



# STORY LINE

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

### AGE ISN'T JUST A NUMBER



In our office we have a wall with photos of each of our team members. We recently organized them by tenure with the company, and I overheard some of our younger guys comment on how many new people we have, and how long many have been part of the team. Though 30 or 40+ years of service in this company is amazing, it's just as much about the experiences and the history those years bring with them. That tenure that each team member carries is more than just a number.

As I hope you know by now, Story is celebrating 85 years in business in 2019. We began as James Thompson & Sons (JTS) in 1934, and we progressed through two generations of family ownership and three major generations of employee ownership that has spanned roughly the last 50 years of our history. Age isn't just a number in this case, either. All the economic cycles, changes in ownership and changes in leadership at all levels give some context to those 85 years, and each additional year is a serious accomplishment – and cause for celebration!

Here's another way to put it: I'm 51 years old, and I've made a point to get exercise frequently and consistently for many years. My diet, while not great, has stayed steady as well. However, it seems like it was much easier for me to look, feel and be fit ten years ago than it is today. Another year is another year, but guess what? Age isn't just a number anymore.

I think you're getting my point. This really speaks to how amazing it is to keep a company together and thriving through the passage of time and the changes in the world for 85 years, and keeping it in a position to keep going with opportunities to serve one another and others.

To see another way we've celebrated our 85th year, see this edition of President's Perspective online at [www.storycon.com/news/shop-talk](http://www.storycon.com/news/shop-talk).

*Mike*

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# MAKING ROOM FOR MORE STUDENTS AT MORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As part of one of the fastest growing school districts in Iowa, there was a need for more space within Morris Elementary School in Bondurant. The addition to Morris Elementary gave the district the much-needed space to accommodate their increasing number of students.

The addition to Morris Elementary included eight classrooms – four of which are hardened spaces that can be used as storm shelters – to aid the growth at other buildings in the district, and a gymnasium with a full-size competition floor. Outside the gymnasium, a 55-stall parking lot and additional staff parking were added, and the drop-off and pick-up lanes were widened to reduce congestion in mornings and afternoons on the main roads near the school.



The gymnasium will be used for physical education for the students throughout the day as well as a space for other community members to utilize. It also gives more space for older students in the district to have athletics practice instead of waiting for other spaces to open up later in the evenings.

With much of this addition happening during the school year, Story's Construction Production 2.0 aided school officials in tracking progress and making the addition process go smoother. Having a way to see the "big picture" while keeping a strong time line for each step in the project was appreciated and praised by those within the Bondurant-Farrar school district.



"Schools are really in the 'people' business and we have found that Story Construction understands that," said Chad Carlson, Director of Administrative Services at Bondurant-Farrar. "They have a keen understanding that serving our community and students is our mission. We have greatly appreciated the relationships we have developed with Clint Jensen, Dale Hofert, Josh Hoover and the rest of the Story team. Not only do we feel like they put us (the customer) first, but we also feel good about our partnership with them."

Story also completed a classroom and auditorium addition at Bondurant-Farrar High School in the winter of 2017 and fall of 2018, respectively.



## CLIENT

Bondurant-Farrar CSD

## DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager

## ARCHITECT

FEH Design, Inc.

## PROJECT MANAGER

Clint Jensen

## PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Dale Hofert

## PROJECT ENGINEER

Josh Hoover & Brian Weber

## PROJECT SIZE

22,152 sq. ft.

## DATE COMPLETED

May and June 2019

# GREEN HILLS COMMUNITY IN AMES FINISHES AMENITIES PLAN

In 2008, the residents of Green Hills Community came together to create a master plan, with an overall goal to provide more living options and common space within the community. In 2012, Story completed the first phase of this plan with the Health & Wellness Project. This newest amenity project is the last phase of the original addition plan. This addition included a larger community room, the primary purpose of the addition; a 40-person theater; a classroom space; an area for a future salon; a new massage room, and a larger library. They were also able to expand the existing aerobics studio.

The theater and classroom will be able to host programs from Iowa State, allow residents to provide lectures and hold classes for residents and Iowa State students that visit the community. The library addition, which is more than double the size of the previous library, is in a more centralized location to be utilized by the residents.



The addition, especially the community room and classroom, will aid in meeting the needs and interests of the Green Hills residents.

"Story has been great to work with," said Rod Copple, Executive Director of Green Hills. "We appreciate the work Jim Voss, Jon Hand, Clint Jensen, and the rest of the team have put in and, from conception to completion, have been invaluable in making this plan happen. We look forward to utilizing this new addition."

## OWNER

Green Hills Residents' Association

## DELIVERY METHOD

General Contractor

## ARCHITECT

RMH Architects, PC

## PROJECT MANAGER

Clint Jensen

## PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Jim Voss

## PROJECT ENGINEER

Jon Hand

## PROJECT SIZE

8,844 sq. ft.

## DATE COMPLETED

May and June 2019

## CLIENT

Drake University

## DELIVERY METHOD

Design-Build

## ARCHITECT

Story Design

## PROJECT MANAGER

Shane Geiselhart

## PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Marc Champoux & Luke Trewin

## PROJECT ENGINEER

Erin Baxter

## PROJECT SIZE

4,500 sq. ft.

## DATE COMPLETED

April 2019

# STORMS LEAD TO RECONSTRUCTION OF DRAKE'S MEET OPERATIONS ROOM

On June 30, 2018, the state of Iowa faced a large system of rain storms, causing flooding in many areas, including the Drake University campus. One of the locations that flooded on the campus was the Meet Operations room, which sits just underneath the stadium near the finish line.

The Meet Operations room is used as a space for winning racers to relax for a few moments and media to take pictures and conduct interviews with the winners, especially during the Drake Relays and Iowa High School State Track meets. With the room sitting at a lower point in the stadium, the reconstruction done by Story after the flood meant that the space needed to be finished in a way to make it watertight while still looking professional for the events.

Due to other priority spaces needing repaired on campus before classes began again, construction on the room could not begin until mid-February, but everything needed to be completed before the Drake Relays event in April. This tight deadline made utilizing CP 2.0 crucial. Kelly Foster, the project manager for Drake, said being able to see *what* is happening *when* and having something to hold everyone accountable helped make the project a success.

