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Congratulations and thank you to the following customers and business colleagues who have sent referrals to us through March. This ongoing program is available to customers, subcontractors and vendors. The program is simple: for every referral that turns into a signed contract with a down payment, you will receive a reward based on the amount of the signed contract. Look for exciting offers in your mail. Please visit our website for future and updated information. *

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Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce and Burnsville Chamber of Commerce After Hours Events

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event on January 25th and our Burnsville Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event on February 1st, and made them both such successes. We had a wonderful time celebrating the grand opening of our new location at 5920 148th Street West, Suite 100 in Apple Valley and



are pleased that so many of you were able to share the experience with us. *

Spring Home Maintenance Tips

Check gutters for clogging and deterioration

If your gutters are clogged, spring is a great time to replace regular gutters with Leaf Guard. Leaf Guard ensures proper drainage from downspouts away from foundations and directly to flowers and/or landscaping to help water those areas.

Inspect your roof

After the end of another Minnesota winter, it is especially important to check for wind, snow, or ice damage resulting in broken or missing shingles.

Inspect the exterior of your home

Make sure to look for cracked caulking, especially along the siding and windows. Check also for paint that is getting thin or

peeling. Your decks should be checked for weak boards and dry rot, and your siding for soft spots or signs of rot. And don't forget to fix leaking spigots. While you're outside, look at your landscaping to make sure there is proper drainage around the foundation of your home.

Focus on upcoming projects

Spring is a great time to assess your space and decide what your next project will be. Maybe your storage needs are making it time for that third stall, or maybe the exterior of your home could use a refreshing new paint job. While there's still a little time to plan a project for the summer, now is the time to decide what your fall project will be. *



**From the Desk of
James Madsen, President
James Barton Design-Build**

Celebrating 10 Years

James Barton Design-Build is excited to be celebrating ten years in business. Having been in the industry for 23 years, I realize that this is a field of constant change and, as a company, we need to be ready to adapt to those changes. Over the last decade, we have been consistently improving our procedures and processes to better serve our clients.

Like any company, we have seen some bumpy roads; but these roads have made us stronger as people and as a company. Recently, we have also experienced some great successes. In 2005, we were nominated as Business of the Year for the city of Apple Valley. In 2006, we were named Minnesota's Remodeler of the Year. We are honored to have become a known and respected company within our industry and our community, and proud to give back to the community that supports us.

It is more important to us to be known for quality and customer service than for how big we are or how fast we can do things. We believe it is our people and our values that will give us years of success in our industry.

I sincerely thank our employees and customers, as without them there would be no James Barton Design-Build, Inc. ✱



by Pete Rieke

Painting, drywall, plastering and finishing don't have to be dull. The partnership of James Barton Design-Build and Northland will rock your world and paint the town.

We all know that nothing brightens up a room like a fresh coat of paint. However, as spring approaches you may be feeling a little more adventurous or perhaps feel that it is simply time for a change. Luckily, there are endless alternatives and options available to homeowners beyond the typical solid painted walls, golden oak stained woodwork, and textured ceilings we are all used to.

Whether your goal is to brighten or to add warmth, depth, or elegance to your room, you can dramatically change the overall appearance by considering the various wall, ceiling and woodwork finishes available today.

Whatever your goal or desire is, James Barton Design-Build can help you achieve



Pictured
Dre Vasos and Pete Rieke

it by considering such alternatives as an arched opening, veneered plaster wall texture, faux finish, columns, ceiling race track, Venetian plaster, glazed woodwork, wall niche or plaster cove.

Your options are endless, as is our commitment to your satisfaction. Let us rock your world. ✱

**Hot New Trend in Remodeling:
Energy-Efficient Home Offices**

With steadily rising gas prices and the growing popularity of telecommuting, home offices are now the most requested special function room. And, due to ever-rising home energy costs, there has also been a great increase in the partiality to energy-efficient management systems and products.

According to the "Home Design Trends Survey" done by the American Institute of

Architects for the second quarter of 2006, home offices are the most popular special function room for the second year in a row, with media and home theatres as the second most popular.

For the entirety of this article, and for more information, please visit:
<http://www.kitchenbathdesign.com/publication/article.jsp?id=3571> ✱



The Design Corner

Whenever we start designing a new project, whether it's an addition or just updating an existing floor plan, we make sure you are aware of the vast number of design options available. Drywall and paint finishes have always been an important part of remodeling, but many homeowners overlook the importance of these products in their project. While the main purpose of drywall and paint finishes is to cover up the structural "bones" of your home, they offer more color, texture and design possibilities than any other product.



by Tamra Mueller,
Designer

With the designer's vision and the carpenter's tools, unused doorways can be closed up, new openings can be created, and design elements can be added to define and accentuate new spaces. Some of these elements include elliptical arched openings, sheetrock columns with applied moldings, ceiling racetracks, sheetrock coving at the ceiling, custom range hoods in the kitchen, and sheetrock soffits incorporating low voltage lighting for ambiance. Ceilings can also have a different look and feel by changing the texture. While the knock-down texture is very popular, a smooth ceiling finish gives special attention to shaped ceilings such as a dining room barrel vault.

After we've created your new floor plan, we'll work together to decide how to

complete the space with paint and stain finishes. While simply applying a new coat of paint will give you a fresh classic look, taking the extra step of incorporating a faux paint finish can give your room or design element a truly one-of-a-kind appearance. To add visual texture, two or three tinted colors of paint/glaze can be ragged on the walls while a Venetian plaster finish will take that one step farther and add dimensional texture. A custom sheetrock range

hood in the kitchen is a great place to utilize the Venetian plaster finish, creating that old world feel. And decorative paint finishes are not limited to just sheetrock.

Glazing woodwork and cabinets can create the vintage look found in old world, French country and farm house style designs.

As many of you know, paint color selections can be one of the hardest choices for your project. We recommend narrowing down your choices and purchasing a small

amount (if available) to paint on sample boards. This way, you can move the sample boards from room to room and view your new colors in multiple lighting scenarios.

From paint to granite tops to cabinetry, we work with you to coordinate colors and specify products for your unique remodeling project. ✱

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Meet Jayme Quinnell, Lead Carpenter

This quarter's featured and highlighted employee is one of our newest members, lead carpenter Jayme Quinnell. Jayme's responsibilities include making sure our customers are satisfied and comfortable, and seeing that the projects are on schedule, on budget, and executed with the finest craftsmanship.



Jayme has a construction management degree from the University of Wisconsin - Stout, and has been a licensed contractor for the past ten years. In addition to that, his four years of experience in the remodeling industry, and seventeen years of experience in the construction industry altogether, make him a well-qualified and knowledgeable addition to our team. Before joining James Barton Design-Build, Jayme was the owner of Precision Builders, Inc. for ten years and was also the lead carpenter at Jacobson/Flaten Construction. When Jayme is not working on remodeling projects, he loves to spend time camping with his family: Kristian, his wife of seven years, and Kailee and Lauren, his five and seven year old daughters. They also have a 14-year old cat named Chuck. Besides camping, Jayme loves to "golf, golf, golf."

Jayme cites the best part of his job as having the variety of "working on new projects every couple months, each with their own unique challenges and design." We are proud and honored to have Jayme as a member of the James Barton Design-Build family. ✱

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FEATURED PROJECT

The kitchen is often the gathering area for family and friends, so with a large family and a love of entertaining, the homeowners were frustrated with the small size and cramped space of the galley kitchen in their early 1970s rambler. This project transformed a tight, crowded space into a warm, inviting, spacious area that is perfect for get-togethers.

The 22-foot rear wall of the kitchen was removed to open up the space to the new adjacent great room. The actual size of the kitchen was tripled, allowing for a more comfortable flow of traffic in this central area of the home. The amount of counter space was tripled as well, and included the addition of a tiered island counter, providing plenty of space for food preparation and entertaining. Maple cabinets with honey-colored stain, granite surfaces, granite tile backsplashes, and glass cabinets with backlighting all help to make this a warm, comfortable yet classy upgrade. As it is open to the great room, the area was also wired for internet, so there's truly no reason to be anywhere else.

Before, the homeowners felt like they were caught in a corner when they were in their kitchen, and now it's the hub of the house! ✨

Visit www.jbdb.biz for colored photos of this featured project.

