

THE LACY LEDGER

Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness

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Welcome...

If this publication looks unfamiliar, it's because you're holding the first issue. From now on, you'll be able to greet each season with the arrival of *The Lacy Ledger*.

The Lacy Ledger has three objectives: 1) to provide you with a bit of useful information that can help you manage your life and your business more effectively; 2) to tell you a little about Lacy Construction Company, our projects and our people; and 3) to entertain you. We believe that one of the best ways to cope with the stresses of life and work is to laugh a little, and some of what you'll read here is designed to accomplish that.

We hope you enjoy this and future issues, and we encourage your feedback. As in running our own business, we're always striving to improve, and by having you tell us what you like and don't like about *The Lacy Ledger*, we can work to make it better.



Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Addition

Why Design/Build?

There's an old saying, "The only real opportunity to save money on a construction project is during the planning phase; beyond that point, money can only be spent." Lacy Construction Company's design/build method creates that opportunity by assembling the project team before the pencil hits the paper. This is in contrast to the traditional design/bid/build, where the owner contracts with an architect to design the project, and then selects the contractor after the design process is completed, usually on the basis of low bid.

The bidding process provides many opportunities for errors in calculations and judgment. The owner and contractor both take a lot of risk in the bid market. Did the low bid contractor make an error? Will the low priced contractor use a low priced, unreliable subcontractor? Did the architect make an error in the plans or specifications? Will the low bidder be able to complete the job on time and at that bid?

Lacy Construction Company's design/build method eliminates many of these concerns by allying everyone together. In the design/build relationship, the owner, Lacy Construction and architect work as a **TEAM** to design and build a project that meets the needs of the owner.



Another Lacy Design/Build Project:

Pictured above is the recently-completed 14,800 sf Blessed Sacrament Parish Center Addition

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Introducing Mark Powell

Lacy Construction Company would like to welcome Mark Powell to our family. Mark joined Lacy Construction in October as the Corporate Trainer. He's in charge of training and safety for all divisions of the company. Mark's previous experience includes seven years as a telecommunications specialist in the U.S. Army and six years as a law enforcement officer in the State of Nebraska.

The Benefits of Lacy Design/Build:

- Early cost input from the Design/Build Team. A price is associated with the conceptual design ideas as they are developed.
- A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE can be determined as soon as the scope of the project is established.
- Time can be saved because the bidding process is eliminated. The contractor can start scheduling for the project while the design is still in process.
- Architectural, engineering and contractor fees are kept to a minimum, and determined at the beginning.
- Chances for misunderstandings are minimized with a TEAM approach.



Glade Mill Replica for Stuhr Museum

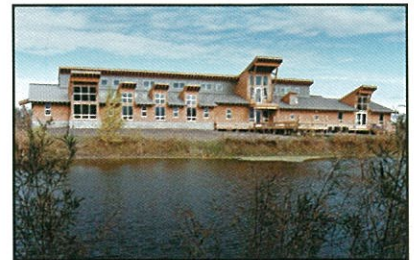
What's Happening

Recently Completed Projects

- Glade Mill Replica for Stuhr Museum
- Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust Administration Building
- Blessed Sacrament Parish Center
- McCain Foods Drystorage Dock Addition

Projects in Progress

- Equitable Building & Loan, Grand Island, Neb. – a new 7,200 sf bank facility
- Nebraska Machinery, Doniphan, Neb. – 4,920 sf shop addition
- Northridge Retirement Community, Kearney, Neb. – new 40-unit assisted living and 72-unit independent living facility



*Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust
Administration Building*



Northridge in progress

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