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St. Anthony's Medical Center

First Commercial Project For Park Centre

As the first facility to be located in the Park Centre project in DeMotte, Indiana, St. Anthony Medical Center's new medical office building will set the tone for future development. Brick and stone—traditional and timeless materials—reflect solidity, and the building's gabled roof forms articulate scale and make reference to the historically rural character of the community.

The Hamstra Group is working with client St. Anthony's and architect Design Organization, Inc. to create a centerpiece structure in Park Centre. The 9,500-square-foot medical building will feature twelve family practice examination and procedure rooms, a medical laboratory and general x-ray suite. The \$1.8 million facility will allow for the relocation of the existing Physician Network practice group.

Construction began in September 2009 and is slated for completion in mid-summer.

Rob Florkiewicz is St. Anthony's point man for the project. Curt Albertson is Hamstra Group's project manager for the new Park Centre structure; John Koster is project superintendent. Earl Mager is Design Organization's architectural manager.

"We think the St. Anthony's project will be a cornerstone of the commercial development adjacent to DeMotte's Spencer Park," Albertson says. "We're



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St. Anthony's Medical Center will feature traditional brick and stone, which reflect solidity and substance; the building's gabled roof forms make reference to the historically rural character of the community. The new medical building in DeMotte, Indiana, is slated for summer completion.

enjoying the teamwork involved in designing and building this new structure."

St. Anthony's is the first commercial development in the larger Spencer Park plan, which will provide DeMotte with a downtown area that features community-oriented amenities and businesses (see *Breaking Ground*, Fall 2009, "A Park with Pizzazz," at www.hamstragroup.com).

The DeMotte plan is state-of-the-art when it comes to the development of attractive town centers. The greater connectivity for bicycle and foot traffic, the number of vibrant and useful amenities, the integration of recreational and commercial areas, the

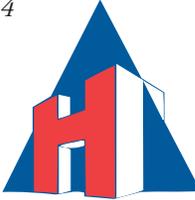
landscaping and "greening" of the park, the accommodation of all ages of town residents and other facets of the plan put it at the forefront of cutting-edge municipal land use projects.

"The revamped Spencer Park and new Park Centre will create a renewed focal point for our community," says Mark Boer, DeMotte's town council president. "It will be a central point in DeMotte that our residents will enjoy for many years to come."

"This project is an example of wise land use planning that will create a

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In Memoriam

Hamstra Group Loses Three Valued Staffers

The Hamstra Group rejoices when clients, staff and friends celebrate achievements, marriages and the arrival of new babies. The company also grieves when it loses cherished employees and friends. Last year was particularly devastating for our company. We lost three employees, all of whom worked in our Electrical Services department.



Al Strong

Al Strong, who had been with The Hamstra Group since 1977, died in an auto accident returning from a vacation. He had recently celebrated his 30-year anniversary with the company, and had enjoyed a two-week excursion in Alaska. A supervisor electrician whose talents will be missed, Strong worked

on many institutional and commercial projects for The Hamstra Group and had just started work on St. Anthony's Medical Center in DeMotte when he passed away.

Jim Keys, who grew up in the



Jim Keys

Rensselaer, Indiana area, was a valued staffer and member of the electrical department beginning in 1997. His death from cancer after a dozen years with our company was a sad event. Keys worked with Strong on a number of commercial projects, including many northwest Indiana commercial buildings and shopping centers.

Bill Cruikshank, an experienced hand and electrician who worked mainly on Hamstra's dairy farm projects, died unexpectedly of a stroke. Originally from the East Coast, Cruikshank had been with our company since 2006.



Bill Cruikshank

Dennis Hartley, Hamstra's longtime manager of the department in which all three of these men worked, admits that 2009 was "a very tough year."

"I knew all of these men well and they were experienced, hardworking and genuinely nice people," says Hartley. "They will all be missed by our entire company."

The Hamstra Group wishes to convey its condolences to the families, friends and co-workers of Al Strong, Jim Keys and Bill Cruikshank.

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significant asset for the town," Albertson adds. "We're happy that St. Anthony's is the first new commercial project to get off the ground."

St. Anthony's is the first of several new commercial projects that will be integrated with the public park and amenities in downtown DeMotte. The approximately five-year timetable will allow the park's redevelopment to be done in stages. St. Anthony's Medical Clinic will soon be joined by DeMotte State Bank, which currently has offices nearby, and which will locate a bank operations center and drive-thru facility at Park Centre.



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