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We're Making Concrete Progress

Heavy rain in early April turned the Northwest Addition construction site into giant mud pit, which delayed progress for a couple of weeks. Fortunately, the sun came out, the mud dried and we're quickly catching up. Excavation and earthwork is largely done. So if Mother Nature permits, concrete pours will be complete by mid-summer:

- Ground level concrete is finished. The emergency department, medical imaging and the cardiac clinic are just a few of the highlights included on this level.
- Slab pours for the lobby level will continue into May.
- Each concrete slab is 12 inches thick and contains three layers of rebar. If you lined up all the rebar end-to-end it would reach halfway around the globe.
- The heavily reinforced slabs are four inches thicker than the norm. Why? They don't require support structures, which add two costly feet to each level's height.
- In addition to saving money, the 12-inch slabs minimize floor vibration and provide better soundproofing.
- Sidewalks and curbs will be added to the parking lot on Fifth Street. The lot will also get a fresh coat of asphalt. Work should complete by June.

Meet the Crew

To date, more than 26,000 hours have been spent building the Northwest Addition. There are many dedicated people behind those hours on the project. But their support doesn't end there. Here are a few facts about CG Schmidt and their crew:

- The average construction worker is 40 years old.
- So far, workers have added more than \$600,000 to the local economy.
- This year, the company moved its annual safety banquet from Milwaukee to New Glarus.
- Several workers volunteered to build the Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic.
- A CG Schmidt team will participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising event.
- The company is nationally ranked among the top two percent of contractors for safety. There have been zero accidents on the site.

The crew is thankful for the warm welcome they've received from the community. They received a gift basket from The Swiss Colony and freshly baked cookies from some residents of St. Clare Friedensheim Assisted Living.

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