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Building Community for 35 Years: Coil Construction Celebrates 35th Anniversary

COLUMBIA, MO — When Randy Coil first founded Coil Construction in 1975, he began with a focus on small remodeling and renovation construction in and around the Columbia area. Today the company offers a full range of services in both design/build and construction management for professional, retail, industrial and institutional construction.

“We initially began with just two employees, and then quickly moved from residential remodeling to commercial construction, as we saw there was an opportunity there,” said Randy Coil. Coil’s vision for the company and his determination to “dream big” helped plan the company’s goals and path for the future.

A drive around the mid-Missouri community is a testament to the broad range of projects built by Coil Construction throughout the decades, from Barnes & Noble to Williams-Keepers to the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri to the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales Breeding Farm. Coil also is a leader in the health care and Greek housing construction industries, with recent projects such as Providence Urgent Care and the complete renovation and addition of life safety features at Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Building Community Within Coil Construction

A recipient of numerous awards for its excellent safety record and for its quality work on projects – from the Builders’ Association Excellence in Safety Award to numerous Varco Pruden Hall of Fame awards – Coil is most proud of the fact that a number of employees have been with the company for decades. The current field crew has been with Coil for an average of more than 14 years, and the current office staff an average of more than 12 years.



"Our company culture of pride and workmanship goes from our management down to laborers in the field," Coil said. "Our employees are the number one key to our success and take a personal interest in our projects."

Kevin Buckler, now executive vice president of operations, began working at Coil in 1979 as a carpenter and ironworker. Buckler, who still recalls his first day at Coil shoveling a pile of rock on site at a Boone Clinic project, has made the transition from field to office and has enjoyed seeing the company grow. "Coil Construction is a family," Buckler said.

With Coil since 1985, accounting manager Karin Martin has witnessed the industry become more technology-driven and efficient, from the days she once typed out checks on a wide-carriage typewriter to the construction-specific software now used. "It's the integrity, family-like atmosphere and love of this company that keep us here," Martin said.

Building Community Through Service

Coil Construction and its employees also believe in building community by giving back through community service. "This community has been good to me, my family and my employees," said Coil. "Our company culture is one of sharing our generosity with those organizations that we've been passionate about over the years."

"I've known Randy Coil for more than 25 years. Through those years, Coil Construction has done many outstanding projects for Joe Machens," said Gary Drowing, owner of the Joe Machens dealerships. "Randy has always given back to the community and Joe Machens is proud to have partnered with Coil Construction on so many charitable activities."

Throughout the years, Coil employees have been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the National Association of Women in Construction, the Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri 100, the Central Missouri Development Council, local churches and public schools, and are supportive of the University of Missouri-Columbia and Central Methodist University. Coil also regularly donates its two 20' x 30' tents to community and non-profit organizations.

"Our partnership with Coil Construction has grown into one of family," said Peggy Kirkpatrick, executive director of the Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri. "Coil has been generous with their service, their donations and their friendship."



Building Community for the Future

As Coil looks to the future, they remain committed to the integrity, dependability and commitment to excellence that are the core of their business.

"It's important to keep up with the technological advances in our industry," said Coil. "It's also necessary to stay current, understand the nature of the cycles we go through and anticipate what's going to happen in the future."

Part of the company's future focus is continuing its work with sustainability and green building to better the community. Project manager David Coil recently was certified as a LEED Green Associate by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

"We look forward to celebrating our next 35 years in business – and beyond – by continuing to improve and build our community," said Coil.

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Fun Facts about Coil Construction

- First non-union construction company in Columbia to provide health care benefits
- One of the first construction companies in Columbia to have a computer
- Employees raise funds for the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri at their annual holiday party
- Field employees receive a safety bonus if they have no lost days during the past year
- 3,155 days – or more than eight years – without any lost days
- Employees are proud to patronize their clients

Top 35 Projects Built by Coil Construction

- Barnes & Noble Booksellers
- Williams-Keepers LLC
- Broadway Market Place / Sam's Club
- Broadway Shops
- Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale Breeding Facility
- The Insurance Group
- Boone County Health Dept.
- Boonville Police Station
- Boone County Justice Center
- Stadium Grill
- House of Brokers
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Providence Urgent Care
- Panera Bread
- Boone County National Bank
- Broadway Christian Church
- Pi Beta Phi
- The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri
- Smith Industrial Building
- Joe Machens Automotive Group
- Walgreens
- Goodwill
- Midway USA
- Alpha Phi
- State Farm Auto Mutual Insurance
- Boone Internal Medicine Associates
- Central Methodist University Student Center & Weight Room
- MC Sports
- OCCl
- Columbia Endoscopy Center
- Houlihan's
- Broadfield Center
- Flat Branch Pub & Brewing
- Bank of Missouri
- National Biodiesel Board