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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW NEWSLETTER

RONALD F. JORDAN

1940-2018



"I've had a good life."

This quote is among the many that Ronald F. "R.F." Jordan, the company's founder and namesake, will be remembered for.

R.F. passed away on February 1st, 2018. While his passing leaves a void that will never be filled, the legacy and memories he created with his family, his friends, his crew, his customers, and the public in general will live on.

His tireless work ethic, his unparalleled sense of humor, and his commitment to those around him have served and will continue to serve as a guidepost for our company as we go forward. We will miss his infectious laugh, his storytelling, and his good-natured ribbing in the office and on the jobsite.

Just as he carried on the family legacy of working hard and going above and beyond for his customers, it is now our turn to pick up the torch and carry it into the future.

Or, as many of us have heard him say,
"Get your ass behind you and get to work!"

A MESSAGE FROM PATRICK:

First and foremost, I would like to thank each and every employee of R.F. Jordan & Sons for everything you've done in 2018. All of the early mornings, late nights, hard work, and commitment to doing the best job possible is definitely noticed and appreciated!

2018 started off on an extremely sad note with the unexpected passing of my father Ronnie, the company's founder and namesake. While it was a huge blow, and I cannot describe in words how much he will be missed, I take comfort in looking back on the legacy he left behind and the lives he touched in his journey. He left us a solid foundation on which to build the business, and the fact that all four of his grandsons are active in the company will help ensure that his memory lives on!

All in all, 2018 was an average year for R.F. Jordan & Sons. We had several big projects and were very busy throughout the year, but some issues with inefficiency kept us from truly realizing our potential. After some reflection this fall and early winter, we have implemented some new strategies to improve on it, and with everyone's cooperation in 2019, there is no reason we can't have our best year ever! Efficiency should be on everyone's mind this year, and no effort is too little to help us improve our bottom line. A rising tide lifts all ships, and the more we can all do to make our operation run better, the more we will all see the benefits.

While our renewed commitment to efficiency is critical, we need to remember that our utmost priority is safety. Working safely is absolutely essential, not just for you and your loved ones, but for the company as a whole. Please, please take your safety and your coworkers' safety seriously - look out for each other, use the necessary safety equipment, and pay attention to our safety talks. A preventable accident not only hurts you, but it hurts everyone around you, and the more we can avoid them, the better off we'll all be.

Looking forward, 2019 is shaping up to be the biggest year ever for R.F. Jordan & Sons. As of right now, we have more work lined up than we've ever had, from small projects all the way up to a major road job on Main Street in Northeast Harbor! If we can carry forward the work ethic that's gotten us to this point and combine it with our new focus on efficiency and safety, the sky is the limit and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish in the new year!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Teddy Hamilton, who is retiring after 13 years of service with R.F. Jordan & Sons. Teddy, we thank you for all you've done for us over the years, and we wish you the best of luck in your retirement! Enjoy it - you've earned it!

Again, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you all for your hard work in 2018, and I'm excited to see what 2019 brings for us!

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2018 JOBS IN REVIEW

MACHIAS SOUTH SIDE SEWER INTERCEPTOR PROJECT

This spring, R.F. Jordan crews headed "Down East" and began a major sewer rehabilitation project for the town of Machias. The South Side Interceptor project involved replacing over 2000' of old asbestos clay sewer main, 2000' of individual sewer services from Grove Street all the way up to Stackpole Road (involving some night work to run a new service across Route 1 from O'Brien Avenue to a business on Grove Street), replacing and/or rehabilitating all of the basins in that area, relining over 4300' of the main, and some improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.



BLUE HILL CO-OP MARKET

This summer, R.F. Jordan crews began site work for the new Blue Hill Co-Op Market building on South Street in Blue Hill. The project involved clearing the land, bringing in over 20,000 yards of fill to level the site, paving the driveway and parking areas, installing a Storm-Tec drainage system, excavating and backfilling the foundation, and bringing the utilities into the new building. As the general contractor E.L. Shea works on the building, we will put the finishing touches to the outside with an anticipated opening in the fall of 2019.



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTE 46 CULVERT REPLACEMENT



As part of their continuing mission to maintain and upgrade Maine's transportation infrastructure, the Department of Transportation contracted with R.F. Jordan to install a new box culvert on Route 46 in Eddington. The new culvert is 6' tall, 16' wide, and spans the entire width of Route 46, carrying a stream safely underneath the roadway. Plans are in the works to install a similar culvert on Route 46 in Bucksport in 2019.

BANGOR/BREWER RIVERWALK

Two separate walkway projects on either side of the Penobscot River kept R.F. Jordan crews busy in 2018. On the Bangor side, we installed a new retaining wall, installed new lighting along the path, and graded and paved the walkway.

Over in Brewer, we also installed 4 new retaining walls and cut a new pedestrian tunnel through an abutment on the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge.

New landscaping along the path, some new fencing, along with some improvements to Center Street in Brewer rounded out the project.



DAIRY QUEEN



This fall, R.F. Jordan put the finishing touches on the new Dairy Queen building on High Street in Ellsworth, working with the general contractor Nichols Construction to fill, grade, and pave the parking lots, build and grade sidewalks and a patio, install lighting and drive-thru menu sign posts, and site drainage. The restaurant has an anticipated opening in December 2018, and we will return in the spring of 2019 to put the finishing touches to the site.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

This year, R.F. Jordan contracted with the University of Maine to provide on-call excavation and pipe work services to the Orono campus. Projects so far have included sewer line repairs at the Steam Plant and Gannett Hall, installing new storm water drainage in front of Stevens Hall, and a water line repair at Witter Farm.



HANCOCK COUNTY JAIL



This spring, R.F. Jordan was awarded the contract for the improvements for the Day Yard at the Hancock County Jail. Our work included installing a new retaining wall, relocating the HVAC chiller, installing a new security fence, and grading and paving the yard area.



PLOWING

In addition to our groundwork, the winter of 2017-2018 kept us busy with snow removal! We plowed the towns of Waltham and Dedham along with our many, many residential and commercial contracts all over the area.



RESIDENTIAL



2018 was another busy year for our work on residential projects in the area, doing everything from lot clearing to road building to excavating and backfilling foundations and much, much more!



NEW EQUIPMENT

As part of our efforts to continually upgrade our equipment to help us do our jobs faster and more efficiently, 2018 saw R.F. Jordan purchase a new Level Best skidsteer grader attachment, complete with all the equipment needed to connect the attachment with our Topcon GPS system. The grader works similarly to all our other GPS-enabled equipment – it takes the signals from the satellite and the base station set up on site and will automatically adjust the grader to within a fraction of an inch of the desired grade. After some initial adjustments, it has proven its worth on the Dairy Queen and the Blue Hill Co-Op projects, and we look forward to putting it to work in 2019!



UPCOMING PROJECTS

2019 will be another busy year for R.F. Jordan! We are bidding on many jobs, continuing several jobs from 2018, and have some exciting new work beginning in 2019, including a major rehabilitation of Main Street in Northeast Harbor which is projected to last 2 years and involve replacing water, sewer, and stormwater drain lines, rebuilding sidewalks, and excavating, grading, and repaving the roadway. We have also recently started a project at the Bar Harbor Inn to replace the old swimming pool and do the groundwork for a new amenities building and patio to accompany the new pool. Also in the works is a new retaining wall for Ross Manor in Bangor. Here's looking forward to a busy 2019!

THANK YOU!

As we wrap up 2018, we here at R.F. Jordan & Sons would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who makes this company run, from the employees to the customers to the outside contractors to the suppliers and vendors. We thank you for all that you do for us and we look forward to an even bigger and better 2019!

