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TOPPING OUT CELEBRATION
@ NEW SMOKIES BASEBALL STADIUM IN SEVIERVILLE

KNOXVILLE, TENN. - DENARK-SMITH, INC., a Knoxville-based general contracting firm with nearly one-half billion dollars in construction experience, will conduct a Topping Out celebration at its new AA Profession/Multi-Use Baseball Stadium construction project, on

October 5, 1999, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This new \$11.2 million, 6000 seat, multi-use stadium for Smokies (AA) Minor League Baseball Team, is located at the I-40, #407 exit ("Dollywood Exit"). The design-build facility incorporates the County Regional Visitors' Center, restaurant, concession areas, retail shop, and sixteen skyboxes.

DENARK-SMITH, INC. is the Design-Build Team leader and contractor; Designers: HNTB Sports Architecture of Kansas City, MO; with Barber & McMurry, Inc. Architects of Knoxville. The innovative design, clad in indigenous stone and masonry, incorporates a continuous concourse circling the entire stadium, and providing access to all amenities (e.g. concessions, visitor center, etc.) without "leaving the game."

The age-old custom of Topping Out has been enjoyed for centuries as a way of celebrating the completion a building's frame, and the expectation of safely completing the remainder of the construction. The origin of this practice is usually attributed to Scandinavian builders who believed the ritual would appease the gods whose spirits resided in the trees they had cut to build the building. Many variations on the custom exist, but today most US builders raise an evergreen tree and an American flag to the building's pinnacle, and complement the celebration with food and fellowship.

Since its launch in 1985, Denark-Smith, Inc. has completed a wide variety of commercial, industrial, and institutional projects throughout East Tennessee and the eastern US. At present, Denark-Smith's work-in-progress including, the \$100 million Knoxville Convention Center, UT Burchfiel Geography Building, Maryville City Schools, etc., totals more than \$170 million.