



TRUMAN COURTHOUSE COURIER

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PROJECT ON SCHEDULE DESPITE THE RAIN

Work is still progressing on the Historic Jackson County Truman Courthouse, in spite of weeks of rain delays. Unfortunately, when it rains, there is always at least one additional day, possibly two days lost, even if the sun is shining on those following days.

Mud and standing water accumulate after rainfall. Although there are large tires on some of the heavy equipment, there is enough of an incline around the courthouse to cause potential problems. If a piece of equipment went into an uncontrolled slide it could con-



Recent rains couldn't prevent workers from getting Old Glory back flying outside the Truman Courthouse.

ceivably destroy a newly-poured concrete wall or topple a light pole, adding days to the project.

The good news is that most of the sidewalks are poured and a good deal of the small retaining wall is up. Some of the stairs are yet to be completed, but the work is on-going. Ramps were installed on each of the four corners of the courthouse to make the sidewalk easily accessible from the street. There is one handicapped-accessible ramp going into the courthouse building. It is located on the south side and is currently under construction.

Jackson County Public Works remains confident that everything will be completed in time for Santa-Cali-Gon Days.

ELECTRIC WORK DONE

All electrical work in the Courthouse plans has been completed by Independence Power and Light, including the installation of light poles around the building. However, electrical items to handle the special requirements of Santa-Cali-Gon Days still need to be installed.

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- City of Independence
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- Independence Square Association
- Jackson County Historical Society
- Independence Square Businesses

JACKSON COUNTY TRADESMEN CONTRIBUTE TO PROJECT

Jackson County's plumbers have started connecting the Courthouse interior pipes to the new water valve installed by the Independence Water Department. Prior to the start of construction, the water inside the courthouse was turned off while the boiler was being replaced. The plumbers



Plumber George Jonas puts the finishing touches on new copper pipes.

are aware that potential leaks could present a challenge when they turn the water back on since there was no heat in the courthouse over winter.

In another area of the building, county workers are connecting the Jackson County Historical Society's offices to a new air conditioning system. In the past, the area was cooled by a couple of window units. The new

landscape plan called for all of the air conditioning units to be placed on the roof so the building could be returned to its original look.

Although it wasn't a part of the project plan, Public Works Director Jerry Page felt strongly that the entire outside of the building should be "spruced up." He was particularly inter-

ested in once again using the flagpoles that were previously attached to the building. Jackson County used one of its own painters to restore the flagpoles to their former look. Facilities Management was able to replace the pulley system on the flagpoles and had new flags flying by the 4th of July. This was the first time flags had flown there in at least 10 years. The painter is also scraping and painting the windows and doors.