

# RWC Crew Talk



## Breaks Ground at New Location in Mankato

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interesting challenge in supporting a structure of this size. To alleviate this problem, a specialty foundation system is currently being constructed.

Our firm would like to thank architects, R.L. Engebretson, MinnStar Bank President, Steven Olson and MinnStar Board members for choosing RWC to complete this beautiful addition to the downtown area.

*Ian Carlstrom,  
Project Manager*

As the above picture illustrates, a groundbreaking ceremony was held April 5, 2006 for MinnStar Bank's new location.

MinnStar Bank is looking forward to moving from their current facility on South Front Street in Mankato to their new location at South Riverfront Drive and Poplar Street. With a

Thanksgiving 2006 completion date, this gives our crew only seven months to complete the 3-floor, 14,500 square foot facility, meaning a fast-paced, demanding work schedule for all involved. Poor, silty soil conditions, due to the river being nearby, pose an



Renderings courtesy of  
R. L. Engebretson

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## Keep Thinking Safety—It Pays

**C**ongratulations to all RWC employees! As of April 18, 2006, RWC has gone 473 days with no lost time. Let's keep up the good safe work!

Currently, 25 employees have completed our First-Aid & CPR training with about another 30 to be rescheduled due to weather. I will let the rest of you know as soon as the class is re-scheduled. Everyone who takes the CPR training will receive their own personal pocket mask. There will also be pocket

masks in all superintendents' trucks and in all job trailers.

Regarding other training, there will be four employees taking a hospital protocol class that is being offered through the union on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This training will be vital for all the work we do in area hospitals.

Also, the carpenters' union might be offering scaffold training and an OSHA 10 hour class in the near future for those interested. I will let you know the dates as soon as they are set.

In March, we held an excavation and trenching safety course that twelve employees attended.

And finally, planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual RWC company safety day is in the works. As soon we have a date and place set, we will let you know.

Until next time, keep up the good work and keep thinking safety!

Al Hagen  
Safety Director

## Groundbreaking at Springfield Medical Center

**S**pringfield Medical Center held a groundbreaking for their 2006-2007 New Patient Wing Addition and Renovation on March 30, 2006, which, coincidentally, was also Doctors' Day and was appropriate as a new doctor's lounge is a part of this phase.

The 8451 sf addition and 5151 sf of renovation will provide ten single patient rooms, two high observation rooms, a secondary recovery room, the doctor's lounge and a new nurse's station.

The project will require alot of coordination from all parties involved as there are six major phases that have to be completed, while still maintaining quality care for the patients.

Fortunately, the majority of the subcontractors will be the same as those on the Surgery and Radiology addition. This is a great advantage as the two projects will overlap and the familiarity of the subcontractors with the facility and each other will be a great benefit.

The current addition for surgery and radiology will be ready for occupancy the first part of May and the renovation portion this summer.

With both projects going concurrently, Arnie Nimps, our Construction Manager, and the construction team will certainly have a busy summer.

Paul Doring,  
Project Manager



# Employee Spotlight

“**K**ee working hard – Enjoy what you do – Be proud of your work – Pay attention to detail”. These are some of the beliefs that Tracy Sanchez lives by as a carpenter. Tracy started with RWC last fall and has made quite an impact on his coworkers. Tracy, is a good-natured, positive person, and our firm is proud to have him work for us. Tracy is particularly

proud of the tradesmen that he worked with on his first RWC project, Farrish Johnson Law Office. Tracy brings with him many years of construction experience, primarily with firms in the Metro area.

Originally from Klamath Falls, OR, he currently resides in New Ulm with his 3 children (Vicky-16,

Brian-15, Danny-11). Besides staying busy with family, he enjoys hunting, fishing with his kids, and traveling.



## Current Projects

- Springfield Medical Center/Mayo Health System addition & renovation, Springfield, Engan Associates, P.A.
- ISJ/Mayo Health System, Mankato, various projects
- Nicollet Public School additions, Nicollet, GLT Architects
- St. Mary's Catholic Church Community Center, Le Center, Kane and Johnson Architects
- Farrish Johnson Law Office, Mankato, Paulsen Architects
- ISJ/Mayo Health System, Power Plant & Loading Dock Addition, Mankato, Ellerbe Becket, Inc
- ISJ/Mayo Health System, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Madison East Mall, Mankato, Paulsen Architects



ISJ/Mayo Health Systems  
Power Plant,  
Mankato, MN



St. Mary's Catholic Church/  
Community Center,  
Le Center, MN

## Welcome Jeff Herrig, Job Superintendent in Training

With spring in the air and the temperature on the rise, we are starting to see several new faces on our job sites. To assist with our forecasted work load, RWC recently hired a new job superintendent in training, Jeff Herrig. Jeff recently worked as a brick layer for Herrig's Construction, and has also done work as a roofing estimator. He has a B.A. from the University of MN, Duluth. Jeff and his wife, Tracy have two sons, Mitchell, 4, and Mace, 3. When Jeff isn't at work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and is also a part of the volunteer fire department of Eden Prairie.



We would also like to welcome the following new employees: Gil Rademacher and Greg Johnson. And welcome back to the following employees: Paul Wels and Jeremy Rheaume.



# April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Don Hermel-28 yrs
2 Jim Jirak-3 yrs	3	4 Kirby Loewen	5	6 Dale Van Stelten	7	8
9 Bruce Johnson-5 yrs	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Becky Thompson-9 yrs	22
23	24 Tim Leonhardt-10 yrs	25 Kirby Loewen-10 yrs	26	27	28 Jim Schmidt	29
30 Scott Umhoefer-8 yrs						



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	1	2 Glenn Eilders	3	4	5	6 Brent Otto-10 yrs
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Chad Amundson Lori Krueger	19 Vic Wendt-12 yrs Jeremy Hatlevig-3 yrs	20 Andrea Peterson-4 yrs
21	22	23 Jon Carlstrom	24	25 Chad Amundson-12 yrs	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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