

Community Hospital of Anaconda

The Sletten Northern Building Division was awarded a negotiated contract from the community hospital of Anaconda for a new single-story addition of 27,400 square feet with a partial basement and remodel of selected spaces of the existing hospital totaling 18,000 sf.

Construction for the addition will be structural steel with brick veneer and metal siding, membrane roofing and a rooftop helipad. The addition consists of surgery, recovery, an MRI and support space. The remodel includes upgrades for the pharmacy, labor and delivery, minor procedures, ultrasound, mammography and DEXA scan areas as well as upgrades to the corridors. The new addition has a duration of 12 months and the remodel 6 months, with a month for owner move-in.

Design services are provided by NAC Architects from Spokane, Washington. The Sletten management team consists of: Wes Jackson, pre-construction manager; Ron Lucero and Matt Laughlin, superintendents; and Mike Guelff, project manager.



Artist's rendering of Community Hospital at Anaconda



Beam setting at the Yellowstone River Bridge near Livingston, Montana

Photo by MDT

Bridge Division Update

This spring, the Sletten Bridge Division has four bridge projects in the start-up phase, as well as three bridge projects on-going.

The new start-up bridge projects are located at Rathdrum, Idaho, and Sun River, Ashland and Whitefish, Montana. Two of the ongoing bridge projects are located near Jordan, Montana, and one at Livingston, Montana.

This past month, LCH, Inc. contractors from Kalispell, Montana awarded the bridge division a subcontract for the construction of a bridge crossing the Whitefish River at Whitefish, Montana. The structure is single span, 138 feet long, with a 28-foot roadway. The project requires driving 16 each 20-inch diameter pipe pile in depths ranging from 55 feet to 125 feet. Six 138-foot structural steel beams will be placed; and 620 cubic yards of concrete will be formed and placed for pier caps and deck. Also, 82,000 pounds of rebar will be placed.

The project superintendent is Levi Plouffe and Don Charters is the project manager.

Mandan, North Dakota Wal-Mart Superstore Project

by Bill Sharp

We haven't been able to do any site work since last November. We still have four to five feet of frost in the ground. We have been pushing work on the building through the winter to get it enclosed and keep it moving forward.

Employee of the Quarter

CONGRATULATIONS to **TRACY GILBERT**, administrative assistant for the Bridge Division, for winning Employee of the Quarter. Tracy began working for the company in December 2011. She has streamlined the processes for the division and enhanced the efficiency in every way. Tracy is a pleasure to work with and she is always one of the first ones to arrive and last to leave the office. She searches for new projects and subcontractors and has been a wonderful resource for the team. Thank you for all you do and continue to do for the company!

First Solar Construction

by Ron McCullough

Sletten Construction Company has contracted with First Solar of California for The Antelope Valley Solar Ranch, Phase III Balance of Systems Contract. This is the second solar project that the Sletten Companies has done for First Solar as the Balance of System subcontractor.

The project known as the AVSR-Lancaster job is located about 25 miles northwest of Lancaster, California. This project is the third and last phase of the Antelope Valley Solar Ranch which is a 300-plus Mega Watt Facility.

Sletten's final phase consists of a 42 Mega Watt Tracker Module system. The Tracker system rotates the photovoltaic panels and follows the sun's path as it rises in the East and sets in the West. This Tracker system results in a more consistent and greater power generation throughout the entire daylight period. The system resets itself after the sun goes down and positions itself to be facing east to begin the next day's process.

As with all First Solar projects, the schedule is very accelerated with a contract completion of mid July 2013 and the start date was early March – no time to waste!

The Sletten team members involved in the project are: Lynn Coles - Superintendent, a veteran of all our First Solar projects; Dewey Swanson - Project Manager, a new hire with extensive experience in the electrical industry; Tom Morano - Site Safety Director; Mark Wiltse - Quality Control Manager; Stephanie Greenwood - Projects Coordinator; Larry Edwards - Assistant Superintendent; Don Morgan - Project Engineer; John Jones - Estimator, V.P.; Ronald McCullough - Sr. Project Manager, Solar Division Manager.

First Solar Site representatives are Steve Kevish - Construction Manager; Greg Williams - Electrical Supervisor, both of whom we had the pleasure to work with on The First Solar Silver State Project.

Sletten is committed to again exceed the owner's and First Solar's expectations.

We now have about 30% of our concrete slabs poured and we've started dry wall paint, metal stud framing, and setting the freezer/cooler boxes.

Our Sletten field staff includes Vaughn Murinko, Patrick Gilliam, and Steve Waldron.



This picture was taken at the Mandan, North Dakota Wal-Mart Superstore project on April 10, 2013 . . . April showers? Yes, snow showers, fog and cold.

Projects In Progress

HEBGEN DAM INTAKE
West Yellowstone, Montana
Engineer: URS
Superintendent: Tim Farmer
Project Manager: Tim Neuman

CLARK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY
Las Vegas, Nevada
Archit: DLR
Superintendent: Mike Collins
Project Managers: Matt McCullough and Troy Young

BNSF RAIL BRIDGE
Rathdrum, Idaho
Engineer: Idaho Department of Transportation
Superintendent: Miles Breider
Project Mgr: Russ Robertson

SUN RIVER BRIDGE
Vaughn, Montana
Engineer: Montana Dept. of Transportation
Superintendent: Dusty Varty
Project Manager: Don Charters

SKY HARBOR TERMINAL 4, PHASE 1
Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, AZ
Architect: Smart Design Group
Superintendent: Quentin Reed
Project Manager: Gabe Ortega

WAL-MART REMODEL
Happy Valley, Oregon
Architect: Shade Lawrence O'Quinn
Superintendents: Dustin Keyes, Russ Valline
Project Manager: Ron Hagen

ODOR CONTROL FACILITY
Las Vegas, Nevada
Engineer: Montgomery Watson
Superintendent: Keven Blankers
Project Manager: Robb Ellis
Project Administrator: Craig Felts

DRY CREEK BRIDGE
Jordan, Montana
Engineer: Montana Department of Transportation
Superintendent: Jason Plouffe
Project Mgr: Russ Robertson

WAL-MART STORE
Mandan, North Dakota
Architect: SAIC Energy, Environment and Infrastructure, LLC
Superintendents: Vaughn Murinko and Patrick Gilliam
Project Manager: Bill Sharp

ASHLAND EAST BRIDGE
Ashland, Montana
Engineer: Montana Dept. of Transportation
Superintendent: Craig Robertson
Project Manager: Chad Mares

SAMS CLUB REMODEL
Logan, Utah
Architect: Scott A. Pearce
Superintendent: Jerry Hine, Russ Valline
Project Manager: Ron Hagen

BAINVILLE SCHOOL
Bainville, Montana
Architect: Faure Halvorsen
Superintendent: Dave Navarro
Project Manager: Cliff Garness

ANIMAL FOUNDATION OF GREAT FALLS
Great Falls, Montana
Architect: L'Heureux, Page, Werner
Superintendent: Roger Sand
Project Manager: Cliff Garness

ANACONDA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
Anaconda, Montana
Architect: NAC Architecture
Superintendent: Ron Lucero
Project Manager: Mike Guelff

WAL-MART NEIGHBORHOOD STORE
Tucson, Arizona
Architect: BRR
Superintendents: Todd Simmons & Jack Richardson
Project Mgr: Kasey Richardson

PARKVIEW VILLAGE APARTMENTS
Sidney, Montana
Architect: Schutz Foss
Superintendent: Guy Burgess
Project Mgr: Jeremy Beadles

FIRST SOLAR
Lancaster, California
Engineer: First Solar
Superintendent: Lynn Coles
Project Mgr: Ron McCullough

WAREHOUSE
Eloy, Arizona
Architect: Arrington, Watkins
Superintendent: Josh Guisti
Project Manager: Dan Eden

GRANDVIEW RETIREMENT COMPLEX
Great Falls, Montana
Architect: CTA - SFCS
Superintendent: Lindon Chagnon
Project Manager: Mike Guelff

MERCY HOSPITAL
Williston, North Dakota
Architect: Davis Partnership
Superintendent: Mike Lewis
Project Manager: Mike Guelff and Cliff Garness

CORROSION MANAGEMENT
Las Vegas, Nevada
Engineer: HDR Engineering
Superintendent: Stewart Shields
Project Manager: Robb Ellis

BILLINGS PARKING GARAGE D/B ADDITION
Billings, Montana
Architect: Schutz-Foss
Superintendent: Rick Woodward
Project Admin: Shawn Warner

WHITEFISH BRIDGE
Whitefish, Montana
Engineer: Montana Department of Transportation
Superintendent: Levi Plouffe
Project Manager: Don Charters

CODY STAMPEDE PARK
Cody, Wyoming
Engineer: Engineering Associates
Superintendent: Loren Tope
Project Manager: Ben Hubbard

PASTA MONTANA MAINTENANCE
Great Falls, Montana
Architect: Owner
Superintendent: Curt Butler
Project Manager: Ron Lucero

YELLOWSTONE RIVER BRIDGE
Livingston, Montana
Engineer: Montana Department of Transportation
Superintendent: Dan Frank
Project Manager: Chad Mares

MAXWELL COULEE BRIDGE
NE of Jordan, Montana
Engineer: Montana Department of Transportation
Superintendent: Jason Plouffe
Project Mgr: Russ Robertson

ARAPAHOE HEALTH CENTER ADDITION
Wind River Reservation, WY
Architect: A & E Architects, Billings, Montana
Superintendent: Trent Urwiller
Project Mgr: Jake Schrickling

WAL-MART REMODEL
Chandler, Arizona
Architect: WD Partners
Superintendent: Mike Poormon
Project Mgr: Kasey Richardson

WEST PARK HOSPITAL LINEATOR
Cody, Wyoming
Architect: Plan One Architects
Superintendent: Gerry Glaser
Project Manager: Ben Hubbard

Hats Off

This quarter's, "Hats Off" recognition goes to the Sletten Safety Director, Mike Allison. Mike has always gone the extra mile to make the Sletten worksites accident free. Recently, Mike developed two new methods to help keep Sletten employees aware of a safe work place.

Mike writes and distributes to all employees the *Sletten Construction Safety Week in Review*. The review has photos and explanations of safety issues.

If an accident does occur, an accident memorandum is sent to all employees with photos, a description of the accident, and corrective action to be taken.

Thank you Mike for your innovative approach to safety in the work place.



Billings Parking Facility

Sletten crews again started pile work at the City of Billings new parking facility. The project was stopped due to a problem with the financing arrangements. The problem is solved and pile driving for the 244 H-pile required for the construction continues.

In the last issue of the SIR, a complete listing of the design team was not available. The team consists of: Architect of Record – Shutz Foss Architects; Architect – DFDG; Structural Engineer – Whitten & Borges PC; Parking Structure Structural Engineer – Rich and Associates, Inc.; Mechanical and Electrical Engineers – Associated Construction Engineering; Civil Engineer – Sanderson Stewart; and Landscaping Architect – Land Design Incorporated.



Shop-Made Boom Trailer

by Steve Garness

This trailer will be used to move lattice crane boom sections. Often times we have to rent a third truck to move a boom section from job to job. This will allow us to haul a boom section behind a pickup saving the additional transportation charges. This trailer was designed and built by Curt Butler to haul several different boom configurations. The picture shows the trailer on its maiden voige to Rathdrum, Idaho, being towed with a half-ton pickup.

Safety

by Tom Morano

This year at the Southern Nevada Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, safety awards were handed out to division superintendents for their jobsite safety records.

This year's recipients were Quentin Reed of Phoenix, Mike Poormon of Phoenix, Rick Woodward of Las Vegas, and Frank Tuss of Las Vegas. All four superintendents worked on successful projects with no time lost accidents, with all safety meetings turned in, and with projects running very clean.

The Industrial Division had one reportable incident and one unreportable incident.

The reportable incident involved an employee drilling off a ladder when the drill bit hit rebar, spun around and hit him in the mouth. The employee received stitches and had three doctor visits. The employee should have been working off a Baker scaffold in which case he would have been able to better control his balance and his position on the drill. There was plenty of room for the setup of the scaffold. The crew was in a hurry and thought it would only take a minute to drill two holes.

The unreportable incident happened when a carpenter holding a tag line had a crescent wrench fall and hit his hard hat causing the hard hat to create a small cut on his nose. The wrench should have been removed from the baffle before being picked up by the crane.

Employee News . . . by Michelle Cohens

Congratulations to **TONY EWALT** who married **LAURA JENSEN** on February 9, 2013. The ceremony took place at St. John Neumann Catholic church in Las Vegas. Friends and family were in attendance along with Laura's children Annabelle, 11 and Zachary, 9. Tony states that life is good. Best wishes.

MATT REPLOGLE recently joined the Las Vegas Division in the Safety Department. Welcome aboard.

Welcome **JOHN KOVESDY** to the Phoenix Division. John, an Arizona native, and his wife Stephanie have been married for 6 years. They have 3 children, Allyson 5, Jaxon 3 and Jillian 10 months. He enjoys volleyball, disc golf, inventing and guitar. He finds inspiration from Leonardo Da Vinci and Bill Watterson.

DAVID TALKINGTON resigned on April 12, 2013 from the Corrections Division. David made the tough decision to pursue employment closer to his home in California. We wish him the best.

ANYA JACKSON is resigning May 1 from the accounting department in Great Falls. She is looking forward to continuing her education and focusing on obtaining her master's degree. We will miss all you do for us. Good luck!

DARCIE WILTSE, Las Vegas Office Manager who has worked for the company for 22 years, is resigning in June 2013 to follow her passion. She is opening a western style clothing boutique in Las Vegas. We will miss her and wish her great success in her new venture.

DALE MCLOUGHLIN a 27-year veteran with Sletten working in the Great Falls Shop retired on April 2, 2013. He took with him a few back-up green truckers Sletten hats from literally the 1980's. Dale will be missed and we look forward to celebrating his years of dedication at his retirement party later this spring.

MEGAN DEAN, TRACY GILBERT and **KONNI YOUNGHEIM** all became participants of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan in April. Congratulations!

Welcome **DUANE "DEWEY" SWANSON** who joins the team for the First Solar project. Dewey brings his expertise in the electrical industry to the company.

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