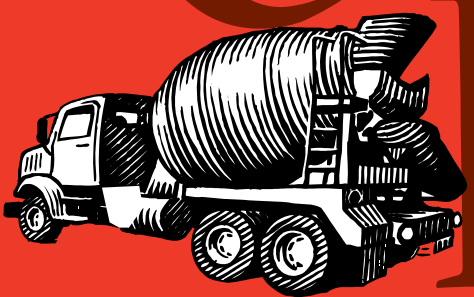


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PROJECT FOCUS:

Story modernizes 19th-century building

The Story City Greater Chamber Connection (GCC) is an organization committed to historic preservation and economic revitalization, so the decision to renovate the Charlson Building on Broad Street where the GCC is housed and use income generated from the six apartments on the second floor to fund future civic projects was a logical one.

Story Construction acted as the design-builder on this project to restore the 12,000-square-foot building that dates back to 1898. The lower level – which at different times housed a clothing store, opera house, bank and billiard parlor, and currently is used by an investment firm – was renovated for retail and office space. Upstairs, nine apartments were reconfigured into six larger units and completely remodeled with new kitchens, bathrooms, light fixtures, window treatments, carpet and paint. Before work was completed in October, four of the apartments and the retail space on the mail level had been leased to new tenants.

FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Larry Dix
Superintendent: Dale Hofert
Architect: RDG Planning & Design
Delivery Method: Design-Build
Completed: October 2011



PROJECT FOCUS:

Nation's largest clean energy company expands in Story City

With seven wind energy farms in Iowa, it made sense for NextEra Energy Resources – North America's largest wind and solar energy producer – to expand its warehouse space and store wind turbine parts used in its Story City repair shop here rather than in Texas. As a result, the company selected Story Construction to design and build a new 20,000-square-foot facility last spring.

The warehouse is a Nucor metal building supplied and erected by United Steel Erectors that stands 30 feet high. The 18 x 20' overhead door on the facility's northeast side opens to a spacious warehouse with a floor made of four inches of rock and a 12-inch concrete slab. A restroom in the building's northwest corner is the only interior room. The project was completed in October.



FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Mike Welter
Superintendent: Dale Hofert
Architect: John Snyder, AIA, DBIA
Story Design, Ltd.
Delivery Method: Design-Build
Completed: October 2011

PROJECT FOCUS:

AIB enhances athletic facilities with locker room addition, renovations

Although AIB College of Business has been a fixture in Des Moines since 1921, it was only last year that the school became a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and began ramping up its sports programs.

With women's basketball and volleyball teams and men's and women's golf and soccer teams established, AIB decided to launch a men's basketball team this fall – but first it needed to expand its athletic facilities.

Story Construction served as the general contractor on this job to build a 6,000-square-foot, two-story addition onto the AIB Activities Center that was constructed in 2008. In addition to erecting the structure that consists of a CMU wall system with brick veneer, tinted glass and columns to match the existing facility's exterior, the project required the demolition and relocation of existing storm sewers and additions to the sanitary sewer. Inside, the first floor of the addition houses new locker rooms, while the second level includes a weight room and fitness center.



FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Bill Bowman
Superintendent: Rob Greenwood
Architect: Shiffler Associates
Delivery Method: General Contractor
Completed: October 2011

EMPLOYEE FOCUS:

Bill Bowman, Project Manager



HOMETOWN:
Webster, Iowa

FAMILY:
Twin daughters, Abigail and Ashley; grandchildren, Chloe (6 mos.) and Annabelle (5 mos.); and cat, Sam

EDUCATION:
University of Northern Iowa
BA, Industrial Technology

EXPERIENCE:

Bill grew up on a family farm and started working on construction projects at the age of nine. His interest in discovering how things are put together has kept him in the industry for more than 35 years.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Two of Bill's favorite projects involved creating outdoor recreational opportunities for Iowans of all ages. He oversaw the Rails to Trails bike trail conversion projects for the Polk County Conservation Board and served as senior project manager on the Honey Creek Resort at Lake Rathbun. He also once worked as a native prairie seed collector for the Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

In his spare time, Bill enjoys playing guitar (now just for family and friends), reading, home brewing and woodworking (he was trained by a master craftsman). He also volunteers for Rebuild Together, an organization that helps low-income families renovate and remodel their homes.



PROJECT FOCUS:

New performing arts center, stadium increase visibility of Norwalk High School

Thanks to a dedicated planning committee and revenue from the state sales tax program, Norwalk High School students returned to campus this fall to find a new performing arts center, stadium complex, tennis courts and paved parking lots.

For the fourth time since 2003, Story partnered with the Norwalk Community School District to serve as its construction management agent. This project, which included a fine arts addition and renovations as well as athletic facilities improvements, began in the spring of 2010 and finished up just before classes resumed this August.

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The fine arts component included building a two-story, 46,000-square-foot addition to house a 925-seat auditorium, 840-square-foot stage, ancillary stage spaces and a music wing with two rehearsal rooms, two ensemble rooms and five practice rooms. The addition consists of load-bearing insulated precast panels, structural steel columns and beams, hollow-core planks and steel roof joists and decking.

The single-story, 7,400-square-foot stadium complex includes an artificial turf playing field, an eight-lane competition track, seating for 3,200 home spectators and 750 visitors, concession stands and stadium sport lighting. In addition, Story completed site work on 11 new tennis courts and two baseball diamonds, added a new parking lot and paved two of the school’s existing lots.

After a dedication ceremony on Sept. 1, the Warriors took the field in the season’s first home game on Sept. 2 against the Creston Panthers and won decisively, 13-0. The event attracted a number of television and radio reporters, some of whom compared the high school’s new facilities to those of a college or university.

“It makes sense that Story Construction’s company logo is a plumb bob – a carpenter’s tool used to construct a wall that is perfectly straight and aligned,” said Norwalk Community School District Business Manager Kate Baldwin. “Keeping everything aligned during pre-construction and construction delivery is exactly what Story has done on multiple projects for Norwalk Schools. The quality of their work is only slightly surpassed by the integrity and ethics of the men and women who have served on these projects. Our district has greatly benefited from their involvement, leadership and experience.”

FAST FACTS:

Project Manager: Jamie Rochleau
Asst. Project Manager: Valarie Meyer
Superintendent: Chad Criss
Architect: FRK Architects + Engineers
Delivery Method: CM/Agent
Completed: August 2011