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A special build



First nail in with Elda Quirino, Philip Annis (Embree), Dylan Torres, Frank Krenc (Embree), and Rocky Hardin (Embree).

On May 14, more than 65 employees of **Embree Group of Companies** joined forces with Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County (HFHWC) to build the panels for a Habitat home on May 14 at the McCoy's parking lot in Georgetown. By noon, the walls were put together and the framed house was standing in the parking lot.

The home is for Dylan Torres and Elda Quirino and their two children. The panel build event offered volunteers the opportunity to add a personal touch by writing their names or messages to the homeowners on the 2x4s that will become permanent parts of the home.

The event kicked off a 12-week new home construction build in Georgetown

with the Embree Group, a full house sponsor with HFHWC. Embree volunteers will be on site at 204 Valley Street, Georgetown, during the build on Wednesdays and Saturdays through the middle of August, to complete the Torres/Quirino home.

"Working with Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County and McCoy's Building Supply on this endeavor is truly an honor for Embree Group," said **Philip Annis**, Embree president. "The opportunity to build a house for the family where they can establish roots and create a home is a two-fold blessing. It reminds us that we are blessed with the opportunity to give back, while providing

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Fur-works, not fireworks



Plenty of people gathered in Dripping Springs for the annual crawfish boil.

The aging fireworks warehouse had been standing at the corner of Hudson Bend Road and FM 620 for over a decade. Today, this warehouse is an example of adaptive reuse, after **Polkinghorn Group Architects Inc. (PGA)** designed a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital.

"Our client was wanting to build a new animal hospital after we discovered that it was going to be too expensive to renovate the existing one," says **Lindsay Works**, president of PGA.

Founded in 1972 by **James Polkinghorn**, PGA currently has 10 employees and specializes in healthcare, with projects in more than 12 states.

Audrey Wernecke is also a partner in the firm.

"In the beginning, we were involved in many types of projects," Works says. "Now we specialize in healthcare and have completed several veterinary hospitals as a sub-specialty of our practice."

The firm also handles commercial, educational and institutional facilities.

Located in the southwest area of Austin, Works says PGA takes care of its clients, as well as its employees.

"It is our policy to keep principals involved in every project from start to finish," he explains. "The goal is to bring projects in on budget and on time. So far,

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Unique 'village' offers unique park

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport opened for service in Austin in 1936. After 63 years, however, the airport was officially closed in 1999 – but that wasn't the end of the story.

The City of Austin, along with some visionary thinkers, already had plans beginning for a unique, mixed-use urban village, aptly named Mueller, on the 700-acre site. The first commercial projects, including Dell Children's Hospital, opened in Mueller in 2007, the same year construction began on the first single family home.

Now, with single and multi-family homes, plus retail stores and hospitals, the area is home to approximately 13,000 people – and people need parks to play in.

Enter **Fazzone Construction Company**, which has built two of the parks in the 140 acres of green space in the Mueller community.

John Gaines Park – Mueller Southeast



Children of all ages will find something to love about Mueller's newest park.

Swim Center was a three-phase \$3.8 million project started in January 2015 and finished in May 2016. The park is 3.6 acres and features many architectural, landscape and hardscape elements, including: a community garden with 132 garden plots, covered work area, compost bins and tool shed; a community pool with separate children's wading pool; a pool house with green roof, water harvesting, and solar shade structure; a children's play area with climbing net, hills, tunnels and swing set; and picnic areas and large open lawns for field games.

"The pool house was designed with special architectural features, including open air courtyards, built-in rain water cisterns, xeriscaped green roofs designed by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in collaboration with Stanley

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this deserving family the hope of a brighter future in a stable home to grow and thrive.”

Headquartered in Georgetown, Embree specializes in development, design/build, general construction, program management, and capital markets for retail, financial, automotive, restaurant, pharmacy, and medical facilities.

Embree employees work in their communities as EmbreeTEAM (Together Embree Employees Assisting Many).

“Embree employees are as

passionate about building better communities as we are about building business,” Annis says. “We give our time, talents, and physical resources to service our neighbors in need. This is the legacy of our company. Embree Group’s TEAM Program encourages and recognizes Embree employees’ volunteer efforts within the communities we live, work, and play. Service opportunities are sought out by Embree employees and advertised throughout the company; this practice aligns service work with employees’ interests and passions.”



More than 65 Embree employees gathered to start building a Habitat for Humanity home.

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we’ve been successful in this strategy.” Works says clients and employees also enjoy spending time together away from work.

“One of the big things we do is an Annual Crawfish Boil,” Works says. “This year we held this event (our 11th annual) at the Pound House in Dripping Springs. We run our business like a family and this

is just one way of showing our appreciation.”

The firm has been busy and expects to grow. Works says they look for talented architectural interns just out of school.

“It’s our job to nurture and train them and watch them grow with the firm,” he says. —cw

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Studio and a shade trellis covered with solar panels,” says Fazzone. Owner **Joseph Fazzone**. “The project is designed to achieve a four star rating from Austin Energy’s acclaimed Green Building program.”

The pool house building is primarily a concrete and steel structure.

“One of the unique architectural features of the pool house are the poured in place concrete walls which are design to have the appearance of rammed earth,” Fazzone says. “To achieve this look, the walls of the pool house were formed and cast in separate 8” lifts of varying concrete mixtures over a period of time that span several months.”

Substantial collaboration throughout the project was necessary between the Fazzone team, owner, architects as well as subcontractors and artisans

“The group worked effectively to develop workable solutions to construct the multiple unique project components and achieve the overall design intent,” Fazzone explains. “The unique character of John Gaines Park captures the spirit of the community and the city. The John Gaines Park is the second park that Fazzone Construction has built at the Mueller site. Fazzone also completed the Paggi Square Pocket Park in May 2013.”

Master developer of Mueller is Catellus Development Corp. in a joint



Local residents with a green thumb can grow their own fresh vegetables at John Gaines Park.

partnership with the City of Austin. Project managers were **Bob Evans** and **Paul Whetstone** and project superintendents were **Sidney Brooks** and **Gene Davis**. Project architect was **Stanley Studio** and landscape architect was **Pharis Design**.

Fazzone Construction Co. was founded in 1957 by Domenico Fazzone, three years after he emigrated from Italy. He started the company in upstate New York and later relocated to Austin in 1977. His hard work ethic, integrity, and strive for excellence has remained as the cornerstone of the company’s core values. The family-owned company is now lead by Joseph Fazzone, who has been its president since 1998.

Fazzone Construction Co. has offices in Austin and San Antonio with a combined 50 employees. Referrals and repeat clients make up a majority of the company’s work. The company has completed a variety of public and private commercial building projects and specializes in constructing site amenities, parks and specialty hardscape features. —cw

Round-Up

Bartlett Cocke General Contractors has promoted **Leonard “Fritz” Price** to field operations manager for Central Texas. Price has been with BCGG for 10 years and has more than 41 years of experience in the construction industry. Price will oversee management of project teams in this region.



STG Design Austin announces the following recent promotions and new team members:

Kelly Henson is promoted to associate. Since her start at STG, she has worked on a variety of projects, including the recent award-winning Seaholm Power Plant Renovation. Henson has been with the firm since 2011 and a licensed architect since 2015.



Bautex Systems announced these recent additions to its team:

Chris Noone has been named vice president of sales and business development. He joins the company after more than a decade in senior sales management roles at Oldcastle, Inc. Noone brings experience leading sales efforts across a four-state region including Texas, serving architects, engineers, contractors and building owners via direct and indirect sales. He holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree from Kansas State University and is certified by the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) and Interlocking Concrete Paving Institute (ICPI).



Ben Glassner has joined as its Architectural Sales representative, Central Texas region. He has more than 15 years of sales experience in the building industry. Glassner joins Bautex after four years at DuPont in its Building Innovations division where he earned global recognition in receiving the DuPont Achieving Customer Excellence Award. He understands well the market pressure on architects, general contractors and building materials manufacturers to produce building products that are energy efficient and promote a healthy environment.



Yuki Gottschaldt re-joins the firm as a project architect/project manager after a three-year hiatus of living overseas with her family. She holds a Diploma of Architecture from the Technical University of Berlin as well as an MA of Architectural History & Theory from the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. Gottschaldt has more than 15 years of experience in the architecture and design field.



James Hadden joins as the director of operations. He holds a BS in Art and Design from MIT and an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Hadden has 20 years of experience in architecture, having practiced in both Austin and Boston. He brings a passion for the business of design and for making architecture both fun and profitable.



Mariya Khezri joins as a designer. She is a recent graduate from Maryville University and spent the past few years interning for firms in Missouri. While in school, Khezri founded a USGBC Student Chapter and attended national sustainability conferences such as Greenbuild on full scholarship. Upon graduation, she was awarded the Growing Green Award as an Emerging Leader and is currently pursuing her LEED accreditation.



Mara Schwartz joins as a designer. Born and raised in South Florida, she attended Florida State University and graduated with a BS in Interior Design with part of her studies in Florence, Italy and The Ringling College of Art and Design. While her design experience has been focused on residential work, she is thrilled to pursue her dream of hospitality and multi-family design. She couldn’t be happier living in Austin.



LNV announces that **Marcus Naiser**, PE, will serve as vice president of its Austin office. His professional experience includes more than 17 years of planning, design and management of civil engineering projects in the central and south Texas region.



DCA Construction in Austin welcomes two new members to its team.

Haven Seward is the new assistant office manager. She has worked for seven years in the tech industry focusing on crisis management and contract relations. She has two years of administrative accounting experience. Seward graduated from Texas State University. When not working she spends time enjoying the many parks, restaurants, and venues in Austin.



Kenny Nordell has joined as a project manager and estimator. With nine years of experience and a family history in the industry, his experience ranges from the formation of conceptual estimates to turning over facilities for full use, including management and performance of work in between.



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