

2025 BX CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



THE CRAFTSMAN: David McFarland (Converse Electric)

THE WINNING WORK: Expansion and remodeling of electrical systems at Tucci's

Electrician David McFarland is responsible for the installation of the electrical and lighting upgrades at Tucci's restaurant in Dublin.

Meticulous planning and execution were critical to ensuring minimal disruptions to daily operations throughout the construction process. The restaurant remained fully functioning during renovation and expansion of the private dining area and wine room, adding an additional 110 seats. David worked closely with restaurant management on lighting controls and positioning of lighting fixtures to create the desired ambiance of the restaurant and artwork on display. Design and fabrication of a steel lip located above the new electrical panel was needed to prevent any leakage from the existing water lines above. The new panel was installed to provide 24 additional circuits for the fire alarm system, emergency lighting, chandeliers and more than 150 lighting fixtures.

David has been in the trade for 27 years and has been employed with Converse Electric for 13 years. This is his first BX Craftsmanship Award.



THE CRAFTSMAN: Arther (AJ) Hayes (Messer Construction Co.)

THE WINNING WORK: Installation of a boardwalk at Taylor Farm Park

A high level of planning and attention to detail were key factors in the work completed by Arther (AJ) Hayes at Taylor Farm Park in New Albany.

The project consisted of installing 1,000 lineal feet of prefabricated boardwalks over a wetland area. Prior to the start of construction, AJ requested some of the prefabricated frames be shipped to the jobsite to pre-plan the work, eliminating any field-related issues. To minimize any disruption to the wetlands and access the space during construction, AJ came up with a plan to install composite mats on one side of the boardwalk. He also devised a plan for rigging that utilized a mini excavator to set and attach each panel to the helical piles. Precise connection to the piles was critical as there was only room for four inches of adjustment. The two boardwalks were set and assembled within four weeks and completed two months ahead of schedule.

AJ has been in the trade for 24 years and has been employed with Messer Construction for 20 years. This is his first BX Craftsmanship Award.