



CONSTRUCTION QUARTERLY

## Elmira College Cowles Hall Renovation Update



Cowles Hall is a symbol of Elmira College's history. The structure was constructed in 1855. The building was originally planned to have four arms extending from an octagonal center. Only three were completed: the eastern and western arms in 1855 and the northern arm in 1880. The building's cornerstone was laid on July 6th, 1854 - nearly seven years before the start of the Civil War. The cornerstone contains the college's charter and other important founding documents. Surprisingly, the location of the cornerstone wasn't well documented and its location is still unknown today.

As members of the Streeter masonry team continue to work on

the exterior of Cowles Hall, particularly on the dormers and chimneys. Scaffolding is being set-up on the building's chapel area. The chapel is a large multilevel room that will include stained glass windows and high end millwork. *(continued)*

### Our New Website

In early Spring, Streeter Associates launched the first phase of its new website. The website was developed internally and is part of an overall brand update. "In 2010, the company had a new logo created. Since late last year, we have been aggressively creating and updating all of our print and *(continued)*



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**FEATURED PROJECT** TC3 Fieldhouse

online: [www.StreeterAssociates.com/newsletter](http://www.StreeterAssociates.com/newsletter)

## Cowles Update

The renovated Cowles Hall promises to be stunningly beautiful and structurally sound for many years to come. Streeter Associates has had a long and rewarding relationship with Elmira College over the years and is proud to be part of the renovation of this historic building.



Go to: [www.StreeterAssociates.com/News.html](http://www.StreeterAssociates.com/News.html) to see more Cowles photos

## SAI receives safety recognition

Streeter Associates was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by Lovell Safety Management during their recent annual meeting in Syracuse. The recognition was for not having any reportable Workers' Compensation claims for the 4/1/09 to 4/1/10 policy year. Streeter Associates has been a member of Safety Group 469 since 1956, which utilizes the services of Lovell Safety Management Co. As a result, Streeter Associates has access to Lovell's safety service through direct contact with their staff and safety professionals.



## Website

electronic marketing materials to be uniform. The site will always be progressing. There are many opportunities to use our site to promote project efficiencies and not just as an online marketing piece." Says Rob Stanton, Streeter Associate's Director of Marketing.

Updates on the previous site were made through a content management system that was user-friendly but offered little flexibility. The new site is being managed internally with updates made directly to the source code instead of a through content management system. This allows for full design flexibility, immediate updates and search engine optimization. Rob adds "We are still in the process of updating project photography and rounding out some sections, but expect to move the site to the next phase of development in the coming months.

## From Jeff Streeter

Over the years we've not only encouraged, but arranged for industry specific training for our people. We are constantly seeking out new opportunities to advance our knowledge and skills. Currently we have several Project Mangers, Estimators and Superintendents undergoing LEED (Leadership in Environmental Engineering Design) training. Not only to further educate themselves in the ways of "Green Building" or sustainable construction, but also to earn individual LEED Accreditations. This commitment enhances our abilities to offer our customers the skills needed to provide sustainable, energy efficient, LEED accredited "green" buildings.



## Streeter Associates holds Open House in Vestal

On May 5th, Streeter Associates hosted an open house at their Vestal Office. The event was attended by an estimated 75 people from the Binghamton-area engineering, design and construction industries during a three-hour period. A number of team members from the Streeter Associates Elmira office also attended. Streeter Associates' President, Jeff Streeter, said "The open house was a great opportunity for us to see some old friends and make new ones". He added "This event raised the level of excitement we have about being here and partnering with so many quality people."



## Safety Notes

Bob Gehl, Corporate Safety Director



### June is national safety month

Each June, the National Safety Council encourages organizations to get involved and participate in National Safety Month. Each week, the council focus' on various topics including: Summertime safety, preventing overexertion, teen driving safety, preventing slips, trips and falls and distracted driving. Part of acute safety awareness on the job site is related to safety awareness in all aspects of life.

### SAI received our EPA Lead-Safe Certified Firm accreditation

Streeter Associates is now an Environmental Protection Agency Lead-Safe Certified Firm demonstrating that we have completed training for lead-safe work practices as defined by the EPA. This certification meets the recent requirement that all firms that perform renovations in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 must have Lead-Safe accreditation.



### Hydro Mobile Training

The following people successfully completed the Hydro Mobile Scaffold training program.

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| o Brian Edwards | o Ivan Caparulo      |
| o Bob Gehl      | o Wesley MacDonald   |
| o Kevin Smith   | o Doug Smith         |
| o Bill Edwards  | o Christopher Fisher |
| o Ron Jackson   |                      |

## UPCOMING SAFETY MEETING - 6/27/11

Streeter Associates will hold its regular safety meeting on 6/27/11 at 4pm in the shop facility. The meeting topics will include, OSHA's campaigns to protect outdoor workers from the effects of summer heat & Distracted Driving

## SUMMER SAFETY at HOME TIPS

According to the US Fire Administration 5,000 people are injured each year by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires. Here are some tips they offer:

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

## NEW HIRE

We are pleased to announce that **Josh Latterell** has joined Streeter Associates as a Project Estimator. Josh graduated from Syracuse University, in 2008, with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. While at Syracuse University, Josh received numerous awards and scholarships at SU's College of Engineering. During his education, Josh was an intern at Streeter Associates and Hunt Engineers. After his graduation, Josh worked with Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc in Syracuse and worked on a number of Civil projects such as, bridges, roads, retaining walls, structures, and pipelines for The New York State Department of Transportation and various private clients. He is familiar with various design codes such as American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and American Concrete Institute. He is currently registered as a Level II Civil Engineer.

## ...AND RETIRE



After 31 years in the construction industry, **Lynn Tucker** is retiring. Lynn joined the Carpenter's Local 532 in 1980 and began working as a union journeyman. Lynn worked his way up to Carpenter Foreman and General Foreman before becoming a Project Superintendent. After a number of years working for a variety of firms in the Elmira Corning area (including Streeter Associates), Lynn rejoined Streeter Associates in February of 1999 and has run several schedule challenged projects with tight timelines. He has worked on all types of new construction and renovations projects a diverse range of owners. Lynn promises to keep busy during his retirement with the many hobbies he enjoys. **Thank you, Lynn, for your years of excellent work!**



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## AGC: Construction Firms Continue to Feel Commodity Squeeze



Contractors suffered from a new round of price increases for key materials in May but were largely unable to pass their costs along to customers, according to an analysis of producer price index figures released today by the Associated General Contractors of America. Association officials said the ongoing cost squeeze—a result of sluggish demand for construction—threatens to drive more construction employees and firms out of work unless public officials lower barriers to public and private investment.

“New cost pressures bubbled up in May, even as prices moderated for a few items,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “Meanwhile, contractors have largely held the line on their bids in order to win work while demand for construction remains tepid at best.”

Simonson noted that the producer price index for all construction materials increased by 0.9 percent in May and 7.5 percent over the past 12 months. The year-over-year figure has accelerated steadily for the past four months. Meanwhile, the price of finished buildings was flat in May and rose only 1.8 percent or less over the past year, depending on building type.

Simonson said there were substantial price increases in May for wallboard and other gypsum products, which rose 4.3 percent from April; asphalt paving mixtures and blocks, 3.2 percent; aluminum mill shapes, 2.6 percent; construction plastics such as pipe and insulation, 1.8 percent; and steel mill products, 1.1 percent. He added that two other key materials had price declines for the month but were still far costlier than a year ago: diesel fuel, down 3.2 percent for the month but up 39.5 percent since May 2010, and copper and brass mill shapes, down 4.0 percent since April but up 17.0 percent year-over-year.

### Featured Project

### TC3 Fieldhouse, Dryden, NY



TC3’s Fieldhouse is a large space that includes an athletic facility, basketball court, indoor soccer and track. The indoor soccer field is an artificial turf field. The building is a Butler pre-engineered building constructed with a steel frame with aluminum and glass window wall, as well as ground face masonry.



#### THE PLAYERS

Streeter’s Role:	General contractor
Type of Contract:	Lump sum
Architectural Firm:	Joy, McCoola & Zilch
Engineering Firm:	Schroder Rivers
Site Engineers:	LA Group
Special Consultant:	Quandel

#### THE NUMBERS

Contract Value:	\$8,000,000
New Construction:	80,000 square feet