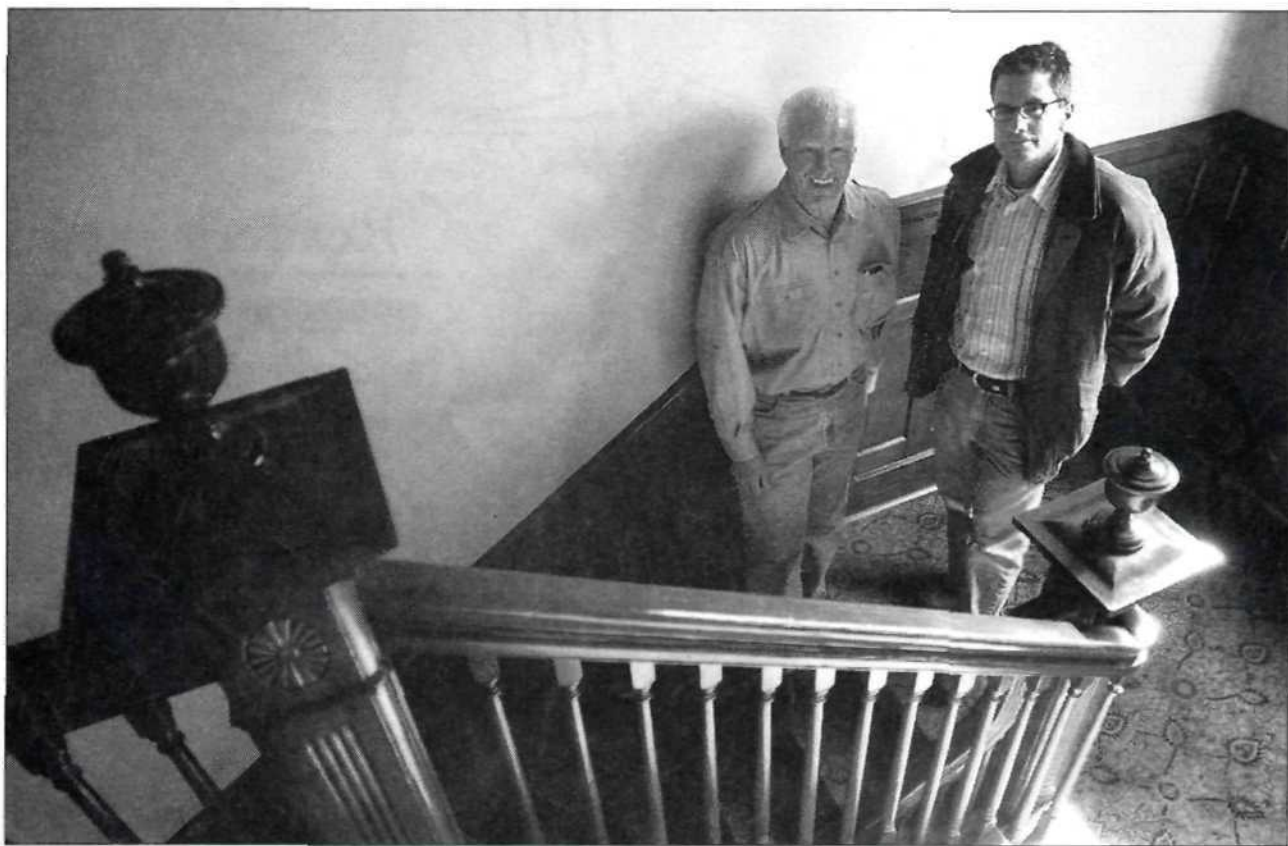


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Bob Schwartz, left, construction manager, and Andy Holloran, project manager for Gozzer Ranch, are setting up marketing offices for the project in the century-old Blackwell House in Coeur d'Alene.

Historic Move

Gozzer community's office to be set up in Blackwell House

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COEUR d'ALENE —The historic Blackwell House on Sherman Avenue will be the home of the sales and marketing office for Gozzer Ranch Golf and Lake Club, an upscale gated community near Arrow Point.

Discovery Land Co., a San Francisco-based real estate development company specializing in creating world-class golf and residential communities, is building the 665-acre project, which will include 375 homes and cabins, an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, a fitness center, a fishing pond and an 82-slip marina.

Andy Holloran, project manager for Gozzer Ranch, said the compa-

ny signed a five-year lease on the house, which was built in 1904.

"It conveys the history and character of the area," he said. "That's what Gozzer Ranch is embracing."

The Blackwell House has been empty since late last year, when Peggy Parker, who was trying to open it as a spa, ran out of funds after extensive renovations were done.

Joe Fabiano of Coldwell Banker Schneidmiller Real represented the owner of the property, and Dave Daboll of Beebe, McKernan and Daboll the tenant.

Holloran said about a dozen employees will work in the offices, which are being furnished with period-style wood and leather furnishings.

Discovery Land, which also built the Iron Horse golf course and community in Whitefish, Mont., received approval earlier this year for the project on the Gozzer family property, near Gozzer Road on Highway 97 and

south of Arrow Point.

Originally to be called Charbonneau, the company changed the name to reflect on John Gozzer, who homesteaded the land and lived on it until he died two years ago.

"He was a symbol of homesteaders in the West," Holloran said. "He lived off the land until he died."

The company specializes in "highly-amenitized" projects which embrace their location and history, said Holloran, who will soon move his family to North Idaho from Arizona.

Discovery has 10 other projects from the Bahamas to Hawaii.

The golf course is to be designed by Tom Fazio, who was also the architect of The Quarry in La Quinta, Calif., Shadow Creek Club in Las Vegas and Black Diamond Ranch, in Crystal River, Fla.

The office is set to open May 1, with construction starting by early June.