

Getting to Know Good Natured Dave (and family)

top 10 stories, while war heroes are still occupying the lower four stories at a Veterans Administration hospital.” How is that even possible, you ask? “Very carefully,” Dave says. He handled it in style.

BTD contracted with Brandenburg, as well as Olsson Inc., S.S. Papadopoulos, Kissick Construction Co., Superior Bowen and others, on the multi-year re-development project that involves a 100% union workforce. “The project hasn’t missed a beat. There is a lot of teamwork.” Included in the team is the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). From the beginning of the project, OSHA has partnered with the contractors through the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). VPP helps ensure a high standard of occupational safety and health excellence for the workforce. OSHA conducts planned inspections as part of the program. Dave is proud that despite some nasty winter weather, the project has lost less than three days’ work due to weather. But Dave’s proudest accomplishment is that with over 330,000 man-hours, there has been 0 lost time incidents.

This level of safety and attention to detail extends to all aspects of the project. Monitoring equipment is located around the site to detect noise, air quality, wind speed and direction . . . All data is fed wirelessly to safety officers via their cell phones. The culture also ensures that every employee is empowered to make safety decisions.

Dave makes plenty of decisions, and one of his favorites is where to eat BBQ. He grins when reviewing his favorite projects around the country through his career, because they are ranked by his favorite foods. And KC ranks high on the list. BB’s Lawnside, Gates, and Q39 are regular stops for a guy who works hard and plays hard. For Dave, “The Family Farm” is considered play. He and his family, pictured earlier, are operating about 10 acres, with a house and barn. Last fall the family of eight, with six kids ages 11 to 25, were all in agreement to move in and take on the projects. How is it going? “We are moving much faster here at Bannister than we are at the farm!”

From the Newsletter Editor:



Every three months, this newsletter informs the public—our neighbors, of the progress in transforming the former Bannister Federal Complex. Please drop me an email at jklumb@BTD-LLC.com to give me your thoughts and how we might better

keep you informed about this important and exciting project.

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On track, again!

In November 2017, BTD accepted ownership of 227 acres of the former Bannister Federal Complex in Kansas City, Missouri. Last year, BTD began laying railroad tracks into the site. Last month, trains started rolling! The new rail service will not only assist with debris removal, but may also be useful for the future development of the site. Zoned for manufacturing use, the preliminary development plans for the site envision light industrial use and warehousing.

It’s not the first time a rail spur was on the site. When the Bannister Federal Complex was built in 1943, rail was used to transport parts and equipment in, and final airplane engines out. This kind of manufacturing use may be in the future for the tracks going in today. As the saying says, what goes around comes around . . .



A 1940’s photo of the train at the former Bannister Federal Complex. A photo from last fall shows the train tracks being laid.

Priorities . . .

Safety remains the top priority. That's not a surprise. BTD has a full-time safety team on site, and continues to work in close cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. A few examples of safety measures include dust suppression and the car/truck wash.

Dust suppression is used throughout the demolition project and on all active roadways, and this goes a long way to prevent dust from leaving the site. Two water-trucks are equipped with jet sprayers and a water cannon. In addition, dust created from building demolition is controlled by articulating 80' dust bosses (photo below) that can fully extend, rotate, and be raised by remote control. The aggressive dust suppression efforts make the site safer for employees by ensuring they are out of the way, and at a safe location at all times. All water used for dust suppression is recycled back into a high-capacity carbon filtration system that ensures the water is cleaned before it leaves the site.



For vehicles leaving the work site, trucks pass through an industrial-sized wheel wash station, pictured below, cleaning mud and dust off to ensure vehicles do not track mud onto to adjacent streets.



BY THE NUMBERS

- Buildings removed: **49**
- Square footage removed: **3,074,229**
- Percentage of the former Federal Complex now demolished: **82%**
- Pieces of equipment on site: **206**
Includes bulldozers, excavators, skid-steer loaders, wheeled loaders, rock crushers
- Total labor hours worked by all crews: **331,000**
- Number of days of missed worker hours due to injuries: **Zero**

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Dave Schauer and the family on "the farm."

For over 10 years, Dave Schauer has worked at Brandenburg Industrial Service Company. Dave grew up in the construction industry. He started with his family's concrete business going back to the 1980s. Now he is on the biggest job of his career as Project Manager for Brandenburg at the Bannister Transformation & Development (BTD) site. "It's going very smoothly," Dave says, with an easy smile.

This good nature and a sense of humor serve Dave well. The BTD project has already exceeded 330,000 man hours, as they proceed to demolish roughly 3,000,000 square feet of space on the 227 acres of the former Bannister Federal Complex. But these numbers are not a problem for a man who began his career with an assignment to demolish a 14 story building. Sounds easy until you hear the rest of the story . . . The instructions were to "only demolish the

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The first Union Pacific train arrives at the site after rail service was re-established for use during the removal of debris as part of the total site transformation.



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Air monitors surround the demolition site, measuring the air quality 24/7 and continuously feeding real time data electronically to project managers. This protects the community and workers at the site.