

The Russ Erlinger Times.

Russ Erlinger Crane Service Inc.



-Spring Kicks Erlinger into High Gear.

Contractors are in full swing- prepping sites, pouring concrete, and getting their projects ready for standing precast panels. Our Grove 275-Ton All-Terrain recently finished a precast project for Kaskaskia College in Centralia Illinois. After the original start date was pushed back due to mother nature's upper hand, we finally were able to mob in and complete the project. Our team spent roughly two and half days erecting panels.

Happy Birthdays!

Holden Hillesheim, January

Rich Hillesheim, January

Chet Andrews, February

Russ Erlinger, March- 90 years

Brent McKinnon, March- 40 years

Hunter Hillesheim, March- 30 years

Javie Mueller, March



A note from our V.P.

The first quarter of the year has been off to a great start for Russ Erlinger Crane Service. Our workload has remained strong, and while Mother Nature has challenged us at times, there have been moments where the weather worked in our favor- especially when we were overbooked.

We're wrapping up several large-scale projects that kept our team busy throughout the tough winter months, ensuring steady work and accumulating many hours despite the challenges. At the same time, we're kicking off new major projects that will extend throughout the year and into next, setting the stage for continued success.

We want to extend a huge thank you to our employees for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to safety. Their efforts are what keep our company moving forward, and we appreciate everything they do.

Beyond project execution, we remain focused on keeping up with customer needs and industry trends. The crane and rigging market continues to evolve and we're committed to staying ahead.

We're looking forward to a strong second quarter and continued success throughout 2025. Thank you to our team and customers for your ongoing support!

Thank you,

Hunter Hillesheim



Welcome to the family!



We are thrilled to welcome our newest team member.



Brent McKinnon

Sales and Marketing

Brent comes to us with over twenty years in the construction industry and over fifteen years in the seat operating a crane. Living Carlyle Illionis, Brent loves spending time with his family hunting and fishing in the outdoors.

"We're excited to bring Brent on-board with his experience, specifically in the oil and gas industry". Brent has completed several turnarounds and has been in key leadership roles. While serving many years in the trades, Brent has built a strong reputation and we've immediatley seen positve results by brigning in new clientele.

You may also find Brent at your local dirt track on Friday and Saturday nights as he owns a regional dirt late model racing team. Be on the look-out for the Russ Erlinger Crane Service backed 26M slinging dirt on the high banks!

-Russ Erlinger Expands its Fleet.

This past December we expanded our RT fleet by adding the very popular Tadano 1600XL-3 and the Tadano 1000XLL-4. The 160-ton model has become super popular in the oil and gas industry with its 200' of main boom. This gives this machine exceptional tip height and can be equiped with a hydraulic offset jib. The 1000XLL-4 is part of the 100-ton class and brings an impressive load chart and footprint.

