at Seneca High School could work on the engine and other areas, no one knew how to weld well enough."

So, necessity inspired Hudson to learn the ropes of welding. With the guidance of her teacher Scott Hightower, she took a course in welding at the Hamilton Career and Technology Center, located near her hometown of Seneca, South Carolina. Not only did she find true enjoyment in welding work, but she picked it up relatively quickly and was good at it.

One reason she was able to take the time and had the freedom to take the welding course was because by the time she reached her senior year she had taken all of the science courses that were available to her, to feed her early aspirations of becoming a plastic surgeon. The health sciences path was one she followed straight out of high school, moving to Lexington, Kentucky to begin taking classes in



Chloe Hudson, precision welder.

a nursing program and relatively quickly she discovered "It just wasn't for me."

After returning home from Kentucky, she started taking classes in welding at her local vocational college, but after less than a year she started receiving calls about jobs in the field of maintenance work in the nuclear industry. After working in maintenance for about five years, she decided to return to school to earn her degree in welding. "I decided I wanted to make craft money – so I went back to school." It was while she was studying welding at Tri-County Technical College that her dad, Larry, saw information about the mikeroweWORKS Foundation Scholarship.

"I was trying to work two to three jobs while going to school to pay my way through college, and my dad told me about the scholarship," she explained. "Everyone in my family has always been big fans of Mike Rowe and what he stands for. The scholarship came at a time when I really needed it the most. It paid for a semester of school."

The application process involved various aspects, including a long-form questionnaire, essays, obtaining recommendations from previous employers and supervisors, and it was worth every single moment and ounce of effort, according to Hudson.

"The S.W.E.A.T. pledge really resonated with me," she said, citing Pledge 7 as one that resonates the most. The pledge states: I believe the best way to distinguish myself at work is to show up early, stay late, and cheerfully volunteer for every crappy task there is.

Another aspect of the pledges that resonated with Hudson is the idea that people are all created equal and making choices and working hard to achieve goals is what makes the difference.



As a result of a collaboration with mikeroweWORKS Foundation (www.mikeroweworks.org), Rural Builder is featuring profiles of Work Ethic Scholarship recipients in each of its issues. Hundreds of scholarships have been awarded to trade-school students who value hard work and taking personal responsibility. Rural Builder applauds these students and wants to acknowledge their choice to apply their talents to skilled trades. Thank you, mikeroweWORKS Foundation, for your continuing efforts to close the skills gap and "reconnect the average American with the value of a skilled workforce."



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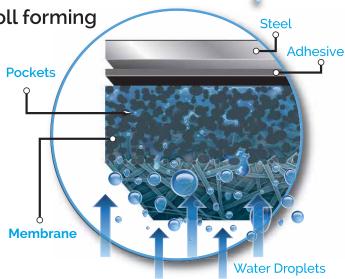
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"I have two brothers and we've always been very competitive. I was always treated the same as my brothers and we were always taught that we don't half-ass anything. You don't do anything subpar. You do your best – strive to be the best and this scholarship and the pledge resonated with me in that way."

Striving to do her best and be the best has always been part of her journey, be it as a welder, a student, or a human being. While attending college, she won the SkillsUSA Competition in the Skilled and Technical Sciences – Welding category and represented her school. She went on to compete at the state level, becoming the first woman from her school to represent in the welding category at that level.

"I think during that time was probably the first time I think my dad really knew I could do this as a career," she added.

Do the career she can and does. For the past two years she's spent her days using her

precision welding skills to work on parts and projects for Joe Gibbs Aerospace, Joe Gibbs Racing, and Airbone Industries, Inc.. Coming from the nuclear industry, and becoming one of Joe Gibbs Aerospace's first hires, she's worked on private contract projects, experimental aircrafts (another field she loves), military contracts, and Joe Gibbs' NASCAR Cup Series cars including Denny Hamlin's car #11, Kyle Busch's car #18, and Martin Truex Jr.'s car #19, among others.

"We take on a varied conglomeration of jobs. It's the Taj Mahal of welding jobs," she said. "Clean parts, immaculate facility, top of the line equipment. It's 100% a dream job."

And while she may have made history by being the first woman to achieve certain things in the industry, shedding light on her gender doesn't help her any in the field, she explained. Her work needs to stand on its own merit. "Period," she said. "I want for my work to be recognized as great work, not just good for a woman. I don't ever want to be the token female welder."

With that being said, she's also not willing to compromise who she is, her



Hudson welding nuts onto a rotor for a turbine refurbishment at Bear Swamp hydroelectric plant in Massachusetts.

femininity, to do the job either. As she explains, it's about bringing the goods, doing the job right and well, and backing it all up. It's possible, as she demonstrates every day, to be who you are, have your dream job in the trades, and continually strive to achieve more goals.

When it comes to goals, this self-proclaimed "forever student" is seriously considering becoming a certified welding inspector and/or certified welding educator. Her vision isn't to change her career path and leave hands-on welding work behind, but to add the inspection and educator elements to what she does every day. This path, not unlike others has its own challenges, in that there tends to be a stigma that those who can't weld, teach, she said. It's another place where Hudson will lean in, strive to do the best job possible, and be grateful for every moment. Being grateful isn't always easy, but it's a choice and it's part of Hudson's daily focus. It's a day that begins at 4:30 a.m., so she can be welding by 6 a.m. She welds all day, which is "amazing – every welder's dream," she added. It's also not unusual to find her welding on off hours as well. One of her favorite things to do is build

> furniture. She's built a desk for herself, end tables, side tables, and recently, she even built a bar for her boyfriend. While she's had people ask if she's selling her creations, she isn't leaning that way because "I kind of don't want to take the fun out of it."

When asked if there is anything she'd wish she'd known earlier or done differently, she's quick to say, "I can't complain – I'm incredibly blessed. I found a way to make this work and there has always been someone in my corner every step of the way."

She's also seeing more signs of the stigma associated with the trade being broken down. She cited Netflix' "Metal Shop Masters" competition series where

metal artists use their skills to

develop creations from hardened steel, as one example of how the world of welding is becoming part of the mainstream dialogue.

"It shows people welding is more than just being in a hole somewhere welding a piece of pipe. It's creative. It's fun," she added.

While it's encouraging to see these examples of her beloved trade gaining attention, her hope is more people will realize that trades are part of every day.

"It touches everybody's lives. Every time you cross a bridge, drive a car, or walk into a building, the trades are a big part of that. People tend to forget trades are integral to society."

This welder and her fellow mikerowe-WORKS Scholarship recipients are great examples of not only how trades are integral, but also inspiring. **RB**

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MARCO LAUNCHES STEEP SLOPE VENTILATION DIVISION

Marco Industries (www.marcoindustries.com) has announced the formation of the Python Steep Slope Ventilation Division to focus on the issues of heat buildup and excess moisture in attics caused by inadequate roof ventilation. Marco Industries, a leader in metal roofing ventilation is leveraging its considerable capabilities in engineering, design and manufacturing to address the many costly issues plaguing the ventilation of shingle roofs. The realities of an aging housing stock combined with newer highly insulated and sealed homes; means the challenges have never been greater. These issues have not been adequately addressed by an industry noted for small changes and slow innovation.

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Neil Westgarth, President, Marco Industries commented: "The Steep Slope Ventilation Division and Python Branded Products are a natural next step given our manufacturing and ventilation expertise. We use the best materials such as nobreak polypropylene for injection molded vents or our Python Weather-Tite Rolled Ridge Vent, products backed by Lifetime Warranties. Python is consistent with our brand promise; tested, easy to install, remarkable attic ventilation, lower utility bills, extreme durability, and outstanding warranties."

VKK AP OPENS NEW SHOWROOM IN ATLANTA

YKK AP America Inc. (YKK AP; ykkap. com), a manufacturer of commercial facade systems and residential doors and windows, has announced the opening of its new showroom in downtown Atlanta.

Located at 101 Marietta Street, the showroom will showcase the range of YKK AP's commercial and residential architectural products as well as unitized wall solutions by the company's subsidiary, Erie Architectural Products. It offers YKK AP's customers and partners an experiential product showcase along with a training room and additional flexible event space. Among the first events planned in the new location is the AIA Atlanta Annual President's Dinner in December. "When we decided to create a showroom, we envisioned a destination where employees, customers, architects, our suppliers, and members of the broader AEC industry could come together during the planning process to experience our products first-hand and to explore creative solutions for projects," said Oliver Stepe, president of YKK AP America Inc. "The showroom signifies a step toward our vision of partnering more deeply with all members of the glazing and AEC industries to provide the best service and solutions in the industry."

The showroom is co-located with YKK AP's newest office which houses some of the company's administrative functions.

CFSEI LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE JOB BOARD

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI; https://www.cfsei.org) has launched a new online Job Board to connect applicants seeking employment in the cold-formed steel framing industry with potential employers: https://cfsei. mcjobboard.net/jobs. Job seekers can post their resumes for free. Employers pay a fee for each job announcement, with listings available in 30-day, 60-day and 90-day increments. The Job Board employer section is open to CFSEI members and nonmembers.

"We started the CFSEI Job Board in response to our members' requests to help them find qualified candidates in the rapidly expanding cold-formed steel framing industry," said Robert J. Wills, P.E., managing director of CFSEI. "Steel framing offers many benefits for sustainable and resilient construction, is cost-effective, and provides flexible and adaptable design opportunities for architects and designers. As the economy begins to recover, we anticipate the CFSEI Job Board will be a valued tool for connecting employers with new employees as companies revamp their business operations."

Rose Kuria (rkuria@steel.org) can provide information on posting resumes and job notices to the CFSEI Job Board.

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CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS SELLS INSULATED METAL PANELS BUSINESS

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc. (NYSE: CNR), the largest manufacturer of exterior building products for residential and low-rise non-residential buildings in North America, announced August 9 that it completed the previously announced sale of its Insulated Metal Panels ("IMP") business to Nucor Insulated Panel Group, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, "Nucor") in a cash transaction for \$1 billion, subject to customary adjustments. Cornerstone expects post-tax transaction proceeds to be used to pay down a portion of its secured credit facilities, invest in organic growth and efficiency projects, and strategic acquisitions.

The company reported in the announcement that the transaction positions it for further growth "in large, deep markets" and strengthens its financial flexibility.

Headquartered in Cary, North Carolina, Cornerstone Building Brands [www.cornerstonebuildingbrands. com] serves residential and commercial customers across the new construction and repair and remodel markets. The company's portfolio of products spans vinyl windows, vinyl siding, stone veneer, metal roofing, metal wall systems and accessories.

LEVI'S HIRES NEW PRODUCTION/ OPERATIONS MANAGER

Levi's Building Components has announced the hiring of Andalina Torres as Customer Service & Inside Sales Manager. She comes to Levi's with more than 10 years of experience in sales and customer service. Torres is married with two children, and enjoys spending time watching movies and riding motorcycles. Levi's Building Components in Ephrata, Pennsylvania is a nationally recognized supplier of metal roofing products.

GENERAC RECALLS PORTABLE GENERATORS

Generac has recalled two types of portable generators due to finger amputation and crushing hazards. The Generac[®] and DR[®] 6500 Watt and 8000 Watt portable generators are recalled due to an unlocked handle that can pinch users' fingers against the generator frame when the unit is moved.

Users are advised to stop using the recalled portable generators immediately unless the locking pin has been inserted to secure the handle in place before and after moving the generator. Users are also advised to contact Generac for a free repair kit.

■ PPG NAMES OLIVE SPRIG AS 2022 COLOR OF THE YEAR

Olive Sprig, an elegant, grounded, versatile, and highly adaptable shade of greygreen, is PPG's 2022 Color of the Year (www.ppgpaints.com).

The color, which lends itself well to a pairing with natural materials such as wood tones and brass accents, is an option for use in the home, office, or public space, such as a restaurant or hotel.

"As many of us know following a year of lockdown, the easiest way to shift your mindset is to change your environment. While we begin to trade sweatpants for strappy shoes, recipes for reservations, and a night in for a night out, our paint color preferences are shifting too, in both residential and commercial spaces," said Amy Donato, senior color marketing manager, PPG paint. "DIYers, property managers, designers and architects are shifting away from the stark, neutral palettes of yesterday and opting for color in all forms. Call it rebellion, but we are certainly here for the resurgence of optimistic colors to guide us into a new era of home design."

The color is the result of PPG's annu-

al Global Color Forecasting Workshop. During the workshop, more than 30 company experts analyze lifestyles, demographics, geographies, global events, and cross-cultural societal inspirations to determine which colors will resonate, including the Color of the Year. Among the prevalent themes explored during the workshop was resilience, a need for connection and inspiration from nature. **RB**



Big Bins Are Getting BIGGER

2.2 Million Bushel Grain Bin Completed in Mason City, Iowa

The size of grain bins are growing to meet the demand of commercial markets. In 2010, Brock Grain Systems [brockgrain.com] of Milford, Indiana, could boast it had built America's largest free-standing corrugated steel grain bin. The bin that held the record more than a decade ago was built for Frontier Cooperative in David City, Nebraska; it measured 156 feet in diameter with an eave height of 70 feet and an overall height of 112 feet; it held up to 1.34 million bushels.

While that is still a huge bin, it's no longer even close to being the largest.

Sukup Manufacturing Co. [www.sukup.com], Sheffield, Iowa, is the world's largest family-owned and operated manufacturer of steel grain storage, grain drying and handling equipment, and steel buildings. The company has designed and built many bins that have surpassed the 1.34-million-bushel mark.

June marked the completion of a 2.2 million bushel grain bin – the world's largest free-span grain bin, nicknamed "Binzilla" – which Sukup designed for Golden Grain Energy in Mason City, Iowa. (Golden Grain Energy manufactures fuel-grade ethanol, distillers-corn oil (DCO), and distillers' grains.)

The 30-ring-tall bin stands at a height of 110 feet at the eave, and 155 feet 7 inches at the peak, and measures 165 feet in diameter. This bin is 9 feet larger in diameter and 44 inches taller (1 ring) than the previous record-holder, which held 2



Sukup Manufacturing designed this 2.2 million bushel grain bin for Golden Grain Energy, LLC in Mason City, Iowa. Bin construction was completed in June, and is currently the world's largest free-span grain bin. PHOTO COURTESY OF GOLDEN GRAIN ENERGY.

Sukup Manufacturing Co. also manufactures material handling equipment including bucket elevators, conveyors and support structures; and steel buildings. Sukup has six distribution centers in the Midwest. Sukup products are sold throughout the U.S. and Canada, and in more than 80 other countries.



Groundbreaking for Golden Grain Energy's new 2.2 million bushel grain bin. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUKUP MANUFACTURING CO.





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million bushels and was also designed by Sukup Manufacturing. The foundation took 8 hours to pour and 700 yards of concrete. To give a better idea of volume, it takes about 2,500 grain semi trucks to fill this tank. It's so wide, it could accommodate parking a Boeing 767 airliner inside.

Completion of the project took less than a year. Ground was broken in mid-September 2020, and construction was finished in late May. The project was facilitated through Sukup partner Buresh Building Systems Inc., Hampton, Iowa, and the project manager was McGough Construction of St. Paul, Minnesota.



Sukup Manufacturing Co. is in the business of building grain bins of all sizes. It is currently capable of building bins that hold up to 2.2 million bushels. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUKUP MANUFACTURING CO.

The new system increased the company's grain storage from approximately 1.275 million bushels to almost 3.5 million bushels. The addition of the bin increased the company's storage capacity to approximately 30 days of storage from about 10 days of storage. The system has also increased GGE's receiving capacity from 40,000 bushels per hour to 65,000 bushels per hour.

Steve Sukup, President and CEO of Sukup Manufacturing, pointed out the company's tradition of innovation. "Sukup constantly strives to push the boundaries of innovation, while maintaining the excellent customer service and high quality that the agriculture industry has come to expect of us as a family-owned company," said Sukup. "We are thrilled to again have achieved the milestone of designing and manufacturing the largest freestanding grain bin in the world."

Of course, the benefit of the large, commercial bin doesn't come from the bragging rights, although "Binzilla" is a memorable name. One of the true benefits is the return on the investment. "Our customers often tell us that adding storage gives them one of the quickest returns on an investment in their facilities," said Brent Hansen, who manages commercial accounts for Sukup. "Storing grain in Sukup bins keeps it in better condition versus a temporary pile, and it's safer, easier, and cost effective to reclaim the grain back into their processing facility. We always



The 2.2 million bushel grain bin has a diameter of 165 feet ... it's large enough to park a Boeing 767 jetliner. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUKUP MANUFACTURING CO.



Bins from Sukup Manufacturing feature precision-engineered 4" wide corrugated high-strength 50,000 psi yield strength, 70,000 psi tensile strength galvanized steel sidewall sheets to provide greater vertical load carrying capacity. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUKUP MANUFACTURING CO.

try to listen to our customers' needs, which includes watching the bottom line!"

Sukup Manufacturing Co.'s product line includes on-farm and commercial grain bins; portable, mixed-flow and tower dryers; centrifugal and axial fans and heaters; stirring machines; bin unloading equipment and bin floors and supports.

Only time will tell how long "Binzilla" can claim the title of "World's Largest Grain Bin." As Sukup, Brock, and other grain bin manufacturers continue to innovate to meet customer needs and demands, freestanding steel bins will continue to reach new heights and set new records. **RB**

Bin Doors Have Enhanced Safety Features

n March, Sukup Manufacturing Co. began offering grain bin doors with enhanced safety features. The doors have new hardware that ensures inner panels are closed before the outer door will close correctly with both latches engaged. The new hardware can be mounted on either side of the door, providing enhanced safety whether the door is installed to open left to right or right to left. The design is currently patent pending.

"Inadvertent grain spillage from your bin door can potentially cause death or injury," said Sukup bin sales director John Hanig. "Here at Sukup, we are continuously working to improve the design of our products to make them as safe and productive as possible. This new door design especially enhances safety by making sure the inner door panels are always closed when the outside door is closed."

Inner panels of Sukup's 44" and 66" tall doors, both of which use the new safety hardware, provide structural support to grain bins.

"Grain Bin Safety Week [was] the right time to share this new door design as a way to underline Sukup's commitment to farm safety," said Steve Sukup, President and CEO of Sukup Manufacturing Co. "Our goal is to manufacture the highest quality equipment that helps farmers be efficient and profitable, but also maintain safety as a top priority." **RB**

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BY SETH ULMER, SALES MANAGER, CURB ROLLER MANUFACTURING

Screeding a Circular Grain Bin Pad

Putting a New Spin on Grain Bin Foundations



Roller screeds that can easily change spin direction allow operators to screed clockwise or counterclockwise during the pour, eliminating the risk of a cold joint. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CURB ROLLER MANUFACTURING



A pivot kit minimally consists of a metal stake fixed to a weighted base, which is affixed to the center of the work area. The kit can be used as a guide to frame out the circular pad and gives users the ability to attach one end of a concrete screed to the center stake and control the screed from the other end.

IN ADDITION TO COMMON FRAME

building projects, builders and contractors can diversify revenue and expand service offerings, like pouring foundations for grain bins. Investing in specialized tools, even for occasional work, can provide a great return on investment and open the door to more job opportunities in the future.

WHERE TO BEGIN

Circular concrete pours most often start with a pivot kit, which minimally consists of a metal stake fixed to a weighted base. The stake is affixed to the center of the work area and can be used as a guide to frame out the circular pad. A pivot kit gives users the ability to attach one end of a concrete screed to the center stake and control the screed from the other end, screeding off the concrete in a clockwise motion. Any number of concrete screed options can attach to a pivot kit. The most popular methods include hand screeding, using an A-frame screed or working with a roller screed, but each come with their own limitations.

KNOW THE OPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Hand screeding utilizes a long aluminum or heavy wooden board that is extended to the center stake and pulled by hand around the circular form. This can be a strenuous, time-consuming task and may result in structural flaws due to a warped board and uneven concrete dispersion. With such a strenuous task, this option leads many to explore alternative methods like A-frames or roller screeds. These have varying levels of usability, with some more user friendly than others.

A-frame screeds consist of multiple sections and can be more cumbersome than alternatives. Fins and vibratory attachments hang off the back of the main bar to provide a compacted and smooth finish as the screed pulls, vibrates and spreads the concrete. However, this design limits screeding to one direction. A roller screed, on the other hand, consists of a drive head and pipe that spins in the opposite direction it is being pulled to level concrete. Roller screeds can be electric, hydraulic or gas motor powered and are typically lighter and easier to maneuver than an A-frame roller screed. However, a gas motor can be a limiting factor as it restricts the direction of the spin, a shortcoming similar to the A-frame's. But what's wrong with only screeding in one direction?

THE CHALLENGE WITH UNIDIRECTIONAL SCREEDING

Unidirectional screeding is often acceptable for conventional concrete flatwork but less favorable with circular pours. A circular concrete pad can take several hours to pour, and unidirectional screeds are committed to screeding one direction for the duration of the project. For efficiency and minimal wasted movement, the pad is usually poured in continuous sections, for example, with the first being from 12 to 2 o'clock. The operator screeds that section and the next is poured from 2 to 4 o'clock, and so on.

This might seem effective, but once the pour is nearing completion and arriving back to the first section, the crew is now pouring and screeding wet concrete next to concrete that has been curing for several hours. This creates a cold joint which can cause a division in the uniformity of the concrete pad, preventing it from curing as one solid, smooth, level foundation. The visual irregularity from a cold joint may leave something to be desired for the concrete pad's appearance, but it's also a structural flaw that can result in future costly repairs or possible grain bin failure.

A MULTIDIRECTIONAL APPROACH

The best method to avoid a cold joint is by pouring each section of concrete

and alternating left and right sides of the circle. For example, if a section is poured at the circle's 12 to 2 o'clock position, the next section could be poured from 2 to 4 o'clock, but the third section should be poured from 10 to 12 o'clock. This alternating pattern ensures every section cures for the shortest amount of time before fresh concrete is poured next to it, leading to a more uniform cure.

This alternating pattern introduces the utility of screeds with a changeable spin direction. For all roller screeds to operate correctly, the screed pipe spins away from the operator. But, the ability of some screeds to change spin direction at the push of a button allows operators to effortlessly screed clockwise or counterclockwise, making these screeds capable of performing the alternating pattern efficiently. This means operators can alternate screeding sections rather than working in a full rotation and risking cold joints and wasted movement.

Multiple manufacturers offer directional changing features on their screeds, but many do not make the switch an easy one. Some screeds require the entire drive head of the screed to be removed from the attached pipe, rotated and reattached to the other side to change the direction. Manufacturers that incorporate intuitive design features, like directional buttons, provide unmatched efficiency that carries over to maintenance and transport.

EFFICIENCY FIRST

For special projects, like circular pours, contractors and builders can't afford to waste time waiting for sub-contractors to fit them in their schedule or risk operating inefficient equipment that's a hassle to



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assemble, use, clean, disassemble and transport.

Some roller screeds are engineered for quick assembly and breakdown, designed for users who need high-quality — but also efficient — solutions. They can be found with adjustable handles that lock into place for compact and lightweight transport. These roller screeds detach from their pipes in seconds and can be

carried by a single worker. This compact, thoughtful design also makes for a screed that can be easily cleaned, just requiring a simple wipe down of the drive head, handles and pipe — a perfect scenario for working in rural locations.

A-frame screeds, on the other hand, come in multiple sections that require extensive setup and disassembly. These screeds can easily weigh over 100 pounds with just a few sections — A-frames large enough to extend the radius of a standard grain bin pad can weigh nearly twice that. Connecting sections can also leave dozens of seams and gaps for concrete to seep in, further complicating cleaning

and maintenance. This can prove quite disheartening after looking up from a long day of concrete work and realizing the maintenance and cleaning downtime that awaits. The remote bin location can also hinder efficiency depending on the screed employed.

CONSIDER LOCATION CHALLENGES

Grain bins are often located in areas that might make equipment access and transportation complicated. But, more importantly, remote locations may limit access to a power supply.



Battery powered roller screeds are typically lighter and more easily maneuvered than alternative methods. The ability to change spin direction at the push of a button allows operators to effortlessly screed clockwise or counterclockwise.

Corded electric roller screeds are a convenient option and provide constant power without gas, batteries or a source of hydraulic power. However, limited power supply in remote areas is an issue



and requires a portable generator. Plus, running multiple extension cords to a power source can be a potential hazard.

Hydraulic screeds are another option. They have the power to spin the largest custom pipes to tackle heavy duty applications but depend on extra equipment for hydraulic power.

Some manufacturers have recognized the demand for a screed that's

maneuverable and suited for rural applications by offering expanded power options. Battery-powered roller screeds have no cords or hoses and can be easily operated in remote environments without the need for an external power supply. Look for a screed that uses common 60-volt lithiumion batteries like those found standard battery-powered in drills. Some screeds using such batteries can screed up to 2,500 sq. feet of concrete on one charge, more than enough to screed off any standard grain bin pad.

The stress-free operation of battery powered roller screeds combined with minimal assembly significantly lowers

the learning curve and operational requirements when compared to A-frame screeds. Paired with a manufacturer's pivot kit, battery-powered roller screeds allow any skill level to take on jobs that could typically fall out of reach.

Builders and contractors aren't strangers to finding efficient solutions. Tackling a circular pour with specialized equipment can offer time savings and opportunities that far outweigh the initial investment. **RB**

Seth Ulmer is the sales manager at Curb Roller Manufacturing, a world leader in shaped concrete roller screeds. Ulmer joined Curb Roller Manufacturing after spending over a decade in the concrete and construction industries.





CUT RESISTANT GLOVES

A glove's most critical wear area is located in the curve between the thumb and forefinger. Constant gripping and abrasion slowly wears it down, like the steady trickle of a river as it carves a canyon between mountains. Brass Knuckle[®] Smart-Cut[™] BKCR3520 is a cut-resistant glove offering high dexterity that protects this area with a reinforced thumb crotch.

The glove's shell is a lightweight 15-gauge high-performance polyethylene (HPPE) fiber that provides ANSI cut level A2 protection. This high-performance composite yarn is optimized for fit, function, and cut-protection performance. Nitrile foam coating on fingers and palm adds abrasion resistance while channeling water, oil, or other liquids away from the surface, providing excellent wetgrip performance.

Abrasion can eventually wear down a glove's coating, with the first signs of failure commonly seen in the crotch between the thumb and forefinger. The reinforced thumb crotch extends glove life and saves money on re-orders. It stands up to applications with a high degree of deep-in-thehand abrasion that can cause premature wear and tear to gloves.

www.brassknuckleprotection.com

CORDLESS FRAMING NAILER

SENCO has released the company's first full round head cordless framing nailer. The F-35FRHXP is the latest addition to SENCO's line of cordless nailers, which rely on air power, rather than gas or mechanical flywheels to drive nails.

The F-35FRHXP drives up to 3 1/2" full round head, plastic collated nails.



The nailer is built with SENCO's proprietary FUSION^{max} cordless pneumatic technology, which relies on a sealed compressed air cylinder that delivers the speed, feel and performance of a true pneumatic tool. It is capable of sinking nails fully into the hardest substrates, including engineered lumber such as LVL and OSB.

The nailer is intuitive for users of traditional corded pneumatic nailers — there is no ramp-up time between shots, allowing users to work quickly when bump firing. The F-35FRHXP produces no fumes and does not require the purchase of costly fuel cells.

The F-35FRHXP features a 20-degree magazine that holds 35 fasteners and accommodates nails from 2 to 3 1/2" long and .113" to .131" in diameter. Each 3.0 Ah Li-Ion extended-life battery can drive up to 600 nails per full battery charge.

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JOBSITE TOOL BOX

Milwaukee Tools has released its new PACKOUT[™] XL Tool Box. It is construct-





ed with impact-resistant polymers and metal reinforced corners to withstand harsh jobsite conditions. The tool storage solution connects with all other PACK-OUT[™] system components via integrated locking cleats and has a 100 pound weight capacity. An IP65 rated weather seal protects tools and accessories from rain and other jobsite debris. The interior organization tray keeps equipment organized to fit each user's needs. The PACKOUT™ modular storage system allows users to customize and build a storage system to easily transport and organize tools and accessories.

www.milwaukeetool.com



INTERLOCKING. GROUT-FREE WATERPROOF TILES

ACP, LLC unveiled a new waterproof wall tile product that relies on interlocking edges instead of grout. Palisade Waterproof, Grout-Free tiles are easily cut to size using a saw or utility knife and can be applied to wallboard, existing tiles, and other smooth surfaces with adhesive. The tiles, which are water repellent and mold and mildew resistant, are applicable for use in baths, kitchens, and basements.

Each tile is 55 mm thick and consists

of a rigid core board covered with multicolored film and a protective top layer. The tiles are available in large and small sizes. The small tile measures 23.2" x 11.1", while the large format tiles measure 25.6" x 14.8". Both formats are available in 12 finishes.

Additionally, Palisade wall planks are available in wood-look finishes. Each plank measures 47" x 7.43", with an assortment of matching trims. Future release plans include tub and shower kits.

www.acpideas.com



HIGH VISIBILITY UTILITY VEST

Pyramex® has introduced its Heavy-Duty Utility Vest (RVZT44B Series). The hi-vis ultra-lightweight vest is built tough to withstand day in and day out use.

Vest features include a D-Ring passthrough slot on the back for ease of use with a fall protection harness. It also has a reach-through pocket with a zipper closure on the back for access to construction plans, a clipboard or tablet. The vest has a solid black front bottom that includes an inner microfiber towel for cleaning eyewear. With metal front grommets, accessory loops, mic tabs, and plenty of pockets, including two large expandable waist pockets with hook and loop closure, you have just about everything you need on your person.

The Heavy-Duty Utility Vest is created with safety and durability in mind. The hi-vis lightweight vest is made from 120 gsm polyester mesh and has 2" silver reflective material with .5" contrasting trim. It meets AN-SI/ISEA 107-2015 Type R Class 2 standards. All of the seams on the vest are reinforced and the vest has a padded collar and easy-to-use zipper front closure. The vest comes in sizes small through 5XL.

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The Qora Cut LedgeStone TightStack is a lightweight, easy-to-install panelized system that presents a stacked stone aesthetic for exterior accents, including knee wall and wainscoting applications. The system is available in two sizes of panels, 48" x 18" and 48" x 36". It's also available in three color patterns: Lexington, Gunstock and Charcoal. In addition, the material is resistant to flame, rot, and buckling. www.quoracladding.com.



T1056X TELEHANDLER

Pettibone has introduced the Traverse T1056X telehandler, the first 10,000-pound-capacity Traverse model in its X-Series lineup. It has a traversing boom carriage with the capability to move loads by traveling horizontally. This exclusive feature allows operators to safely place loads at full lift height without needing to coordinate multiple boom functions.

The T1056X has a specified lift height of 56' 6" and the landing height is identical.

The traversing boom of the T1056X provides up to 70" of horizontal boom transfer, which extends its maximum forward reach to 45' 10". Delivering a maximum load capacity of 10,000 pounds, the telehandler is powered by a 117-horsepower Cummins QSF 3.8 Tier 4 Final diesel engine. Mounted on a side pod, the engine offers easy service access while allowing excellent curbside visibility and ground clearance of 18".

www.gopettibone.com

REINVENTED JOBSITE RADIO

The traditional jobsite radio has undergone a revamp. Bosch Power Tools launched two new iterations of its traditional jobsite radio in the GPB18V-5C Jobsite Radio and GPB18V-2C Compact Jobsite Radio. Both are designed with durability, flexibility, and portability at the forefront, along with additional functionality.

Both radios have several ways to connect and listen to music on the job, including Bluetooth 5.0 for access to streaming services or stored music via mobile devices.

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From left, Jason, Gene and Matthew Gerber stand in front of an 80-foot truss at Meyer Building LLC in Craigville. The two sons purchased the business from their father in 2019. Photo by Chet Baumgartner.

Generational Change

Meyer Building Transfers from Father to Sons

This article was first published in the Thursday, June 24, "Who We Are," an annual news magazine published by News-Banner Publications along with its daily newspaper, "The News-Banner."

THE SCENT OF SAWDUST SATU-RATES the air, so strong that even the high-pitched buzzsaw can't cut through it as it cuts another piece of lumber.

The metallic clap of a pounding press and the clatter of wood dropped on concrete erupt into echoes in the 5,460-square-foot building on the northern edge of Craigville, Indiana.

Soon, crews will assemble the lumber into an 80-foot truss, a triangle-shaped frame used to crown another building in Wells County, Adams County, Angola, Indianapolis, even Ohio.

Since 1975, the staff and crew at Meyer Building LLC have designed and constructed almost 3,000 post-frame construction buildings. They started constructing traditional pole barns but now build churches, park pavilions, storage buildings, airplane hangars, gathering halls, retail spaces and even schools.

They call themselves "The Building People," and Meyer's newest owners, brothers Jason and Matthew Gerber, 36 and 31 respectively, say they hope to continue building more than buildings as they reflect on their first year of owning a business for the first time.

"It's about building barns, but also building our employees and making them better tomorrow than they are today ... in a variety of ways," Jason Gerber said.

"We all need to be built up," Matthew Gerber said. "I need to be challenged; Jason needs to be challenged. We all need to grow. If that's not our focus, what does revenue matter?"

The brothers are already building on a solid foundation, they say, literally and figuratively. Original owner Robert Meyer Sr. originally sold agricultural products but decided to sell and build post-frame structures in 1975 to offer his seasonal employees full-time work.

And even after Meyer sold the company to his son, Robert Meyer Jr., he stayed involved, not just as the purchasing manager, but a "father figure," said Gene Gerber, who started at Meyer in 1994 as its accountant and became its sole owner in 2009.

When Gene Gerber first started, Jason was nine and Matthew was four, but when Gene offered to sell it to his sons in 2019, the two had already collectively worked in the construction field for about 20 years. Jason Gerber worked as a senior project manager for Weigand Construction.

Matthew Gerber was working at Meyer Building as the operations manager and previously worked as an estimator and project manager for Shambaugh and Son.

Both, then, could read plans and prints, and both managed to some degree the financial aspects of specific projects. Jason in particular would help manage projects ranging from \$1 million to \$20 million.

Yet when they officially transitioned from employees to employers Jan. 1, 2020, the brothers—Meyer's youngest sole owners—started to focus not just on a single project's financial health, but the financial health of the entire company. They no longer worked just to secure their own pay-

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checks; they work to provide paychecks for their approximately 50-member team. They didn't just need to read blueprints; they needed to read income sheets and balance sheets.

More than that, they needed to learn how to grow a business strategically and sustainably, they said.

During the first and second quarters they primarily acclimated themselves to the team and analyzed the company's assets and processes. As summer turned into fall, though, they started to "step out," Matthew Gerber said, and started formulating a five-year strategic plan — though neither knew how at the time, they said.

Matthew Gerber even searched for "strategic planning" on Google to help them prepare for a 2.5 day retreat in December in Shipshewana to discuss the company's future.

And though they learned to communicate and coordinate with others in their previous positions, they discovered they needed to communicate and coordinate with each other regularly, and now they schedule two to three hours each week simply to eat lunch together and discuss the business' future.

"The success of the company relies on the team, but if the leaders aren't in sync, there's going to be problems."

Yet as they learned how to lead, they also had to wrestle with the pandemic

"That made it an interesting first year," Jason Gerber said. "COVID has completely thrown off our lead times."

For instance, he said, before the pandemic, the company would perhaps wait two weeks for a manufactured product like a door, but COVID-related delays expanded that to between six and nine weeks.

It also shut down lumber mills and steel mills, eliminating much of the supply without eliminating the demand, and Meyer now must calculate estimates based on projected costs that could change before the crews start building.

Yet despite these issues, the brothers said they are looking forward to the



Post-frame buildings with "architectural flair," built by Meyer Building, Craigville, Indiana. Photos courtesy of Meyer Building LLC

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future, even hoping to turn Meyer into a \$10 million business in the next five years.

Yet they are equally focused on investing in their employees and the community as they grow. In fact, they never want to define impact just by dollars."Are we growing our employees, giving them opportunities?" Matthew Gerber asked.

Furthermore, the brothers hope to show the community they can offer businesses and governments more than just "rectangular boxes," the common perception about post-frame structures, they lament.

They say they can offer structures that combine the "more economical" postframe construction with "architectural flair," Jason Gerber said, referring to vaulted ceilings, interior lights, wraparound porches, a variety of interior finishes, brick facades, and a plethora of window sizes.

They have the ability and desire to build more churches and more maintenance buildings.

"If somebody thinks of us as just a pole barn builder, I think that's selling our business short," Matthew Gerber said. **RB**

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Are you ready to roll your own?

Metal panels, that is.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In reviewing which articles were the most popular on our website, ConstructionMag-Net.com (which will soon be retiring), we rounded up the top ten, updated information, and are republishing those articles throughout this year in our various construction magazines. One of the top 10 includes the article that follows, which first appeared in the June/ July 2014 issue of sister publication, *Metal Roofing Magazine*. **MORE AND MORE CONTRACTORS THESE** days are answering "yes" to that question. Manufacturing independence, waste management, shipping considerations and other factors paint a compelling case for contractors looking to buy a roll former and produce their own panels. But it's not that simple — additional manufacturing costs, employee training, warehousing and a different set of transportation considerations must be weighed before pulling the trigger on this significant purchase.

Mike Milliman of Gutter Supply Inc. decided it was worth it.





Gutter Supply has been selling New Tech Machinery's gutter machines for years and has had such a positive experience with their equipment. The company recently became a distributor for New Tech's roof panel machines. "There are so many benefits for companies to purchase their own machinery," Milliman says. "Just not having to depend on anyone else is a big advantage. It saves time as well as money."

KenMcLauchlan, regional manager with Drexel Metals, agrees, and says it's

about controlling what kinds of projects you want to take on. "You can control your own destiny and have the flexibility of what jobs you can do —and be confident that you are putting out a better product," he says.

For 43 years, Roll Former LLC, of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, has designed and developed custom machinery for companies looking for a roll forming application. "We design our custom equipment from scratch and we offer about 25 standard products," said John Dumke, Vice President/Sales and Marketing for Roll Former LLC. Dumke says that roll forming has many cost advantages over brake forming and preformed panels, including:

- No expensive shipping and crating of long panels. Coils are delivered right to the shop or jobsite.
- No panel shipping damage and delays are minimal.
- Less labor and waste.
- The ability to work on your own schedule, not the factory's.
- Form perfect panels to any length.





Additionally, Bruce Pearson, with Zimmerman Metals, has been in the business for more than 40 years, and he says that you can reduce your cost of doing business by using a portable roll former in many ways. "On-site fabrication eliminates shipping damage, you don't have to worry about packaging materials, sizing errors and the panels can be custom manufactured. Also, as you make your panels on site, you don't have to worry that the manufactured panels will get damaged laying around on the jobsite," he says.



IN-HOUSE VS. PORTABLE ROLL FORMING EQUIPMENT

Ready to roll your own? Your next decision will be to choose between the two distinct types of roll formers — portable and in-house machines. In-house machines are usually larger units designed and built for high-production rates. Portable roll formers are smaller for simpler transportation and tend to be more flexible in their ability to produce a variety of panel profiles.

For in-house manufacturers, you don't have to "keep your machine busy to justify its expense, as they are built for increased orders and high-production rates.

However, portable roll formers tend to save on transportations costs — they

save on packaging and freight costs while giving the roofer the ability to reduce the time of a project, instead of ordering factory-formed panels. As an added bonus, onsite panel fabrication eliminates the possibility of shipping damage to panels and miscalculated sizing. Also, onsite roll formers can produce panel lengths varying in size required by the specific roof, as they are not regulated by shipping rules.



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WHAT IT COSTS

So you've decided to open up the checkbook and buy a roll former. Will it be worth their investment? Cost varies, and your priorities will drive just how large a check you will need to write.





"There's the entry level and the commercial level. But having the flexibility and the ability to cut the middle man out may be beneficial to your business," says Drexel's McLauchlan. "The entry level roll former may start in the low \$20,000 range, where the very specific commercial machines might be as high as \$150,000. But being able to diversify your jobs will be worth the cost."

There are a number of companies in the industry that will work with contractors on equipment financing. Another option would be to lease equipment. Leasing payments are much less expensive than paying the total purchase price of a roll former and it can be a pre-tax expense. Leasing also allows for upgrades and equipment add-ons.

According to Pearson at Zimmerman Metals, they train on maintenance and adjustment of their machines. "We provide training on all of our equipment. You can either do it on-site in our factory, or we will send one of our manufacturers out to you





to do the training and it usually only takes one day. We don't charge for this on any new machines that are purchased," Pearson said.

Additionally, Dumke at Roll Former LLC, says they offer training as well. "We do this in two ways; you can either come to our plant and work out in the field or if you'd rather, we will send someone out to you. Either way, we will make sure that you know how to operate our custom machine."

As with any significant purchase, a contractor looking to purchase a roll former should shop around, and consider not only the price but quality reputation, warranties and service. "Quality is the most important factor when choosing a roll former, as the machine will be an integral part of your business," says Roger Geer at New Tech Machinery.

Additionally, Pearson says to do reference checks. "It's also important to know how long they have been building their machines; check to see if they offer training, see where they make their equipment. I personally prefer American made, but make sure it is a quality company with a quality product. We offer a two-year warranty on our machines, but we never have any problems. I built my first machine 24 years ago, and the owner today of this machine has only replaced one part in 24 years," he said.

ALWAYS EVOLVING

Today, portable roll formers tend to be more advanced and use modern technology that can produce quality panels that are competitive with in-factory roll forming machines. Portable roll formers can cut metals more quickly, without any waste. Many roll formers sold today feature computer controllers software that offers users more options and benefits than in the past. Many offer proximity sensors, multiple-length memory storage, batch and length control, and some even recognize coil color for state-of-the-art user-friendly settings.

Another key distinction among different types of roll formers is multi-panel vs. fixed panel machines. Rich Small of Englert Inc., in Perth Amboy, N.J., reports seeing more and more of the former.

"We are seeing more of the multi-panel options being sold, as contractors want to be able to diversify their jobs, and get more of the market share," Small says. "There are also more customized projects being sought by both residential and commercial customers." **RB**



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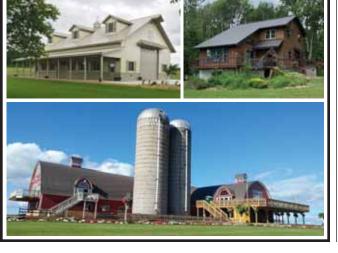
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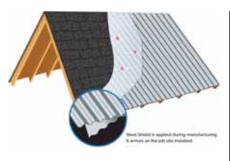
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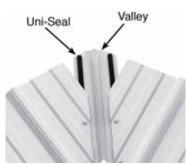
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"We are incredibly excited about the progress being made at our Sinton, Texas EAF Flat Roll Steel Mill," stated Mark D. Millett, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Sinton represents transformational growth for Steel Dynamics and long-term value creation for our teams, communities, customers, and investors. Given the success of our Sinton construction team, we are planning to add two additional value-added flat roll coating lines more quickly than originally planned."

The company plans to invest \$225 million in two new flat roll steel coating lines to be located in the Southern U.S. to support its Sinton Steel Mill that is planned to begin production in late summer 2021. The lines will be comprised of a 300,000-ton flat roll galvanizing line with Galval-ume® coating capability and a 240,000-ton paint line. Galvalume® products represent the fastest growing flat roll steel market in the United States, primarily serving the metal building industry. This market has historically sourced as much as 45 percent of their needs from foreign imports. Customers prefer the company's differentiated supply-chain. This has resulted in the company's existing lines consistently running at full capacity, through both increased consumption and market share gain.

The company also plans to invest between \$175 million and \$200 million in two new flat roll steel coating lines to be located in the Midwest to support its regional flat roll steel operations, providing them with more value-added product diversification to serve customer needs and increase through-cycle cash generation. Site location selection and engineering specifications are underway. The company currently expects the new Midwest coating lines to begin production in the second half of 2022. **RB**

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The sale, when closed, will mark CenterOak Fund I's third exit in the last 12 months. Headquartered in Spokane Valley, Washington, Cascade is a leading independent manufacturer of energy-efficient single and double hung vinyl windows, sliders, and patio doors serving the residential new construction and repair and remodel markets across the West and Pacific Northwest. CenterOak acquired Cascade in 2016. **RB**



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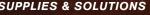


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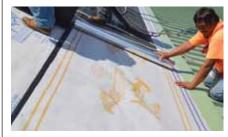




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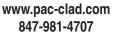
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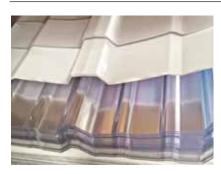
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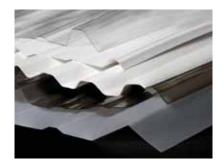
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