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Winnsboro's 'Oldest Working Clock in America' Deserves and Gets Lesko's Attention

For over 160 years, the small South Carolina town of Winnsboro has been watched over by its clock tower.

Through wars and depressions, lightning and rain, parades and celebrations, the clock has continued to do its simple work.

In fact, the clock is believed to be the oldest continuously working clock in America.

But like any structure exposed to the elements, the clock tower suffered in the wind, the rain, and the seasons of South Carolina. Enter Lesko for a true restoration.

Lesko has a reputation in Winnsboro, having worked on the clock tower's brickwork previously and having completed extensive projects on several area churches. Project manager David Stultz assembled a team and set to work.

The team removed deteriorated woodwork where decades of exposure to the elements had caused serious

damage. Replacement wood was set, primed, and coated with oil-based paint.



Special attention was given to the bi-fold entrance doors, which were refurbished and outfitted with new hardware.

Winnsboro's town clock was originally constructed as the public market, but quickly became known as the clock.

It was built in 1833 -34 from handmade brick that came from Charleston. According to legend, 50 wagons were needed to make the three week trip to Charleston and back with the brick. The walls are eight, 12, 18, and 24 inches thick at various points.

Works for the clock were ordered from Alsace, France. The clock's original iron weights were wound by a windlass with large wire cables. The clock was later converted to electrical power.

History lives in Winnsboro.

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Carbon Fiber Reinforcement Project Puts Lesko in Winston-Salem

High-tech materials are meeting the challenges of modern buildings, and even the biggest of companies is turning to Lesko for expertise.

Beers Skanska, Inc., the giant general contractor based in Atlanta, has credits that include Atlanta's Olympic Stadium and its conversion to Turner Field, the home of the Braves. Beers Skanska selected Lesko to meet a challenge on a project in Winston-Salem, NC.

The company is performing extensive renovations on a building which is to be the Forsyth County

Government Building. The renovations required the installation of carbon fiber reinforcement wrap on 11 columns which were integral to the structure. Carbon fiber reinforcement is a lightweight, structural reinforcement that is less expensive than steel.

Lesko, as a qualified installer of carbon fiber reinforcement wrap, was awarded a subcontract to handle the job. The job was completed on schedule and according to the specifications of Beers Skanska and the engineering firm of Sutton-Kennerly & Associates.

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Lesko Working At Home Depot Stores

Lesko has begun providing Home Depot with facility maintenance services, with primary focus on concrete floor repair and asphalt paving. Currently, we are providing services to 138 stores from Georgia to Virginia. Here, Lesko crew members repair

concrete expansion joints with a product that has a set time of just 15 minutes, to minimize disruption to Home Depot customers.



Lancaster Named Director of Construction Services Division

Lesco has for many years been in the construction services business, but for the first time, that arm of Lesco's operations has now been given division status.

Named as director of the Construction Services Division was Lesco veteran Richie Lancaster.

Richie is a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in construction science and management. He is a licensed general contractor in South Carolina and Arkansas and holds a



Richie Lancaster

residential homebuilder's license in South Carolina. Richie's background covers 16 years of diverse construction management experience and seven years in construction management with Lesco. He is a member of the International Who's Who of Professional Management and a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Performance Development Program.

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Hurricane Warning: If You're Not Prepared, Know Someone Who Is!

For many Lesco customer locations, it's not a matter of "if," it's a matter of "when."

When will a hurricane threaten a location? Will we be ready to withstand the wind and water with minimal interruption to operations?

A business location definitely does not want to line up at the building supply store for a limited supply of plywood and no real plan for protecting their building.

Lesco has an experienced hurricane team in place to put the right

people in the right places with the right materials to take care of the need.

Even without recent hurricane threats, training and preparation at Lesco continues under the leadership of Beth Elliott.

Communication, insurance coordination, emergency power, field emergency response, materials preparation and storage – all are part of Lesco's readiness planning.

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Nashville's Citizens Plaza Site Of Wet Glazing Project

Lesco has ventured into the "Volunteer State" again, and the client on this occasion was once again the State of Tennessee.

Last year it was the Tennessee State Supreme Court building in downtown Nashville which earned Lesco's expertise. This summer's project was just down the street – the Citizens Plaza building, a 15-story facility that houses the state's social services department and includes other state offices.

Our task on this project was to remove the existing window gasket materials and replace them with new Dow 795 sealant. This wet glazing was completed during the summer by a Lesco team headed by Theodore Morrow.

At the conclusion of work, the Lesco team had installed just under four miles of this high-performance sealant.

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Construction Services FYI

When you say "Construction Services," what does that mean? That's a fair question. Lesco's Construction Services Division:

- is a team of experienced construction project management professionals,
 - operates just about anywhere along the East Coast,
 - is currently performing projects routinely over a 12-state area,
 - performs small to medium-sized projects
 - works with a diverse network of 2,300 specialty vendors/subs,
 - completes projects with minimal interruptions to operations,
 - works with the customer and performs on-site inspections to determine project scope and provide budget estimates,
 - uses "buying power" and economies of scale to gain maximum value for clients,
 - provides web-based project tracking so you can see daily updates, progress reports, and photos as your project is executed.
- Typical projects include:
- interior renovations
 - exterior renovations
 - wall covering replacement
 - asphalt/concrete work
 - ADA modifications
 - millwork
 - roof repair and replacement
 - waterproofing using caulking and sealants

TECH NOTE: Sandblasting Should NOT Be Used on Masonry

For many years now, an effort has been underway to eliminate sandblasting from the commonly accepted practices of the masonry industry. While sandblasting does have correct applications (see "Mint Street," page three), historic brick is generally too soft to withstand the forces. Better call Lesco.

Help! Small Jobs Require Quality Too!

Oddly enough, it is often the small jobs that are the toughest to get done.

Our customers tell us that Lesco's willingness to handle those small jobs makes us more valuable to them.

Lesco recently "stepped" up to meet the need of a large shopping center in Greensboro, NC. A settlement and slope issue had developed at a walkway and stair location. The steps at this location had a drastic downward slope toward the parking lot below, making them uncomfortable to walk on and, in fact, posing a trip hazard.

Obviously, this situation needed

correcting. The client turned to Lesco for help.

Additional fill materials were brought in to improve the slope, and an additional step was added to the new steps to make them safer. This meant new handrails as well.

Critical to the client was correcting the problem without interrupting foot traffic. Half of the steps were repaired at a time to keep foot traffic flowing to the businesses depending on this access.



Safety is key when it comes to steps. Lesco replaced these steps in two phases to allow pedestrian traffic to continue. The new steps are shown underway on the left, compared to the old steps on the right.

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Bissell Roof Inspections Completed

Lee Davis of Lesco spends a lot of time on roofs. When was the last time your roof was inspected?

Roof inspections are a critical part of maintaining the investment that an owner puts into a building. The roof is one of the highest maintenance components of any facility. Too often, the roof is out-of-sight, out-of-mind until leaks appear and cause damage, mold, or worse. A regular roof inspection program can help prevent damage.

Lee Davis, Lesco roof professional, recently completed inspections of 24 buildings in the Charlotte area for The Bissell Companies. These

facilities range from mid-rise office towers to parking structures and shopping facilities. The inspection process focuses on high risk areas of a roof – flashing locations, penetrations through roofs and walls, drains, and any other elements that

may penetrate or rest on top of the roof surface. Lesco is qualified to inspect and repair any type of roof.

CAD drawings are completed to locate areas of damage, and photos and written reports are provided to the customer.



Johnson Bible College Repointing Project Underway

Johnson Bible College near Knoxville has contracted with Lesco for a 100 percent repointing of its main campus building, without changing the building's appearance. Built in 1893, the building will be in great shape again at the conclusion of the three-month project, according to David Stultz, Lesco project manager. Repointing is the process of replacing the mortar joints between the bricks.

Lesco Tackles Mint Street Parking Deck

Charlotte is a business center and a busy market for Lesco.

"Jeene joints" were the answer for Charlotte's Mint Street parking deck, owned by Duke Energy. Adjacent to Panther Stadium, the structure was experiencing deterioration and water leakage through joints.

Lesco removed the existing expansion joints. The residual materials on both sides of the joint were sandblasted clean. Lesco solvent-cleaned the membrane and concrete joint and in a time-critical procedure, installed epoxy adhesive that holds the new membrane.

The new joint membrane is inflated like an inner-tube, placing pressure against the side walls of the joint and assuring a proper water tight bond.

If you want it done right, call Lesco.



"Jeene joints" solved the problem of a leaking parking deck.



Lesco's Lee Davis knows roofs.



Lesco's senior management assembled on July 24 for their annual strategic planning session. The objective was to ensure Lesco is properly postured to meet the ever-changing needs of existing customers, as well as the potentially diverse requirements of new customers.

Strategic and tactical topics discussed included financial and budgetary tracking, adoption of a corporate mission statement, organizational development and definition, automation, and formalization of the Construction Services Department business plan, and organization.

In attendance were Toby Chapman, Jerry Flynn, Bill Kleckley, Richie Lancaster, Pat Lauro, and Scott Smith.



Lesco Family Gathers At Grandfather Mountain

This summer's "Lesco Family Picnic" drew 230 people from 10 states to Grandfather Mountain, NC for the

one time each year when Lesco employees from all locations get the opportunity to mingle and socialize with each other. A down-home southern barbecue cookout was followed by fun and games on a beautifully clear and sunny day.

Lesco Corporate Mission Statement

Lesco Restorations, Inc. seeks to partner with our customers to provide professional, proactive maintenance, waterproofing, restoration, and roofing services. These partnerships are founded on a professional legacy that is focused on honesty, fairness, experience, and fiscal responsibility.

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