

Westrich Furniture expansion adding jobs

Written by Stephanie Groves

Wednesday, May 01, 2013 10:38 PM - Last Updated Thursday, May 02, 2013 11:44 AM

DELPHOS — Westrich Home Furnishings is expanding its storeroom capacity by 14,500 square feet, which has created economic growth in the form of job creation.

Owner Jack Westrich said with the new addition, the company will have more than 150,000 square feet of space, which will be utilized for merchandise storage. Future endeavors may include expanding the showrooms.

Construction of the two-story warehouse has progressed quickly. Last week, crews placed metal siding on the north side of the building and this week, they have been finishing the concrete floors.

“We should be in it [the warehouse] the latter part of the month,” Westrich said.

Since beginning construction of the warehouse this past winter, the company has hired three new staff members. Westrich said that there is a potential to hire two more employees this fall.

“We are definitely creating jobs,” Westrich stated. “The expansion has helped create the largest staff in the 76-year history of the store.”

After attending a recent North Carolina furniture show, Westrich has found a couple of new lines to carry and plans on announcing the specifics this summer.

The company is leveraging itself by purchasing stock in volume, which in turn decreases the freight costs, adds buying power and results in customer savings. The shipments will arrive in June.

“We want to be aggressive and continue to grow,” Westrich said. “We are excited to get it done, to better accommodate the customer.”

The company maintains a customer base that stretches over a 50-mile radius.