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RENOVATIONS

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WINTER 2007

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Congratulations and thank you to the following customers and business colleagues who have sent referrals to us through November. This ongoing program is available to customers, subcontractors and vendors. The program is simple: for every referral that turns into a signed contract with a down payment, you will receive a reward based on the amount of the signed contract. Look for exciting offers in your mail in 2007. Please visit our website for future and updated information. *

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Wishing You and Yours a Happy Holiday and a Great New Year from All of Us at James Barton Design-Build

As 2007 begins, we hope you and your families had a safe and happy holiday season. Everyone at James Barton Design-Build would like to thank our customers, trade partners, and sub-contractors for a great 2006, and we look forward to our continued relationships in 2007. *



Pictured Left to Right
front row: Pam Schuette,
Tamra Miller
middle row: James Madsen,
Anne Dahlen, Jason Larson, Jayme
Quinnell
Back row: John Miller, Andy Haglof,
Scott Hafermann, Josh Risberg

A New Location for James Barton Design-Build: 5920 148th Street West, Apple Valley

Just a few weeks ago, on December 15th, James Barton Design-Build moved to 5920 148th Street West, Suite 100 in Apple Valley, just two blocks north of County Road 42 on Johnny Cake Ridge



Road, next to Lifetime Express. "Our new building was created to better serve our clients. There will be a separate conference room and selection room for our clients to have a more extensive product selection experience when planning their project," stated owner James Madsen.

If you or anyone you know has a business and is looking for a great office space or location, JAM Business Properties is now looking for tenants. The building is in central Apple Valley and the offices are built to suit. For small or large spaces, please call James Madsen at 952-431-2640 for more information on availability.

Stop by and visit us at our new location! *



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

Even though the existing Real Estate market has quieted, 2006 has been a great year for remodeling. The current market is seeing an adjustment, and as it returns to normal, we will see manageable appreciation and better professional accountability than we have seen in a long time. This means that now is the time to secure your investment in your home by remodeling.

Part of the reason we are seeing this shift may be because it is from within your home that you create your lifestyle. You become part of the community surrounding your home and you create your history within that area. When you remodel, you are able to improve on the lifestyle you have already created. So, now more than ever, it is important to choose a professional you can trust to advise you and help make the decisions that are best for you and your family.

Our goal for 2007 is to exceed our client's expectations from the design phase through the completion of your home improvement project. Therefore, we invite you to Dream, Design, Build, and Enjoy with James Barton Design-Build. Let us help you make your dream a reality. *

Introducing **The Design Corner**

by Designer, Tamra Mueller

We wanted to create an area in our newsletter where we could share and highlight design ideas, trends and products in the remodeling industry.

Here at James Barton Design-Build, we have noticed a trend in full-house renovations. Many homeowners tend to put home improvements on the back burner while they raise their family and pursue their career. Now as empty nesters, they find that their home has unused spaces and that this is the time to create specialty areas to fit individual family members' needs. Separate offices, craft and sewing rooms, exercise areas, and wine cellars are some of the specialty areas that can be created from

unused rooms and enhance a full-house renovation.

Clients are also finding that opening up their kitchen to the formal spaces in the house encourages entertaining larger groups of family and friends. A large entertaining kitchen designed for two cooks should incorporate some of the following elements: separate prep sink, double ovens, generous counters, and conversational seating for guests.

Whether it's updating existing spaces or rooms that need to be reconfigured, our designers work with you every step of the way to create functional living spaces with products that fit your needs. *





If you're planning to remodel your home, going "green" can save natural resources and create a more healthful living environment at the same time. It can also reduce your water and energy bills.

Green Building by Definition

Green building, also called "sustainable" or "high-performance" building, means having a significantly reduced impact on the earth's resources as compared to conventional building. It also means creating a building that is healthier and more comfortable for its occupants, consequently enhancing productivity.

Getting Started — Choosing Green Building Products

Consider using greener materials, such as countertops and flooring made with recycled content or from renewable resources, and/or those that give off little or no volatile organic compounds (VOCs) — chemicals identified as prime indoor air pollutants. Some of these materials may cost more, so you should research and evaluate them to try to get the best value.

Consumer Reports recently looked at two flooring products often labeled as green: bamboo and linoleum. Some findings:

- **Bamboo can change on you.** Bamboo, a grass, reaches harvesting age faster than wood and is considered more renewable. But it could prove to be a problem when

exposed to lots of natural light. Two brands, Mannington Statements and Anderson Pacific Hemispheres, quickly darkened in UV tests.

- **Linoleum varies widely.** Often confused with vinyl, which is plastic, linoleum is mostly linseed oil and wood products. Armstrong Marmorette and Marmoleum Click were best at handling dents and sunlight.

Consider energy-efficient appliances. For products including refrigerators, dishwashers, and washing machines, look for products with the Energy Star label, which is used to identify models that can be up to 40 percent more efficient than federal energy efficiency standards. Checking the Green ratings first can also give you an edge.

Consider water-efficient appliances. Beginning in 2007, you'll be able to find products including dishwashers, washing machines, and toilets labeled with the Environmental Protection Agency's new WaterSense label. Specifications for faucets are also in process. The WaterSense label is meant to identify models which are about 20 percent more efficient than their standard counterparts.

For the entirety of this article and more information, please go to: www.greenerchoices.org *

Meet Pam Schuette, Designer

This quarter's featured and highlighted employee is Pam Schuette. Pam is a designer at James Barton Design-Build and has been working for the company since June of 2006.



Her responsibilities include meeting with clients to come up with design plans that suit their wants and needs, as well as helping them through their design process.

Pam has worked in the design and remodeling industry for over three years as a designer, office manager and project coordinator. Her interior design education comes from Dakota County Technical College and Northwest Technical Institute (NTI) where she received an Associate's Degree in Architectural Drafting.

One of the most rewarding parts of her job, Pam noted, is helping her clients achieve what they didn't even realize they were looking for in the beginning. "The best part of my job," Pam said, "is helping the client through the design phase, which includes developing a design for their home and helping them with product and color selections for their home." Recently, she was working with clients who wanted a bigger garage and an update to their kitchen. But after seeing Pam's designs, they decided to turn the project into a full-house makeover, working on every room but the laundry room. The clients were thrilled with the end result, and Pam was pleased to have helped them create the update they were seeking. *



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FEATURED PROJECT

This main floor renovation is truly mesmerizing. The attention to detail and genuine craftsmanship are felt throughout the entire main floor. From the gorgeous cherry doors and millwork to the breathtaking state-of-the-art multi-media living room, this project captivates all the senses. Here is a home that is truly a showstopper.

This particular project was nothing less than a transformative makeover, which left the homeowners more than pleased with the end result. The new framing opened up the walls between the living room and the kitchen, making the living room feel less formal and more inviting. The homeowners love it, as it is a great open area for entertaining. A project of this size would normally take 25 weeks to complete, but because the homeowners' daughter's wedding was just around the corner, James Barton Design-Build was able to make the deadline in only 18 weeks, and without compromising quality. The project included a renovation in the family room, kitchen, dining room, formal living room and foyer.

Project Highlights

Kitchen

New cherry cabinets; Cambria tops; tile backsplash, recessed and pendant lighting; eye-catching, large radius-shaped counter.

Family Room

Surround sound and speaker system throughout; gorgeous fireplace bordered with cultured stone, a custom wood mantle and new cherry cabinets flanking each side.

Master Bathroom

Stunning new window configurations to accommodate the new design; beautiful double vanity with medicine cabinet storage in between.



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www.jamesbartondesignbuild.com for
colored photos of this featured project.