



Ground-breaking ceremony held

Springs Valley Herald
A ground breaking ceremony for French Lick's first downtown mixed project was conducted on Thursday, at noon, on the French Lick Green. The event marked another important step in the town's redevelopment.

The project is being developed by Upland Development Group of Bloomington and LV Associates of Jasper. The 63,000 square-foot development will include 21,000 square feet of restaurants, shops and commercial space on the ground floor, with 36 residential units above.

The three-story brick and

limestone building will feature outdoor dining along the Town Green, New Orleans-style balconettes with French doors overlooking the French Lick Town Center and French Lick Resort Casino. A four-story tower topped by a luxury penthouse unit with private elevator access and a private rooftop terrace will be included to rent to extended-stay visitors.



The restaurants and shops will overlook the Town Green, which is expected to be a gathering place for residents and visitors, with concerts, farmers markets, festivals and other community events.

Commercial tenants will include Denny's Restaurant and Bloomington Hospital's Promptcare facility, which will provide urgent care services for area residents and guests and occupational health services for area businesses.

"This is yet another momentous day for French Lick and the entire Valley," said French Lick Town

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Get to know . . . Randy Scalf

- How long have you worked here? *2 years*
- What do you enjoy most about your job?
The opportunity to learn different skills - who wouldn't want to learn trim from Dan & Stevie, layouts & framing from Jeff, Bob D., Jason & Clete - these guys are the best and that crazy Tommy!
- Where were you born?
Orleans
- Do you have any children? *20 yr old Brittany & 16 yr old AJ*
- Favorite restaurant?
Joe's Crab Shack
- Favorite TV Show?
Family Guy
- Hobbies: *Golf, NASCAR*
- If I didn't work here, I'd be: *working on a golf course somewhere in the Bahamas*
- A person in history you'd most like to have dinner with: *Nostradamus*
- What are you most proud of? *My kids*
- What is one thing most people don't know about you? *I'll be a first time grandfather in May.*

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Studnicki - 2 yrs

Robert Temple - 2 yrs

Weather

Why talk about weather? Actually, we have no control over rain, snow, sleet, wind, lightning or sunshine. But we can control what happens on our job as a result of the elements.



Some of the biggest problems on construction jobs are caused by wind and lightning. Wind probably causes the most accidents; lightning can be deadly.

Don't let wind catch you off guard. Wind just loves to pick up anything it can and sail it away. So when it's windy, securely tie or weight down supplies and materials. It's amazing what a little wind can do. Some gusts can pick up a 4X8 sheet of plywood from the top of a building and carry it several blocks or blow you off a scaffold.

It seems the higher you go, the stronger the wind. When working on tall buildings stay away from roof edges, floor openings, and similar drop-offs where the wind could blow you over. Weight down or otherwise secure material or equipment that can be blown

down.

Don't loiter on the leeward side of unbraced walls, lumber stacks or anything else that can be blown over by a sudden gust of wind. In many instances, workers have been seriously injured when an unbraced wall or form was blown over on them while they were sitting in its shade during lunch or before starting work.

LIGHTNING HURTS

Every so often we read about workers being struck by lightning. They usually come out second best.



We all like to keep things moving until we're rained out. But when lightning is around, it's safer to take shelter early. Very often an electrical storm occurs without rain. Or a lightning storm proceeds the rain. Seek shelter when you see lightning.

RAIN CAN RUIN A JOB

Rain may be good for the farmer but it can play havoc with a construction job. It can turn it into a gigantic mud pie. Water seems to

get in everywhere. Rain can ruin building materials and supplies and generally make things down right messy. Steel gets slippery, equipment gets stuck, and we get wet.

By covering equipment, materials, tools, supplies and ourselves, we don't give rain a chance to do as much damage as it could. We can eliminate slipping hazards by sweeping water out of low areas used as passageways inside of buildings under construction.

DON'T SLIP ON ICE & SNOW

When we work in colder climates, ice and snow make things slippery. Clean and sand any work surfaces, such as scaffolds and passageways where there is ice and snow. We need the best possible footing we can get.

We can control the weather only as far as it affects the job. All of the safety precautions haven't been listed but common sense usually dictates the right thing to do.



Ground breaking continued

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Council President Bill Ratliff. "With this landmark building anchoring our new Town Center and creating a bridge to French Lick's historic downtown, the heart of French Lick will beat ever stronger with new life getting pumped into the entire downtown community."

Tim Boeglin of Upland Development Group stated, "We thought the town and its urban planners had it exactly right in investing gaming revenue in a downtown revitalization project designed to create excitement and attract visitors to French Lick's historic downtown. With the Town Green project and the entire Town Center area now coming into focus, we

expect residents and visitors will be very pleasantly surprised by what good urban planning can create and how it can serve as a catalyst for the entire downtown area. We look forward to being a part of the French Lick community and its ongoing transformation into a world-class destination resort."

Project Updates

Lindsey's Construction

The ceilings are done, flooring is going in, the front door will be installed the first week in February. We should be ready to move the second week in February. We will finish concrete and other exterior as weather permits.

French Lick Resort Casino

Work is continuing as normal. The biggest project is covering the FRP in the kitchen with diamond plate stainless panels.

SV Hardware Addition

The weather has really hindered us lately. Ten good working days would go a long way towards completing this project.

Larry Bird Home Renovations

Dan was injured in a car accident, water lines froze and burst twice, the adjacent property owner doesn't want us to use the upper gate to the lawn and Dan Sosh's power sander broke. Things are not going as planned, but we have still made some progress.

Cave Quarries

Jeff is working with Knies employees and should be ready to start putting on some metal in February.

French Lick Town Green

The contracts are signed and we are in the submittal process. I hope to have rebar on the ground and get started working by the end of February or the first of March.

French Lick American Legion

Material orders have been placed. As soon as materials comes in we will start on this project. We hope to start mid February.

FEBRUARY 3



FEBRUARY 14



VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 18



PRESIDENT'S DAY

Get to know . . . Tommy Walls

1. How long have you worked here? *2 Years*
2. What do you enjoy most about your job? *The people that I work with*
3. Where were you born? *Orange County*
4. Do you have any children? *Tommi - she is 2 and James - he is 11 months*
5. Favorite restaurant? *Just off the Brick*
6. Favorite TV Show: *ESPN*
7. Hobbies: *Softball*
8. If I didn't work here, I'd be: *looking for a job.*
9. A person in history you'd most like to have dinner with: *My grandpa's*
10. What are you most proud of? *My kids*
11. What is the one thing most people don't know about you? *I like my job.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Missy Watts
- 2 - Julie Edmonson
- 6 - Chris Purkhiser
- 15 - Randy Scalf
- 15 - James Walls
- 19 - Tommy & Dorene Walls
- 22 - Tommy Walls
- 25 - Terry Dickey



