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**SUMMER 2011**



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NEWS FROM THE FRONT...

# THE SKY IS FALLING!



OK, so it's not the sky, but it IS the ceiling. Yes, the auditorium drop ceiling is coming down, revealing the original steel truss work in all its glory.

*You saw it here first!*

The architect's rendering showcased the dramatic transformation this space would undergo. To see it start to open, with elements of the original architect's vision revealed, is amazing. Thanks to your support, this bright, light-filled atrium will be a treasure to enjoy now and for generations to come.

Demolition is active not just in the auditorium but in every



room of the Center. The project has begun to fast track and the various trades are moving in to work.

Numerous jobs have been created through this reno-

vation, and you can be proud of the beneficial impact this has on the local construction industry.

We're putting your money back into the community!

## HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW SIGN?

Oxford's "Goose" is charged with the capital campaign countdown - all the way to the "golden egg" goal!

A very special thank you to community friends Joanne Boughner, Joyce Buttner, Claude Maechling, Dick Nolker, and Tony Passarella for their wonderful creation for OCC's Capital Campaign.



## MYSTERY PIC...

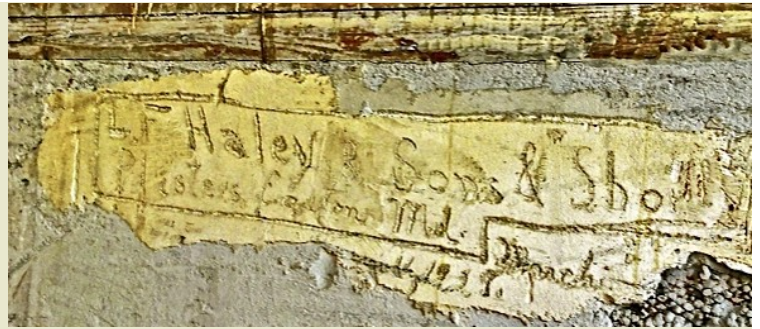
### TRASH OR TREASURE?

When the bulletin boards were removed from classroom 4, guess what was revealed? An old plaster swash in which the following - look carefully - was written:

*L.F. Haley & Sons & Shorty  
Plasters, Easton Md. March 16, 1928.*

As the structure was built in 1928, could this be the mark of the original plasterer?

A bit of research and a few local calls revealed a Laurence Haley still in the area. Turns out this was in fact the grandson, and while he didn't know his grandfather's company was responsible for the plaster at OCC, he knew they did the work in the Easton post office and the old Easton armory. He did his own research and the conclusion? Yes, these are the originals!



In time the "Sons" became Haley Brothers and transitioned from plaster to masonry. These brothers, Robert, Wayne, and Herbert Haley are all deceased now, but we learned Herb lived in Oxford and is buried in the Oxford Cemetery. And what about Shorty? Laurence tells us that was Grandfather Haley's friend and co-worker Charles Roth.

*Trash or treasure? We say treasure!*

## BUILDING UPDATE: WELL, HELLO!

*-Bob Dietz, Building Restoration Committee Chair*



Big news this week - the geothermal wells are going in. Allied Well Drilling of Millersville, MD is on the job - you can't miss their trucks in the Center's rear parking lot. Allied has installed commercial geothermal systems in numerous area facilities including the US Naval Academy in Annapolis and the Fort McHenry Visitor Center in Baltimore. The John R. Crocker Co. of Easton will follow up with the mechanical systems.

Geothermal HVAC is an important part of the goal to create a more sustainable community center, and greatly contributes to our LEED Gold project certification. Not to mention the improved comfort you will enjoy for future events at OCC!

*Photo by Bob Dietz*



*Bob Dietz outlines the building plans with Senator & Mrs. Cardin*

## CAMPAIGN NOTES: 90% AND COUNTING

*-Eric Mihan, Campaign Chair*

Houston resident J. Stephen Martin believes in supporting community. Ten years ago, Martin chose Oxford as the perfect spot for a vacation home after several visits in years prior with his late wife Nancy, of Baltimore.

While visits to Oxford are briefer now, when OCC began their campaign Martin hopped aboard right away with a pledge of \$15,000. He has since increased that pledge to \$50,000. "It's one of the anchors in the community" he told us, "and since I will always keep the house here, that involves taking care of the community, too."

**Will all the Stephens out there please raise your hand???**

*In Texas, Stephen Martin serves on the Board of the Katy Perry Conservancy, dedicated to saving open land west of Houston.*



*Eric Mihan, right, with neighbor and "Builder" level campaign donor Stephen Martin.*