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I was born and raised in Girard, KS, a smaller town in the SE corner of the state. Growing up, I had 3 brothers and no sisters. My two older brothers did plastics engineering technology, and later moved on to other professions. My younger brother is a grain merchandiser in western Kansas. Sports and school activities were a big part of my life growing up. However, my favorite memories consist of hunting and fishing trips with my grandpa and other extended family members in the SE KS area.

After high school, I attended K-State to earn a civil engineering degree. Following college, I moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro to work for Kimley-Horn. At the time, my older brother lived in the metro area, so that's what initially drew me there. After a couple years, I began to realize I didn't want to live in a large city, and I began searching for opportunities to return closer to home. In 2010, I moved back to Pittsburg, KS and began working for PEC in their local office. Shortly after that, I met my future wife, and we were married in January 2012. We are currently raising 3 young children. Russell is age 7, Leo just turned 6, and Maxine is 3 going on 16.

3 years ago I got an opportunity to continue to grow in my career and join Olsson. For Olsson, I have been able to work on many exciting projects throughout the Midwest region, and I have even got to work on a project where I used to live in DFW. It's been a great move, and they have continued to support my involvement in organizations like KSPE & ACEC.

My family and I recently moved into a new home we built outside of Pittsburg, so we're hoping to root in and stay for awhile! I'm very fortunate to have the opportunity to work for an exciting firm like Olsson yet live in a relatively rural community close to my 'home'.

Fun Fact: In 2010, my best friend convinced me to attempt climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He had lost over 80 pounds since we graduated college, so I couldn't say no. We successfully summited together in February 2010, and was definitely the most fulfilling athletic achievement of my life.

Favorite Quote: You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take

My job would be a lot easier if we had unlimited funding!

