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## Emerald anniversary



Joe and Dom Fazzone at the grand opening of their new office

**Fazzone Construction Co., Inc.** is celebrating 55 years in business. The company began in Schenectady, NY in 1957 a few years after founder, **Doménico (Dom) Fazzone**, emigrated from Italy. Fazzone reminisces, "I was 21 with only \$100 in my pocket and knew only two words of English: milk and bread." However, he did know the meaning of hard work, integrity and attention to detail and therefore built his business on these principles, which continues to be the company's lasting standard. His first job as a contractor was building two fireplaces at \$250 each. Looking for a change from the cold winters, he relocated his family and company to Austin in 1977. He built a 3200-sf building, and it

was not long before Fazzone Construction landed jobs, including Anderson Mill Elementary School, Westwood High School, and various church and school additions.

In 1998, after a successful career as an accountant, **Joseph (Joe) Fazzone** came back to the family business full-time to assume a leadership position as company president. He commuted from San Antonio to Austin to oversee contracting jobs in both cities from the company's Cedar Park location. In 2008, he began to rent office and yard space in San Antonio.

Since then, the company has contin-

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## Big change for company



H&E Equipment Services employees display new equipment

Two significant changes are happening at **H & E Equipment Services**.

First, the company dropped the "Hi-Lift Division" portion of their name for all locations, including San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Corpus Christi and Houston. Now the company will be known as H&E Equipment Services Inc.

The second change concerns the equipment the company carries. H & E expanded their equipment line to include earthmoving equipment from large excavators to wheel loaders, skid steers, drum rollers and backhoes. Additionally, they added light towers, generators, air compressors and welders.

**Ed Allan**, branch manager for San Antonio, states, "Our goal is to make it

easy for our customers while not losing our service edge. We will still carry all the best aerial equipment while continuing to update our existing fleet. We have over \$10 million of new equipment received over the last twelve months. More equipment is scheduled during 2012."

Allan notes discussions had been ongoing at other locations, but began in earnest during third quarter last year for the San Antonio location. "We are becoming more rounded, and we offer more than just aerial now."

He said San Antonio started receiving the new equipment in Dec. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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## Championship players

General contractor, **Baron-Long Construction Ltd.**, plays in the big leagues. In preparation for the 2011 Valero Alamo Bowl, the company converted a vacant field level area of the Alamodome in downtown San Antonio to new locker room facilities to be used by the Alamo Bowl home team. The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Roadrunners will use the facilities for home games as well.

**Mike Baron**, co-owner and project manager, stated, "The project was fast paced and started on Jul. 6, 2011 with a required completion date of Dec. 23, 2011 to support the 2011 Alamo Bowl."

**Charlie Fulton, Marmon Mok Architecture**, designed the \$800,000 renovation project for the City of San Antonio Convention, Sports and Entertainment Facilities. **Guillermo Moya** served as project manager for the city.

Mike noted that since the area was an empty space, construction involved



Alamodome gets a new locker room

installations of new walls, ceilings, doors, lockers, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, fire suppression and interior wall and floor finishes. Special features include: a built in sound system, flat screen televisions, electrical outlets at every locker, ergonomic seating and interchangeable carpet logos to accommodate the Alamo Bowl and the UTSA Roadrunners.

Mike added that a major challenge of the project was maintaining the fast paced schedule while working around the Alamodome events.

"We constantly adjusted our daily work schedule," stated Mike. "During the Cowboys' training camp, we worked at night to avoid falling behind schedule. **Darryl Baethge** with the Alamodome worked with us any way he could to keep us going."

Another major challenge was the fabrication and finishing of the 120 wood

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ued to grow and in Dec. 2011 celebrated the grand opening of its new San Antonio office and construction yard. Between the two locations Fazzone Construction is comprised of the commercial and hardscape divisions.

Its team includes: Project Manager Commercial Division **Bob Evans, Sr.**, Project Manager Hardscape Division **Paul Whetstone**, Business Development Manager **DeWayne Kinsey**, Office and Accounting Manager **Sarah Honza**, along with a number of other key office and field staff.

Dom Fazzone can still be found working in the yard and getting his hands dirty. As he says, "I was born a workaholic."

Joe Fazzone is extremely hands on

and oversees all projects. "I have come full circle from working with my dad on projects as a child to having my own accounting career and then back to construction running the company. I have done things my own way but made sure that the principles of quality and hard work my dad founded the company on are always at the forefront. The majority of our work comes from referrals; I am proud of our team for always striving for our clients' satisfaction. I look forward to the next 50-plus years."

*General contractor Fazzone Construction Co. offers commercial, hardscape and professional services to San Antonio, Austin and the surrounding areas. —dn*



New office facilities opened in Dec. 2011

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Regarding daily operations, Allan states employees will handle all product lines, and as the new equipment arrives, so will the offering of safety training for that equipment.

Currently, they offer train-the-trainer

-classes for aerial equipment. As new earthmoving machinery arrives, they will offer additional end-user training.

"All of us here at H&E appreciate our customers business and will continue to work hard to earn it," notes Allan. —dn

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player's lockers. The lockers were fabricated and finished offsite and involved a significant amount of coordination between the locker fabricator and the painter.

As with any interior remodel there were existing conditions which had to be accommodated. Mike noted, "We were fortunate to get timely assessment, decisions and direction by the architect and the city's project manager to keep the project on schedule."

The project being fast paced required timely coordination and execution by the project superintendent, **Richard Martin**, and the subcontractors.

"We were fortunate to have an excellent superintendent and subcontractor team on the project," added Mike. The

major subcontractors on the project were **Rick Stone Masonry, Architectural Division 8, Baring Enterprises, J&R Tile, San Antonio Floor Finishers, Jean's Waterproofing, L.E. Travis & Sons Painting, Mulder Fire Protection, F&M Mechanical, Elgin's A/C and Cosmo Electric Services.**

The project achieved substantial completion on Nov. 29, 2011 well ahead of the required completion date. Baylor used the locker room during the bowl game. Starting next season the new locker rooms will be used by the UTSA Roadrunners.

*In business since 1993, Baron-Long Construction, Ltd. specializes in small to medium sized commercial projects located in and around the San Antonio area. —dn*

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**Dinh Nguyen**, foreman, and **O.J. Jeffery**, operations manager, **Guido Lumber Company**, oversee the shipping of a truckload of lumber. —dn

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