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Lincoln's newest elementary school provides a uniquely tailored environment for its youngest students...

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Wysong Elementary School



Wysong Elementary is the newest elementary school in the Lincoln Public School District and was funded through a \$153 million dollar bond issue that was approved in 2014. Recommendations for the 2014 bond issue came directly from a group of community stakeholders that worked to identify facility and infrastructure needs, which included a new elementary school.

The steady rise in student enrollment, and increasing development in southeast Lincoln were determining factors in choosing the location for the new elementary school.

Lincoln Public Schools selected the team of Davis Design and Olsson Associates to design a new 80,500 sf, 4-unit elementary school, with planning and infrastructure that will allow for expansion to 6-units. The school includes early childhood through fifth grade and has a capacity of 525 students.

The selected site was in the development known as Northwoods in southeast Lincoln. This particular parcel happened to be an 18.8 acre tree nursery prior to acquisition by LPS, and presented challenges due to its unique topography and elongated shape.

Our design team not only met the challenges of the property, but also fulfilled all functional considerations deemed most desirable during design. The final plan became linear in nature, working with the restrictions of the site.

A progression of grade 'pod' communities were arranged from one end of the facility to the other, beginning with kindergarten on the south, and ending in 5th grade to the north. Each pod consists of classrooms arrayed around a commons area and small group rooms. Each pod was designed with a different color scheme for easy identification. Accommodations

were also made for an early childhood classroom near the kindergarten community with a dedicated entrance.

According to Principal Oltman, "There are many things we love about the design, but the element that really works well for us is how the pods are designed with small group spaces and classrooms built around common areas. This provides the ideal balance for us to teach and support our kids."

A core of specialty spaces, such as computer lab, art and music, are located in the middle of the progression, providing convenient access for all users. In addition, this arrangement lends separation between the younger and older students in the school. The design of the specialty spaces includes strategically placed colorful tones that appeal to the elementary audience.

The main entrance is also centrally located. The exterior welcomes with a large covered canopy, and once inside, high ceilings with a band of windows bring in abundant natural light. Controlled access and monitoring is provided by the adjacent administrative suite.

Also near the entrance and associated main lobby are the media center and multi-purpose/cafeteria spaces, which are all highly visible upon entry. Access to the gymnasium and multi-purpose room for after school activities is provided via separate covered entrance on the opposite side of the building.

The project broke ground in April 2015 and was completed in July 2016 -- just in time for the new school year.

"Davis Design has been a great partner. They have always responded to our needs -- getting things done quickly and efficiently."

Randy Oltman, Principal



Tabitha

Tabitha is a leading provider of healthcare services for older adults and is continuously researching ways to provide better care. One of those ways can be seen in their new residential-style homes — homes that allow the residents to live in a restriction-free environment where they are able to choose their lifestyle, and most importantly, be themselves.

Tabitha chose Davis Design to provide design services for their new residential-style home concept. Davis Design developed 12, 15, and 17 resident room prototypes that can be easily site adapted through "cosmetic" modifications to seamlessly blend the new architecture with the areas in which they are built.

Tabitha Living Communities - Crete, NE

The Crete project opened in September of 2016 and is based on the 17-room prototype. The site currently includes two residential-style homes and a multipurpose facility, but is designed for the addition of a third home.



- Lounge that is open on 3 sides with TV and fireplace
- Library where residents can read, or play board games
- On-site laundry
- On-site rehabilitation room
- Beauty/barber shop
- Spa that includes a low-entry bath tub and roll-in type shower. Also includes a ceiling lift to assist residents who are unable to walk into the tub
- Partially covered and fenced in rear patio that provides residents outside access, with security and protection

The multi-purpose building includes additional offices, a 3-stall garage, small medical records area, and a meeting room with kitchenette.

Administrator Due was not only pleased with the outcome of the project, but also in the process and people that helped them achieve success. "It was nice to work with Davis Design because I was able to work with the same people from start to completion--from design to furnishings."



"This project is about the quality of life for our residents. By designing a community that is bright, open, and more like home, we have created a place where our residents are thriving."



Sherri Due, Administrator

Each home is 12,670 sf and is designed with the concept of the bedroom suites creating a ring around the common/shared areas, such as the dining room, living room and kitchen. Each home includes:

- 2 shared resident rooms that hold 2 beds and 15 private resident rooms, for a total of 19 beds
- Each resident room has a track for a ceiling lift system to be added if needed. The track goes from the bed to the toilet and has a specially designed door header to accommodate the lift
- Dining room that is open to the lounge and kitchen

Works-in-Progress

Lincoln Electric System

New Operations Center - Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln Electric System will be building a new Lincoln Operations Center (LOC) in southeast Lincoln. Construction will begin in the early spring of 2017 and is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

The location will be near the intersection of 94th and Rokeby Road. The facility is being designed with the future growth of Lincoln in mind. The first phase of the construction will include the following areas:

- Operations center
- Enclosed vehicle storage
- Truck loading/unloading area
- Warehouse
- Substation and transformer shops
- Fleet maintenance
- Buildings and grounds maintenance

Future construction will allow for consolidation of office functions, crew training, meeting rooms, and others. The building is being designed as a LEED equivalent facility, and energy efficiency is being taken into account on all facets of the design.

The facility will serve as a major operations center, and is needed to ensure superior service to Lincoln Electric System's growing service area.



Hausmann Construction - New Office Building

Lincoln, Nebraska

Davis Design is working with Hausmann Construction to design their new office headquarters.

The new facility will be a 2-story facility totaling approximately 21,000 sf. The office is located on the Wilderness Ridge golf course in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hausmann Construction will occupy both levels of the new facility when completed, leaving a future growth space to be developed on the second floor that would include an employee wellness center and additional office spaces.

The facility is designed with a blend of natural stone, brick, wood siding and metal panel systems that complement each other, but also stand out in the Wilderness Ridge Development giving the building a signature look. The building will carry sharp lines – with a hint of whimsy over the main entrance – accented by the radius roof structure and soaring glass panels.

The lot is also designed for a second building to be added in the future that will create a 'twin' of the original and create an inviting commons between the two buildings when completed.





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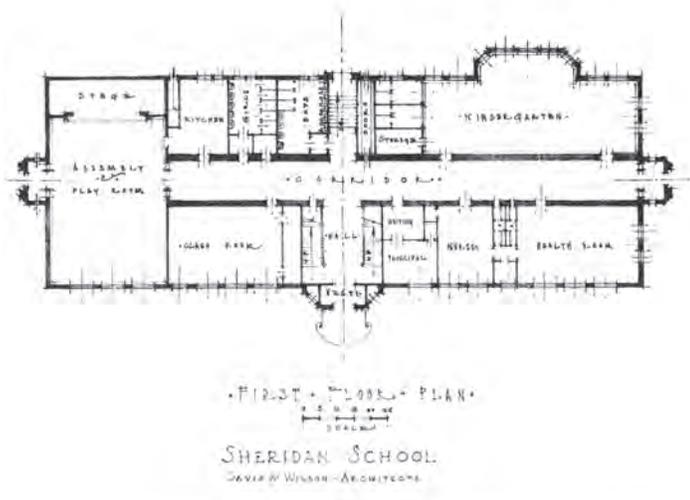
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Sheridan Elementary School

In January 1925 the Lincoln School District purchased nine lots at the eastern end of Wendover Ave. from Harvey Rathbone for construction of a new elementary school.

The new school, Sheridan Elementary, was named for its proximity to Sheridan Boulevard, which honors Civil War General Philip Henry Sheridan.

The school was designed by Davis & Wilson Architects and is one of the first elementary schools built by the firm. It was approximately 44,699 sf and built at a cost of \$156,000.



The school was originally scheduled for completion in January 1926, but the progress throughout the summer and winter was very slow and eventually the Board discovered that the contractor had departed for parts unknown, leaving accounts unsettled with several sub-contractors. After settling on a new contractor the building was completed in the fall of 1926.

Total student enrollment in 1926 was 365 students. Today Sheridan serves approximately 450 students from grades K-5.

An addition was built on the north side of the school in 1952 and the school underwent a major renovation in 2007-2008.