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More information to come.

Apple Valley Athletic Association Field House Gets a Makeover

The Apple Valley Athletic Association Field House, which houses all AVAA sports equipment and hosts the AVAA athletic meetings, was in great need of improved efficiency and an overall revamping of the space. However, with few available volunteers and the tight funds of a nonprofit association, it was difficult to get the project underway.

Jordian Weaver of the Apple Valley Athletic Association began to talk with vendors regarding the rebuilding of the field house in June of 2006. James Madsen saw the need and donated James Barton Design-Build's design talents to create a redesign of the field house; he also recruited some of the company's remodeling trade partners to help obtain the items that the AVAA could not secure.

The goal was to increase athletic equipment storage in the current space and to create a new, more efficient field house. "This new design allows the kids to better

'gear up' for the game; and it allows a better, more spacious flow of traffic for the players, coaches and parents," stated Jordian Weaver. The field house is the

facility that hosts sports teams

including soccer, football, basketball, baseball, tennis and lacrosse — with some 2,600 local youth active in athletic programs gaining from this redesign. The facility also houses the administrative offices for the organization.

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Design-Build carpenters donated over 50 hours of work and James Madsen donated 60 of his own work hours, for a total of more than 110 donated hours of labor. The project was made possible by the cooperative efforts of JBDB carpenters, Lampert Yards, Sportsman Electric,

other local vendors and suppliers, and AVAA volunteers, with special thanks to Jordian Weaver. Through the great efforts and generosity of everyone involved, the AVAA was spared the cost of a project estimated at \$20,000–\$25,000. ✱



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**From the Desk of
James Madsen, President
James Barton Design-Build**

Celebrating 10 Years

Recently I was asked to speak to a group of realtors about the changing market and how professional relationships within a sphere can benefit all parties involved – especially the homeowner. According to national and local analysts, as new construction slows, the demand for renovations to existing homes continues to grow. Unfortunately, this trend allows companies with questionable ethics to take advantage of homeowners, sellers and buyers. So, it is becoming increasingly important for homeowners to work with true professionals when considering a real-estate decision.

This starts with hiring a professional realtor who will properly inform you of the price point if selling, fair market value if buying, and items to consider if buying an existing home where renovations may be needed. What may seem to be a good deal could easily cost an owner several thousands of dollars later due to uneducated or misinformed information.

This advice pertains to choosing contractors as well. Right now, there are a lot of companies starting up due to layoffs and the slowdown in new construction. Many companies are taking on projects they don't truly understand and guiding homeowners in the wrong directions.

Whether choosing a realtor, mortgage company, or contractor, always do your homework and check references. James Barton Design-Build is dedicated to giving our clients value for the services provided. Choose to work with the best and you, the owner, will reap the rewards.

Remember, it's this easy:
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The Forgotten Rooms ... Downstairs!

by Victor Barke, President



While adding up the square footage in a home and planning the interior design to maximize the space, there is a potential goldmine that is often overlooked. How do you locate this diamond in the rough? You look down! Downstairs ... in the basement!

Your basement can represent one third of the living space in your home, yet it is usually the last area homeowners consider when thinking about expanding. If you're like most people, your basement is damp, smelly, and even wet when it rains hard – not the type of environment you would want to live in or send your kids down to play in. But in as little as one day, you can quickly, easily and inexpensively have a dry, livable and safe place to enjoy.

When building a new home, make sure to take the steps necessary to insure a permanently dry, usable basement. The award winning WaterGuard from Complete Basement Systems offers a life-

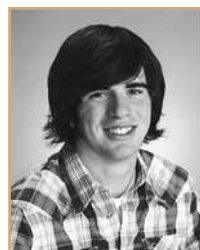


time warranty on a dry basement floor. For existing homes, Complete Basement Systems has 24 patented products designed to help homeowners better utilize their basements. One of the most popular methods is a combination of the WaterGuard System with a TripleSafe Sump Pump System. Once you are sure you have a dry, usable basement, you are ready for finishing.

Whether it's a new family room, home office, exercise room, or play room, your basement is the perfect place to make use of. The space is just sitting there, waiting for you to utilize it. You can create a space to escape from the busyness upstairs, while also increasing the livable square footage and the value of your home.

To receive a free copy of our book *Dry Basement Science* and for more information, call 866-857-1612 or visit our website at www.mycompletebasement.com *

James Barton Design-Build Awards Scholarship



Alex Sorben

James Madsen has set up a \$1,000 scholarship program at his former high school in Huron, South Dakota. Eligible students must have taken at least one class in the trades through the tech school. These classes are taught through the high school's vocational program. Eligible students must also have

plans to pursue a post-secondary construction trade, such as production management, carpentry, electrical, architectural drafting or construction design.

This year's recipient is Alex Sorben. Alex will be studying Architecture/Construction Engineering Technology at Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this coming fall. In the future, he hopes to design, build and remodel houses in the Sioux Falls area. *

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The Design Corner

The most important part of remodeling your basement occurs before you ever touch a tool. A well designed floor plan can maximize the space and turn your basement into the most popular area in the house. Because most basements lack natural light, it is best to incorporate as many large open spaces into the design as possible.

Basements can also be more difficult to design than other areas in your home because they pose unique challenges not found in any other area, such as structural posts, plumbing pipes, HVAC ductwork, and electrical boxes that may have to be designed around or moved to accommodate a design plan.

In addition to expanding their homes' livable areas, many homeowners are also incorporating theme rooms into their basement design. Home movie theatres, in-home gyms, Tuscan-style wine cellars with slate floors, English pub-style bars for gathering, and children's play areas equipped with performance stages are just some examples of how homeowners are

beginning to make the basement space truly unique.

While natural lighting is the best way to illuminate any room, many basements get very little of it. To solve this problem, it is best to choose a variety of lighting when planning a basement space. Recessed lighting works well for the ceiling areas and wall sconces are becoming a very popular way to incorporate decoration as well as ambiance.

Flooring options range from carpet to pre-finished wood flooring to a variety of tile options.

Heated floor tile is a great choice — especially for homeowners who have outside access into their basements and entertain often. Bringing together a variety of colors and textures on the walls and counters is another way to add style to your new

lower level space.

What kind of theme room is hiding in your basement? It just might be time to turn those unused guest bedrooms into that special get away. ✨



by Tamra Mueller,
Designer

Basements can also be more difficult to design than other areas in your home because they pose unique challenges not found in any other area...

Meet John Miller, Production Manager

Production manager John Miller, James Barton Design-Build's very first employee, remains with us today. John started with the company in 2000 as a self-described 'green carpenter.' Over the past seven years, John has worked his way up from a 'green carpenter' to a lead carpenter and then to his current position as our dedicated production manager. His responsibilities include scheduling crews and subcontractors for projects, ordering materials, and serving as the homeowners' contact person for any issues not handled by the lead carpenters.

John says that he has stayed with James Barton Design-Build because "something is different every day. We're not putting up square boxes, so it's also challenging every day." In addition to that, he notes that it is also the atmosphere that has kept him here, as James always makes the work environment fun. John's favorite aspect of the job, though, is seeing the gratification from homeowners when a project is done. After having seen the homeowner's vision in the beginning, John loves being able to make it a reality.

When John started working for James he was single; now John is married and with his wife Sadie is kept very busy with their three daughters, Hailey (6), Reese (4), and Olivia (2). James Barton Design-Build has loved having the opportunity to watch John grow in his work over the past seven years, and we feel fortunate to continue on that journey with him. ✨



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FEATURED PROJECT

Timing was everything in this whole-house remodel that was specially designed for entertaining — an upcoming wedding and the couple's desire to have a wine toast with the wedding party and friends at their newly remodeled home set the project's schedule.

The removal of several walls opened up the space to make it more conducive to entertaining with friends. The existing dining room was fully enclosed by walls; two walls were taken down and an opening was added on the third wall.

Sheetrocked arches now define the space in the dining room while leaving it very open, and arches are repeated throughout the home to create the illusion of higher ceilings. In the center of the roomy kitchen is a two-tier island with a space for storing wine and an extended area for friends to congregate around, creating the perfect conversation table.

A gorgeous second fireplace with a cultured marble face was installed in the living room to warm the home physically, while soft, recessed lighting and cherry floors throughout the home help to warm the space visually. A state-of-the-art entertainment system that can be controlled throughout the house completes this very inviting makeover.

For the homeowners, this remodel became a beautiful, tangible representation of the beginning of their new life together. ✨

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