

## Benefis Patient Tower

The Sletten Northern Building Division has completed the poured-in-place concrete for the seven level patient tower portion of the Benefis Healthcare Project. The structural steel work on the seven level public tower is 45% complete. The remodel of the ER through the laundry corridor has been completed and the remodel of the existing administration area has started.



BENEFIS PATIENT TOWER  
PHOTO BY DIANA SUNDQUIST

## UNLV Science, Engineering and Technology Building

By Neal Darlington

The on-site Sletten team is proud to provide an update on our progress on the new Science, Engineering and Technology building at the campus of University of Nevada Las Vegas. The \$78,527,141 structure is a five-story, 197,000 sf., multi-discipline science facility. The Notice to Proceed was August 31, 2006. The project is 86% complete at this time. Scheduled completion is currently planned for the spring of 2008; however, the university is contemplating several large additions as donors become available. The critical path construction is moving out of the structural steel and concrete phases and into the building enclosure activities. Current time sensitive activities include: exterior precast concrete panels, roofing systems, entry steel with glazing systems, and exterior framing and stucco systems. Interior rough-in of mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire sprinklers, and framing systems are all beyond the 80% mark. The Sletten on-site management team includes: Neal Darlington, Kevin Grenka, Kraig Kuglin, John Farley, Dennis Watkins, Rocky Emerson, Russell Bassett, and Evelyn Fernandez.

## Fort Caspar Academy

By Casey Waltari

Sletten Construction of Wyoming is pushing to weather-in Fort Caspar Academy before the wonderful Wyoming winter hits. Currently, structural masonry completed at the end of September with steel roof joists/deck following and thermoplastic olefin roofing completed mid-October. Over 3,600 cy of concrete have been poured to date in the drilled piers, grade beams, and the slab-on-metal deck. The 63,140 sf elementary school is slated to be complete on April 1, 2008. The construction team consists of Steve Sandstrom of Sandstrom Associates (Architect), Grady Davis-Amundsen Associates (Local Architect), Mitch Smith-Project Manager with NCSD. Sletten Team: Bill Street - Superintendent, Ben Hubbard- Project Engineer, and Casey Waltari-Project Manager.



FORT CASPAR ACADEMY  
PHOTOS BY CASEY WALTARI

## 20th Annual Sletten Golf Tournament

By Mike Allison

The 20th annual Sletten Construction Golf Tournament was held on July 13, 2007 at the Zahara Valley Golf Course in Great Falls. Fourteen teams played 18 holes in a best ball style competition. Prizes were awarded for both men and women for longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt. Mulligan sales raised \$245, which was donated by the charity committee to Life Way Pregnancy Services. Several local businesses donated money or prizes, which participants received through drawings. I would like to say a special thank you to Dale McLoughlin for the great job of gathering the donations for the drawings.

## Sletten Phoenix Starts Fry's Market Place

By Ron Chamberlain

Work has started on the Fry's Market Place #669 located in Casa Grande, Arizona. The project commenced on September 7th with mobilization of the crews and horizontal and vertical controls to follow up with digging of structural footings. Currently, we are in the process of pouring footings and Stone Cold Masonry has started work for the perimeter portion of the building. Construction for the project is concrete slab-on-grade floors with vinyl tile, exterior structural masonry with some stucco finish, metal studs and drywall interior partition, structural steel roof system with single ply roof cover. The project is currently scheduled to complete on April 4, 2008. The Sletten team consists of Project Superintendents, Jerry and Jeff Stafford (which is always thinking ahead of future activities for fast resolution of challenges) and Gabe Ortega as Project Manager.

## BEST OF '07 SUBMITTALS

Sletten Nevada submitted four projects to the Southwest Contractor Magazines Best of 2007, their annual best of the year project awards.

The Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center was submitted for the award for the category, Transportation Public Project, Over \$10 Million. The vehicle maintenance facility is a fully equipped, state-of-the-art facility that includes 16 bus maintenance bays, wash rack, 4 full service bus lifts, a 5 and 1 ton hoisting crane and a hands-on mechanics training area. In addition, the facility includes a fueling island, 19,817 SF administration building, parking and 42,030 SF multi-bay service building.



MATTHEW B WALLACE  
TRANSPORTATION CENTER  
PHOTO BY KC ERRETT

The project team was the owner, Clark County School District; Carpenter Sellers Associates were the Architects and Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc. was the General Contractor.

The Northwest Career and Tech Academy was submitted for the award for the category, Education K12 Schools, Public Project, Over \$10 Million.

The Northwest Career and Technical Academy is a four-year comprehensive career and technical academy offering eight different programs. The programs are Engineering and Design, Construction Management, Medical Occupations, Transportation, Hospitality, Culinary and Media Communications. The Clark County School District chose to build its first LEED silver rated facility as a learning tool in itself. The building will educate and train local teens and prepare them for simulated work conditions. The project involved and collaborated with the adjacent community, design professionals and local corporate partners. The 213,000 SF building is on a 30-acre site and will eventually house 2,010 students.



NORTHWEST CAREER AND  
TECHNICAL ACADEMY  
PHOTO BY KC ERRETT

The project was designed by SH Architects for the owner, Clark County School District.

The University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine was submitted for the award, Higher Education category. Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc. was selected as part of the University of Nevada Las Vegas's (UNLV) first design/build team to design and construct the new School of Dental Medicine for the Shadow Lane Campus. This 40,000 SF, two-story facility houses the Orthodontic Education and Training Program which includes operatories, labs, classrooms, seminar rooms and administrative offices. Public spaces are designed to be separated from the functional, clinical space where dental procedures and support activities occur.



UNLV SCHOOL OF  
DENTAL MEDICINE  
PHOTO BY KC ERRETT

The building design utilized concrete foundation structural steel support members, steel roof and floor joist with metal decks. The exterior of the building is applied with plant fabricated steel frames with a concrete skinned panel and free standing steel sun shades. The roofing system is single-ply membrane. Interior areas of the facility are defined using conventional steel studs and gypsum board partitions. The ground floor contains a 65-chair dental instruction operator, surgery operator, laboratories, x-ray rooms, administrative offices and reception areas. The second floor contains over 40 private offices, divisible conference rooms, study areas and administrative offices and reception.

The owner of this facility is the State of Nevada. Design services was provided by PGAL Architects.

The Andre Aggassi High School and Gym received the award for the category Education K12 Schools, Private Project over \$10 Million.

The Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy (AACPA) was founded in 2001 to provide academic programs in one of the oldest, most socio-economically challenged neighborhoods in Las Vegas. The Foundation's goal was to establish a child centered education in a collegiate setting for a K-12 charter school on one campus. AACPA was created specifically to improve skill levels and combat lowered academic expectations while creating a climate of hope among this community's most challenged children. Advanced technology, smaller class sizes and extended school hours are just some of the practices the AACPA utilizes to achieve a high standard of education. The final phase of the project was not really an ending, but a beginning of what will follow. The phase signifies a culmination of the matriculation process and a celebration of the next phase of these students' journeys; college and the rest of their lives.



ANDRE AGASSI  
HIGH SCHOOL AND GYM  
PHOTO BY KC ERRETT

The owner of this facility is the Charter School Foundation. The Architect was Carpenter Sellers Associates.



FRY'S MARKET PLACE

# Projects In Progress

## UNLV SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Architect: Dekker-Perich-Sabatini  
Superintendent: Kevin Grenka  
Project Manager: Neal Darlington

## ANDRE AGASSI ACADEMY

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Architect: Carpenter/Sellers Associates  
Superintendent: Frank Tuss  
Project Manager: Dane Carter

## TONGUE RIVER BRIDGES

Miles City, Montana  
Engineer: Montana Dept. of Transportation  
Superintendent: Byron Milander  
Project Manager: Jim Wickens

## BENEFIS PATIENT CARE TOWER

Great Falls, Montana  
Architect: CTA/L'Heureux Page Werner  
Superintendent: Lindon Chagnon/  
Matt Laughlin  
Project Managers: Ron Lucero/  
Mike Guelff

## UNNAMED HIGH SCHOOL

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Architect: Tate Snyder Kimsey  
Superintendent: Rick Woodward,  
Lynn Coles  
Project Manager: Dane Carter,  
John Jones

## CORWIN SPRINGS BRIDGE

Corwin Springs, Montana  
Engineer: Montana Dept. of Transportation  
Superintendent: Don Charters  
Project Manager: Chad Mares

## FT. APACHE PUMP STATION

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Engineer: G.C. Wallace  
Superintendent: Stewart Shields  
Project Manager: Brian LaGrou

## LOGAN BRIDGE SEISMIC REHAB

Logan, Montana  
Engineer: Montana Dept. of Transportation  
Superintendent: Rick Robertson  
Project Manager: Jim Wickens

## TRINITY HOSPITAL

Wolf Point, Montana  
Architect: CTA  
Superintendent: Roger Sand  
Project Manager: Pete Schultz

## POPLAR HOSPITAL

Poplar, Montana  
Architect: CTA  
Superintendent: Linder Hanks  
Project Manager: Pete Schultz

## HIGH DESERT PRISON

Indian Springs, Nevada  
Architect: Arrington Watkins Architects  
Superintendent: Dave Hanson  
Project Manager: Tony Ewalt-  
Matt McCullough

## POWELL HOSPITAL

Powell, Wyoming  
Architect: JGA Architects  
Superintendent: Loren Tope  
Project Manager: Loren Tope

## CASPER HIGH SCHOOL

Casper, Wyoming  
Architect: Sandstrom Associates  
Superintendent: Bill Street  
Project Manager: Casey Waltari

## HI-LINE SLETTEN

CANCER INSTITUTE  
Havre, Montana  
Architect: CTA  
Superintendent: Jim Scharzu  
Project Manager: Mark Visocan

## LEVI RESERVOIR

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Engineer: G.C. Wallace  
Superintendent: Keven Blankers  
Project Manager: Addison Bennett

## BORAH HIGH SCHOOL

BOISE, IDAHO ARCHITECT:  
Hummel Architects  
Superintendent: John Hanson  
Project Manager: Joel Meusch  
Construction Manager: Sletten Construction

## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Architect: C-B Nevada  
Superintendent: Mike Collins  
Project Manager: John Jones

## DOBSON BRIDGE

Dobson, Montana Engineer:  
Montana Department of Transportation  
Superintendent: Jason Plouffe  
Project Manager: Jim Wickens

## FRYS STORE

Casa Granda, Arizona  
Architect: Perkowitz & Ruth  
Superintendent: Jerry Stafford  
Project Manager: Gabe Ortega

## U.S. DISTRICT COURTHOUSE

Great Falls, Montana Architect:  
HWA Superintendent: Scott Houston  
Project Managers: Mark Visocan and Jeremy Beadles

## BOEING/MAR CO.

FLIGHT TEST CENTER  
Glasgow, Montana Architect:  
CTA Superintendent: Josh Guisti  
Project Managers: Ron Hagan and Jayme Loomer

## THOMSON PARK RR BRIDGE

Hope, Idaho  
Engineer: Idaho Dept. of Transportation  
Project Manager: Chad Mares

## COYOTE SPRINGS PUMP STATION

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Engineer: G.C. Wallace  
Superintendent:  
Project Manager: Brian Logsdon

## ARASTA CREEK BRIDGE

Ovando, Montana  
Engineer: Montana Dept. of Transportation  
Superintendent:  
Project Manager: Jim Wickens

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to ROWENA SANCHEZ, the "Do It All Lady" at the Las Vegas office who has been selected Employee of the Quarter.

Rowena has worked in the Las Vegas office for the past 18 months. Her fellow employees advise that every day we wonder "how we managed to run the office without her." We have never found that she refuses to do whatever is asked of her. Her duties at the front desk have grown from just answering the phones and keeping the filing in order to being an assistant to Marty Becker when Pat is not available in the Great Falls office, to keeping track of plans and specs when we are bidding work, just to name a few. Rowena's great personality had added so much to our office that subcontractors and suppliers are always giving us compliments on her professionalism and her endless energy she shares with all of those around her.

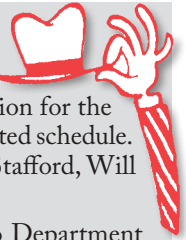
These are just a few of the things Rowena does around the office to make all our lives easier and we all feel very blessed to have her as part of our Las Vegas Team.

Rowena will receive a company jacket and certificate, and will be eligible for a cash award for employee of the year.

## HATS OFF

This Quarter's Hats Off recognition goes to the Sletten Phoenix Division for the completion of the Safeway Store in Florence, Arizona on the owner's stipulated schedule. Thanks to Wade Zinke, Mike Moore, Jim Howell, Quentin Reed, Jerry Stafford, Will Zarlengo and all involved on the project.

The Division also completed the tenant improvements for LaCuracao Department Store in the Desert Sky Mall. The fast track project consisted of 169,000 square feet of improvements in the owner's stipulated 60-day time schedule. Hats off to Superintendents Jack Richardson, Jerry Stafford, Jeff Stafford and Project Manager, Kasey Richardson and all the workers on this project.



## SLETTEN BRIDGE DIVISION UPDATE

The Sletten Bridge Division completed four bridge projects for the Montana Department of Transportation and was awarded a contract for the Arrastra Creek Bridge near Ovando, Montana. The Idaho Department of Transportation awarded the division a contract for the Thompson Park Railroad Overage Bridge located near Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

The Arrastra Creek Project requires building a paved detour, removal of the existing structure and the building of a 75 foot long, 39 foot wide roadway structure. Construction for the structure is concrete abutment, setting 6 prestressed concrete beams, the bridge deck which is poured in place concrete and bridge rails. Jim Wickens is the Project Manager for Sletten.

The Idaho project requires the construction of a 3 span, 159 foot long, with 31 foot roadway bridge. The piers and abutment are poured in-place concrete, placing 5088 square feet of tri-deck beams covered with asphalt paving, placing 651 square feet of modular block retaining wall. Todd Fried is the Project Superintendent for Sletten and Chad Mares is the Project Manager.

## LEVI RESERVOIR AND PUMP STATION -PROJECT UPDATE

By Jake Ostrander

The Levi Reservoir and Pump Station project consists of the construction of a 20-million gallon, buried, reinforced concrete reservoir with appurtenant piping, underground vaults, site work, and electrical equipment, a 25-million gallon per day pump station, equipped with five, 5,200 gallon per minute pumps, overhead bridge crane, appurtenant piping, surge arrestor system, sodium hypochlorite disinfection and control equipment, flow metering system, bypass systems, control valves, electrical and telemetry equipment and HVAC equipment. Currently reservoir slab-on-grade and column construction is 60% complete, perimeter walls are 50% complete, and structural deck is approximately 20% complete. Large diameter yard piping is complete from the reservoir to the outlet structures, and work is currently focusing on the 48" outlet header pipe. Reservoir inlet pipe, overflow pipe, and pump station suction header and discharge header pipe are yet to be installed. The underdrain vault structure V#70, and outlet structure V#80 are both 95% complete, and work is continuing on the other site vaults. Pump station underground electrical conduit placement is completed and work is currently ongoing on trench drain installation and pump room slab-on-grade placement, this structure is 10% complete. Offsite utility work is approximately 75% complete. Site work remaining consists of approximately 4,600 LF of CMU wall with fences and gates, access roads and offsite roadways. Reservoir leak testing is currently scheduled to begin in April of 2008, and the operational testing of the pump station is scheduled for July of 2008.



LEVI RESERVOIR  
PHOTO BY JAKE OSTRANDER

## MSU SELECTS SLETTEN AS JUDGE'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By Michelle Cohens

Sletten Construction Company was nominated for the MSU Family Business Award in May 2007. Erik Sletten and Michelle Cohens completed the lengthy and detailed application for consideration amongst any of the categories. In September, Bob & Pat Sletten, Erik Sletten, and Michelle Cohens attended the MSU College of Business State Farm Insurance Family Business Day in Bozeman, MT. Attending the event were several Montana family business owners and MSU faculty. The judges reviewed over 70 applicants for various categories.

Sletten Construction Company was selected for the 2007 Judge's Special Recognition award. Even though Sletten Construction is 100% Employee Owned and not family owned, the judges believe the Sletten history, perseverance, efforts, and contributions to the communities are worthy of recognition. Amiably accepting the award were Bob and Erik who believe this is an honor to receive the special recognition from MSU and expressed gratitude for the dedication of Sletten employee owners.

## EMPLOYEE NEWS

by Michelle Cohens

JEREMY BEADLES and DANE CARTER attended the AACE International Annual Meeting for scheduling and cost management in construction as a continued education credit. The three-day session held at Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville engaged attendees in one to two-hour technical presentations. JEREMY hosted a portion of a session, for additional recertification credits.

ANTHONY KEYES the newest addition to the estimating department has seventeen years experience in the construction industry performing duties of chief estimator and project manager. He is a 1991 graduate of California State University of Chico with a B.S. degree in Construction Management. Anthony joins our team in Great Falls, after residing in Twin Falls, ID for the past sixteen years. He has three children, Michelle (13), Todd (11), and Alyssa (9). We welcome Anthony into the Sletten world!

BRACKEN and SUSAN HANSON welcomed their baby boy DARBY into the bright lights of Las Vegas on July 12. DARBY weighed in at a mere 5 lbs. 11 oz.; fully extended he was 18" long. Their oldest daughter SHAYLEE now has a little brother to love and show who is boss.

MELISSA and MIKE GUELFF are expecting their second child this November. Melissa's due date is November 18. Melissa has had a healthy, trouble-free pregnancy and we wish their family best wishes for a happy, healthy baby. Alex, their first daughter, will make a wonderful BIG sister.

Shortly before the UNLV Science, Engineering and Technology Building started, MATT MCCULLOUGH and RUSS BASSETT attended a one-day LEED Workshop in Austin, TX. Following the workshop, Russ read quite a bit about the credits that applied to the UNLV Science, Engineering, and Technology Building project (specifically those that we, the contractor, were responsible for). To facilitate this project maintaining the LEED documentation is an essential role, but Russ did not have ample time to study and become accredited. Finally, Russ was able to schedule time enabling him to study and prepare for the test. Preparing to become LEED accredited, many of the information and tools to study derive from the LEED Reference Guide. Other resources available are at [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

More importantly one should know what each credit is, its intent, the submittal requirements and procedures, the calculations if any, the referenced standards for that credit, and how each credit interacts with other credits and their achievement. The Credit Interpretation Requests (CIRs) is another useful resource to turn to, which assists in the practical understanding of some issues that can be challenging for some of the credits. It is not necessary, however, to commit the CIRs to memory. Russ states, the issues raised are more important than the specific question in any individual CIR. Congratulations to Russ for passing the test on October 4, 2007 and becoming LEED Accredited!

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