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Kephart designed The Atrium at Austin Bluffs.

Taylor Kohrs completes Atrium at Austin Bluffs senior housing in Colorado Springs

Taylor Kohrs, a Colorado-based general contractor for nearly 40 years, recently completed construction of a 54-unit, senior affordable housing complex in Colorado Springs: The Atrium at Austin Bluffs. The 49,000-square-foot facility consists of a mix of one- and two-bedroom units in a three-story building with integrated amenity spaces and parking.

The project, which was designed by Kephart for Greccio Housing, includes community rooms, fitness center, resident resource services area, a wellness center and an outdoor patio overlooking Pikes Peak.

“Atrium at Austin Bluffs is a building born of its place,” said Josh Robinson, a lead Kephart project designer. “To allow the building to fit into its context, we incorporated red brick and gabeling into the design, but also took inspiration from the language



The project offers a safe, affordable home.

of the Old West and the structures of the town that existed on the site decades before.”

“The Taylor Kohrs team enjoyed building a strong, safe, comfortable and affordable home for seniors in the Colorado Springs community,” said Taylor Kohrs Project

Manager Dan Letellier.

The building, which serves seniors age 62 and older, is wood-framed over post-tensioned concrete slab on grade.

“Our goal was to create a place of dignity, clarity and simplicity,” Robinson said. “To do so, we broke the L-shape of the structure down into two buildings.

“We wanted to celebrate each individual unit as a home and did so through the incorporation of two large windows flanking the Juliette balconies.”

From the exterior, each unit is clearly identifiable and presents as its own home front. From the interior, the space reads as though the whole wall is windows. The building is also oriented both to maximize the views from the amenity zones and to create safety and privacy through positioning the main entrance toward the auto court. ▲

GH Phipps continues renovating the Denver Central Library

GH Phipps is underway with the renovation of the Denver Central Library. The \$40 million, 54,000-square-foot project includes a two-story event space, renovation of the pavilion entrance space, a new children’s library and six floors of new bathrooms with a state-of-the-art sanitary waste system.

“It’s an honor and pleasure to be part of the team working on this important renovation of one of the jewels of Denver’s Civic Center,” said Nathan Foley of GH Phipps. “The Denver Central Library is one of the most remarkable civic buildings in the nation, and of our time.”

The project is scheduled for completion at the end of spring



The children’s library features a curved wall.

2023. The architect for the project is Studiotrope Design collective. ▲



The exterior features include masonry and stucco wall accents and a standing seam metal roof.

Howell Construction completes Ent Credit Union in Thornton

Howell Construction completed the new, 5,000-square-foot Ent Credit Union branch in Thornton. Established in 1957, Ent has expanded to 14 counties along Colorado’s Front Range and has more than 380,000 members. Howell has been Ent’s building partner for multiple new sites in the Denver metro area.

The new facility provides 10 offices designed for customer interaction with credit union

staff, six teller stations and a three-lane drive-thru. The exterior features include masonry and stucco wall accents and a standing seam metal roof.

“We thoroughly enjoyed working with Ent and Keys + Lauer Architects on the Thornton branch and look forward to continuing our work together,” said Jeremy Kellogg, project manager for Howell Construction. ▲

GTC breaks ground on \$40M BEST Grant school project for Baca County

GTC kicked off a project that will transform the Springfield School District.

The town of Springfield is located in Baca County, the southeasternmost county in Colorado, and its school district is the largest in Baca, serving more than 300 students.

In 2020 Springfield School District was awarded a \$40 million BEST Grant from the state of Colorado. Working with the district, Diversified Consulting Solutions and TreanorHL Architects, GTC’s project includes demo of

most of the old buildings and construction of 63,000 square feet of additions to a pre-existing building, including a two-story classroom wing, a new gymnasium complex and an addition to the current administration space. Work also includes 19,000 sf of renovations, which in total will consolidate the district into a single, new pre-K-through-12 building. The project will be phased over 24 months to allow the campus to remain operational throughout construction. ▲



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