



## REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER

Beckenhauer Construction has been hired by Regional West Medical Center to assist them with numerous renovation projects within the hospital. The first project consisted of converting some shell space currently used for storage into a Hospitalist area. During the

time of construction, one of the facilities sterilizers went down and the second one was getting weak from age. We jumped in to help with replacement of both sterilizers along with a general facelift for the sterile area.

Currently under construction and consideration are numerous other projects that will help Regional West Medical Center maintain the high level of service that their patients have come to expect from them. We are extremely happy that Regional West Medical Center sees us as a partner in that continuing effort.



Top left: Regional West Medical Center; Bottom Left: newly renovated Hospitalist Area; Center: newly renovated Hospitalist Area; Top Right: newly renovated Sterilizer Room; Bottom Right: newly renovated Sterilizer Room



## READY FOR ANIMALS!

After operating for many years without a central location, the Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska is finally able to house animals! The animal shelter has an extensive group of foster homes and volunteers which they will continue to utilize along with the new facility.

Upon entering the new facility, the first thing visitors will see are two large display/play areas for the cats. The shelter also has 26 cat kennels and 30 dog kennels for general use and 10 cat and 3 dog isolation kennels for new intake. The isolation kennels will give the animals time to adapt to being contained.

The Animal Shelter will be a great addition to our community, thank you for letting us be a part of your great project!



Top left: Animal Shelter Board Members, Volunteers and Norfolk Area Chamber Ambassadors at the Ribbon Cutting  
Middle Left: Cat Room; Middle Right: Cat Display & Play area;  
Bottom Left: Food Prep Area; Bottom Right: Dog Room



# BUMPER STICKER HUMOR

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

There are two reasons for doing anything - a good reason and the real reason.

After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

All warranties expire when the last payment is made.

Almost everything in life is easier to get into than to get out of.

Always try to stop talking before people stop listening.

Any issue worth debating is worth avoiding altogether.

Before you give someone a piece of your mind, be sure you can spare it.

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A: Pilgrims!

Q: What goes up when rain comes down?

A: An umbrella!

Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A: During Ape-ril showers!

Q: What can be seen in the middle of April but not at the beginning or end?

A: The letter R!

Q: What did one raindrop say to the other raindrop?

A: My plop is bigger than your plop!

Q: Why don't mother kangaroos like rainy days?

A: The kids have to play inside!

Q: What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

A: You have to be careful not to step in a poodle!

Q: What do clouds wear under their raincoats?

A: Thunderwear!



## QUICK TIPS

Outdoor lighting is a beautiful way to update your home's appearance, but take care not to up your energy bill with these lights. A typical 100-watt floodlight used six hours per day can cost up to \$40 in electricity costs. Instead replace outdoor lights with compact fluorescent versions or upgrade to LED lights. You'll cut your energy costs by over 80 percent, and these bulbs can last up to 10 years.

If you are putting your house up for sale, you may be looking for ways to update it to get a better selling price. But surprisingly, the number one thing you can do to increase the value of your home is simply clean it. Prospective buyers notice a dingy house and can be turned off by that. Decluttering and cleaning makes your home feel clean and welcoming, which can help sell it quickly and for the best price possible.

Want to save money and get smarter at the same time? Next time you are looking for an entertainment option, head to your local library. You'll find books on every topic imaginable, but that is only the beginning. You can pick up music, movies, and magazines, take a class, enjoy children's programs, and find a quiet place to relax and enjoy learning. And it's free, making it the best financial choice for entertainment.

The average life of a cell phone is 18 months--not because it quits working, but because people upgrade to newer models rather quickly. That means lots of phones are discarded each year. To recycle your phone instead, you can donate it to one of the many charities that collect used cell phones. They will repurpose it for use by others, refurbish it and sell it to raise money, or will contract with a recycling company to extract the metals and plastics in your phone.



## An Irish Proposal

A young Irish lad finally got around to proposing to his sweetheart, and he chose St. Patrick's Day to do it. The lass proudly showed off the ring to everyone, including her father, who happened to be a jeweler. It only took a moment for her father to announce to her that it wasn't a real diamond. The young girl stormed back to her fiancé and angrily berated him about his cheapness. "But darling," he protested, "I did that in honor of St. Patrick's Day. You see, I gave you a sham rock."

## Struggling Pitcher

A rookie pitcher was having a hard time pitching the game. The catcher became frustrated and walked out to talk with him.

"I know what your problem is," he said to the pitcher. "After one specific point in every game, you lose your focus."



"What point is that?" asked the pitcher.

"Right after the National Anthem," replied the catcher.

## Out of Stock

The manager of a gardening center overheard one of his employees talking to a customer. "No," said the employee, "we haven't had any of that for a while. And I don't think we'll be getting soon."

The customer headed out the door, and the manager angrily approached the employee. "Never tell a customer we can't get something. Anything they want, we can special order it and have it delivered to their home. Do you understand?"

The employee nodded slowly.

"Well, what did he want?" asked the manager.

"Rain," replied the employee.

## Trivia Quiz

Think you learned a lot in school? Test your pencil knowledge with this back to school trivia quiz.



### True or False?

1. More than 2 billion pencils are used in the United States every year.
2. Most pencils sold in Europe do not have erasers.
3. The typical pencil can draw a line 150 miles long.
4. A pencil will write in zero gravity, upside down, and under water.
5. Eraser manufacturers call pencil erasers "sockets."
6. There is actually no lead in pencils.
7. The higher the number marked on a pencil, the softer the center of the pencil is.
8. John Steinbeck, who wrote "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Cannery Row," used as many as 60 cedar pencils every day.
9. Pencils were standard issue for soldiers during the Civil War.
10. Pencils were first painted yellow to make them easy to find in the dark.

### Answers:

1. True.
2. True.
3. False. It can draw a line 35 miles long.
4. True.
5. False. They call them "plugs."
6. True. They are made with a mixture of graphite and clay.
7. False. A higher number indicates a harder writing core.
8. True.
9. True.
10. False. Yellow pencils indicated that they were produced using Asian graphite, a superior form of graphite.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

2015 was a successful year for Beckenhauer Construction and we thank all of our employees. After being selected by his peers we are excited to announce Ben Fink as our 2015 employee of the year and our first two time winner. Ben is our head estimator and plays an important role in creating and reviewing budgets during preconstruction among other tasks. Ben has also become active in our Safety Committee and is a part of our Management Team. Congratulations Ben and we thank you for all of your hard work.

