

# Poettker Construction hosts groundbreaking for Stumpy’s venue expansion in Monroe County



Shown in the photo are Stumpy’s Spirits Distillery owners Adam and Laura Stumpf along with the Poettker Construction team; Brian Upchurch, owner of Brucon; designer Sam Lee; and Jim Vogt and Chris Hargan with Heneghan & Associates. (Submitted photo)

Stumpy’s Spirits Co. is expanding its family grown and distilled business with the addition of a distillery inspired luxury wedding and event venue. This new build will be a multi-faceted experience center located in rural Columbia, Ill., near their distillery and 8th generation family farm. Providing an exclusive and remote experience for its visitors, the venue consists of a large ceremony hall, full-service bar and tasting room, indoor/outdoor lounge, lower-level event space, prep kitchens, offices, a bridal suite, a groom’s suite, mul-

multiple restrooms, outdoor spaces, and storage. The site will include new streets, three man-made lakes, a parking lot, and walking paths. “Stumpy’s is thrilled to embark on this remarkable expansion in our hometown of Columbia,” said Adam Stumpf, co-owner of Stumpy’s Spirits. “This project symbolizes our deep-rooted family values and our dedication to fostering local growth and creating exceptional experiences for our residents and visitors.” This project is made possible by the support of local financial institu-

tions and a \$500,000 tourism grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This grant was funded from a \$22.5 million initiative that was distributed across the state, funding 89 projects that will ultimately increase tourism. “We are honored to be a part of this expansion supporting a local business in the state of Illinois, where our family-owned business is headquartered,” said Ryan Poettker, president of Poettker Construction. “As a company built on family values, we take great pride in fostering strong relation-

ships with other local businesses like Stumpy’s and look forward to bringing this exciting project to life.” Brucon is serving as the Owner’s Representative and Poettker Construction is the General Contractor providing preconstruction services. DC Structures will be acting as the architect on the project with Heneghan and Associates, P.C., 303rd Engineering Group, LLC, and Interior Designer Samantha Lee as their engineering design partners. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in late June 2023. The project is expected to be completed in 2024.

# West Star Aviation breaks ground on Hangar 67: East Alton site expands to 75,700 SF

West Star Aviation officially broke ground in July on a major expansion project at their East Alton, Ill. (ALN) MRO facility. Once complete, the expansion will add 75,700-square-feet of space bringing the total facility to just over 500,000 square-feet of hangar, back shop, modification, and paint space. In all, the expansion will include 40,000 square feet of new hangar capac-

ity, 22,300 square-feet of additional back shop space, and 13,400 square-feet of additional storage space. West Star is working with Contegra Construction and the St. Louis Regional Airport. Site preparation will start this summer, with completion expected in early Spring 2024. “The current expansion project for East Alton, Illinois will ensure West Star Aviation will be well-positioned to meet

our customers’ needs. This expansion along with the new hangar in Chattanooga, Tennessee scheduled to open for business at the end of this month, shows our continued commitment to implementing sustainable growth that benefits our customers, employees, and the surrounding communities,” said West Star Aviation CEO Jim Rankin. “The recent rapid growth in the MRO industry has accelerated the need to add

additional space to our facilities, allowing us to better serve our valued customers in a timely manner,” said General Manager Brian Bauwens, (ALN). “Contegra Construction is proud to partner with West Star Aviation to lead the design-build process for Hangar 67. This is the third hangar project Contegra has partnered with West Star in the past ten years,” said Contegra Construction Project Director Jared Lengermann.

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