

THE LACY LEDGER

Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness

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Building Transformation

When Dave and Laurie Janovec purchased an old tire store in Grand Island, it was their plan to renovate the building into another one of their premier coffee shops. Dave and Laurie decided to team up with Lacy Construction to turn an eyesore into a site for sore eyes. The new Grounds to Go coffee shop utilized 2,100 square feet of the 3,400-square-foot concrete block structure.

The challenge was to turn an automotive service facility into a retail coffee shop. As the plans began to unfold, the building also offered 1,300 square feet of additional rental space well suited to a small office or retailer. The new unique layout allowed both areas to use common restrooms. This helped Dave and Laurie maximize the rental space as well as save money on the renovation.

The interior finishes of the coffee shop were spruced up with ceramic tile floors, wood wainscoting, chair rails and an oak serving counter. At one end of the seating area customers can warm up by sitting next to a fireplace framed with Cultured Summer Stream Stone. At the other end, customers will be able to watch coffee beans being roasted not only for the store's patrons but also for mail order customers.

The exterior of the building was also cleaned up. Using brick veneer, a fabric-covered aluminum awning, and a Fypon cornice, the building was transformed into a much more eye-appealing structure. Throw in new sidewalks, a concrete patio with a wrought iron fence, decorative pole lighting and a new asphalt parking lot and you would never know this was ever a tire store. It had been transformed into a commercial building with a warm, homey finish.

Lacy Construction worked hand-in-hand with the owners to develop a design suitable



Above: Grounds to Go after the renovation.
Right: Grounds to Go before.



to their needs. Along with our professional consultants and subcontractors, Lacy provided architectural, structural design work and complete construction services. We also assisted Dave and Laurie in obtaining additional funding through the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Grounds-to-Go is now open for business,

so make sure you stop by and soak in the soothing atmosphere created by Lacy Construction and our experienced team of subcontractors.

A Time For Hope

With the new year now upon us, let us count our blessings, among which we number our families, friends, clients, business associates and, of course, our faith in the future.

All of us at Lacy Construction Company hope you had a happy and safe holiday season and that the year to come fulfills all your dreams.

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The Chef's Challenge: N.V.H. Dietary Additions

As any chef knows, a major kitchen renovation can be a real challenge. A major renovation project is currently underway at the dietary facility at the Nebraska Veteran's Home in Grand Island. Over the last year, additions to the dry storage and multi-purpose areas have been completed and are currently occupied. Now the major kitchen renovations are underway, requiring coordination with all parties involved in the project.

Martin Evans is Lacy's on site supervisor, conducting daily meetings with the different department heads at the Veteran's home, not only to keep them up to date, but also to keep them abreast of upcoming operations that will affect the different aspects of the home's operations. Coordination among the architect's office, the state building division, the Veteran's Home department heads, and all on site subcontractors is a constant juggling act to ensure uninterrupted services to the N.V.H. residents.

Currently, the new dining facility is in the early stages of applying finishes. The new serving and dishwashing area is also nearing completion. Once complete, the final phase, the kitchen renovation, will then begin. The existing kitchen will be completely remodeled. The work will be done in two phases to maintain full operation of the facility's meals preparation. This is no small task when one considers the kitchen staff prepares 1,100 meals a day in this area. Lacy will accomplish this through careful planning and coordination with the Veteran's Home staff and our construction crews.

In addition to the kitchen renovation, an elevator addition is being built at the Pershing Building. Through creative scheduling, this portion of the project was able to start months before originally scheduled, and is progressing very well. Within the next couple of months the home will have a new elevator to better serve residents and staff.

The entire project will be completed this spring, almost a year ahead of schedule! This is yet another example of how Lacy Construction Company combines past experience and innovative techniques to help our clients achieve their goals.

Planning A Project?

Or do you know someone who is? Lacy Construction can be a valuable resource during the planning stages. Call Jerry Huismann at 800-321-5229 to discuss where we can save you time and money in a building project.



*Central Community College Administration
Addition currently under construction*

What's Happening at Lacy Construction?

Projects in Progress

- VA Home, Grand Island, Neb. - Dietary facility and Pershing Building elevator addition
- Central Community College, Grand Island, Neb. - Classroom and office addition
- St. Francis Hospital Surgery Addition, Grand Island, Neb. - Addition
- CNH-New Holland, Grand Island, Neb. - Renovation
- Hastings College Dormitories, Hastings, Neb. - Student housing

Projects Completed

- Central District Health Department, Grand Island, Neb. - Renovation
- Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Grand Island, Neb. - Addition
- Grounds to Go, Grand Island, Neb. - Renovation

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