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Madison County Courthouse Topping Out Ceremony

Wampsville, NY – Earlier today, a Topping Out Ceremony was held at the Madison County Courthouse. Members of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, County Judges, and the Contractors and staff who have all be working diligently on the upgrades to the Madison County Courthouse gathered to watch as ironworkers installed the last piece of structural steel.



Madison County Board members signing the steel beam (left to right: Town of Madison Supervisor Ronald Bono, Madison County Administrator Mark Scimone, Town of DeRuyter Supervisor Dan Degear, Chairman John Becker)

The steel beam was put in place with an American Flag and was signed by many members of the Madison County staff and the construction crew.

Upgrades to the Madison County Courthouse began almost a year ago on October 18, 2017, and with the installation of this last steel beam the project is more than fifty percent completed. The entire project is expected to be completed in May 2019.

Immediately following the installation of the last steel beam, Madison County hosted a luncheon to show their appreciation for the hard work by the entire construction crew.

“This is a historic day for Madison County,” said Madison County Chairman John M. Becker. “I want to thank the entire crew for their dedication and hard work on this project. The construction crews never stop; they are out working diligently in rain or shine ensuring this project will be done by next May. Their work and craftsmanship has been superb.”



Signed beam being raised into place



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“We would like to especially thank all of those who have kept this project on budget and on time,” said John Regan, Director of Madison County Public Facilities. “They include Project Managers Laird Updyke and Donald Banks from LeChase Construction, Jessica Kruse and Mark Kukuvka from LaBella Architects, Project Manager Roger Bramer and Superintendent Jim Brockway from Murnane General Contractor, Project Manager Michael Potrzeba and Superintendent

Mark Clark from HJ Brandles Plumbing, Project Manager Sheila Rhodes and Superintendent Dan Klingerman from King and King Mechanical, Project Manager Chris Randall and Superintendent Paul Gubbins from Ridley Electric, and Homer Ironworkers.”

“The people of Madison County should be proud of what is being accomplished here,” said Laird Updyke, Senior Project Manager for LeChase Construction. “This construction team is one of the most hard working and cohesive groups I have had the opportunity to work with. This historic courthouse building is being preserved, improved and made more accessible by skilled professionals that take pride in the work they do. Every team member that comes to work here each day is helping to erect and create a building that we’ll be honored to tell our families and friends, ‘I helped build that’.”



Luncheon for construction crew

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“Madison County has taken great consideration in preserving the historic features of the building. Their appreciation of history and attention to detail is going to result in creating a piece of architecture that is as grand as the original 1910 building,” said Jessica Kruse, Project Architect for LaBella Associates. “LaBella Associates is proud to be part of the design team on this historic project. Today is an exciting day for me. The best part of being an Architect is seeing your design start to come to life. It makes all of the time you put in during design worth it when you see how Madison County and the Courts are excited to see their future building.”

The Madison County Courthouse was built in 1910, since then it had few upgrades. This \$18.4 million renovation focuses on ADA accessibility, efficiency, increased security and a much needed addition.

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