

Standing Rock Elementary School Honors Culture

Located about an hour south of Bismarck, the new elementary school on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation incorporates important elements of the tribe's cultural heritage into a modern educational facility. Bergstrom Electric was proud to be part of the team that constructed this impressive building, which is also LEED certified.

The 66,398 square foot building includes 30 classrooms and the electrical cost approximately \$1.6 million. Although construction went smoothly, the project was not without its challenges.

"The somewhat remote location made good coordination and management absolutely essential," explained Bergstrom's Project Manager Jamie Dietzler. *"Our foreman Jason Stieg did a great job of planning everything out, coordinating with the owner and architect, and getting our crews to work efficiently."*

Because of the size of the project, Bergstrom had employees from the Bismarck, Fargo, and Grand Forks offices working onsite. The company made arrangements for their electricians to stay at the nearby Prairie Knights Casino during the work week. In order to support the local economy as much as possible, Bergstrom also worked



closely with the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) to hire as many qualified local applicants as they could to work on the job. The project took a total of 12,100 man-hours and reached a peak of 12 men on the job.

Bergstrom started on the project in February of 2009. The electrical services for the building consisted of a 1200 amp service for the electric heat and a 800 amp service for the building power, lighting, security cameras, sound system, and fire alarm.

Because the owner wanted the project LEED certified, there were additional considerations as well.

"All the rooms have occupancy sensors," noted Dietzler, *"and they made good use of windows throughout*



Above top: the new Standing Rock Elementary School in Fort Yates, North Dakota. Above: an interior view of the teepee structure in the main hallway.

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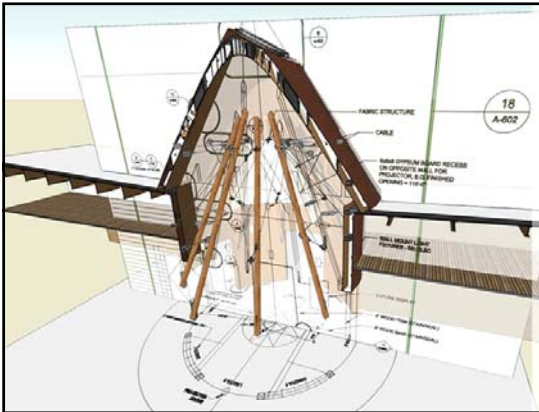
the building,”

Every two weeks, representatives of Sustainable Energy Group from Wisconsin toured the site and ensured the building would meet LEED certification. That designation means that the project is a leader in environmental and energy efficiency.

One of the unique features in the building, is the large teepee structure in the main hallway. Designed by MOA Architects out of Denver, the building

contains many design elements that remind students of their cultural heritage.

Comstock Construction out of Fargo was the General Contractor on the project. Bergstrom teamed with DeCoteau Electric out of Belcourt to provide electrical construction services. The project was substantially complete by February 1, 2010 and students began using the facility on March 29. ♦



The unique teepee structure in the main hallway is shown in the design drawings (courtesy of MOA website) and under construction last year. Above: the electrical panels for the main power service for the building.

Spotlight on: Steve Wasvick



Originally from Grand Forks, Steve Wasvick has been an employee with Bergstrom Electric for 9 years. A frequent guest on local radio shows, Steve is often heard discussing electrical concerns and answering caller's questions. He and his wife Teresa have 3 boys - Nathan, Justin, and Ryan.

What are your primary duties at Bergstrom?

As a project manager, my responsibilities include the supervision and management of various foremen, journeymen, and apprentices on different jobs. I also estimate projects and am involved in project negotiations and new business development.

What are some of the projects you are currently working on?

The Kings View Luxury Condos, Campus Place

6, McEnroe apartment building "C", UND Townhomes, and various residential homes in the Grand Forks area.

What was your most memorable project or experience at Bergstrom Electric?

The most memorable project was the IRET Corporate Plaza in Minot. The owners and other contractors involved were top notch and easy to work with. We were able to value engineer the project and add various components to the job and stay within the Owner's budget.

My best experience would be winning the IEC National Award for the electrical construction of the Rydell GM Auto Center. We designed that project and every time I drive past it I am proud of the job we did.

If you couldn't do your current job, what

would you do instead?

Something in sales - I enjoy dealing with people and providing them with their wants and needs.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy spending time with my family at Cass Lake, fishing trips, hunting with my father and oldest son, and watching my kids grow.

What would be your dream vacation?

Someday I'd like to go to the Winter Olympics. ♦

Turtle Mountain Community College Student Union Addition

Turtle Mountain Community College is one of the original six tribal colleges and was chartered in 1972. It started in two offices on the third floor of a former Catholic Convent and has seen many changes and operated out of different locations since then. It's current campus was completed in May of 1999 and is on a 123 acre site that overlooks Belcourt Lake.

The college's Student Union got an update recently in the form of a 6,800 square foot addition that covered two floors and cost approximately \$2.1 Million. Bergstrom Electric was the prime electrical contractor on the job.

Bergstrom added a 400amp/480v addition to the main electrical service for the student union addition. One of the challenges on the project was the extensive amount of piping necessary to get the new sub-service installed.



The Campus of Turtle Mountain Community College is a 123 acre site that overlooks Belcourt Lake. Photo courtesy of turtle-mountain.cc.nd.us.

"We had to run pipe from the main service in the existing building through the ceiling to the new sub-service location which was 600 feet away," explained Darin Hall, Bergstrom's Project Manager. "That took a bit of work but the guys got it done without any problems."

Bergstrom started work on the project in December of 2008 and completed it one year later. The total electrical construction cost was \$308,000. ♦



Exterior and Interior views of the Student Union addition at Turtle Mountain Community College.



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May.

Bergstrom Electric encourages everyone to take time on Memorial Day weekend to pay tribute to those who died in our nation's service, whether it be by attending a ceremony, laying flowers on a grave of a serviceman, or some other observation.



Cliff Notes

Dear friends -

On April 2nd, Bergstrom Electric held it's 20th Annual Employee Meeting at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

With over 100 employees in attendance, we spent the day reviewing our past years' accomplishments as well as what is on the horizon for the 2010 construction season.

Presentations were given to employees about Bergstrom Electric provided benefits for health coverage, flex benefits and retirement accounts.

During our award ceremony, we presented plaques to employees that have reached milestones of continued employment of five years (5), ten years (3), fifteen years (4) and twenty years

(1). Several other awards were given to the committed employees that provided instruction to the IEC Classes for the apprentices and to the graduating IEC apprentices from Bergstrom Electric.

During the winter several employees dedicated their time to provide training classes to all employees and were recognized with plaques and certificates for their participation and instruction.

The afternoon focused around our safety program and review of safety policies and procedures, as well as, recognition to employees who have been accident and injury free.

To finish off the day, we had a successful open forum to discuss any questions, comments or concerns that employees may have had, with positive feedback.

*Thank you for choosing
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Cliff Moen — President



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