

# STORY

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

### Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

It's official... the buzzword of the moment is "jobs." Tune in to any newscast or listen to any political debate and you're sure to hear it once, if not a dozen times. It's the topic of discussion in the board room, on the job site, at the checkout lane and around the dinner table. All over the country, people are trying to figure out ways to create more jobs – and that's true for Story Construction, as well.

The tricky part is that you have to have jobs to create jobs. In other words, companies need jobs in the form of projects and opportunities to employ staff, and must continue to increase the amount of work they do in order to create new positions for additional employees. I'm grateful to say that Story is doing just that.

Over the past several months, there has been a gradual upswing in construction across the state of Iowa. Project owners are starting to obtain financing and are moving forward with projects they delayed or halted when the economy dipped. Developers are beginning to start work on new facilities and renovations they've back-burnered for the past 18 months, and are once again exploring new opportunities and requesting our help in the process.

For Story, that uptick in projects has resulted in some great things – including hiring new employees. In addition to creating some new project assistant positions to assist current staff focus on what they do best, we have also recently hired a number of new employees in our Operations and Procurement divisions (see page 4 for details).

Together, these new staff members not only bring new skills and experience to our team, but also help us fill vacancies left by key employees who have retired. Although we've been in business for 77 years and understand that every great employee must someday leave to pursue other interests or start a new chapter in life, we hate to see them go. It is exciting, however, to see the fresh faces and the enthusiasm they bring for all the opportunities that lie ahead.

There's no doubt that all this talk about jobs will continue up through the next election and probably for a long while after that. But looking at our upcoming projects and seeing these new staff members joining our company tells me that Story is moving in the right direction. Together, we have a lot to look forward to.

Mike Espeset

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## PROJECT FOCUS:

### Cafeteria renovations improve efficiencies, employee satisfaction

In early May 2011, food service contractor Liberty Foods selected Story Construction as the general contractor to complete a cafeteria renovation project for Cargill Meat Solutions plant in Dodge City, Kansas. Work mainly consisted of wall repainting, with some insulated metal panel wall demolition and door installation, and Liberty Foods asked that it be completed as close to the end of the month as possible.

By Memorial Day weekend, Story had finished renovating two distinct cafeteria spaces totaling 16,500 square feet. Located at opposite ends of the beef processing plant with access from outside, the cafeterias' food service, vending and dining areas were completely remodeled to increase efficiencies and improve employee satisfaction. Story helped Liberty replace the food service equipment over the holiday and wrapped up the job shortly thereafter.

#### FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Larry Sperlich  
 Superintendent: John Rogers  
 Architect: Liberty Food Service  
 Delivery Method: General Contractor  
 Completed: June 2011

Cold Side Cafeteria Exterior



Hot Side Vending and Dining Area



Hot Side Food Service Area



Cold Side Vending and Dining Area

## PROJECT FOCUS:

### New Kriz-Davis location eliminates warehouse's risk of flooding

After watching its warehouse on South Duff in Ames get flooded year after year in the late spring, Kriz-Davis Co. asked Story Construction to design and build a new facility at 425 South Bell. An electrical supplier and distributor with 13 locations in six states, Kriz-Davis needed its Ames location to include office space as well as a warehouse to stock the supplies it sells to utility companies, contractors, installers and others.

As a result, Story designed a stand-alone metal Butler building with an MR-24® weather-resistant roof system and a precast façade that includes an 18,000-square-foot warehouse with two drive-in doors and loading docks as well as a 4,000-square-foot office with a customer service desk. The HVAC systems within the office are split with drop-in lighting, while the warehouse has high bay lights and utilizes an air-rotation unit.

Upon completion of the project, Kriz-Davis President Timothy Berry wrote in his customer satisfaction survey, "From start to finish, Story made our project easy, and that's what we're looking for. Our expectations were met and exceeded. I would highly recommend your company and services to any future prospects."



#### FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Larry Dix  
 Project Engineer: James Sparks  
 Architect: John Snyder, AIA, DBIA  
 Story Design, Ltd.  
 Delivery Method: Design-Build  
 Completed: June 2011

## PROJECT FOCUS:

### New BIVI facility designed for state-of-the-art livestock vaccine research

As a global leader in swine disease research and the development of innovative health products and diagnostic services to improve pork production, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI) selected Story to serve as its design-build contractor for a cutting-edge livestock vaccine research facility in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The 8,500-square-foot building was specially designed to ensure biosecurity, enhance sanitation and protect the health of the animals in the individual research suites. The structure features wood frames and metal roofing, but is unique in that its interior surfaces consist of sealed or epoxy-coated concrete and seamless interlocking fiberglass panels. This enables the facility to be cleaned and sterilized after each experiment to prevent cross-contamination.

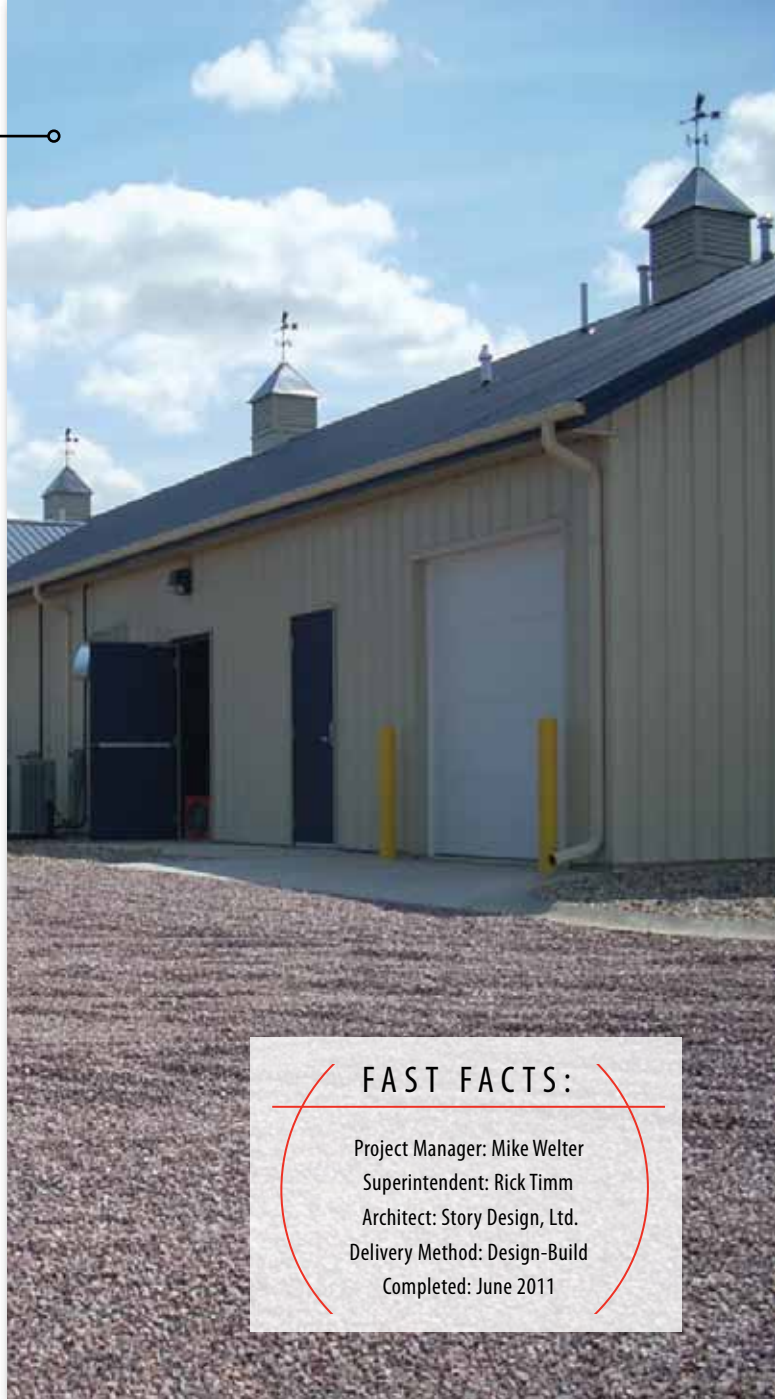
Similarly, a sophisticated positive-pressure HVAC system and built-in trench drain system allows up to six experiments to run concurrently without the risk of contaminating the environment with airborne debris, bacteria or other microorganisms.

Because the new facility will have a significant impact on the way livestock vaccines are developed and used by the agricultural sector across the nation and around the world, both Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds attended the dedication ceremony on Aug. 24, 2011.

The event was held at the Ridge Golf Clubhouse to maintain the facility's sterile environment. A video can be viewed on YouTube by searching "BIVI Sioux Center Dedication."



Project Superintendent Rick Timm discusses the implications of the new BI Vetmedica research facility with Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad during the building's dedication ceremony on Aug. 24.



#### FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Mike Welter  
Superintendent: Rick Timm  
Architect: Story Design, Ltd.  
Delivery Method: Design-Build  
Completed: June 2011

## EMPLOYEE FOCUS:

### Rick Timm, Superintendent



#### HOMETOWN:

Waverly, Iowa

#### FAMILY:

Wife, Peggy  
Daughters, Melissa and Tiffany  
Grandchildren, Landon (6), Brendon (2) and Nolan (6 months)

#### EMPLOYMENT:

After graduating from Waverly-Shellrock High School, Rick began working in the construction

industry because he enjoyed being outdoors and moving around from job to job. Rick worked for other companies – including Story twice – before he joined Story in 1996 as a project superintendent. Today, with more than 35 years of experience, Rick enjoys working on small building projects most, and is currently working on the Quakerdale Promise Academy renovation and addition project in New Providence, Iowa.

#### HOBBIES:

Rick enjoys riding his motorcycle, and especially enjoys taking day trips with his wife, Peggy. This time of year is one of their favorites because they get to see all the leaves changing color.

## NEW FACES:

### Story Construction strengthens team by welcoming employees to its Operations, Procurement divisions

Thanks to an increase in projects during the past several months, Story has been able to add a number of new staff members to its Operations and Procurement divisions.

In May, Bill Bowman joined the company as a project manager, bringing more than 35 years of residential and commercial experience to the position. During his career, Bill has overseen a variety of jobs – from schools and state park resorts to assisted living complexes, medical facilities and retail pharmacies.

Dan Drefke also joined Story that month as a project superintendent. A native of Marcus, Iowa, Dan graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Construction Management in 1998 and has 13 years of experience in the industry. His portfolio includes work on hospitals and other medical facilities, schools, churches, office buildings and residential projects.

Two months later, Story added another project manager, Darrell Reeves, to its roster. Darrell's career spans more than 35 years and includes 16 years as a field supervisor as well as more than 10 years as a senior-level project manager overseeing work on wellness

facilities, hotels, retail complexes and food processing plants.

In September, Erin Kurth, marketing coordinator, joined Story just in time to train alongside Sandy Heggen before she retired. Erin holds two bachelor's degrees from Iowa State University and is completing a master's in Journalism at the University of Missouri. She has 12 years of marketing communications experience and, among other things, will be responsible for editing *StoryLine*.

Mark Nolta, senior estimator, also started in September. With a degree in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University, Mark has 23 years of experience as a structural engineer, preconstruction manager and strategic consultant. He recently worked exclusively with senior living facility preconstruction, but also has experience with historic building renovations, banks, medical office buildings and research facilities.

Please join us in welcoming these new employees. Together, their skills and experience will strengthen our team and position Story Construction for a very bright future.



Bill Bowman



Dan Drefke



Erin Kurth



Mark Nolta



Darrell Reeves

