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## A new outlet



L-R: Olen Cothron, founder of the Cothron family companies and Steve Cothron, president and owner.

Cothron's Safe And Lock is a 62-year-old name in the key and lock business, but they are now breaking into the construction industry.

Owner **Steve Cothron** started a new branch of the business, **Cothron's Security Solutions**. Since 2008, the company has been addressing the security business on the electronic side as well as offering door installations.

"With the security business, we broke into the areas of mechanical hardware, electronic access hardware and surveillance which got us into the realm of working with new construction," Cothron said.

Steve's father, **Olen Cothron**, started Cothron's Safe And Lock in Austin in 1948 on the intersection of 4th Street and Con-

gress Avenue. Since then the company has expanded to five locations in Austin and one in Round Rock. Steve says he always knew he wanted to eventually own the business, and has worked for his father since he was in high school. He took over the business completely in 2005. Olen still comes around to see how the business is doing, Steve said.

Aside from managing the lock and key business, Steve Cothron also has some other hobbies that keep him occupied. He also has a sport fishing business operation in Guatemala called Guatemala Bill Fishing Adventures and a water fowl hunting operation by Eagle Lake.

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## Family operation



Toni and John Moman stand in front of their building on West Main Street in Round Rock.

**John and Toni Moman** met at the age of 14 through one of Toni's cousins — this meeting has led to a marriage, two daughters, two grandchildren and the business **Moman Architects** in downtown Round Rock.

"We're best friends. We were friends before we ever got married and we've known each other for so long, so we work together pretty easily," Toni Moman said.

John Moman, who has wanted to pursue architecture since the age of 12, started the business in 2000. Toni started assisting with marketing in 2003 and their youngest daughter, Laini, started working with them about three years ago. Now they have six employees.

"We are all like family here," John Moman said.

John attended Texas Tech University and Toni attended Abilene Christian University and majored in social work, though most of her experience has been in customer relations and marketing.

Even though they have grown to what John says is a corporation, they still consider it a family business. Each year in January, the staff goes on a retreat together and they set goals for the company and personal goals. The Moman's also choose a project each year to donate their services. Past projects include the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown. The idea was a result of a

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## Welcome to Round Rock

**Fazzone Construction Co., Inc.** recently completed renovations at the City of Round Rock Business Center Complex.

Round Rock developed the Southwest Downtown Plan in 2005 to accommodate growth while revitalizing and enhancing the area and highlighting the small-town feel and historic character. Officials also wanted to encourage quality development of government and economic activities.

Phase 1 of the \$6 million renovation budget to the City of Round Rock Business Center Complex includes the remodel of the city's three-story office building located at 221 East Main Street, which currently houses Round Rock's City Hall and remodeling the adjacent two-story office building located at 231 East Main Street. Fazzone Construction completed the renovations for the entire two-story building at a cost of \$1.5 million.



Initial tenants for this building are the City of Round Rock finance and human resource departments. The facility is also the new home of the Round Rock visitors bureau, and the Round Rock Area Arts Council, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of art and cultural activities offered in the greater Round Rock area.

"Fazzone Construction, the architectural team of **Keith Hickman** and **Lacey Hickman Lewis**, the City of Round Rock's **Larry Madison** and **Pete Dominguez**, and the consulting engineers, **Energy Systems Associates Inc.**, all collaborated to make the renovations to the Round Rock Business Center Complex a great success," said Project Manager **Chris Blades**, Fazzone Construction.

**K. A. Hickman Architects and Inte-**

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## Construction News ON LOCATION Glad to be Glidden



**Glidden Paints** recently went through a name change from **ICI Paints**. L-R: **Tony Burkhardt, Eric Sanchez, Ryan Vinebel and Rodrigo Jimenez.** -km

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"I am involved in these side businesses that I can do when I retire. I have always been a big outdoorsman," he said. When it comes to managing Co-thron's, he says he tries to carry on his fa-

ther's motto.

"He took the reigns and carried the motto to never leave a customer unhappy," he said. -km

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discussion from a past retreat. Another tradition that gets the group out of the office on occasion are educational field trips to innovative projects.

"It is a good thing to inspire the creative juices," Toni said.

Speaking of creative juices, John still is active as an architect in the business. He designed the architecture for the building that they are currently working in, which is the original homestead of the locally famous Henna family.

"We have a photo of Louis Henna, Sr. playing on the front porch as a baby," John said.

They strived to preserve the history by trying to imitate the look of the older building as it was in photos. They also used some of the original wood and do-

nated the excess to be used in the Milam County Courthouse. The couple has enjoyed both being in the historic location and in the city of Round Rock.

"It is the greatest place on earth!," John said.

Toni adds that the employees have also made working there special.

"The employees are what makes the company what it is. We have been blessed," Toni said.

When not enjoying this camaraderie at work, the couple enjoys babysitting their grandchildren and John enjoys the occasional golfing trip.

*Moman Architects is a commercial architecture and interior design firm. They will celebrate their 10th anniversary in December.* -km

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teamed with the City of Round Rock to provide interior space planning, remodeling, and exterior renovations.

"Fazzone Construction executed the plan with very little complications and adjustments," Blades said. "As with many renovations, we came upon a number of unforeseen issues but they never truly seem to be a challenge because of the ease and enjoyable working relationship with Larry and his team at the City of Round Rock and the architectural team."

The buildings are designed as a cohesive facility to house the City's business and administrative offices. The Complex utilizes modular office systems while incorporating secure meeting areas and conference rooms. The facility includes numerous features installed by Fazzone Construction including a high-end wood veneer to the interior corridors, fully automated climate control systems allowing for offsite monitoring, and fully automated lighting and controls, including 'hands-free' restrooms. The project also included the construction of a second floor pedestrian walkway to physically bridge the two buildings together.

"The Round Rock Business Center Complex has the unique factor of bringing together a modern renovation with the historic small-town character of Main Street," Blades said.



He added that the team worked well together to complete the renovations successfully and ahead of schedule, even after a significant increase in occupied space was added to the scope of work. The project was completed in 240 days. The team included Senior Project Manager **Bob Evans**; Project Manager **Chris Blades**; Superintendent **Miguel Paz**; Project Administrator **Sarah Honza** and K. A. Hickman Architects and Interior Designers.

Fazzone Construction Co., Inc was founded by **Domenico Fazzone**, who emigrated from Italy in 1954. He started the company in upstate New York in 1957 and relocated the company to Austin in 1977. The company is still in the family. **Joseph Fazzone** is the second generation to lead the company. He has been the president since 1998.

*Fazzone Construction Co., Inc. has continued to expand with offices in both Austin and San Antonio and provides general contracting and specialized site construction services.* -km