

# RWC Crew Talk

## CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON RWC'S NEW HOME!

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Construction continues on RWC's new home at 1901 Excel Drive in the Eastwood Industrial Center of Mankato and some notable changes have occurred. The final week of January was spent erecting the pre-cast walls that form the exterior of the building, and upon completion, a new site had emerged. Window and roof installation has begun in earnest and the floor slab and interior walls are soon to follow. Upon completion in early April, the building will incorporate functionality with a unique view of the inner workings of a building. The exposed ceilings in the reception area and conference rooms will show the HVAC ducting, electrical conduit, and sprinkler systems used in the daily operation of the building, while the office areas of the building will create a more pleasant work zone with finished walls, acoustical ceilings, and tile carpeting. We look forward to meeting or working with many of you at our new office in the near future.

*Ian Carlstrom  
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**Top:** RWC's new office is off the ground with the erecting of support columns and beams.  
**Bottom:** The building starts to take shape as the pre-cast wall panels begin going up.  
**Middle:** Pre-cast shell is completed!

## ISJ/MHS Cardiology Expansion



**Above:** Aerial view of ISJ/MHS Cardiology Expansion at the end of January.

**Right:** Steel erection begins on the ISJ/MHS Cardiology Expansion.



Construction is moving right along on the ISJ/MHS Cardiology Expansion in Mankato. The crew was able to get the foundation in before the cold weather and snow came in January and is currently into the steel erection phase of the job. Progress has been steady, though challenging, with the recent extreme cold temperatures, but the crew continues to make progress. After another 6-8 weeks of steel erection and concrete flat work, we will be looking forward to the warmer temperatures spring will provide and the opportunity to get the building weather-tight and start constructing the interior. The project is set to be complete in Spring of 2008.

*Jeremy Hatlevig  
Project Manager*

## Label Works Warehouse Addition

Label Works, a Taylor Corporation company, located in North Mankato, MN is currently adding a 120' x 200' addition. The new addition will be warehouse space with a 40' x 40' loading dock area.

The challenge of this project was the late November start of soils correction, installation of footings, foundations, and backfilling while protecting the area from very cold December weather.

The pre-cast building had a January 29<sup>th</sup> erection start date that was met. The new 24,000 sf addition is scheduled for a late April 2007 completion.

*Dan Gjerde  
Project Manager*



Pre-cast panels going up for the Label Works warehouse addition.

## Blockbuster Video Build Out

Recently RWC began construction on the build out for the new 2400 SF Blockbuster Video store located at 1851 East Madison Ave and right off the bat hit the ground running. This fast paced project requires all trades to work in unison and complete each segment of the project right after the prior. The build out consists of finalizing plumbing needs in the space and completing the slab on grade, adding two bathrooms, a workroom, and all the interior finishes needed to provide a bright and comfortable space in which to do business. New exterior signage and entrances are also being added. Upon completion the store will add convenience for those who until now had to visit Blockbuster's downtown location.

*Ian Carlstrom  
Project Manager*

### THINK SAFETY!

Congratulations again, RWC crews. This February marks the 28<sup>th</sup> month with no lost time! Our crews are continuing to do a good job of thinking safety.

In recapping 2006 on our OSHA 300 log of reportable injuries, we reported five. Two fell under job transfer or with restrictions and three fell under other recordable cases, meaning they were seen by a doctor and given something for the pain.

In weather news, as you all know, the bitter cold is upon us and at some job sites there is just no protection from the wind. The wind chill is often a deciding factor on whether we can work on a job site. The thing to remember at work or home about

wind chills is that 20 to 30 below wind chills can produce frost bite in a matter of minutes, so no matter where you are during these cold days, dress in layers and keep all exposed skin covered.

In training news, the carpenters union is providing scaffold training in March, and we have about 16 out of 20 people signed up. I also have a list of employees who are interested in aerial lift and fork lift training. If you want to be included, please call me. Additionally, I'll be reviewing the maintenance and inspection procedures with those who are already authorized and certified to make sure that it is being done right and documented

properly. I also will be taking more train-the-trainer classes to help meet some of our on-going needs. These classes include OSHA 10 HR, scaffolding, fall protection, confined space and possibly, rigging.

In closing, let's look forward to another safe, busy, and productive year. I'm proud of the good job you're all doing. Remember to keep thinking safety!

Al Hagen  
Safety Director



## Employee News

#### BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Bahr	February 2
Dan Gjerde	February 13
Erik Andersen	February 20
Andrea Peterson	February 29
Chad Becker	March 6
Doug Baer	March 8
Ian Carlstrom	March 8
Jason Gleason	March 17

Donald Serr	March 17
Becky Thompson	March 19
Lee Carlstrom	March 29 (Happy 60th!)

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Gjerde	4 years	February
Bob Umhoefer	2 years	February
Paul Doring	3 years	March
Doug Drill	4 years	March
Mike Duff	13 years	March



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# Current Projects

- Springfield Medical Center/Mayo Health System Addition & Renovation, Springfield, Engan Associates, P.A.
- Water Treatment Plant Expansion, Mankato, Earth Tech, Inc.
- ISJ/Mayo Health System Cardiology/Oncology Expansion, Mankato, Ellerbe Becket, Inc.
- Madelia Community Hospital Addition and Renovation, Madelia, Paulsen Architects
- Robert W. Carlstrom Co., Inc. New Office, Mankato, Architectural: Paulsen Architects, Civil Engineering: I & S Engineers and Architects, Inc.
- Blockbuster Video Build out, Mankato, I & S Engineers & Architects, Inc.
- Taylor Corporation - Label Works Addition, North Mankato, RL Engebretson Co.



Madelia Community Hospital Addition  
February 2007



Rendering of Madelia Community Hospital Addition and  
Renovation - Paulsen Architects