

# Builders' Showcase

## Residential, commercial projects keep builder busy



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ALGONQUIN – Peter Scholl has found a way to stay busy during these recent lean economic years.

He remodels and he rebuilds.

The founder and president of Scholl Construction in Crystal Lake recently completed a remodeling project for Chuck Shulte of Diamond Physical Therapy in Algonquin.

While completing that project he was preparing to rebuild a burned down farm house in Huntley for Dr. and Mrs. David Hucek. Dr. Hucek is a veterinarian specializing in dogs, cats and horses. That rebuilding project, which began in May, should be completed in early November.

"It will be a new house and it is under construction today," Scholl said. "It was a two-story frame home built in the 1850s that burned down in January. There was burned but ruined structure left but we tore that remainder down and started over new."

Before construction began, the Huceks spent several months working with an architect, Marilyn Termovits of Roselle, who designed a 2,400-square-foot two-story, single family house with a relatively open interior for them. "The first floor incorporates a large master suite (including bathroom), great room with a natural field stone fireplace, kitchen, laundry room, powder room, and custom staircase," Scholl said.

"The second floor contains two bedrooms, a loft area with two skylights, and a second full bathroom." The new house has an airy basement. "The old one was a dungeon," Hucek noted.

"The cause of the original house burning down in January was from an overloaded circuit. It started in the wall of one of the bedrooms and before it could be contained, the house had burned down. This house was more than 150 years old and the wiring was not updated," Dr. Hucek said.

No one was injured in the blaze. "I believe the house was built in the 1850s by Jeremiah Crowley, an Irishman who came over here to escape the (Ireland's) potato famine. He was a farmer and a dairyman and, yes, we were living in his farm house when it burned down."

The new house will not be built on the old foundation but closer to existing buildings on the Hucek six-acre property at 39W596 Dundee-Huntley Road. "I have a main horse barn, which is where I have a boarding stable, a vet clinic and my office, but other buildings include a garage, machine shed and an old clinic. I specialize in horses," Dr. Hucek said.

Hucek bought the Rutland Township, Kane County property with a Huntley mailing address in 1982 after graduating in 1981 as a veterinarian from the University of Illinois at Champaign. A sign that reads "Huntley Equine and Small Animal Clinic" is not visible from the road. "It is about 30 feet off the road and you can't see it until you turn into the driveway," Hucek said. "But there is quite a bit of horse fencing and our bit white barn so are not that hard to locate."



Dr. David Hucek stands in front of his Huntley area farmhouse that burned to the ground in January. Peter Scholl of Scholl Construction in Crystal Lake is building him a new one.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a. m. to noon Saturday. "I am like an ambulance. My office hours really are all times of the day and night. I am always on call."

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The remodel of the Algonquin commercial space began in late 2011 and was done before the end of January 2012. "Scholl began it on Friday, the day after the Thursday of Thanksgiving, and we moved in the last week of January," Shulte said. "Pete really turned the crank on the project as he was on a tight timetable and had to get it done as quickly as possible on my behalf. I did not want to incur more costs in rental at my former office."

Shulte had been renting office space for 19 years at the Algonquin Town Center Mall on Route 62, east of the Algonquin Road bridge over the Fox River. "Today I am at 1140 East Algonquin Road

in the Fountain Square Mall, a block west of my former mall," Shulte said. "Basically I am in the same neighborhood but instead of paying rent to someone else, I am paying it to myself.

"I bought a 4,000-square-foot free standing building which had been built in 2008. It had been subdivided into four separate suites, but never occupied. It just sat there and the owners could find nobody to lease it to so they put it up for sale. It was a great opportunity to have my own practice and pay myself the rent. I occupy three of those spaces (3,000 square feet) and my hope is to lease the fourth (1,000 square feet)."

Shulte started his practice in 1993. "As you know, Algonquin was and still is a growing place. Business is great as my customers followed me to my new address, which is only two blocks from my old one. And now we are closer to the road (Algonquin) and that does wonders. We were off



A farmhouse near Huntley owned by Dr. and Mrs. David Hucek burned in January. A new house with a big and long front porch is in the process of being built.

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Framing continues on a new house near Huntley for Dr. and Mrs. David Hucek. Their 1850s farmhouse burned in January. Scholl Construction of Crystal Lake was contracted to build the new house.

the road before. I have a staff of four clinicians including myself. In other words, there are four of us who treat patients. Outpatient physical therapy can range from treating back pain to rehabilitation after surgery, things like that."

A yoga class began recently on Thursday evenings.

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"Obviously, I would like to have more and be busier, but it is what it is," he said.

Scholl builds additions and does home and commercial remodels, but really gets excited when building a custom house.

With more than 20 years in the profession and thousands of construction projects completed, Scholl said he has learned the difference between slapping a house together and purposely building a home.

"A home transforms your whole life," Scholl said. "It becomes a major part of your reality. Our goal is to ensure that people have a home that's a warm, secure and nurturing foundation for a fuller life. We don't just build homes, we build dreams."

Before he created his own company, Scholl was a project manager with several housing developers. He saw there was a right way to build homes and that it is never right to build it wrong.

"When I started Scholl Construction, I knew that customer satisfaction was key. Customer satisfaction starts with listening. If we're going to deliver the home, office or commercial project our clients expect we have to listen when they tell us what they're looking for," Scholl said.



Not much was left of an 1850s two-story farm house that burned down in January. Dr. David Hucek and his wife will rebuild a two-story 21st Century house on a new foundation.

"We set high standards for ourselves and we meet them. We settle for nothing less than the best we can deliver because it's not enough to have satisfied clients. We want our clients to be thrilled with the results."

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