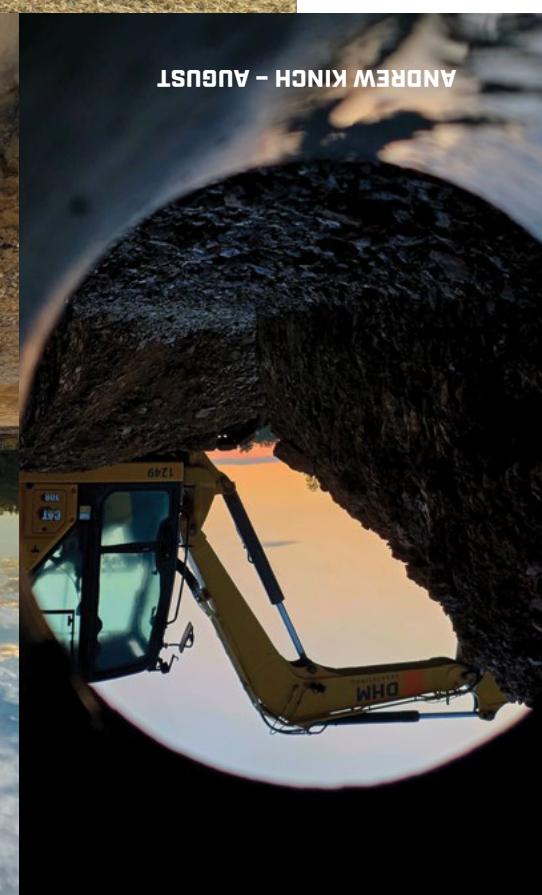




TOMMY RAYHART - SEPTEMBER



ANDREW KINCH - AUGUST



JUSTIN SCHAFER - JULY



Maria shared some challenges that they faced during the project.

"The three-year project involved multiple engineers, contractors, and

"Furnace Run Park was initially a 226-acre quarry that Southampton Township purchased from New Enterprise Stone and Lime in 2019. It was partially funded with an acquisition grant from DCNR with the specific intent of being a nature park. Over the past few years, approximately 14,000 PA native trees were planted in the two quarries and approximately 9 miles of trails have been put in ranging from very simple to slightly challenging. One trail connects to Michaux State Forest". Maria continues, "Constructing the Nature Center project with DHM was foundational to the master plan of the park. It is centrally located to provide parking, restrooms, information and access to almost all the trails in the park. Nature-related programming, activities and events will be hosted at the Nature Center. The Center will be available for various groups, classes or individuals for their own programs, meetings, retreats, events or parties."

DHM Superintendent Derek Lietman shared what the project entailed. "DHM's scope of work included the installation of all underground utilities, tying the new building into the existing system located approximately 2,500 feet away. In addition to utility work, DHM excavated for the building footers and constructed several bioretention ponds within the project area. The team also completed the installation of a new parking lot and provided a comprehensive landscape package to finish the site." When asked about his biggest challenge of the job, Derek said, "Crossing Furnace Run Stream and Shirley Run Stream multiple times. Fortunately, the pipe crew performed well, and favorable weather conditions—including minimal rain—helped make the process a bit easier."

"Other local government parks in the Shippensburg Area are focused on sporting events, playground equipment and picnic activities. Furnace Run Park and the Nature Center are unique in that it will provide the community with more of a State Park experience with trails through natural environments, nature education, events and programming for all."

— Maria Misner | Planning/Zoning, Southampton Township

an architect. There was a grant through Franklin County and a DCNR grant that added many requirements throughout the entire process. The biggest challenge was managing the additional administration and communication to keep everything on track and make sure nothing was missed." There was a hurdle that Derek helped with. "One of the conditions of our NPDES permit was a CEC soil test. I contacted environmental labs and a soil scientist to see if they could tell us what the test was and if they could do it. No one knew what it was, they didn't perform those tests, we were not getting any answers or information on how to proceed with the test. It was becoming a stressful situation. Derek knew we needed to get the test completed. He emailed one day, saying he talked with the DHM E&S team, and they said Penn State will give a CEC result. He took the liberty of grabbing 3 samples near the marked infiltration points and had already sent them in for us. Just like that, the test results were completed, acceptable, and the project was able to continue." She added, "Southampton Township is thrilled with the quality of the work that DHM performed. Derek Lietman was such an easy Project Manager to work with. He would call or email when he foresaw an issue developing or make us aware that we needed to act on something. He was extremely responsive and patient with us and we felt comfortable trusting his advice."

Maria is excited for the possibilities of the park, "People see the value of getting kids away from the screen and into nature. Let them get dirty, go on a scavenger hunt or attend moth night. Adults can go to a class to learn how to journal about what they are observing or attend a stained glass class. These are healthy things that our community needs and the Nature Center at Furnace Run Park is the hub."

The Shimpstown Road Culvert Replacement was a much-needed project identified by Montgomery Township in Mercersburg, PA. The old, failing, narrow culvert was prone to flooding out several times a year. Repairs needed to be made to improve road safety and emergency access. The solution was a precast concrete box culvert designed by engineer Joe McDowell of Martin and Martin Inc. The concrete box spans 24' and rises 6' above the Licking Creek.

DHM submitted a bid on this project in early January of 2025 and was awarded the project in early February. Box culverts, like the one used in this project, have a long lead time from precast concrete suppliers. DHM was initially told it would be at least four to six months before the structure was ready. Monarch Concrete Products came through for us on this one with open communication and steady updates letting us know where we were during the entire process. By early May, we had tentative delivery dates and were ready to schedule our work.

On May 19th DHM closed Shimpstown Road and a detour was set up to start working on this challenging project. Trees and brush had to be removed, a temporary 36" culvert pipe and multiple concrete barriers had to be installed to reroute Licking Creek. Multiple pumps had to be set up to handle the ground water and the old bridge / culvert had to be demolished. Rerouting a stream is a challenge even in dry conditions; however, May and June this year were anything but dry. With several rainfalls above 1.5" hitting our area and flooding out the site repeatedly, it further highlighted why the Township needed to do this project.

The team from DHM was led by late superintendent Donnie Smith who had completed a previous box culvert job for DHM and Fannett Township with outstanding results. Assisting Donnie was Travis Carbaugh, Utility Crew Manager, who stepped away from his usual role to be the full-time onsite leader that a project like this required. Travis had not overseen any box culverts previously but had the experience needed for setting grades, solving pop up issues and keeping everyone moving towards the goal of quickly bringing this project to a successful ending.

The hard-working employees assigned to this project fought through the rain and mud, and by the morning of June 11th had everything in place for Digging and Rigging's 250-ton crane to start setting the culvert sections. The sections weighed up to 30.5 tons. Monarch Concrete Products had a crew onsite to help the DHM team with setting the sections, waterproofing them, and installing the post tension cables that keep the culvert pulled together tightly. The first section of the culvert was picked up off the truck at 8:37 am and by noon the entire concrete structure was set in place and the finishing touches put on it.

After the assembly of the box culvert, the next three weeks were busy ones for this site. Stream bed material that had been excavated earlier in

the project had to be placed throughout the culvert to restore the native habitat of the creek. A new 24" bypass pipe and two new concrete headwalls were installed to handle a secondary stream flow and act as an overflow for Licking Creek when water levels rise. The box culvert had to be backfilled around, and the roadway graded off for new paving. Ganoe Paving, Inc. paved 200' of new roadways, guardrails were installed by L.S. Lee Inc., and line striping was done by D.E. Gemmill. DHM's environmental crew came in to wrap up the finishing touches with grass restoration along the roadway and stabilizing the stream banks.

After a tough six weeks of battling the weather, this project wrapped up and the roadway was officially opened to the public on July 2nd. Much to the delight of the township and residents, just in time for the July 4th holiday! Special thanks to Bob Jackson, Kevin Mellott and all the DHM employees who kept a positive attitude through difficult conditions to bring this project to a successful conclusion.



"Years ago, I drove an over-the-road truck picking up produce in Salinas, California. There was a little Mexican restaurant there where I always stopped to eat. They had a unique salsa – very hot, but great flavor. I was never able to find any salsa that compared to that one. In 2021, I started trying to duplicate that unique salsa on my own. After several attempts of tweaking my recipe, I think we have come close to that craved salsa."

– Ken Malick, DHM Truck Driver

Ken and his wife, Tina, spend hours in their garden growing tomatoes, peppers, onions, and herbs that are used to make salsa, marinara and spaghetti sauces. Over a two-month period, they spend their weekends making salsa to process seven different varieties. The salsa contains their base recipe, but it is the amount and type of peppers that take it to the next level.

Mild – Sweet Italian Peppers  
 Medium – Jalapeno Peppers  
 1X – Extra Jalapeno Peppers  
 2X – Cayenne Peppers  
 3X – Habanero Peppers  
 4X – Ghost Peppers  
 5X – Carolina Reaper Peppers

Ken said, "The last few years we've used approximately eighteen bushels of tomatoes to make salsa. We cannot grow enough tomatoes for this process, so we purchase tomatoes from a local Amish farmer. I pretty much have a standing order of at least one bushel every week until we process all our canned products."

In 2024, Ken and Tina made 140 quarts of salsa. This year they plan to make 160 quarts with a limited amount of pint jars.



What do they do with all the salsas? "I personally take about a quart a week along to work to snack on during short breaks and while I get loaded. We share it with family, gift some, and sell some." Ken said. Ken and Tina enjoy vacationing in Nashville and over the years have made friends there. A Nashville artist nicknamed them "Kentina". Now, Kentina is known for supplying them with their good garden to table salsa. Ken said, "People enjoy our salsa many ways – tacos, Mexican dishes, over eggs, mixed in with cheese dips, topping for pizza, and flavoring for beef cubes."

Ken said, "In addition to salsa, we can green beans, sauerkraut, potatoes, pickles, and if fortunate to harvest a deer, venison. If there are leftover peppers, I dehydrate them and grind them up. They are great on wings, Italian dishes, chili, soups, or other dishes to add some heat."

What advice would you give to someone who wants to try canning salsa? Ken smiles, "Don't forget to wear gloves when cutting or grinding hot peppers. Also, wash the hands, utensils, etc. extremely well as pepper particles and oils will linger. DO NOT rub your eyes – it will burn. It does take a lot of work, but with some dedicated help like I have with my wife, for me it is a fun and rewarding hobby. Let me know if you are interested in trying my salsa."

"Donnie was a remarkable individual—someone who left a lasting impression from the very first moment you met him. I'll never forget the day Jeryl and I interviewed him. We spent half an hour talking, and the moment he walked out of the room, we looked at each other and knew without hesitation: we had to bring him on board. His energy, dedication, and spirit made a difference in everything he did. Donnie will be profoundly missed, and his impact will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him."

— Kirk Martin

On August 15, DHM Superintendent Donnie Smith passed away from a massive heart attack. Donnie's excavation knowledge, wit and 12-year presence at DHM has left a large void with the employees and community members. Project Manager Brendan Konsevitch shared, "Donnie was a wealth of knowledge in our industry, and his projects were carried out with excellence and integrity. Working with Donnie was a blast, he pushed his own standards of quality for his work first and foremost and enjoyed what he did. If you worked with Donnie, you could always expect a laugh or a joke when he walked onsite or in the office. He will truly be missed."

Dee Price of the Washington County Soil Conservation District had this to say, "We worked with Donnie for many years and always very much appreciated his attention to our comments/concerns on any David H. Martin project. Donnie was always smiling and was such a great pleasure to work with!"

DHM employees miss Donnie pulling onto a jobsite, jumping out of his truck, putting on his safety gear, then hands on hips as he overlooked the progress that was being made. Equipment Operator Kevin Mellott (picture on the left) shared, "I've worked with Donnie on numerous jobs over many years. He was very knowledgeable and communicated well. He was always available if a problem arose. He was a great superintendent, co-worker, and a good friend. He will truly be missed."

Truck Driver Brian McNew shared a funny story of Donnie. "Many years ago, we were excavating a site and Donnie mentioned the red oak tree

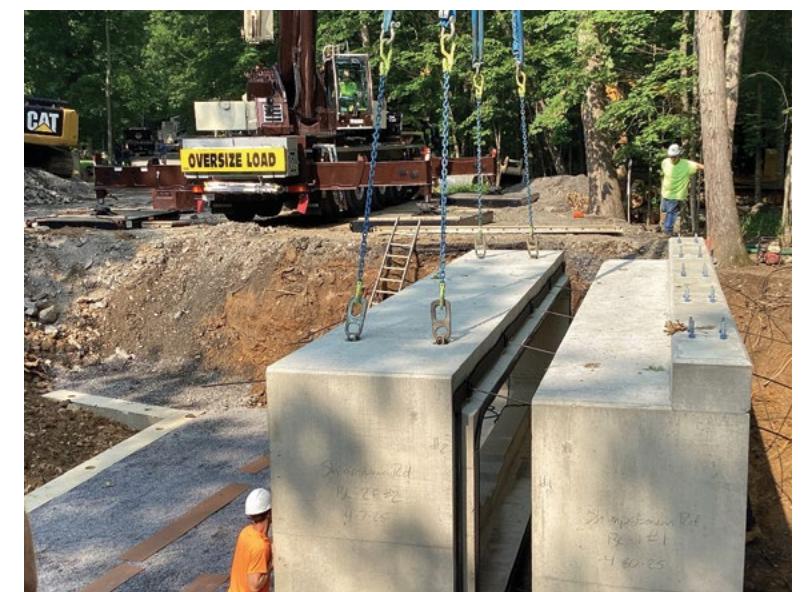
that had been taken down. I told him that wasn't red oak, but a pin oak tree. He disagreed, so I told him I'd bet his paycheck on it. He agreed to betting on a chicken dinner. A few days later, Jeryl Martin pulled on the site and said he wanted the pin oak tree logs. The next day, Donnie showed up to the site with chicken dinners for everyone. He never admitted he was wrong, but we got chicken dinners."

As VP of Operations, Grant Benedict worked closely with Donnie during his tenure with DHM. When asked to share a bit about Donnie, Grant had this to say, "Where do I start? It seems fitting to share his typical response when he was asked how he was doing. Almost without fail his response would be "living the dream." Obviously, this came with varying degrees of sincerity depending on how he really was doing but this was his standard answer. More than once I had coworkers, general contractors, or project owners that Donnie worked with comment on how fast he could get worked up over something and I would even experience it myself at times. My response to anyone that would mention this was always that while it was true that Donnie could get worked up quickly, it would only take a minute or two to get him redirected and about as fast as he got worked up, he would be laughing and carrying on again. I don't recall him ever being upset over something for an extended amount of time and that is an attribute that many of us can't claim. Donnie's extensive construction experience and knowledge, as well as his big personality, will be greatly missed by everyone that he worked with."

Donnie leaves behind his long-time companion, Holly Biggins, parents George Smith and Sara Laughman, two sons and four siblings.



KEVIN MELLOTT (left) DONNIE SMITH (right)



**NEW EMPLOYEES**

**Wayne Strait, Jr.**, Misc. Operator/Laborer, Site  
**Troy Phillips**, Equipment Operator, Site  
**Evan Remaley**, Equipment Operator, Utility  
**Chase Stenger**, Laborer/Misc. Equipment Operator, Residential  
**Candy Moore**, Staff Accountant

**Amber Sharrah**, Equipment Operator, Utility  
**Kevin Betts**, Pipelayer, Utility  
**Justin Reese**, Equipment Operator, Utility  
**Anne Breedon**, Project Accountant

**ELEVATING THE GRADE**

**Kevin Bowermaster**, 318 Operator  
**Lane Brunner**, Lead Trackhoe Operator  
**Shawn Halteman**, Lowboy Driver  
**Clay Hampton**, Landoll Driver  
**Andrew Long**, 953 Operator

**Shawn Lytle**, 318 Operator  
**Braden McSherry**, Vac Truck Coordinator  
**Bryce Snyder**, Skidloader Operator  
**Jon-Luc Hailey**, Obtained CDL

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wayne Strait and Mallory Gress**  
welcomed their second child, daughter, Luna  
**Hunter and Kasey Martin**  
welcomed their third child, son, Brooks

**Jarrett and Kassie Morrison**  
welcomed their second child, son, Sawyer

**RETIREMENTS**

**Joe Henry**, 5/10/17–8/29/25

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Gerardo Pena-Salinas** on taking the oath to become a United States citizen.



## DHM EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Mark your calendar for the DHM Christmas Banquet! The banquet will be held on Monday, December 8th at the Green Grove Gardens in Greencastle, PA.

More details to come!

At DHM, our employees work for and alongside some great people, and we wanted to offer the opportunity for them to receive recognition for what they do to help make this such a great company.

Employees can nominate coworkers who are innovative, dedicated, safety conscious, productive, have a strong work ethic, or a positive attitude.

Each month employees are chosen from the nominees. Help us congratulate the employees below as they strive for excellence and integrity in every aspect of their work.

**JULY 2025**


**JAKE RIFE**  
Mechanic



**LANE BRUNNER**  
Equipment Operator



**SHAWN HALTEMAN**  
Truck Driver



**TYLER HESS**  
Assistant Superintendent

**AUGUST 2025**


**BRENT JONES**  
Equipment Operator



**BRANDON BEESCKER**  
Equipment Operator

**SEPTEMBER 2025**


**ANDREW KINCH**  
Equipment Operator



**HUNTER CARBAUGH**  
Miscellaneous Operator



**JARRETT MORRISON**  
Assistant Superintendent