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Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness

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Central Community College Adding On To Better Serve System Campuses

The addition to the Administration Department at Central Community College's Grand Island campus will enable the department to better serve the Central Community College system. While the administration is only relocating across the hall, the state-of-the-art facility stands on its own with respect to beauty and functionality.

The old 8,500-square-foot administration area will now be freed up for another upcoming renovation project. The administration addition got underway in December 2002 and was completed this past January.

The 21,000-square-foot addition consists of brick and architectural precast elements on the exterior. The time and effort put into choosing the exterior materials, such as a suspended stone for the entryway, ensured the offset addition would stand alone as its own building. With skylights and simulated stone columns highlighting the new interior, the building is beautiful as well as functional. Another feature of the building is the ground source heat pump and cooling system, which utilizes geothermal conditions to heat and cool the building.

A fire and tornado-protected computer server room that links all the campuses together was also incorporated into the addition, allowing the central computers to function regardless of weather conditions. It also employs a UPS back-up system that ensures the computers will be powered at all times.

Bringing the entire administration into one new, well-equipped area should definitely improve productivity. One of the many interesting project statistics is that our finish carpenters installed approximately one mile of hand-built millwork. Tim Jensen, superintendent on the project, ran a clean, professional jobsite with minimal disruption to the faculty and students.



The reception entry in the new administration addition at Central Community College.

"Being in close communication with the college staff, along with the architect, made this project challenging but fun, too," says Tim. It was rewarding for Tim to finish this job and hear the many wonderful, positive compliments coming from the people working within the building as well as the many visitors who frequent it.

Project architect Jeff Hinrichs, with Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, attributes the successful completion of this state-of-the-art facility to the working relationship established among the architect, owner and contractor.

"The goal from the start of the project was to work as a team to provide CCC with a facility that would serve the college not only today but also well into the future." This philosophy was evident during the design and construction phase and Lacy Construction joined "the team" to carry on the process through the project's completion.

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Central District Health Department Realizing The Dream

With the task of serving three counties, the Central District Health Department has been in need of more space for a long time. This past fall, that need finally became a reality.

The department currently serves three area counties—Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick—so expansion has been a necessity for quite some time. This 12,000-square-foot building now



Lacy Construction crews pouring the concrete roof deck for the new surgery addition at St. Francis Medical Center

houses, along with the Health Department, the 3rd City Clinic, W.I.C., Child Care Solutions, Kids Connection, and serves as a lab for testing water.

Lacy's mission was to take a landmark restaurant and turn it into offices, a lab and exam rooms. Lacy was the original contractor when

the building was built in 1986, which, because of our knowledge of the building, led to a trouble-free renovation.

Construction lasted approximately four months, and as Deb Potratz, administrative assistant for the Health Department put it, it went from "The House Steaks Built" to "The House Lacy Built." Deb also added she welcomes anyone who would like to take a tour. So, if you have a few spare minutes, stop by and see how much the Central District Health Department has to offer.

Another project in which Lacy Construction Company was happy to play a part, helping Central Nebraska take care of itself.

What's Happening at Lacy Construction?

Projects in Progress

- VA Home, Grand Island, Neb. – Dietary facility & Pershing Building elevator addition
- CNH-New Holland, Grand Island, Neb. – Addition
- Eyecare Professionals, Grand Island, Neb. – New structure
- St. Francis Hospital Surgery Addition, Grand Island, Neb. – Addition
- CNH-New Holland, Grand Island, Neb. – Renovations
- Hastings College Dormitories, Hastings, Neb. – Student housing

Projects Completed

- Central Community College, Grand Island, Neb. – Classroom & office addition
- CNH-New Holland, Grand Island, Neb. – Restroom renovation
- Central District Health Department, Grand Island, Neb. - Renovation

Planning A Project?

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