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Project Updates

- The High School Campus Development for **Jackson School District** has faced some inclement weather-related setbacks this past winter and spring. The music and art areas are scheduled for completion prior to the August start of school, with the events center soon after. The new structures and existing high school buildings are being brought together under one roof with a gross floor area of approximately 110,000 square feet. Howard Hemmann is the project manager and David Mirgeaux the project superintendent.
- **Route 72** widening project between Jackson and Patton is progressing. Tree trimming, followed by culverts and pipe extension work, was done through the spring. Currently, Penzel is doing grading and concrete work, in association with Apex Paving, for this MODOT project. Work started this past February, with a December completion planned.
- **The Route D - New Madrid County** project is proceeding. This \$ 1,064,668 project entails one smaller bridge rehab and demolition/replacement of a larger one. Other efforts include earthwork, pipe work, guardrail, construction signing, seeding and mulching. Planned completion is early September. Mike Williams and Jack Conklin, Jr. are the project superintendents.
- **The Rte 25 - Dunklin County** project was awarded to Penzel Construction on April 9. The scope of this \$304,622 project includes widening an intersection and new signal lighting on Route 25 in Kennett, Mo. Work is scheduled to start concurrent with the shipment of the new lighting fixtures and standards; a late summer startup is anticipated, with completion at the beginning of November.



The new addition at Missouri Delta Medical Center.

Penzel Builds Medical Facilities

Penzel Construction recently completed Missouri Delta Medical Center's most recent expansion project. The work involved a major renovation and addition to the health care facility, which remained open 24/7 during construction.

Missouri Delta Medical Center was founded in 1948 by a small group of local businessmen who felt having a major healthcare provider in Sikeston and the proximate three county service area was a necessity. Missouri Delta has since grown to be a sophisticated medical center with an annual budget of \$50 million, a payroll of \$27 million, with 186 licensed beds, more than 60 physicians and a staff of over 800 health care professionals. It is fully accredited by the Joint Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and won the Press Ganey 2007 Compass Award for its inpatient services.

This latest addition and renovation project stemmed from the need to provide a higher level of comfort and convenience for patients. The third floor of the H-wing was completely demolished, then reconfigured into large private patient rooms. An addition was built onto the I-wing to accommodate a patient elevator, and in combination with reconfiguration, provide the needed space for expanded surgical outpatient recovery, OB-GYN, nursery, three GI labs, new x-ray room and new surgical consult room. The elevator serves surgical recovery on the first floor, the nursery on the second, and surgical outpatient recovery on the third. Identical design and color schemes were utilized throughout all areas.

Archimages of St. Louis, along with Stearnes and Associates of Sikeston, provided the architectural and design services. Structural engineers AD SG, LLC and Horner & Shifrin, Inc. provided the MEP services. Penzel's project manager/site superintendent was Tim Johnston.



The new main entrance at Nell Holcomb School.

Nell Holcomb School Project

Located approximately five miles north of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on Highway 177, Nell Holcomb R-IV School District serves the Cape Girardeau County area north of the Cape Girardeau city limits and east of the Jackson R-2 District. Students in the Nell Holcomb District have their choice of public high schools; they may choose to attend either Cape Girardeau Central or Jackson High School.

Nell Holcomb R-IV School District leaders have diligently continued to improve and upgrade the campus to keep pace with growing student requirements. The original elementary building was built in 1959; an addition was constructed on the south end of the building in 1976 to accommodate more classrooms and a gymnasium. In 1994, additional classroom space was added to the north end of the building and the gymnasium and cafeteria were renovated. A junior high building was added perpendicular to the west of the existing elementary building in 1997.

Once again, faced with too few classrooms, the school board made the decision to proceed with a much-needed expansion and include renovations to the existing facility, along with replacement of the 30-year-old gym. The project added the needed new classrooms, a music room with stage, basketball court, coach's office, a new elevator and storage areas. A new front entrance on the east side of the building, facing Highway 177, provides a much more prominent frontage, with direct access from the new front parking lot. Large areas of the existing facility were renovated, including the other existing entrances. Penzel started work on the \$2.3 million, approximately 11,000-square-foot project July 5, 2007. Phil Penzel was the project manager and Dennis Ward the site superintendent.

In an era when school performance criteria have provoked strong national debate, Nell Holcomb has earned the state's Distinction in Performance honor five out of last seven years. The Penzel Construction crew salutes this achievement.

In Memoriam Mettie Jane Penzel

Mettie Jane Penzel, 100, of Jackson, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Chateau Girardeau in Cape Girardeau. She and Carl L. Penzel were married in 1931; he passed away July 4, 2000.



Mettie Penzel

Carl, with Mettie serving as bookkeeper, operated Penzel Construction Co. for many years. Mettie and Carl's

son, Gene, assumed the leadership role at Penzel when Carl retired, and in 1996 passed it on to his son, Phil, the current president.

Pallbearers were Penzel Construction Co. employees Paul Koeper, Howard Hemmann, Dewayne Mabry, David Mirgeaux, Rob Moore and Dave Conrad. Honorary pallbearers were Gerald Hitt, Calvin Sailer, Cecil McGuire, Gus Coomer, Melvin Hoffman, Mick Gosche, Kenny Borgfield and Dick Wood—all retired Penzel Construction employees.

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