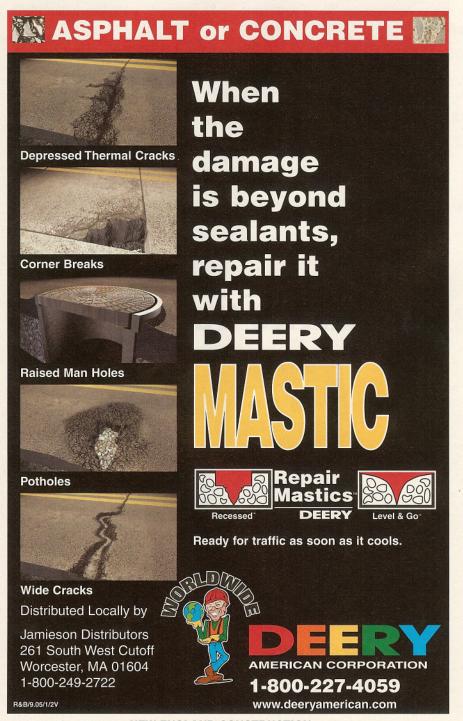
and the project is on schedule, with the new structure expected to be open for traffic by December 2006.

North Branch Construction has begun the final phase of a \$29-million Youth Development Center in Manchester, N.H. The final phase includes demolishing two of the old buildings at the center to make way for a new driveway access and final site work. The Henniker, N.H., contractor began construction of the five-phase architecturally secure detention facility for the state of New Hampshire in June 2004. Designed by Lavallee/

Brensinger, P.A. of Manchester, the 108,000-square-foot facility contains four residential clusters. Each residential cluster consists of three levels, with each level containing a secured block of 12 rooms that share a common living area, kitchenette, two bathrooms, and a counselor's office. Resident rooms have masonry walls and epoxy flooring for easy maintenance and durability. The clusters also include several secured outdoor recreation areas and basketball courts between the buildings. A self-contained campus built to architecturally resemble houses in the residential area that surround it, the facility includes backup generators in case of power outages. In addition to the new construction, the contractor renovated the existing Recreation Building, which houses an indoor pool, gymnasium and the chapel.

Construction is imminent on a sewer and water line to connect Fort Kent, Maine, sewer and water lines with a new, \$1.8-million assisted-living project under construction by James Roy of Frenchville. Larry's Construction of Caribou was the low bidder for the utility project, with a bid of \$237,878 for the 900 feet of water and sewer lines, and is waiting for final details to be ironed out by the town council before starting work. Roy is building the 12,000-square-foot facility on a 5-acre tract.

Weaver Brothers Inc. is removing ledge from I-89 in Sutton, N.H. The Bow, N.H., contractor has a \$3.4-million contract with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to cut away ledge outcrops as high as 30 feet, and has subcontracted the rock blasting to Maine Drilling and Blasting. To facilitate blasting operations, NHDOT is closing one lane of the interstate and the rest area in Sutton for approximately four months. The project is expected to be finished in summer 2007.



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