

THE LACY LEDGER

Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness

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Helping Those Who Help Others

Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska

Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska has been providing services for people with mental illness since it was founded in 1968. In 1980, Goodwill began providing a behavioral health service program for individuals in Central Nebraska, and in 1991, the Hornady Behavioral Health Center was built to house behavioral health services for those with serious mental illness.

Among the services the center provides are a day rehabilitation service (a five-hour program Monday through Friday with routine scheduled evening and Saturday events), pre-vocational services, planned socialization and skill building activities, community living skills and daily living skills, including medication management and relapse prevention. The goal is to help its clients be productive citizens in our community.

Goodwill also provides services to individuals who are homeless or near homeless and have a serious mental illness and a co-occurring substance abuse problem. The organization's staff provides outreach that links the individuals with appropriate mental health services and finds suitable housing for individuals.

With the variety of programs necessary to meet the individual's needs, the behavioral health department is growing by leaps and bounds. The current building is 6,000 square feet and includes offices, conference rooms, a kitchen and a dining room. The



The current Behavioral Health Building

Goodwill staff determined that additional space was needed for group meetings, confidential staffing, employment readiness activities, skill building, as well as a single dining room dedicated to the meals program, which currently serve close to 12,000 meals a year.

With the help of Lacy Construction Company, Goodwill will complete its new 3,750-square-foot addition this fall. The majority of the new space will house staff offices and conference rooms. The existing staff offices will be converted into meeting rooms. Lacy has also assisted Goodwill with many other site planning and facility improvement projects.

Kris Nolan Brown, Goodwill's executive director, says, "Planning for the needs of the people we serve was of paramount importance to us, and Lacy Construction took our ideas and thoughts and created a design that will maximize space while allowing for the easy separation of functions."

"The design of the expansion of our Behavioral Health building was ably guided by the staff at Lacy," she adds, "and we look forward to this expansion meeting the needs of the people we serve for a long time."

Lacy Construction is proud to team up with Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska to help those in need. We are also a proud supporter of the Goodwill organization.

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The Bank of Doniphan will be opening a new facility in Grand Island this summer at 518 North Eddy Street.

What's Up At Lacy?

Projects in Progress

- **VA Home**, Grand Island, Neb.
Dietary facility & Pershing Building elevator addition
- **Central Community College**
Grand Island, Neb.
Classroom & office addition
- **Bank of Doniphan**, Grand Island, Neb.
Addition & renovation
- **Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska**, Grand Island, Neb.
Addition
- **Builders Warehouse**, Kearney, Neb.
Warehouse addition

Projects Completed

- **Western Wireless**, Grand Island, Neb.
Addition to facility building
- **St. Francis Hospital**, Grand Island, Neb.
Renovation to healthcare laundry facility
- **Builders Warehouse**, Grand Island, Neb.
Warehouse addition

A Solution to Every Problem: Material Quality Differences

Over the years, Lacy Construction has enjoyed much success by listening to our clients and solving their problems. We take great pride in our knowledge of construction materials and methods and our experience in all types of construction. In addition to our vast experience, we're constantly educating our staff on new materials and methods. In this issue we'd like to discuss the quality differences of materials and how it affects your project.

During the planning process, Lacy sifts through the available products and brings the best and newest trends to our customers' projects. Our mission is to provide only those products that are proven to offer the value that our clients are looking for.

When selecting the right quality product, we want to avoid these common mistakes:

- A product that is designed to last for 10–15 years being discarded after five years because a style or trend has changed. Or maybe the client's needs have changed. Sometimes this cannot be avoided, but with the client's input and our knowledge, the proper product will be selected.
- To provide a lower cost to the client, a lower cost product was installed that was designed to last just a few years when the client was expecting a useful life of at least 10 years. The client will be replacing this product long before they thought they should.

Can you imagine being sold the wrong product for your needs? It may be either too costly or an inferior product, depending on your needs. In either instance, the building owner ends up paying for the problem. Bringing you the right value is what we strive for—solving your problems by matching your needs with the right products.

This is just one more way that Lacy Construction brings value to its clients.

In our next issue, we'll discuss which materials are right for your project.

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.

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