

Building has pieces of past

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Unique architectural features, historic building materials and personalized accents are being incorporated into the new headquarters for Corporate Contractors, Inc. (CCI) and Blackhawk Transport.

The building will feature glass from an historic Fairbanks Morse building in Beloit and cedar from the former Rainbow Springs Resort in Mukwonago.

Located adjacent to CCI's limestone quarry on the corner of Gateway Boulevard and Town Hall Road and overlooking Interstate 43, the new bi-level building will house CCI on the upper floor and Blackhawk Transport on the lower level when it's completed this March, according to Senior Project Manager Terry Russell.

"The project is about half done. The structure is up, and we are doing interior wall framing," he said.

The project started in June when Diane Hendricks — seated in a Hitachi 450 excavator — helped tear down the aging Turtle Town Hall building.

CCI had been making plans for the facility since 2012 when it purchased the limestone quarry from Bob Halderson of Custom Ditching.

Designed by Bray Architects, the first floor exterior features mostly a limestone veneer and the second floor features predominantly glass for a stunning view of Interstate 43. Those driving by on the interstate or Gateway Boulevard will see the structure's tilted roof.

Inside, the structure will be open with exposed wooden beams, two fireplaces and murals.

Outside, separate upper and lower parking areas will serve each company and a walk bridge will be constructed over a patio area that connects the upper parking lot to the second level.

The custom-made desks as well as the sliding doors will be made out of cedar from reclaimed wood taken during a DNR cleanup project of Rainbow Springs a few years ago. Russell estimates the cedar



A unique touch at new headquarters

Corporate Contractors Inc. (CCI) Senior Project Manager Terry Russell shows the unique doors CCI is installing at its headquarters it will share with Blackhawk Transport. The doors feature glass from an old Fairbanks Morse building and cedar reclaimed from the former Rainbow Springs Resort.

door frames come from the 1970s. He said CCI held on to them for some time before finding the best use for them.

The now defunct Rainbow Springs project started in the 1960s when developer Francis Schroedel bought 900 acres adjacent to a lake south of the Mukwonago River and planned a 756 room convention and resort center to be called Rainbow Springs. Schroedel had financial issues, and the Marshall and Isley Bank foreclosed and bought the complex in 1973. Since then, there were several efforts to open Rainbow Springs, the most recent occurring in the summer of 1981. The hotel was partially destroyed by fire in the early 2000s, according to Mukwonago's website, <http://www.townofmukwonago.us>.

The sliding doors will also feature glass reclaimed from an old Fairbanks Morse building. The bluish colored corrugated fiberglass is from the 1930s when the manufacturing plant had sky lights to brighten up its workspace.

The hand-made doors consist of the unique glass in the middle and steel framing, the cedar wood on the outside, with square bolts as accents.

The unique design concept of the doors was created by the employees who work with the materials.

The new offices will feature many personalized touches by the employees will be involved in the selection process. For example, Russell said each enclosed office will get a personalized mural chosen by the occupant showing a favorite past CCI project. Inspirational words will also be incorporated into the murals.

With locations in Beloit, Milwaukee and Williams Bay, CCI is a leading general contractor with more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry.

Founded in 1990, Blackhawk Transport, Inc. is an asset-based dedicated contract transportation company. Blackhawk's client list includes Nestle, Georgia Pacific, Wal-Mart, PODS and Maglio Produce, Shale-Inland Holdings LLC and James Hardie Industries Ltd. A sister company, Blackhawk Logistics LLC, focuses on freight management and design solutions.

Both companies, which are part of Hendricks Holding Company and were founded by Diane Hendricks and the late Ken Hendricks, have experienced strong growth, necessitating the move and will benefit from a location closer to the interstate.