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Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness



Before...



After...the new and improved bookstore!

Another CCC Project “In The Books”

Sometimes overlooked in the process of selecting a general contractor is the orchestration of so many interrelated processes. Obviously, communication is key to the success of any building project, but when there are multiple decision-makers and tight timelines, the expertise of the project's superintendent is paramount.

Take, for example, renovating the Sherman Building (originally an old firehouse that later became a daycare center) into the bookstore at the Hastings campus of Central Community College. Five months were allotted for the project, in order to be ready for fall's incoming students.

Numerous trades and subcontractors were involved in the extensive exterior renovation, which included:

- removing and replacing 6,800 square feet of concrete paving;

- removing and replacing all exterior doors, windows and the cupola on the roof;
- repairing and reconditioning the existing stone sills;
- reconditioning the existing masonry exterior, including matching and repairing mortar joints;
- constructing a curved masonry wall/seating area with a brick paver patio and a brick sign tower;
- developing a new landscaping plan for the building site.

No less challenging, the interior scope of work consisted of:

- gutting and remodeling 4,700 square feet of space inside the existing building;
- installing all new plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems throughout the building;
- leveling 80% of the existing floor;

- installing a suspended acoustic ceiling system with radius clouds at different ceiling heights;
- revitalizing some of the brick walls the owner wanted to leave exposed.

When Lacy Construction was awarded the project, we appointed Shannon Walker project superintendent. To ensure timely communication, Shannon utilized Submittal Exchange, an advanced, Internet-based service that stores project documents and information, making them accessible to the entire project team. When information was uploaded or changed, a notification was sent to the project participants, who could then respond accordingly, saving time and facilitating a smooth project.

During the renovation, several owner-initiated change orders threatened to push back the completion date. Still,

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Our New Year's Message

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday season

The new year is traditionally a time of reflection, when we look back at the past and with promise to the future. The last several years have presented enormous challenges to us—personally, as families, as businesses and as a nation. It hasn't always been easy, but because of our unwavering spirit and determination, we've come through it, and we'd like to think the toughest times are behind us. With the recent election now over, let's hope our leaders can finally come together to find long-term solutions to critical issues.

As we look ahead, it's also a good time to appreciate our blessings. At Lacy Construction, we are thankful for our dedicated, hardworking staff, outstanding building team partners, supportive corporate friends and, of course, our loyal clients, who are the heart and soul of our company.

On behalf of the entire Lacy team, we hope you had a safe and healthy holiday and wish you a new year filled with happiness, hope and great opportunity.



The beautiful new exterior of the Sherman Building on the campus of CCC.

Another CCC Project...

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with Shannon at the project's helm, the bookstore was able to begin move-in on August 20th.

Another project goal was to recycle and keep as much material as possible out of the landfill. All the existing windows were reused in homes and businesses in the Hastings community. The concrete and brick rubble, steel, wire, conduit, etc., were taken to the local recycling center. Shannon even used pallets and packaging materials to build a ramp at one of the other three projects we have going at CCC.

In a world of specifications, competitive bids and deadlines, caring, competent staff is the ultimate differentiator!



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