

## Happy New Year – 45 Years Strong



It is hard to believe it—45 years ago in 1973 **DDS** began as Smith & Associates, providing primarily drafting services to area contractors. Through the past 45 years, we have seen the construction industry at its best and its worse. We have seen so many changes in technology, it makes our own heads spin. Employees, colleagues, and associates have all come and gone, each leaving their own lasting memories. But, at the end of the day, we want to say Thank You to each person reading this newsletter. You are here with us and, in one way or another, you have played a hand in our 45 year's of success! So, we wish you each the happiest of New Years and we look forward to many years to come working with each of you.

*Thank you!*

### Welcome Home! Wright Implement of Bowling Green Finds New Home

Three Springs Road has long been home to John Deere in Bowling Green but, with growing demand comes a growing need for space. Wright Implement chose a piece of property at the corner of Plano Road and Red Rock Road, adjacent to the recently extended Natcher Parkway, to correct this need. Working with Alliance Corporation, **DDS** provided the necessary land surveying, civil and geotechnical engineering, construction material testing, and special inspections necessary to successfully complete the state of the art addition to the Wright Implement family. Given the features of the project location,



special considerations were given to maintain a cost effective design. We worked closely with the Owner, Alliance Corp., Heibert+Ball Land Design (who provided the landscape design for the property), and Warren County Officials to ensure the project proceeded as smoothly as possible from the site design standpoint.

We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this exciting project. This new location, and the amenities the facility now offers, will prove to be a valuable resource to the agricultural community in Warren County and the surrounding areas.



For many years, **DDS** has been a member of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce. In that time, we have witnessed incredible growth in our community, much of it at the hands of the Chamber staff. To show our full support of the Chamber and their mission to improve the economic stability of the region, we made the decision to become President's Club Members. We look forward to this increased partnership with the Chamber and hope to be afforded the opportunity to help grow our great Community!



# New Year, New Website



During the latter half of 2017, **DDS** set out to create a totally redesigned, updated website. It was our goal to provide a new, cleaner platform that is not only easy to navigate, but informative as well. With this new website also comes a new mobile friendly webpage. This exciting new feature makes it is easier than ever to get the information about **DDS** you need, no matter where you are.

We are continually adding new content to this new webpage, and we are excited to share it with you! Head on over to [www.DDSENGINEERING.com](http://www.DDSENGINEERING.com) and let us know what you think.

## Cumberland River Rescue

Anyone familiar with downtown Nashville should recognize the landmark pictured below. The Cumberland River Swing Bridge, located between the Woodland Street and Jefferson Street Bridges, dates back to 1858. The original bridge was destroyed in 1864 during the Battle of Nashville, and was later rebuilt in 1931. Very little has changed with the bridge since 1931, both in design and operation. That is why, when a barge accidentally collided with a resting pier in the summer of 2017, it became a critical mission of CSX to repair the bridge. Without this resting pier, the bridge could not properly swing to allow marine traffic to pass. To make matters more difficult, this bridge is CSX's only means of crossing the Cumberland River, making it critical to maintain functionality of the bridge during repairs.



Southern Marine Construction Company, based in Chattanooga, TN, was selected by CSX to perform the necessary repairs to the resting pier. Southern Marine called upon **DDS** to provide the necessary surveying services to ensure the locking mechanisms on both the bridge and the pier lined up perfectly. We also provided the concrete testing services required by both CSX and the government. This marks the second project **DDS** has performed on this particular bridge, as well as numerous others in the region.



## First Quarter Birthdays!

Dennis Smith (1/25)

Daniel Douglas (3/9)



Please join us in sending a huge congratulations to our very own Matt Rogers, PE, SI for being named the incoming President of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE). Matt serves as the Director of Engineering and Construction Services for **DDS**, and has served KSPE as the Treasurer prior to being named President Elect.



**KSPE**

We are excited for the work Matt has already put into KSPE, and is sure to continue as President. Contact Matt for more information about KSPE or for information on becoming a member —

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# HOTEL INC

Helping Others Through Extending Love In the Name of Christ

## Kevin Gregory Named Vice President

We say congratulations to Kevin Gregory, our Director of Operations and Development, for being elected as the Vice President of HOTEL INC. In addition, Kevin continues to Chair the Marketing and Event Committee, as well as sits on both the Finance and Strategic Planning Committees.

HOTEL INC operates in the Bowling Green and Warren County Community to help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Be it through the street medicine program, the food pantry, education classes, or just providing someone a hot shower and a place to rest their feet, HOTEL INC strives to fill a valuable need in the community.

If you would like to know more about the work HOTEL INC does for our neighbors, visit [hotelincbg.com](http://hotelincbg.com) or email Kevin at [kevin.gregory@ddsengineering.com](mailto:kevin.gregory@ddsengineering.com).



Congratulations to Alex Sutton, EIT, SI for recently passing the International Code Council (ICC) Reinforced Concrete Codes and Plans Module exam. Passing this exam makes Alex our newest ICC Reinforced Concrete Special Inspector!

*Congrats!*

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