

## Target Field Minneapolis, MN

Target Field, the new 40,000 seat open-air ballpark will be the new home of the Minnesota Twins and is currently under construction in the Warehouse District of downtown Minneapolis. The project, which is being managed by Mortenson Construction with Thor Construction, is scheduled to be complete for the start of the 2010 baseball season. Danny's Construction is erecting over 4600 tons of structural steel supplied by our customer, LeJeune Steel Company and their fabrication subcontractors, including American Structural Metals. Erection began in May 2008 and is scheduled to be complete in July of 2009. Due to the congested and downtown location, the entire stadium has to be built from the inside out which makes for tight living quarters for the 4 large crawler cranes.

There are numerous highlights on this project including the 125' cantilevered trusses that make up the Metropolitan Club, the fourth largest scoreboard in baseball, the substantial welding, and the amazing sunshade that wraps around the entire infield.

Danny's Construction's team of Local 512 Iron Workers and Local #49 Operators and Oilers are lead by Superintendent Dave McStott, and Foremen: Mike Stuckmeyer, Shane Ricks, Dale Chamberlin, Scott Mix, Art Roberts, Dave Canales, Nick Shaffar, Chad Lohse and Bill Johnson. The Minnesota crews are all eagerly awaiting warmer conditions after persisting through an extremely cold winter. Tina Serafin is our Project Manager with assistance from John Schmidt. Eric Fielder is supplying on-site engineering support and Ted DeSantell is our on-site Safety Representative.

Danny's Construction is pleased to be working with professionals from Mortenson Construction with Thor Construction, LeJeune Steel, American Structural Metals, Woody's Rebar and all the extremely hardworking and talented iron workers, operators and oilers. We are anticipating the return of open-air baseball to Minnesota in the near future. Go Twins!

Visit [www.twinsbaseball.com](http://www.twinsbaseball.com) to see the live web cams of this project.



## WTTG COGEN Columbus, NE

In May 2008 DCCI began construction of the turbine and generator building of the cogeneration plant in Columbus, NE. The Owner, Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) is acting as the engineer, and general contractor.

This project is expanding the ethanol production of the existing ethanol facility along with adding a new 70 MW cogeneration power plant to one of ADM's many current corn processing plants. The power will be generated from burning a byproduct of the corn along with coal. This will generate enough electricity to make the facility self-sufficient, and provide excess energy back to the local grid.

The structure is five stories tall and 163'W x 202'L; with a 3,000 square foot 200' tall tower. It includes more than 1900 tons of structural steel, decking, & miscellaneous metal. DCCI was also responsible for the placement of the turbine & generator (164 tons & 97 tons respectively) along with several other key pieces of equipment.

DCCI has been ahead of schedule throughout the project. The building topped out the eleventh floor on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be complete first quarter of 2009. Iron Workers from Local #21 and Operators from Local #571 have contributed to the successful and safe progress on this project. Danny's leadership team includes: General Superintendent Charles "Tiny" O'Neill with help from Matt McDonald. Foremen: Justin Ponting, Charlie Davis, Boyd Newsom, Dave Downey and Ryan Dance. Along with Ironworkers Local #21 & Operators Local #571. Paul Fields and Pat Nordberg are the Project Managers, Eric Fielder and Moto Baba provided in-house engineering support and Diane Randolph lead the safety efforts.

### Fun Fact:

How many W-2's did DCCI produce for 2008?

Answer: 820

## From the Corner Office



### “Set the Tone”

I am a fan of the TV show, “E.R.” Okay, you might say I’m a crazed fan of “E.R.” because I know that in the overall plot line of the series, there are some common words of wisdom that are passed from one doctor to another. In one of the very first episodes, a young Dr. Carter is outside the hospital, filled with anxiety having faced a first experience of tragedy in the E.R. An older doctor comes out and gives him a calming speech. Years later in the series, you hear Dr. Carter give the exact speech to another young doctor who is outside the hospital suffering a panic attack during their first day on the job. In the pilot episode, Dr. Morenstein tells Dr. Green, “You set the tone” in the E.R. Years later in the series, Dr. Green passes the management torch to Dr. Carter and uses

the phrase “You set the tone.” When Dr. Carter leaves the series, he says to Dr. Morris “You set the tone.” My point is that on the series, like in our real life career, words we say and actions we take are setting the tone and being absorbed by those around us. Think for a minute about actions or words that have impressed you the most. I’m sure each of us can remember a quote or two from a previous co-worker or supervisor. We may have a profound effect on another person in the simplest manner and not realize that their behavior or outlook or leadership skills were formed by our actions. Your example may be followed today or you may be directly quoted 33 “episodes” later.

Sometimes, much to our surprise ... the “tone” we set isn’t exactly the impression we were hoping to leave. For example, have you ever noticed how one lousy neighbor can change the feel of the entire neighborhood? Think about the tone you set for those around you each day. Does it convey your commitment to excellence? To safety? To proud workmanship and jobsite cooperation?

Our business is extremely risky and we are exposed to dangers as we perform work. Let’s all strive today to be sure that the tone we set is one of safety, respect, and teaching. Let’s try to lead with our example and our words. It’s your jobsite, YOU set the tone.

Alissa Schneider, President



Topping out ADM CoGEN Job, Columbus, NE

## Employee Spotlight



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of one of our employees, Jerry O'Brien. Jerry began working for DCCI in 1980 and was with DCCI until shortly before his passing on December 21, 2008. Through the years, Jerry was involved in working on and managing Behlen building projects locally, nationally and internationally. He was a life long member of Carpenter’s Union # 1644. He enjoyed his time with DCCI. In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed his grandchildren. Jerry always had a story about their latest achievements. Our shop feels a bit empty without Jerry at his work bench fixing the tools. We will remember Jerry fondly and send our condolences to his family.



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