Employee Spotlight: Jim Gehring: Estimator / Project Manager

Jim Gehring joined Compton Construction in November of 2011. He has over thirty years of construction experience. Jim is originally from Moundridge, KS. He spent two years studying architecture at Kansas State University deciding to leave the classroom and gain hands on experience with an architectural firm in Hutchinson. His skill of estimating developed when the construction side of the company needed help with take-offs. Jim spent four years in Dallas, TX working on the construction side of a development and real estate company. Their work included strip centers, office building (10-12 stories) and real estate. After four years, he returned to Kansas to work for Regier Construction in Newton as an estimator / project manager. Jim enjoys estimating when he can take an idea or a drawing for a project and turn it into finished product. Jim’s hobbies include golf, woodworking and hunting particularly pheasant and quail.
2012 Gib & Brenda Compton Construction Science Scholarship

The 36th annual Architectural Engineering and Construction Science Management Banquet was held at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan, KS on Friday, May 4, 2012. Gib & Brenda Compton had the honor of presenting the Compton Construction Science Scholarship to Matt Brown. Matt is originally from Omaha, NE. Matt will be a senior this Fall majoring in Construction Science with minors in business and Spanish. He plans to graduate May 2013.

Completed Projects

KSU Sheep & Meat Goat Center: Manhattan, KS

A new livestock facility for sheep and meat goat research was completed in January 2012 for the KSU Agriculture Department. Building A on the left measures 233 ft. by 80 ft. wide. It houses office space, restrooms, lambing area, wool room and living quarters. Building B on the right measures 240 ft. by 40 ft. and will provide hay storage and feeding areas. The Exterior Insulating Finish System (EIFS) is a highly energy efficient insulated cladding system that places insulation on the outside of the exterior wall providing a vapor permeable blanket for the building. Kelly McMurphy of Landmark Architects, Hutchinson, KS was the architect. Gib Compton was Project Manager with Jason Rotramel as Job Superintendent.

Lake Afton Mushroom Restroom Renovation: Goddard, KS

Finishing one month ahead of schedule and just in time for the busy Memorial Day weekend, the primary restroom facility that serves the west side of Lake Afton located in Sedgwick County was completed in just ten weeks. The 30 ft. by 30 ft. new structure is comprised of Endicott Brick Masonry walls with stainless steel panel fixtures. Greg Tice & Luke Dolochek of SPT Architecture were the architects. James Schneider was Project Manager with Steve Rotramel as Job Superintendent.

Mary Benton Elementary School Addition: USD 259, Wichita, KS

A new 10,000 sq ft. addition to Mary Benton Elementary located at 338 S. Woodchuck Lane, Wichita was completed in three phases at the end of June. Improvements included a pre-cast 7,000 sq. ft. gymnasium/FEMA shelter, two new classrooms, new restrooms, remodel of the existing library and a new bus lane and canopy for the main entrance. The architect for this project was Richard Kraybill of Kraybill Architects. Project Manager was Gib Compton and Job Superintendent was Alan Carlyle. Mary Benton Elementary originally opened in the fall of 1957.
Current Projects

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity House - Kansas State University: Manhattan, KS

Site & utility work began July 5th on the new Chapter House for the Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity House at Kansas State University. The current house is located at 1632 McCain Lane in Manhattan, KS. While the new structure is being built on the existing parking lot, 72 students will continue to occupy the existing house during construction. The three-story, steel framed structure will have hollow core floors with a 2” concrete topping. The exterior wall will be metal studs with a combination of stone and metal panels. The new facility will be home to 72 men, with a full service kitchen, dining hall, recreation room, library, four study rooms, and dramatic three-story atrium lobby. The project is scheduled to be completed for students to reside for fall classes, August 2013.

Mike Carson of Bowman Novick of Manhattan, KS is the architect. His design will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability. Gib Compton is Estimator / Project Manager and David Spoon is Job Superintendent. When completed, the existing forty year old structure will be torn down with the area landscaped and paved for resident parking.

Fort Hays State University Indoor Practice Sports Facility: Hays, KS

The Fort Hays State University Tigers will have a new indoor practice facility for its football program during inclement weather and other outdoor sports such as baseball, track and softball for winter training. Site work began June 26th and is scheduled to be completed April 1, 2013. The new structure will be located at the southeast corner of campus near Lewis Field Stadium. The 20,000 sq. ft. pre-engineered building will include a one-half, astro-turf football field, two synthetic running straight-away tracks, weight room, meeting rooms, and storage areas. Architect Charlie Sexton with HTK Architects of Topeka & Overland Park, KS, designed the building. Gib Compton is Estimator / Project Manager along with Marty Kerr as Job Superintendent. The Fort Hays State University Tigers is home to over 350 student athletes that compete in sixteen men’s and women’s sport programs.
Current Projects (Cont.)

Kansas Surgery Recovery Center Renovation: Wichita, KS

Construction began the end of June on a 3,900 sq. ft. addition to the Kansas Surgery Recovery Center located at 2770 N. Webb Rd., Wichita, KS. The center provides specialized inpatient and outpatient surgical care in a smaller setting than a hospital. Currently the center has 12 operating rooms, 2 special procedure rooms, 30 pre and post-operating stations and 32 inpatient beds. The new addition will add 8 patient rooms and two offices to the east side of the existing facility. Framing will be made of structural steel with metal stud walls. Blocking will match the existing structure. Site improvements are included in the project. Project architect is Rick Brown of Schaffer Johnson Cox Fry Architecture. Estimator / Project Manager is Gib Compton and Curtis Fry is the Job Superintendent.

Abe Hubert Middle School Renovation USD #457: Garden City, KS

Work began April 10th to build a 20 ft. x 40 ft. storage building for sports equipment and to replace the roof on Kenneth Henderson Middle School. Abe Hubert Middle School is being transformed into an elementary school as part of the long range facility plan approved in the 2008 bond issue. This fall the facility will be known as Abe Hubert Elementary School. The 7200 sq. ft. renovation to Abe Hubert Middle School involved removing temporary classroom trailers, demolition and renovation of a lab and art classroom at the front of the school to create four kindergarten classrooms, installing doors for exists for each classroom, new acoustical ceiling tile, paint, floor coverings, installing new technology and updating administrative offices break areas. Completion is scheduled for August 10th in time for teachers and students to return for the 2012-2013 school year. Architect for this project is Garth Hite of GMCN Architects in Garden City, KS. Estimator / Project Manager is James Schneider. Jason Rotramel is Job Superintendent.

Cowley College Remodel: Mulvane, KS

A full interior building remodel of the former Mulvane Post Office located at 410 E. Main in downtown Mulvane began June 11th. Originally the building was built to be a medical clinic and pharmacy. Recently the building had served as the community Post Office. The project involves the conversion of the interior space into three classrooms, a student lounge, tutor room, three offices and restrooms. The building will become part of the Cowley College Mulvane campus. David Herlocker of Gordon & Associates Architects, P.A. in Winfield, KS is the architect on this project. Gib Compton is Estimator / Project Manager and Steve Rotramel is Job Superintendent. The building is scheduled to be ready for fall classes August 8, 2012.
KSU West Greenhouse Replacement: Hays, KS

The Agricultural Research Center located at 1232 240th St. Hays, KS will soon have new greenhouses to conduct their research. The old structures will be replaced with aluminum frame and acrylic panels. The research center focuses on agricultural production challenges of western Kansas: beef production, management methods for major crops grown in Kansas, alleviation of the effects of weed, insect and disease genetic improvements. The architect for this project is Kelly McMurphy of Landmark Architects in Hutchinson, KS. Gib Compton is Estimator / Project Manager. Job Superintendent for this project is Marty Kerr.

Galaxy Tool IT & Engineering Offices, Winfield, KS

Work was completed the end of May at Galaxy Technologies located at 1111 Industrial Road, Winfield, KS. The company is a global production-tooling supplier for aerospace, defense and plastic markets. The expansion project included two office areas: one for the computer technology department and another for the Estimating and Engineering Department. Gib Compton was the Estimator Project Manager and David Spoon was the Job Superintendent.

Kiowa County Commons: Greensburg, KS

Kiowa County Commons was dedicated November 2, 2011. The 20,210 sq. ft. structure is a certified LEED Platinum Building constructed of ICF concrete walls. Matt Cortez of GLMV architecture designed this project with Gib Compton Estimator / Project Manager and David Spoon Job Superintendent. Pictures Left to Right: Top Row: west exterior view, dedication ceremonies, original soda fountain, Kiowa Co. Museum, Kiowa Co. Extension, library, media center, living roof, front entry.
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Compton Construction Corporation in their 15th year of business received recognition in April from the Wichita Business Journal for the dollar amount of completed contracts in 2011. Each year the Wichita Business Journal ranks the top twenty-five general contractors in the Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey and Sumner Counties. Compton Construction Corporation received a ranking of 12 of 25. The primary services offered by our company are: general commercial construction, new buildings, additions and renovations, design/build, construction management, CM at-risk, and pre-engineered buildings. We also have significant experience with the construction of buildings that qualify for LEED Platinum certification qualifications. Our company currently has projects in Wichita, Mulvane, Garden City, Hays and Manhattan.