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## Veterans Affairs Clinic Now Open

After more than a year of hard work on the new Veterans Affairs Clinic, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) took possession of their new clinic, owned by US Federal Properties, on June 12. Located at the corner of Centennial Boulevard and Fillmore Street in Colorado Springs, Colo., the 96,000 square-foot, 1,322-occupancy clinic opened for services in mid-August. With the clinic's opening, veterans can expect state-of-the-art medical care set against awe-inspiring views of Pikes Peak; the famous peak is framed by the clinic's elevator lobby atrium.

BEC is proud of its involvement in installing the variety of electrical, data communications, life safety and security systems associated with the new clinic. Those who have given so much for our country now have access to radiology/biomedical, counseling, behavioral health, rehabilitation, physical therapy, optometry, audiology, dental and pharmaceutical services. "There were a lot of additions to the project, and yet we were able to finish on time with no added delays," Jacobsen Construction Superintendent Markel Massey explained.

To help meet the diverse client needs, visitors check in at one of six kiosk units in the main lobby. From there, they are directed to the appropriate

services area of the building; each suite has its own reception and waiting area.

All of this activity is supported by a 3,000 amp, 277/480 volt electrical service, including nine electrical rooms, an emergency generator for the smoke evacuation system, mechanical equipment and a sophisticated lighting control system, as well as other electrically-related items. The electrical service also supports the radiology suite, which includes three x-ray rooms, MRI, CT and mammography equipment and site lighting.

For the majority of the project, BEC General Foreman John Travers oversaw a very challenging, on-site electrical installation. Great thanks go to BEC General Foremen Dale Butterfield and Dylan Alley, who both contributed detailed technical systems support and finished the project when John was pulled to start a project at the Pueblo Chemical Depot. Throughout various stages of the project, BEC Foremen Ryan Hurless and Eric Norman provided additional supervision and support. Several other key members of the installation included BEC Electricians Glenn Kapu, Matt Hall, Travis Smith, Amber Weems, Roger Ross, Jonathan Fugate... **Continued on page 3.**

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT: FALL 2014 UPDATE

When my grandfather, John Douglas Berwick, started Berwick Electric Co. 93 years ago, I don't believe he could have imagined that the company would still be providing electrical contracting services to the Pikes Peak region today. Built on the foundation of excellent customer service established by my grandfather, Berwick Electric Co. is presently recognized as the "best electrical contractor" by the readers of both the *Colorado Springs Business Journal* and *The Gazette*.



*The Weber St. house.*

John Berwick started the business in the carriage house (garage) behind his home in the 1400 block of Weber St., and he eventually moved the business into the upper level of the building in which South Side Johnnies is currently located. At that time, this building housed

the horses for the city's trolley cars. In 1955 my father, James Douglas Berwick, became company president. The business moved to a location on Bijou Street and eventually relocated to 129 W. Costilla Street. In 1986 Jim Peterson, Bill Strassburg, Dale Chase and I began to purchase my father's stock to allow him to move to Arizona, and Jim Peterson became president. With Jim at the helm, the company experienced tremendous growth and relocated to its present location on North Nevada.

In April of this year, as part of our strategic succession plan, Jim Peterson stepped down as president while continuing to concentrate on business development and estimating.

Jim remains on the Board of Directors as an advisor and mentor. Additionally, Tim Prime (vice president and shareholder) and Ellie Capek (secretary/treasurer and shareholder) were

elected to serve on the Board. I am also honored to continue on the Board of Directors and serve as the fourth president of Berwick Electric Co.

Today, Berwick Electric Co. is well-positioned for the future. Service Department Manager James Rockhill is building a strong, technically talented, customer service-driven team. Tim Prime continues to lead our Industrial Department and has been successful with the award of two high-profile projects: one at Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant in Arizona, and the other a Selective Catalyst Reduction System at the Jim Bridger Power Plant in Wyoming. Mark Norman currently leads our Special Projects Department and will concentrate on business development alongside Jim Peterson. Tony Cerciello heads our Contract Department and oversees field operations. Waldo Pendleton is working with Jim Peterson as chief estimator, and Shane Gebbink continues to grow our Datacomm (data communications) Department. Further, Dorsie Childs just celebrated his 43rd anniversary as warehouse manager at Berwick, and he is mentoring Will Krueger for the future.



*BEC President Doug Berwick.*

As we approach 1,500,000 man-hours worked without a lost-time injury and boast an Experience Modifier of 0.66, safety remains our number one commitment. I applaud Bill Tuten's leadership as safety director and the effort that all of our employees have made to stay safe. Our 10 Commandments of Customer Service lists safety first, while the remaining nine commandments center on the foundation of excellent customer service established by my grandfather and continued by my father, Jim Peterson and all of the employees of Berwick Electric Co.

Sincerely,  
Doug Berwick  
President



*BEC service vans*



# Electrical Excellence Since 1921



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The VA Clinic's data communications system is supported by six large data communications (DataComm) rooms that boast extensive copper and fiber cabling. BEC's DataComm Division team, led by Shane Gebbink and Paul Brumley, did an excellent job overseeing the installation. BEC DataComm Technicians Anita Temyak, Ken Brumley, Wade Sims and Tyler Lundgren completed installation work that is said to be the best and neatest designs that the VA Information Technology professionals have ever seen.

BEC Electrician Tobi Collins spearheaded the installation of the fire alarm system, as well as the integration of the sophisticated smoke evacuation system. The smoke evacuation system, which is controlled by the fire alarm system, proved to be quite a challenge to install.

BEC's contract also included security systems, mostly subcontracted by BW Systems. The installation included access control, motion intrusion detection, hardwired duress, wireless duress and a few select area security cameras. "System pathways and power connections could not have been better; their (BEC's) attention to detail is phenomenal," Steve Cress of BW Systems explained. "This challenging project was made much more manageable due to the excellent leadership and quality work provided by Berwick Electric Co. The Colorado Springs VA Clinic project required a tremendous amount of up-front and ongoing engineering to provide systems that would integrate with the primary head-end system located at the Denver VA facility," he added. "As the team leader, Berwick coordinated the much-needed customer meetings to flesh out the details of the installation to provide optimum system integrity."

BEC is proud of the excellent work contributed by its general foremen, foremen, electricians and DataComm techs. BEC looks forward to the benefit that the VA Clinic will provide for the community. Those who have served and sacrificed so much for our country deserve the best.

To view an online slideshow of more VA Clinic Photos, visit: <http://bit.ly/1kOE60I>



## A Wide Variety: Project Updates

The fall season is shaping up to be a busy one for Berwick Electric Co. Our project managers and electricians have their hands full with a wide variety of projects this fall! And that variety keeps the staff at BEC engaged and on their toes. Take a peek into some of our recent projects below.

Medical and government projects are keeping **BEC Project Manager Tony Cerciello** busy these days. After finishing up a large Boiler Replacement at Memorial Hospital and a Sixth-Floor Orthopaedic Tenant Improvement at Penrose-St. Francis Hospital, his team is currently working on an emergency feeder for Chiller #2 at Evans Army Community Hospital at Fort Carson. Other projects include an Explosive Destruction System at Pueblo Chemical Depot, as well as a Small Engine Test Structure and a Company Operations Facility at Fort Carson.

**BEC Project Manager Tim Prime's** plate is full of industrial projects that are local and out-of-state. In addition to a variety of jobs at Lockheed Martin and the Martin Drake Power Plant, Tim's team is working on an exciter at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Arizona. Tim's team is also working on phase two of a selective catalyst reduction system for Jim Bridger Power Plant in Wyoming and a cooling tower for a power plant in Texas.

Jobs at Fort Carson and Peterson Air Force Base are keeping **BEC Project Manager Andrew Maestas** and his team busy. They are currently working on a building renovation, electrical service and a fire alarm for an unheated storage building at Butts Army Airfield, as well as numerous electrical controls for a variety of buildings at Peterson Air Force Base.

**BEC Project Manager Mark Norman** recently started assisting with business development duties, as well as a variety of special projects that will be supported by both BEC's service and contract departments. Along with BW Systems, Mark's BEC crews are currently wrapping up two fire alarm and mass notification projects for the U.S. Olympic Committee, and they are currently working on getting two other projects off the ground. Additionally, the Colorado Springs VA clinic recently opened, and clients are now seen at the state-of-the-art facility. Currently, Mark is working on a Broadmoor Wilderness Adventure project called Fishing Camp that will offer premier fishing opportunities, as well as a rustic outdoor experience by The Broadmoor Hotel. Other upcoming projects include a few, smaller government projects at Evans Army Community Hospital and the Denver Federal Center.

**BEC** strives to serve our existing valued customer relationships and is always looking to establish new relationships with customers who are looking for the quality service and installation results they can expect from our core group of professional employees.

**BEC DataComm Division Manager Shane Gebbink** and his team are wrapping up Spencer Hall at Colorado College, the Athletic Fieldhouse for School District 8 and a Datacenter project for Colorado Springs Utilities. The team is headed to Peterson Air Force Base, the Engine Test Facility at Fort Carson and a Company Operations Facility at Fort Carson. The DataComm Division is looking forward to a successful year.

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## BEC Welcomes New Staff

Berwick Electric Co.'s service department recently welcomed a new project manager, as well as new service van drivers. You can "meet" them below.



**Tim Farrington** joins BEC's service department as a project manager. He has been in the electrical industry since 1982, with most of his experience in Phoenix, Arizona. He started out working for a large electrical contractor doing hospitals and other large commercial projects. After 12 years in the field, he began estimating and project managing. His projects ranged from 100K to 5M, doing Intel SubFab work on large Edwards Systems Technologies, FA systems, Bulk Chemical Distribution Systems, plant retrofits for American National Can and a host of new construction ground-ups. He loves serving in his church, reading, playing golf and bass fishing. He and his wife have two sons and four grandchildren.



**Mike Bohnke** joins the service department as a service driver. He has been in the trade since 1994. So far, he is enjoying the challenge and fast pace of the job, as well as the variety of work that the service department offers. He likes helping BEC's customers with their issues and seeing a happy face when the job is complete. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his children and girlfriend, fishing, hiking and working out.



**Eric Couture** drives a service van for the service department. He genuinely enjoys the opportunity to work with people in and around Colorado Springs. Outside of work, he enjoys being out in nature, hiking, and spending time in parks with his three sons and wife. He also enjoys playing Nintendo.



**Adam Suby** is also a new service driver for the service department. Originally from a small town in Iowa, he has been in the electrical trade for over a decade. Outside of work, he enjoys mountain biking, backpacking and hanging out with his family. He has a one year-old and another baby due in February.



## 2014 JAMES D. BERWICK YMCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Both Berwick Electric Co. (BEC) and the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region have been integral parts of the local community for decades, and BEC has the privilege of offering an annual scholarship to one worthy high school senior who is involved with the YMCA. We recently had the honor of awarding this year's YMCA James D. Berwick Scholarship program recipient, Kaylee Marquez, with the much-deserved award.

A 2014 graduate of Palmer High School, Kaylee plans to major in criminal justice at The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in the fall. She has been a member of the YMCA since she was 11 years-old, and she became a YMCA lifeguard in April 2012. "I have gained valuable life experience during my time at the Y," Kaylee explained. "I always enjoyed the programs and the friendly atmosphere that the YMCA presented. I have also learned valuable lessons such as the importance of patience, acceptance, caring, leadership and responsibility."

Kaylee's involvement with the YMCA has given her the opportunity to work with people from a variety of backgrounds. The YMCA's partnership with the Deaf and Blind School provided Kaylee with the opportunity to work with this population, influencing her decision to minor in American Sign Language.

The YMCA provides an excellent environment for youth development. We are pleased to award Kaylee with this year's YMCA James D. Berwick Scholarship, and we wish her the best of luck with her studies in the fall.



*BEC President Doug Berwick awards scholarship recipient Kaylee Marquez.*

## BEC CULTURE: RECENT HAPPENINGS

Berwick Electric Co. is a company made up of great people who strive for excellence in their work. Here's the latest in recent company and employee happenings.



**2014 has been an award-winning year for BEC.** We were voted the #1 electrical contractor in local publications *The Gazette* and the *Colorado Springs Business Journal*. We are very thankful to all who took the time to vote! These awards simply reflect the top-notch level of service that we work to provide the community.



**BEC Electrician Tobi Collins** ran in the Grand Mesa 100, which lives up to its name! This 100-mile race takes place just outside of Cedaredge, Colo. "I call this race 'relentless forward progress'. I'm not a sprinter, but I have the endurance to just keep moving," Tobi said. "Due to blisters, I was not able to

complete the entire 100 miles, but I did run 54 miles. I got to mile 40 in just under nine hours, but I had to limp the last 14 for a total time of 14 hours and 37 minutes. I will be back next year to complete the entire 100 miles." Great job, Tobi!

**Chelsea Norman and her husband, BEC Electrician Eric Norman,** welcomed their son, Cooper Hayes Norman, to the world on April 9, 2014. Cooper weighed 6 pounds and was 18 and 3/4 inches long. Congratulations, Chelsea and Eric!



**Chase Parker, son of BEC Accounts Payable Manager Terri Parker,** graduated from Cheyenne Mountain High School this past May and recently completed his private pilot training (FAA Part 141) through the Aero Club at Peterson Air Force Base. He is a freshman at Kansas State University—Salina this fall, currently working on his instrument rating as part of the Professional Pilot degree in KSU's Aviation School. Chase's ultimate goal is to captain "heavy" commercial aircraft (over 255,000 pounds), for Delta. Congratulations and good luck, Chase!





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## Safety Corner: Theft & Vandalism Protection

Vandalism and theft are on the rise at construction sites. In fact, this problem is so common that construction companies report losing as much as \$1 billion annually to equipment theft and vandalism. To help safeguard Berwick Electric Co. from joining these stats, BEC Safety Manager Bill Tuten trains all staff on how to help prevent theft and vandalism. Here are some of the measures that Bill takes to minimize the likelihood of these crimes.

1. Use security cameras and signage. "Security cameras can go a long way in helping to prevent theft and vandalism," Bill explained. "It also helps if you have signage posted on site that lets people know that security cameras are in use."
2. Be aware of surroundings. "We instruct our staff to be observant of their surroundings. It seems obvious, but when you show up to a job everyday, it's easy to get into a routine and notice things that might be out of the ordinary," Bill said. "We encourage staff to report any suspicious activity, such as casting out lay down areas and conex boxes, to their immediate supervisor. Lay down areas are on-site areas where we store things like PVC piping, unistrut and other things that can be stored outside. A conex box is a metal box used for temporary inside storage and can be locked up."
3. Secure equipment. "In addition to securing equipment, we also periodically change out locks," Bill said. "We also mark our tools and let the job site's security contractor know about our tools and materials. We train staff to do a daily inventory of the tools on site to make sure something didn't disappear overnight."



In addition to the cost of investigation and replacing tools and materials, stolen items cause job delays that impact production. These are just a few precautions that are in place to help protect against theft; to learn more about theft prevention, visit <http://travl.rs/1Cr7lvD>.