

New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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Plant Engineering staff begin HPEC remodeling

As part of the new hospital construction and campus improvements, the Health Professions Education Center (HPEC) is being remodeled – virtually down to the studs in some places. Once complete, it will be home to administrative offices and Rehabilitation Services (physical, occupational and speech therapy).

Located on the northeast corner of West Devils Lake Road and 28th Street, this building was originally a nursing home, with wings in each direction. In more recent years, the south wing provided two large conference room spaces, the east wing housed Home Health and Hospice, the west wing served as hotel space for medical students, and the north wing provided storage.

When construction began on the new hospital project this past summer, the HPEC East conference room



In photo, Lance Boyce muds one of the HPEC rooms.

was taken out of commission so mockups of the proposed new inpatient and Emergency Department exam rooms could be built. The mockups provided hands-on guidance to determine the optimal layout for the rooms in our new hospital.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 18, HPEC West conference room will be taken out of use, as Plant Engineering staff begins stripping the walls for the early stages of remodeling. Meanwhile, over the past several weeks, staff have already been busy clearing out the north wing, making repairs, painting and more.

Steel framing continues on new hospital

Despite some recent icy rain, dusting of snow and cold temperatures, the crews from Skanska USA Building have continued unfazed. They are installing clips and attaching metal framing to the exterior of the replacement hospital, working clockwise from the north. Metal decking to support the roofing is in place and the crews are preparing for the “Slab on Metal Deck” concrete pour, which will create the floor of the mechanical penthouse.

This past week, you may have noticed numerous smaller concrete pours happening around the base of each steel pillar. When the large concrete slab was poured, square areas called “block outs” were left unfilled so that the steel pillars could be installed. Now that steel framing is in place, those block outs are being filled in.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS UPDATE OR THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?

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