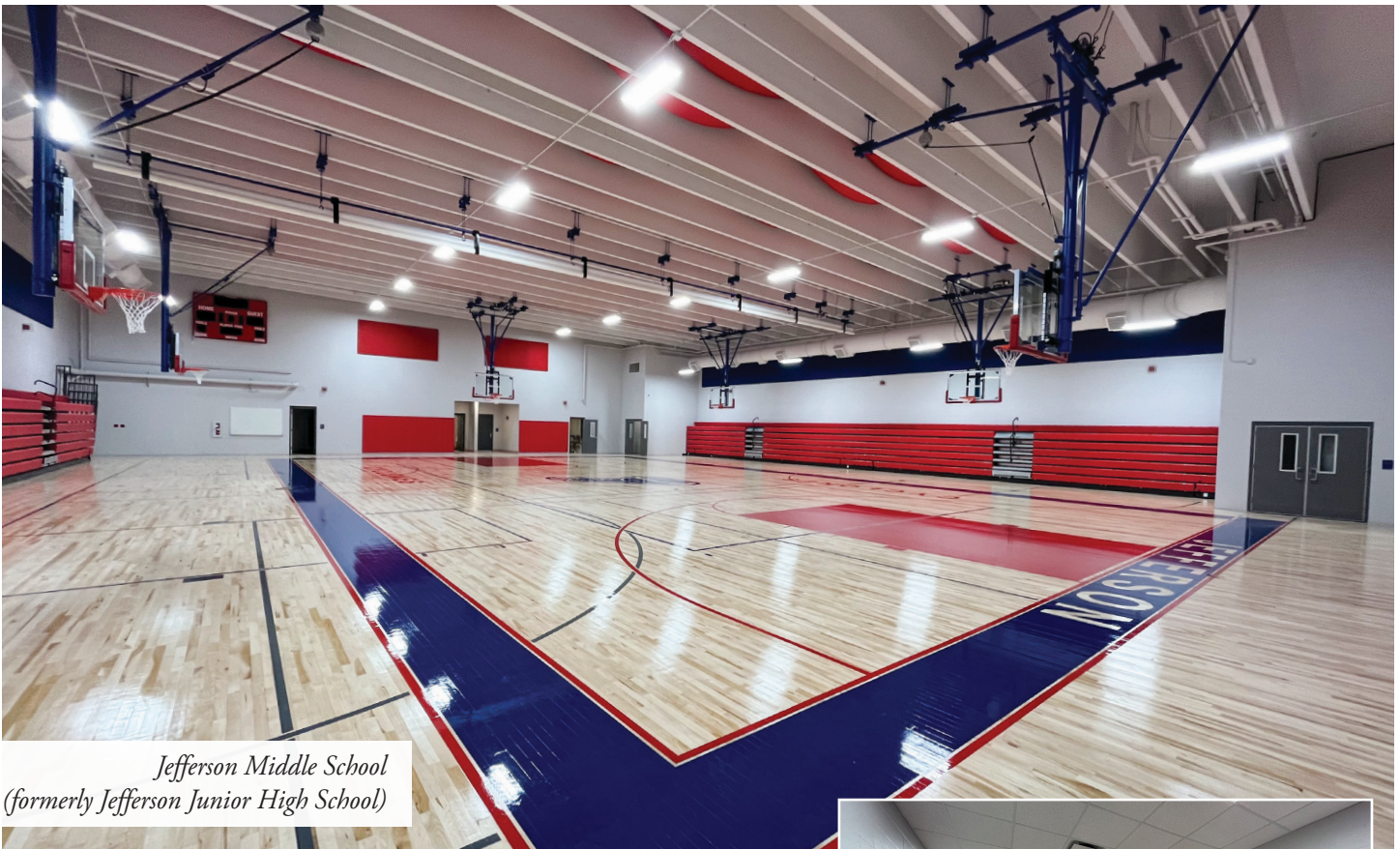


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*Jefferson Middle School
(formerly Jefferson Junior High School)*

Project Spotlight

Jefferson Middle School Addition and Renovation

The Jefferson Middle School Addition and Renovation is nearing completion for the Columbia Public School District. The new gymnasium has walls painted the school colors and a new wood gym floor installed. The successful team of Richard Northeimer, Construction Project Manager, and Ben Rademan, Superintendent, and many subcontractors have pushed this project to completion on time and on budget. Vaughn Prost, President of Prost Builders, Inc., played basketball in the old Jefferson Junior High School gymnasium and can attest to the fact that the new gym is a major improvement.



The new locker rooms are nearing completion.



The exterior of the new gymnasium and locker rooms are complete with only site improvements to be completed.



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Humor Me: A Few One-Liners

These are either really brilliant or just dumb:

- Did you hear about the guy who stole a calendar? He got 12 months.
- I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.
- A man walked into his house and discovered that someone had stolen all his lamps. He was delighted.
- I like whiteboards. They're remarkable.
- Will glass coffins become popular? Remains to be seen.
- I, for one, like Roman numerals.
- My lack of knowledge on mythology has always been my Achilles' elbow.
- It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.
- I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.
- My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. I'll show her.
- You don't need a parachute to skydive. You need a parachute to skydive twice.
- Working in a mirror factory is something I could totally see myself doing.
- Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine.
- My IQ test results came back. They were negative.
- What did one DNA say to the other DNA? "Do these genes make me look fat?"

"If there is a 50-50 chance that something can go wrong, then nine times out of ten it will."

—Paul Harvey

What Do You Do When You're Stuck With A Slacker?

You do your best every day at work, but some of your co-workers might not. You might be stuck working with a slacker—someone who does just enough to get by, but no more. If this starts to affect your work, what can you do? Follow this advice from the *Harvard Business Review*:

- **Examine the situation.** Don't assume your colleague is just lazy or trying to push his or her responsibilities onto others. Observe how they behave and work. Do they lack the necessary skills or resources to do their job? How do other people relate to the person? What's the impact on you and the rest of the organization? Is this a new problem? Focus on the situation, not the person.
- **Look at yourself.** Reflect on your own behavior. Are you doing anything that might be affecting your co-worker? You may think your instructions are clear, for example, but they might have trouble understanding them. Is your attitude arrogant or patronizing? Do you treat the other person with respect? Do your best to make sure you're not causing any part of the problem.
- **Tactfully talk to other colleagues.** Find out if they're having the same problem with the person. They may have a better understanding of how he or she gets things done; they may have developed strategies for coping with his or her lack of talent; or they may know more about the person's personal issues and limitations, giving you a better idea of how to interact with him or her. On the other hand, if they have no difficulty working with the person, you may be the one with the problem.
- **Talk to your boss—tactfully.** Don't go in to complain about your slacking co-worker. If you must discuss the problem with your boss, focus on how the other person's behavior affects your performance and your ability to get things done—and by extension, how the issue affects your organization as a whole.



Test Your Knowledge

1. What is the diameter of the average basketball hoop?
2. What species of fish is Nemo?
3. What is the Grinch's dog's name?
4. What year was Kodak founded?
5. What are baby rabbits called?
6. What is a single strand of spaghetti called?
7. How many floors does the Eiffel Tower have?
8. What president was a licensed bartender?
9. How many legs does a lobster have?
10. What was the first state?
11. Who is the youngest Oscar winner of all time?
12. Which shoe did Cinderella leave behind at the ball?

1. 18 inches; 2. Clown Fish; 3. Max; 4. 1892; 5. Kitts; 6. Spaghetti; 7. Three (3); 8. Abraham Lincoln; 9. Ten (10); 10. Delaware; 11. Tatum O'Neal for "Paper Moon"; 12. Her left shoe.

—Today.com

Jefferson City, Missouri

Missouri State Capitol Restoration Project



The second phase of a multi-million dollar project to remove and restore The Capitol's stained glass laylight and 34 roof skylights is currently underway. The laylight was created by artist Harman T. Schladermundt and installed in the building in the early 1920s. It's currently valued at \$17.3 million. Artisans in Los Angeles will complete the restoration. It took 20 trucks to haul the stained glass to California. The decorative plasterwork around the laylight will also be restored. The Capitol's roof skylights, 34 in total, are also being restored and renovated over the winter.



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Architect's Rendering

Project Spotlight

Ranken Technical School Project

Ashland is seeing another building project coming out of the ground along Highway 63. The new Ranken Technical School project is a collaborative effort with the Southern Boone County School District to teach trade skills to high school students.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) awarded a \$4.5 million grant to the Southern Boone County R-1 School District to construct the new construction trade, medical services, information technology, and industrial engineering technology training center. The project will be matched with \$3 million being raised through the Investing in Tomorrow's Workforce Capital Campaign. The project is expected to create 163 jobs and generate \$9 million in private investment.