



Employee Newsletter

July 2024

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Fun Fact:

The first traceable evidence of bridge building can be traced back to Babylon in 4000 BC.

- According to New Civil Engineer

Did you know....

Arkadiko Bridge located in Arkadiko, Greece was built between 1300 and 1190 BC which makes it one of the oldest arch bridges still in use today. This bridge is still safe for pedestrian use however that wasn't the original purpose for the bridge. It was originally designed specifically for horse drawn chariots. The bridge used Cyclopean masonry which is a type of stonework found in Mycenaean architecture, built with massive limestone boulders and fitted with minimal adjacent stones. The Arkadiko Bridge runs 72 feet long, 18 feet wide and 13 feet tall.

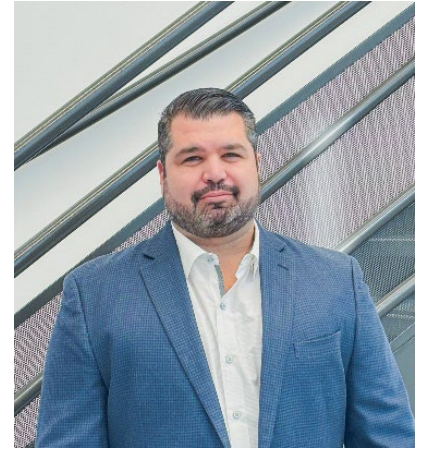


Image of Arkadiko Bridge - Atlas Obscura

Timeline of the Periods in History

- Stone Age: 3.3 million to 5,000 years ago.
- Bronze Age: 5,000 to 1,400 years ago (1,200 BC)
- Iron Age: 1,200 BC to 500 BC.
- Classical Era: 500 BC to 500 AD.
- Medieval Era: 500 AD to 1500 AD.
- Early Modern Era: 1500 AD to 1800 AD.
- Modern Era: 1800 AD to present.

PROJECT UPDATES



Our Chief Operating Officer, **Ben Trapuzzano**, shares a list of our **upcoming projects**. Great job Team Aptus!

UPCOMING PROJECTS	PROJECT MANAGER	SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN
CNX 274 Know Blount Rd	Scott Tart	Winona Osborn
US14 over Missouri River	Dave Mattia	Winona Osborn
Essex Bridge	James Puzino	Matt Barnes

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

July Birthdays:

No July birthdays to report – check back next month to celebrate our August birthdays.

July Anniversaries:

Christine Campbell – 1 Year

SAFETY UPDATES

Radon Gas

Radon is a radioactive, invisible, colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can be found anywhere. It is produced by the natural decay of uranium in soil and is the most common cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. Radon is dangerous because it can build up in any contained space, including schools, stores, workplaces, and homes. Because people spend most of their time at home, it is important to check for radon levels regularly.

Radon is produced in the soil and homes through cracks and other holes in the foundation, where it is trapped inside by walls. Over time, it can build up and cause cancer. Any home can have a radon problem, regardless of its location, structure, or construction date.

Buy a test kit at a home improvement store

Testing for radon is easy. Follow the instructions provided and leave the kit in an appropriate location for 3 to 4 days (short-term testing), or for a few months (long-term testing), then send the kit to a radon testing center for your reading. Test kits can be bought in home improvement stores. Before you buy a radon test kit, make sure that the kit meets the conditions and requirements of your regional/state government authority. In some regions, certified radon testing organizations will only work with certain test kits. Always follow the directions provided with the kit and properly seal the kit before sending it off for analysis.

Radon Reduction and Prevention

Don't let radon scare you. Radon is everywhere and is difficult to completely remove from a home. If the radon level in your home is above 2 pCi/L, consider the following options to reduce the level:

Soil suction radon reduction. A soil suction system is installed beneath the foundation and redirects the radioactive gas outside.

Radon-resistant construction. Radon-resistant techniques can be used to prevent radon from entering a new/remodeled home.

NEW WINS



Congratulations to our Sales and Estimating Team for bringing in the new wins!

Q3	South-East	Randy Beard	2422	(TN) CNX274 Knox Blount Labor Only	Stansell Electric
Q3	South-East	Randy Beard	2423	(AL), AL 63 over Lake Martin Kowaliga	Henkels & McCoy
Q3	South-East	Randy Beard	2424	(FL) SR 836 (I-395) Miami Signature Bridge Engineering	Archer / De Moya JV

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - FIELD

Delton Locklear – Foreman

My name is Delton Locklear. I have been with Aptus for almost a year now. I enjoy spending time with my family and most importantly my grandson, Aycen. On my free time I enjoy riding my Harley, grilling out and relaxing with my family. Nothing beats one of my grilled steaks or chicken wings! I am engaged and plan to marry my fiancé in September 2025. I am a father to both my daughter and son and a stepfather to a daughter as well.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - OFFICE

Christine Campbell - Administrative Specialist

My name is Christine Campbell. I have been working for Aptus for one year. I love the everyday dynamics of the job and most of all the people I work with. A little about me, I met my husband Addam at the KY Derby in 2005 and we have been married for 17 years. We have two beautiful daughters, Isabella nicknamed Izzie (14) and Isla (12). We also have two rescue dogs, Senator Blutarsky which we also call Bluto (12) a Puggle and Bodhi (5) a Dachshund mix.

A fun fact you may not know about me is I was a cheerleader for 7 years, starting in Middle School up to Freshman year in college. I love to sing karaoke with my friends and family and my favorite spot to relax is on the screened in porch listening to the birds. I was born in Salisbury, NC moved when I was two and spent my early childhood in Knoxville, TN. My family moved to St. Louis, MO when I was nine and since I have lived in Houston, Texas and Avon, Connecticut. However, my favorite state has been North Carolina. I moved back in 2016 with my husband and daughters to Davidson and then to Huntersville in 2018. My parents moved to Huntersville in 2021 and one of my favorite things is Sunday dinners at their house. I have had many different career paths from Admin to the Senior Buyer in the Cosmetic Buying Office at Famous Barr (now Macy's) to Preschool Teacher, but my favorite path has been the one at Aptus. I am learning so much about the construction world and I have so many people to thank for that. I appreciate all the time and knowledge that so many people have given me. I feel truly blessed to be working with the best of the best.



Go Team Aptus!

PROJECT PHOTO OF THE MONTH



June's winning photo submitted by Winona Osborn captures Mounts Bay Road in Williamsburg, VA

Remember to submit photos to the email address: FieldPhotos@Aptus.com every month for a chance to win \$100. The winners will have a chance to get their photos on the Aptus website. Check August Issue to see which picture won in July.