

THE LACY LEDGER

Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness

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A Community Within A Community

Northridge Retirement Community in Kearney, Nebraska is exactly what the name implies—a community. The 123,115 sf facility includes 40 assisted living units and 72 independent living units, as well as an ice cream shop, beauty/barber shop and a branch bank. And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Northridge also features a wellness clinic with a licensed nurse on staff 24 hours a day, a swim spa and fitness center, computer center and library, chapel, game room, activity hall, underground parking garage, and even a guest room for visiting family members. Where else do you need to go?

From the very beginning, this project employed a team approach among owner Jan Thayer, architect Davis Design and Lacy Construction Company. Mrs. Thayer had a very clear vision for Northridge and the clients it will serve. By teaming together with Davis Design and Lacy Construction she was able to spend her construction dollars in the right places, without compromising on the quality of the finished product.

Management of a project this size was no easy task. Project manager Craig Wampler orchestrated the various subcontractors and material suppliers into a smooth operating unit, with general superintendent Mel Griess making sure that we had the right people with the right tools for the right job. Overall, Lacy Construction had four specialized crews working on this project at any one time, and there were instances where we had over half our labor force on the job.

Northridge Retirement Community is Lacy Construction's largest project to date and we are proud of our ability to build facilities of



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this size and stature. Congratulations to Jan, the Northridge staff, and the entire building team that worked on this project.

Downtown Main Street in Northridge



Projects in Progress...

East Butler School, Brainard, Neb. – *Addition & renovation*

Roy's Grand Dodge, Grand Island, Neb. – *Addition & renovation*

Jacob's Dental Office, Grand Island, Neb. – *New dental office*

Rest Haven Nursing Home, Harvard, Neb. – *17-unit assisted living addition*

Grand Island Clinic, Grand Island, Neb. – *Addition & renovation*

Northridge Retirement Community, Kearney, Neb. – *40-unit assisted living & 72-unit independent living*

University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Neb. – *Addition & renovation of student union*

Northwest High School, Grand Island, Neb. – *Renovation*

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Improvement Corner

With our continued dedication to building excellence, we at Lacy Construction recently had the opportunity to address the needs of one of our most important assets—our team of employees.

Over a four-month period, which culminated in an intense two-day “Safety Days” seminar, each and every field employee of our company received instruction and certification in 30 or 10-Hour OSHA Construction Outreach Safety Training. We take great pride in having the only 30/10 Hour Safety Trainer on staff in central Nebraska, and we utilize this resource on a daily basis to help ensure safe and productive projects.

According to several OSHA representatives, they know of no other construction company in Nebraska that has committed the time, effort, and resources to train each employee in the various aspects of occupational safety in the construction industry.

We congratulate all our team members for a job well done, and remain dedicated to the notion that in every way, Lacy Construction Company will strive to be known by employees and clients alike as “The Premier Builders in the Heartland.”



Project Manager Craig Wampler working his way to the front of the pack.

Gentlemen...Start Your Engines!

On Sunday, May 6, the Lacy Construction Team entered a new chapter into our company history. We entered a team of four highly skilled and trained professionals into the Goodwill Grand Prix Relay Race, with hopes of coming home with the trophy. Representing Team Lacy were Craig “Car Hop” Wampler, Henry “Beep Beep” Vega, Verlon “Vroom Vroom” Shears and Marty “Mad Dog” Evans.

Beginning in last place, Team Lacy was powered to third position by Car Hop Wampler before Beep Beep Vega took the wheel for his leg of the relay race. Henry was able to keep pace, ending his path of destruction still in third place prior to Vroom Vroom Shears taking over.

Everything was going quite well, all the way up to the point where Vroom Vroom had to make his first turn in the high powered, technically sophisticated go-kart. He spun out and crashed into the wall. It worked out well, though, because after every car in the race passed him, Vroom Vroom had no more traffic to worry about. After the race, all he could say was, “I just closed my eyes and prayed.”

Wrapping up the last leg of the race, Mad Dog Evans was able to make his way from last place to a respectable fifth place finish. We’ll stick with what we know best—building buildings!

Lacy Construction is very proud to sponsor the Grand Island Goodwill and the community of Grand Island.

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