



BENEFIS HOSPITAL TOPPING OUT CEREMONY
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Benefis Topping-Out Ceremony

The Ironworkers with Sowles Erectors held a topping out ceremony at the Benefis Public Tower portion of the Benefis Patient Tower Project this past month.

The topping-out ceremony dates back to the Vikings, when the last timber was placed in a structure, a tree was hoisted with the timber. The tree is a symbol for good fortune to the building's owner and that no misfortune would happen to the building. The tree would later be planted on the site to replenish the materials used in the building. In later years, as steel replaced timber in most buildings, ironworkers added the American flag to the hoisting ceremony. The flag represents pride in their country and their workmanship.



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