



# Building Blocks

Summer 2010



Celebrating the Buffalo County Jail ribbon cutting were (left to right) Supervisors Kent Greder, Timothy Loewenstein, Sherry Morrow, Ivan Klein, William McMullen, Horace Dannehl, Richard Pierce, Sheriff Neil Miller, Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy, Mayor Stan Clouse, Police Chief Dan Lynch, Deputies Tony Paulsen and Duane Bond.

## Hundreds "Go To Jail"

**M**ore than 200 people were on hand February 17th for the ribbon cutting/open house celebrating the completion of the new Buffalo County Jail and Emergency Operations Center. The \$12 million facility took more than a year to complete and includes state-of-the-art technology and sophisticated safety features that

will allow correction officers to classify inmates, making for a safer environment for inmates and officers.

To help with training, UNK criminal justice students were the new jail's first inmates. They were booked into jail as if prisoners, fed a meal and visited by guests so officers could prepare for the move from the old jail.

The building's basement is home to the new Emergency Operations Center, which will serve as a base of operations during major disasters. The EOC houses the county's backup 911 system, amateur radios and backup power sources. It was partially funded by a \$200,000 Emergency Management Program grant from the state.



A look inside the new Emergency Operations Center at the Buffalo County Jail.

### Fun Facts

The Buffalo County Jail contains:

- 42.25 tons of rebar
- 136.5 tons of structural steel
- 57,637 concrete blocks
- 38,556 bricks
- 75 security cameras
- 80 miles of security wiring
- 1.7 miles of drain, waste and vent piping
- 1.25 miles of copper piping
- 22,145 pounds of sheet metal for ductwork



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## The Sky Has No Limit

Where can you see the night sky as it was a million years ago? Or see the sky of the southern hemisphere while in Nebraska? At the new Planetarium at UNK!

February 19th marked the dedication of the newest star theater in Nebraska. The planetarium is open to the public, serving UNK students, area schools and the community. Using fiber optic technology, the projector can show the sky as it would be seen from any place on Earth at any time, including the sun, the moon, the planets and more than 7,000 stars. The state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and control systems make the experience truly memorable.

The planetarium was completed as part of the addition to the UNK Bruner Hall of Science and partially funded by a grant from NASA.

*Pictured at left: An evening view of the new Planetarium at UNK Bruner Hall of Science.*

## Health Care Update

Beckenhauer Construction has been invited to join the team for the addition and renovation at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point, Nebraska. We are excited for the project to get started! Look for additional information in future issues of *Building Blocks*.



*Getting into the "swing" of things, (pictured left to right) Joe Beckenhauer, Ron Stauffer and Bill Beckenhauer help celebrate at the luau at the Beckenhauer holiday party.*

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