

# May Update

As you drive by the Nature Center on your way to the Deer Run Campground it is hard to miss the big blue building to your left! Do not worry; the blue is just a waterproof barrier that is put on to protect the SIP panels.

This month, the Nelson crew continues to make significant progress. The roof has been waterproofed and shingles have been laid. PR construction has most of the interior walls and all of the exterior walls framed up. With the walls up, framing each room, the Sioux County Conservation Board has started the beginning stages of selecting the furnishings of each room based on its intended purpose and space. They have chosen to work with Canfield Business Interiors out of Sioux Falls.

The blue waterproof barrier had been put on all four sides of the building. This will be hidden under the siding. A tile was laid around the base to direct the water flow to the back side. The bottom FOX Blocks are also going to receive a waterproof barrier as well. The very bottoms of the walls have been done and are now back filled in. As things continue to dry out, the team will continue to move up the sides waterproofing and backfilling as they go.

Window and doors arrived this month as well. Most of the windows have been placed and some of the interior door frames. The windows in this building are spectacular! They frame the vista perfectly from every side. The main support beams for the wrap around back deck have been placed as well. The deck will also be the perfect location to watch the deer, turkey and other wildlife in Oak Grove.

REMINDER: The Deer Run Campground is open for camping. Please be cautious as you drive past the construction site and be mindful of the construction workers.

## Up Next:

The electric will continue to get roughed in on both levels. The decking has been delivered and will be installed soon. As weather allows, the basement interior floor will be poured and the rest of the backfilling will be completed.



Back view 5/9



Waterproof Barrier 5/17



South View from Exhibit Room

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