

Derrick Digest

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Ready Randy's Is Ready On Time!

For many years, Randy and Deb Calleja have enjoyed a great reputation in the area for their catering services. Last year, they approached Derrick Commercial Contracting to discuss their dream of building a banquet and catering facility, sports bar and grill (named Ready Randy's) and a convenience store on land they were purchasing south of New Richmond across from our offices. After explaining the advantages and disadvantages of the various construction delivery methods, they choose design-build because of its track record of saving clients time and money.

During the planning and design process, we had to work through many issues, including site, DOT, state and

septic approvals. Once the final budget was established and financing was approved, we were able to start construction on May 9th. The problem was that Randy and Deb had booked their first wedding banquet for August 12th, leaving us just three months to complete construction on a project that would normally take five.

Although we could not guarantee completion by August 12th, we assured our client that we would do everything possible to have the building available for the wedding. Thanks to the planning and hard work of our construction team, led by project manager Neil LaBeree and project superintendent Kevin Derrick, we were able to complete the project on time. Our crews and subcontractors worked many long hours, sometimes through



The large, fully equipped kitchen supports the R&D Catering Banquet facility and Ready Randy's Sports Bar & Grill.

weekends, in order to meet this extremely tight schedule. It was truly a team effort.

The 14,380-square-foot facility includes two banquet halls, a 3,000-square-foot sports bar and grill, and a full kitchen capable of supporting the banquet facility, the sports bar restaurant and Randy and Deb's catering service. A 3,200-square-foot convenience store was also completed on the site in mid-October.

While this was a very challenging project, thanks to the design-build process and good summer weather the Derrick team was able to once again meet our client's expectations. Thanks to Randy and Deb for allowing us to work with them and we wish them success in their new venture.



An exterior view of R&D Catering Banquet facility and Ready Randy's Bar and Grill. This project was substantially complete in three months, including site work!



A view of Bethel Highlands Church in Hudson, Wis., which is scheduled to be completed in February. This photo was taken during framing this past fall.

Church News



Bill Derrick recently attended the annual board of directors meeting of the National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB), held in Arlington, Texas.

While there he also attended the association's annual meeting and conference, and presented a session on "Understanding Denominations" at the Certified Church Consultants program held in conjunction with these meetings.

NACDB is committed to training design-build contractors and their vendors to better serve the planning and building needs of churches of all denominations throughout the United States. These meetings were an excellent opportunity for Bill to network with other successful church builders across the country and bring back some new ideas that will help the churches that Derrick Commercial Contracting serves in the future.

Mark Johnson was recertified as a Certified Church Consultant at this same meeting. This program trains NACDB members in how to help churches in the planning, design and construction of their new or expanding facilities. Training is also given on other related topics, such as church project financing, capital campaigns, demographics, audio/visual and acoustics.

As Certified Church Consultants, both Bill and Mark are equipped to help growing churches to plan and construct facilities that will better serve their ministries' needs. If your church is thinking about expansion, please call Bill or Mark at 715-246-2320.

Season's Greetings...

Amid all the rushing around and commercialization that mark the holiday season, we sometimes lose sight of what's truly important. Here at Derrick Companies, we want to take a minute out of our hectic schedule (and ask you to do the same) to focus on something that is of high importance to us: the health, safety and happiness of our employees and their families, and similarly, that of our corporate friends and clients.

Though the past year has not been marked by cataclysmic hurricanes or horrific terrorist attacks on our home soil as in past years, we nevertheless continue to be faced with great challenges both here and around the world. As Americans, we must maintain our resolve, make the necessary sacrifices, and retain our faith and hope in the future.

The entire staff of Derrick Companies wishes each of you a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous 2007.



Thanks for your continued support, and know that we remain committed to earning your trust each and every day.



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