

Electrical contractors deal with more than wires

L&S Electric, Inc., is locally owned and operated by Harry and Elaine Lane. Harry, president and electrical contractor in charge of day-to-day business, established L&S Electric, Inc., in 1994. Harry has a long-term background in construction and as an electrician for 22 years. Harry received his journeyman card in 1989 and contractor's license in 1994. L&S Electric, Inc., was started as a two-man shop and currently has a crew of nine full-time employees.

L&S Electric, Inc., specializes in all electrical work — commercial, residential and farm work. The company offers a wealth of experience for a wide range of quality wiring installations from residential and small remodel work to large commercial and industrial plants. L&S Electric, Inc., can offer design and planning for your electrical needs, and can repair, replace or add to motor control centers. Past work includes new commercial plants, large manufacturing additions, clinic remodels and hospital expansion.

Almost all the company's employees are journeyman and are required to do continuing education classes every two years to keep up with electrical code changes. The crew consists of highly-quali-

fied electricians who all have additional construction background. This knowledge of other trades helps them coordinate with all subcontractors on a large project. L&S Electric, Inc., has a straight-forward relationship with all building and electrical inspectors. They also have many years of cooperation with the local agencies, utility suppliers and state officials to insure smooth operation, accountability and code compliance.

In addition to new home wiring, L&S Electric, Inc., offers: Housing code corrections, fire alarm systems, central vac, new lighting, carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors (ionization and photo sensitive), heat detectors, home network and computer prewire.

L&S Electric, Inc., has all the equipment for any kind of work. Anything from excavators, scissor lifts, boom lifts to benders and any and all tools needed.

The L&S Electric, Inc., warehouse/shop is located just outside of Yankton for quick and easy access to any job.

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How to choose a builder for your dream home

Whether the kids have all grown up and moved out or if the kids are on the way and it's time to expand a living area, building a new home is an exciting, yet often agonizing, experience. The reasons for building a new home are many, but regardless of the reason, the process of choosing a builder should remain the same.

Andrew Nadalin, president of Pace 2000 Inc. and a fourth generation builder and craftsman, offers the following advice to prospective homeowners with their eyes set on building a dream home to call their own.

* Look for a builder with a solid reputation. A builder's reputation speaks volumes, but it doesn't have to speak for itself. That's because a builder who has spent years providing personal service, innovative design and quality workmanship will no doubt have a host of happy former customers ready and willing to offer their input. If during the interview process a builder appears reticent to share his work or experiences with previous customers, this should be a red flag. Reputable builders will be proud of their work and more than willing to show it off.

* Find a builder who is flexible. You will be paying to build your home, not the builder's home. A builder should be flexible and ready and willing to meet your needs, no matter how unique they might be.

* Look for a builder who does more than build. A good builder should do more than just build. A builder should provide a network of qualified professionals to make the process go more smoothly. This network should include real estate and building consultants, interior designers, architects and engineers. Such connections can provide peace of mind and will also illustrate that a builder is both respected in the community and is intent on ensuring your home becomes the dream home you envision it to be.

* Don't build on the cheap. Buyers who plan to build their own home are in the unique position to ensure their home is as safe and high-quality as possible. This isn't always the case when buying a resale, so make the most of your opportunity and use

only top-of-the-line construction materials and features and choose a builder with experience in working with such materials and features. Building on the cheap could prove disastrous in the not too distant future, so don't sacrifice on quality when building a new home.

More information on selecting the right builder is available online at www.pace2000homes.com.

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