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One of the projects that we took on was the demonstration room's stage floor. The tiles were coming up causing a trip hazard so we had the old flooring torn up and new tile installed in their place. We installed a dark border along the front of the stage as a visible edge so hopefully no one miss steps.

The roof on the Knapp storage garage on the east side of the Courthouse was replaced as the old roof was in bad shape.

Restoration work on the Courthouse was the big project for the year. The company that did the work had to scrap and water blast the old loose paint and sealer on the limestone decoration of the building. Old caulk was peeled out and new installed, old mortar joints were ground out and new mortar tuck pointed back in, a special sealer was sprayed on the bricks to make them waterproof, and then a new limestone sealer was brushed and sprayed on. Weather was a problem on this project as it rained so much. It wouldn't be raining up by Wausau when he left and by the time he got here it would be raining and a couple times his work was washed off due to the rain. However he completed the project and actually did more than the contract stated.

The entry locks at the South Annex were old and we were having problems with the keys working properly so we replaced the lock cylinders and keyed them differently and handed out new keys. The North Annex also experienced problems with one of the entry locks so we changed the cylinders out on all the entry doors and made new keys. This helped with security as none of the old keys will work now and we can be more discreet as to who gets a key.

Mike made a portable gun cleaning table for the Sheriff's department.

We had our heat timer that controls the boilers for the Jail burn out due to a short in the building, which caused the generator to come on, so we replace it with a newer version. Because our software for the equipment controls was outdated, we also upgraded the Siemens software for our program. Having problems with our generator at the Courthouse we had some of the wiring redone to hopefully eliminate future problems. Also the 3 boilers at the Jail were all on one breaker which could have been a problem. If one of the boilers caused the breaker to trip, none of the two boilers would have been able

to run, so we had each boiler put on its own breaker. Now if one fails the other two are still able to run because of our new Siemens software.

The highway department replaced sections of the sidewalks at the South and North Annexes that were in bad shape. One section in particular, was much lower than the lawn, so water and ice always formed on this area causing a hazard.

We replaced the second hot water heater at the Jail because it started to leak just like the first one did last year. Also we replaced the hot water heater at the Courthouse which was still under warranty. Our condensate line was filling up with rust from the heater and shutting the hot water heater off regularly. This is not supposed to happen. Over the last year or so we replaced both boards in it also. So after much documenting and complaining they agreed to replace it. Again the gas regulator for the hot water heater was sized too small when the boiler ran, so we had to replace it with a larger one and run new and larger gas pipe from the regulator to the heater.