



## Facelift ahead

Work is expected to begin on the next renovation phase at the 158-year-old Orange County Courthouse.

Much of the work that is to be done involves the building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

DLZ Indiana is the architectural firm guiding the renovation. Eric Ratts, division manager for architecture and building engineering, said other changes will be more noticeable.

For one, the courtroom ceiling will be altered.

Ratts said, "In approximately 1970, they put in a suspended acoustic panel ceiling, which lowered the height from 22 feet down to 16 feet." That ceiling was removed during the first phase of the renovation and Ratts said the plan call for restoring the courtroom to the metal ceiling from the building's early days. "We're bringing back a lot of the integrity of what the courtroom was 100-plus year ago."

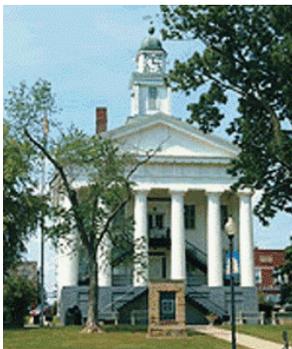
"The other dramatic change...will be we are putting a new roof on the exterior," Ratts said.

Rest rooms also will be available on all levels of the building.

A renovation report prepared by DLZ also shows plans for rebuilding the stairs on the building's north end (and providing a secure entry from the main corridor) and providing a new clerk's office reception counter.

The four-faced clock on the top of the project also will be repaired.

"It will be done," Ratts said, "by someone different than the contractor working on the courthouse—a clock expert." He said county leaders are speaking to experts across the



country in an attempt to maintain the existing clock mechanism.

An anticipated project schedule shows the work, if begun in May, being substantially complete in December. Transition and occupancy is scheduled for January.

Offices that operate in the courthouse will have been displaced for more than a year. Orange Circuit Court, the clerk's office, the probation office and the substance abuse program are operating out of temporary space in a building on N. Gospel Street.

Orange Circuit Court Judge Larry Blanton misses occupying the historic courthouse. "We want to go back home," he said. He added that he's happy to see the renovation take place in the interest of preserving the building. "I think people are going to be really excited when they see it."

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## Get to know ... Dan Knies

1. How long have you worked here? *This hitch, 2 years 6 months*
2. What do you enjoy most about your job? *The people I work with*
3. Where were you born? *Gary, Indiana*
4. Do you have any children? *2 step-children, Wess & Jess*
5. Favorite restaurant? *Miguel's*
6. Favorite TV Show? *The Beverly Hillbilly's*
7. Hobbies: *Fishing, Artifact hunting & boating*
8. If I didn't work here, I'd be: *See answer 7*
9. A person in history you'd most like to have dinner with: *My dad*
10. What are you most proud of? *Wess*
11. What is one thing most people don't know about you? *It's a secret*

# Identifying Construction Hazards

The following examples are intended to remind workers of the typical construction hazards we see regularly with hopes that everyone will put safety first and correct hazards as they find them.

**HOUSEKEEPING** - Not enough can be said about maintaining a clean work area! Keeping your area swept and free from debris not only prevents tripping hazards, but it makes it easier to perform your work. Make sure stored materials are stacked neatly and away from work areas.



**EXTENSION CORDS** - Make sure cord sets have a grounding plug in place before using. If insulation on cords is damaged, take the cords out of service. Elevate extension cords to prevent tripping hazards.

**ELECTRICAL PANELS** - All panels and boxes must have a cover in place to prevent electrical shock. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) should be required on all circuits that will be used for portable power tools.

**SCAFFOLDING** - Elevated working surfaces must be fully planked with toe boards, hand rails and mid rails installed. Scaffolds must be erected with vertical members resting on a solid base with the scaffold level. Never climb the outside of a scaffold; ladders are required. Never climb a ladder while carrying tools or materials. Instead, use a hoist line.

**LADDERS**—Step ladders are a major source for construction accidents. Make sure they are used properly and maintained in good repair. Remove broken or damaged ladders from service immediately. Never lean step ladders against a wall or work surface. Never separate extension ladders. Always make sure extension ladders are tied off.



**SLIPPERY SURFACES** - Make sure sand or some other slip resistant material is applied to icy walking surfaces. Clean up oil and water spills immediately. Another serious cause of slips are “rolly pollys.” These are small round objects that can cause a slip when

stepped on. Typical ones include: Welding rod ends, stubs from conduit and small diameter pipe.

**LIGHTING** - Most construction areas require a minimum of 5 foot candles. If you are having a hard time seeing your work, then you need to let someone know and get something done about it.



Stairways are a common problem area and require good lighting.

**EYE PROTECTION** - It is too common to see workers who need eye protection not wearing it. The typical reason is because they did not have glasses with them. Wearing safety glass all the time prevents this situation.

Safety glass alone are not adequate for tasks that create flying particulate matter such as grinding or cutting. Wear a face shield as well.



## Get to know ... Jason Stewart

1. How long have you worked here? *3.75 years*
2. What do you enjoy most about your job? *The paycheck*
3. Where were you born? *Jasper, Indiana*
4. Do you have any children? *No*
5. Favorite restaurant? *Texas Roadhouse*
6. Favorite TV show? *Anything on the Military Channel*
7. Hobbies: *Hunting, fishing and riding my Harley*
8. If I didn't work here, I'd be: *riding across the country on my Harley.*
9. A person in history you'd most like to have dinner with: *My uncle's Nick and Raymond*
10. What are you most proud of? *That I'm still able to get out of bed every morning.*

# Project Updates

## French Lick American Legion

B & E Painting completed painting and Terry & Mike are installing railing and that will complete this project. I think this really spruced up the front of the Legion.

## Legend of French Lick

Everyone involved is wishing we were done. I think everything looks magnificent.

## French Lick Town Green

We have accomplished all we can at this point and have left the site. It looks like we won't be able to start framing until August.

## Denny's Restaurant

We are waiting on plumbers & electricians to finish rough-ins and then we can pour floors. The remainder of the project can't start until the Town Green is dried-in sometime in October.

## Winger Home

The basement is done and Jeff, Randy, Jason, Cletus & Mike are framing.

## Russellville Project

One set of steps is poured and we will do others as work progresses.

## Lady Hawk Locker Room

Mike, Terry & Robert have started this small job and it shouldn't take very long to complete.

## W. Baden Shelter House-Doors

These doors are scheduled to be delivered June 12th, then we can start.

## Orange County Courthouse

Bob, Cory, Meredith, Kevin and Bob D. are off to a good start. The scaffold should show up next week and we should make good progress once it is set up.



We want to wish Pat a speedy recovery from his 4-wheeler accident.

## Flag Day



June 14th

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 4 - Tommi Walls                  | 15 - Kami Walls       |
| 6 - Dan Knies                    | 28 - Misty Evans      |
| 9 - Jason Stewart                | 28 - Debbie Middleton |
| 11 - Chris & Stephanie Purkhiser |                       |
| 12 - Michael Allstott            |                       |
| 13 - Michael & Amanda Switzer    |                       |

## Father's Day



June 15th