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Challenging Project at ISJ: Remove 110' Boiler Stack

Back in August, Robert W. Carlstrom Co., Inc. undertook a construction project at ISJ Hospital that was far from the typical day to day work we normally do. ISJ Hospital contracted us to take down the old boiler stack at their current power plant on the ISJ Campus. The boiler stack which stood 110' in the air and was composed of an 80' brick chimney topped with a 30' steel extension

made for



quite a challenge for our employees. The work began by hoisting a man up to the top of the stack in a man basket hooked to the crane to weld new picking hooks onto the steel extension. Once the picking devices were in place, a crane hooked onto the steel extension while another crane held onto the structure holding the extension in place as it was cut free by a man in a boom lift. Once the extension was cut free, the

crane lifted the 10 ton steel extension off the brick chimney and laid it onto a trailer to be hauled off site. To remove the remainder of the brick chimney, a clam shell bucket on the crane and an excavator were used to tear down the

brick structure. Once everything was down the debris was hauled off site. We want to thank ISJ Hospital, including Ric Bersaw, Rick Westmark, Jim Penner, and staff, for their cooperation and help in making this project a safe and successful undertaking. We also need to give a special thanks to Joel Langlie and Brent Otto for their excellent work in operating the cranes and making this project go smoothly. This was a very remarkable project to be a part of and one I'm sure nobody will forget about for a long time.

*Jeremy S. Hatlevig
Project Manager*

RWC Crew: Doug Baer, Doug Drill, Terry Gappa, Craig Jaskulke, Bruce Johnson, Joel Langlie, Kirby Loewen, Brent Otto, Mark Stadler, and Greg Sunderman

The Creative Company Builds Addition

Less than two years after we completed construction of a new warehouse/office building for The Creative Company, we were happy to hear the business was doing so well that owner Tom Peterson wanted us to build an addition. With Dan Gjerde as Project Manager and Chad Amundson as Superintendent, a 10,000 sf pre-cast concrete addition was constructed for more warehouse space along with a breakroom and more office space. Kudos to our crew and our subcontractors for another successful project!



Installation of pre-cast concrete panels for the new addition—August 2005

RWC Crew: Chad Amundson, Jim Amundson, Doug Baer, Chad Becker, Wade Carrigan, Tim Clabo, Bernie Davey, Doug Drill, Glenn Eilders, Terry Gappa, Bruce Johnson, Rich Landsteiner, Joel Langlie, Tim Leonhardt, Brent Otto, Heath Pickell, Eric Sage, Jim Schmidt, Mark Stadler, Greg Sunderman, Lowell True, and Vic Wendt

THINK SAFETY: It's working

I would like to start by congratulating all of you and saying thanks for thinking safety. Our OSHA 300 log of work-related injuries and illnesses is still blank, with no reportable injuries. As of September 30th, we have gone 267 days with no lost time. Great Job! We have had five first reports of injury turned in to date; four soft tissue hand injuries and one first degree burn to a forearm. The burn occurred while an employee was reaching over a piece of rebar that had just been cut in place. Due to the burn incident, we would like to establish the practice of letting everyone in the vicinity know when a cut has been made and to be aware of

a hot piece. The hand injuries can be avoided by wearing leather gloves, which should protect you, in most cases.

With the cold weather just around the corner, we will be faced once again with freezing and thawing mud, placing and removing insulated blankets, and of course, snow and ice; all of which are potential slip, trip, and fall hazards. So be careful during the upcoming frosty mornings and always be cautious of what's under foot.

With the use of certain temporary heaters, equipment running and concrete being poured after a building is enclosed, C.O.

monitoring is another thing that will be taking place more often during the winter months.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that October is fire prevention month. If you have battery operated smoke detectors, replace the battery. Check your fire extinguishers in your kitchens and garages and at home, just like on the job, keep your fire exits clean and clear.

Until next time, keep up the good work of thinking safety and working safely; it's working. Have a safe Halloween.

Al Hagen, Safety Director

Project Update - Nicollet Public School Addition

Construction is fully underway at the Nicollet School Project. The footings and foundations are complete on both buildings and steel erection is set to begin the first week of October. We poured the floor for the Daycare Addition the last week in September and started steel erection the following week. The new parking lot was just completed and opened to students and teachers on the 28th of September. The pre-cast wall panels for the gymnasium and auditorium will be arriving on site the last full week of October. We will be pushing along as hard as possible to try and get both buildings enclosed before the cold weather and the snow arrive. We are looking forward to the work ahead as our crews will be doing the steel erection and carpentry work. It will be a busy winter inside both new additions as we try to have both buildings completed by June of 2006.

Jeremy S. Hatlevig, Project Manager

Project Update: Springfield Medical Center Addition

"SURGERY IN FIFTEEN MINUTES" was the notice received from the Hospital.

We all knew that there was a surgery to occur during the day, and this vital notice allowed RWC and their subcontractors involved on the construction of the hospital addition to work to the last moment before shutting down any equipment or power tools that would affect the surgery procedure.

With only a 12" thick wall of brick and clay tile between the operating room and the construction addition, communication is important. Not only is there construction on the outside, there is demolition of 12" thick solid concrete walls below the operating room. This makes working together as a team all the more important. During surgery we stay busy with the lighter duties of construction that will not disturb the people in surgery.

An update on the construction progress is:

With footings and foundation walls completed, the majority of the building is backfilled.

D.C.C.I., the steel erector, has 75% of the structural steel set.

Klassen Mechanical Inc. is 95% complete with the below grade plumbing.

The carpenters, concrete floors, metal stud, roofers and bricklayers are close behind.

Paul Doring, Project Manager





Employee Spotlight

In this newsletter we are spotlighting RWC's youngest job superintendent, Kirby Loewen, who is 30 years old. Kirby has been with RWC for nine years and started as a carpenter apprentice. Before coming to RWC, Kirby worked for a year in residential construction and also attended Southwestern Technical College for two years to study carpentry. When asked his favorite aspect of construction, Kirby mentioned the satisfaction of being able to see what you have accomplished when the project is done, as well as seeing the progress as you go.

Kirby is originally from Butterfield, MN, and now lives in St. James, with his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Hannah, who is 5. In his free time, Kirby enjoys hunting, fishing, or anything outdoors.



KIRBY LOEWEN



Current Projects



- ✘ Springfield Medical Center/Mayo Health System addition & renovation, Springfield, Engan Associates, P.A.
- ✘ Taylor Corporation, North Mankato, various projects
- ✘ Kraft Foods, New Ulm, various projects, TKDA Engineers-Architects-Planners
- ✘ ISJ/Mayo Health System, Mankato, various projects, Ellerbe Becket Architects
- ✘ Creative Company warehouse addition, North Mankato, I & S Engineers and Architects
- ✘ Nicollet Public School additions, Nicollet, GLT Architects
- ✘ MN State University-Mankato, Computer Room Remodeling, Mankato, Paulsen Architects
- ✘ Technology Plus, various small remodels

Upcoming Project: St. Mary's Catholic Church Community Center

Another project will soon be underway for RWC. After months of planning with the Architect and Owner, St. Mary's Catholic Church in LeCenter, MN, we have been given the go-ahead to demo the old school building and offices on the church's site and are expecting to build an 11,000 sf addition including offices and classrooms. Construction is planned for a mid-November start.

Kane and Johnson Architects from Rochester are the designers on the project with Dan Gjerde from Robert W. Carlstrom Co., Inc. as Project Manager.

EMPLOYEE NEWS



Congratulations to Aaron Furst who will be retiring in October. Aaron has been with RWC for 2 years, but he has worked in the construction industry for over 42 years. We would like to thank Aaron for all his hard work and wish him an enjoyable and healthy retirement.

October 2005



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Bernie Davey-20 yrs Terry Gappa-19 yrs
2	3	4 Al Hagen	5	6	7	8
9	10 COLUMBUS DAY	11 Jeremy Hatlevig	12 Keith Furst Bruce Johnson	13 Aaron Furst-2 yrs	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Arnie Nimps	22
23	24	25 Lowell True	26	27	28	29
30 Tim Leonhardt Daylight Saving Time Ends	31 HALLOWEEN					
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November 2005



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6	7	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY Bernie Davey	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING Rachel Dent	25 Joel Langlie	26
27 Jim Amundson-10 yrs	28	29	30			
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