

DSC Jobsite Visit in Ogden Brings Joy to Preschooler

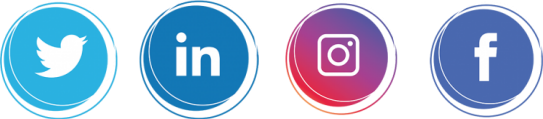


With a population of 2,000, the city of Ogden, Iowa, doesn't see many new construction projects. In 2019, a fire destroyed their only grocery store, forcing residents to plan for out-of-town shopping trips.

However, in October 2021, Fareway Stores found a solution for the town and broke ground with DSC on a new 8,000 square-foot "neighborhood" size grocery store. With a downtown location, the construction site has been very visible for residents to watch the progress - and caught the eye of almost four-year-old Clark.

This summer, Clark's mom sent DSC an email saying how they drive by the jobsite every morning on their way to daycare, and when Clark shouts out "Hi!" from their car window, every crew member will make his day by waving back. So, we invited him to stop in and experience the jobsite in person, complete with a child-size hardhat and vest personalized just for him.

Arriving with a smile that never left his face, Clark was able to greet crew members in person, see and touch equipment up close, and ask whatever questions he may have for our team. His excitement to be there was contagious - everyone had a fun morning!



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Above: Rendering provided by ATURA architecture of the new welfare expansion project at Hormel Algona (IA) Plant.

DSC Expanding Hormel Pepperoni Plant in Algona, IA

In order for their plant to cut down on cross-contamination between their raw and ready-to-eat products, Hormel is adding a 2-phase "welfare expansion" project at their Algona, IA, pepperoni facility.

Dean Snyder Construction crews started in August on the first phase which includes a new 9,000 SF addition with structural steel and metal panels that will tie into the existing plant. This new addition will be strictly for the ready-to-eat (RTE) side and includes locker rooms, offices, lactation room, canteen, employee kitchen, cubicles, work spaces, conference room, and turnstiles for a more secure entrance. A new wash station will be added for anyone entering the plant from this office. Phase 1 also includes a 50,000 SF employee parking lot. This phase is estimated to be completed Summer 2023.

Phase 2 will then include gutting and remodeling their current 9,000 SF office space. The remodel will include a similar layout to their Phase 1 space with all new plumbing, ceilings, finishes, and a more secure entrance. This phase is estimated to be completed in early 2024. This project is design-build with ATURA architecture.

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## New Hires at DSC



**Nathanael Derner** has joined our Ankeny office as a Project Engineer. He graduated this spring from Iowa State University with a degree in Construction Engineering.

Joining Clear Lake as a Project Engineer is **Jared Locke**. Jared has a BA in Human Resources from BVU and previously worked as a Project Manager for SportsGraphics.



**Gary Bittner** has joined our Omaha office as a Project Manager. Gary has a BS in Civil Engineering, and in his free time enjoys being a Scout-master with his local boy scout troop.



New to our Ankeny office is Project Engineer **Brock Thome**. Brock is a recent Iowa State University Construction Engineering graduate.



**Leeja Kubik** is our new Administrative Assistant in the Ankeny office. She previously worked for Wahlburgers as a Restaurant Manager.



## Ankeny Schools Hosts First Skilled Trades Camp, Visits DSC Jobsite

Twenty-four high-school age students gathered the second week in July for Ankeny School's 1st Annual Skilled Trades Camp. The camp was completely free to them and featured business and industry tours, site visits to apprenticeship training facilities, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and conversations with industry experts, including DSC's own Superintendent, Scott Gerhardt.

The students visited our jobsite of an in-progress 12,650 SF Kwik Star convenience store and truck stop in Altoona. DSC's co-owner, Don Snyder, was also on site to help grill for the students and staff of the camp, as well as jobsite crew members.

The new Altoona Kwik Star held their grand opening on September 16. DSC built a total of three Kwik Star stores this summer in Iowa including additional locations in Perry and Ames.



DSC's project with Good Life RV broke ground in August and will double their capacity for RV services.

## New Service Bay Under Construction for Good Life RV

DSC and ATURA architecture broke ground with Good Life RV on a new 16,500 SF pre-engineered 10-bay service building, nearly doubling their capacity for RV servicing at their Webster City, Iowa, location. The new building will also include a parts storage area, parts office, warranty office, manager office, and a break room.



## DSC Crews Start Storage Warehouse Project

DSC started this summer on a 75' x 100' warehouse for Herc-u-Lift in Des Moines.

The project includes a new interior loading dock, battery charging station, emergency eye wash, racking, and restrooms. Crews will also do 17,000 SF of paving along with new water, sewer, and storm utilities. The project is design-build with ATURA architecture.



DSC previously built their current 12,000 SF Herc-u-Lift retail office/warehouse space in 2005.



## DSC Revamps Summer Internship Program

A successful profession in construction takes knowledge of both the inner workings of project management and jobsite processes. Wanting to give our student interns this full insight, DSC restructured our internship program so participants could work with a construction project from start to finish.

This past summer, eight Construction Engineering students from Iowa State University split their time between being assigned to a jobsite for observation/manual labor contribution and being paired with a Project Engineer to learn the project estimation, scheduling, and management side. Also sprinkled in throughout the summer were fun activities like a golf tournament, I-Cubs game, concert at the Surf Ballroom, and Ankeny's Summerfest.

Included in our new program this year was pairing each intern with a current DSC employee as a mentor to help with questions and development goals. All interns were asked to give a presentation at the end of the summer to show what they took away from their time with us. Ultimately, our goal is to help each student obtain the experience they need to fill any gaps as they work toward their degrees and their first job, whether that's learning better project management in the office or learning field processes. A few undergrads have already committed to returning next summer!



Valent BioSciences in Osage, Iowa

## Biorational Manufacturing Facility Expansion Helping Meet Demand

DSC is at Valent BioSciences for a 3-part addition to the biorational manufacturing facility in Osage, Iowa. The addition will help meet increasing demand for its biorational products and allow for the introduction of new products requiring more capacity. Construction began in early July and will be completed in June 2023.

Included in the project is a new 16,400 SF structural steel pilot/maintenance/office/laboratory plant facility with state-of-the-art development equipment. This will be used to accelerate the introduction of new products and provide additional office space, conference rooms, and instrumentation to analyze and improve existing fermentation performance in their lab.

Also involved is the installation of production-scale fermentation and recovery equipment with full digital capabilities. DSC crews will be setting a 60' vessel through the roof of the existing facility.

DSC was involved in the concrete work of the original facility completed in 2014 and has set several pieces of equipment for the facility throughout the years since then.



## ATURA Breaks Ground With Humboldt County Memorial Hospital on Mental Health Clinic



Humboldt County Memorial Hospital will soon have a new 3,000 SF mental health clinic added on to their existing hospital facility. ATURA's design for the new facility includes two play therapy rooms, two exam rooms, a counseling room, a sand room, a nurse's station, four offices, and a reception area.

## ATURA New Hires



**Kelsey Asada** is the new ATURA Admin Assistant. She previously worked at a veterinarian business and loves animals. She lives in Clear Lake with her husband, and in their free time, enjoy hiking, kayaking, and bowhunting.

Joining ATURA as a Project Designer is Samantha (Sammy) Rohlfen, a recent graduate from ISU with a degree in architecture. Sammy enjoys hiking, running, and is always looking for book recommendations!



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