



Building Blocks

Winter 2009

New Projects Underway



Groundbreaking at Tri-County Hospital. Right: The Tri-County Hospital project moving forward.

Tri-County Hospital

Work has begun in earnest on the first phase of the Tri-County Hospital project. Uncharacteristic fall rains and wet soil conditions made for some early challenges on the addition, but with those obstacles behind us work is moving forward rapidly. The project includes a new MRI, as well as enhancements to the emergency room entry and lab. Completion is expected next summer.



Groundbreaking for the Buffalo County Detention Center.

Buffalo County Detention Center

The first order of business for the new Buffalo County Detention Center was to create a huge hole in the ground for the new basement. An early release bidding package helped fast-track the project while the balance of the design was being completed. Starting the basement work in August allowed completion of the basement before the cold weather, thus allowing the project to proceed through the winter with minimal interruptions. Completion is scheduled for next fall.



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Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center Moves Forward

Major work began this summer for the Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center project. The new 25-bed addition will encompass the bulk of the existing main parking lot, so the first order of business was to build a new parking lot to the south. Next up was site work, which included excavation for a partial basement under the new addition. As you can see from the accompanying photo, the basement was well underway during the fall, allowing the project to proceed through the winter.

The large elevation difference on the property created not only challenges, but also some opportunities. The west end of the addition experiences a drop in elevation of more than 15 feet, but that made for easily including a partial basement with a loading dock directly accessible from the street. The project is targeted for a fall completion.

Holiday Message

2008 has been a difficult year for many in this country, with prices rising for everything from gasoline and fuel for heating to food and other necessities, declining home values, job losses, the mortgage mess, not to mention our ongoing military conflicts.

But, regardless of our problems, Americans have demonstrated, as they have for more than 230 years, the spirit and resolve that's made this country what it is. We recently elected new leaders following a hard-fought, yet orderly, process that reinforced our commitment to democracy. It's our fervent hope that those we have chosen can, and will, address the issues and head us back in the right direction.

Here at Beckenhauer Construction, we look ahead to the promise that the new year brings. We are grateful to have a successful business, with dedicated, hardworking employees, outstanding building team partners, supportive corporate friends and, of course, loyal clients. You are the heart and soul of our company, without whom our success would not be possible.

The entire Beckenhauer Construction team wishes you safe and healthy holidays and a year ahead filled with happiness, opportunity and prosperity.



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