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White Lake project takes shape quickly

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The White Lake school and community expansion, a project that has been in the works for years, is advancing at a stunning pace this week.

Less than a month after ground was broken, workmen, cranes and trucks loaded with construction panels are rolling in and out of the grounds to the west of the existing educational complex and the progress is shocking.

The footings for the new gym were laid over a period of weeks, but then just a handful of days ago the men and machinery arrived to erect the 37-foot-high panels, and the progress moved right along. In fact, anyone familiar with traditional construction would be amazed.

Only a day or two after a sandy building site was all that was visible, the panels were soaring into the air and progress was quick.

Construction manager Doc Smith, an engineer with EDS, the general contractor for the project, explained that the panels are being shipped from a plant in Savage, Minn. with textured exteriors. When they arrive — and a few trucks are usually lined up and ready to unload — they are placed by skilled crane operators and construction workers.

The outline of the gymnasium took shape in a matter of a few days, and Smith explained that an opening will be left for the crane to enter the building to place the steel roof trusses, probably next week.

“We are moving nicely,” he said, adding that the project is ahead of schedule.

Ground was broken for the addition, formally known as the Community Recreation Center, on April 19

The \$3.58 million project, which was approved by 60 percent of voters in a November referendum, will construct the central recreational center, similar to a commons, an exercise room that may be used as a community space, men’s and women’s locker rooms and restrooms, team locker rooms and an expansive new gymnasium.

There will also be a concession area and remodeling to the existing shop and locker rooms.

The district hopes to have the work done in time for the winter basketball season, which will be played on a wood floor constructed of hard maple donated by members of the community.

Architect is Legend Architect LLC and engineer is Point of Beginning. Southport Engineered Systems are the plumbing and mechanical engineers and Czarnecki Surveying are electrical engineers.

Contractors involved in the project include

- Asphalt: Northeast Asphalt, Inc., Green Bay, \$70,810.
- Tilt-up concrete: Fabcon, Inc., Savage, Minn., \$283,208.
- Earthwork, etc.: Tradewell Construction, Antigo, \$404,300.
- Masonry: McGivern Masonry, Inc., Hatley, \$365,605.
- Steel: Steel Structures, Inc., Wausau, \$231,925.



A construction worker carefully placed one of the wall panels for the gymnasium at the White Lake school project this week. The addition to the school complex is designed for student and community use.

- Roofing: Osborn Roofing, Inc., Seymour, \$190,980.
- Miscellaneous specialists: Tradewell Construction, Antigo, \$270,700.
- Acoustical ceilings: Gegare Tile, Inc., Green Bay, \$32,285.
- Ceramic tile: Gegare Tile, Inc., Green Bay, \$60,745.
- Epoxy flooring: Protective Coating Specialist, Inc., Appleton, \$35,650.
- Painting: Davis Painting & Decorating, Inc., Oshkosh, \$52,743.
- Metal lockers: Olympus Lockers & Storage, Eden Prairie, Minn., \$24,463.
- Telescoping stands: The Goodson Company/Interkal, Milwaukee, \$40,580.
- Plumbing: Johnson & Jonet Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Green Bay, \$251,400.
- HVAC: Johnson & Jonet Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Green Bay, \$252,000.
- Electrical: Atlas Electric & Control, Weston, \$316,826.