

AGC OF NEBRASKA, PROJECT OF THE YEAR



Beckenhauer Construction was recently awarded the Build Nebraska **Project of the Year Award** for Norfolk Veterans Home Heroes Park. The Park included a Flag Plaza to honor our Nation's Heroes and a large outdoor space with an open air pavilion, walking paths, picnic area, play areas, and covered benches. The Flag Plaza incorporates four stations of memory tiles that include SmartTags that can be scanned with a tablet or smart phone and the viewer is sent

to a website with information about the veteran. The design of the open air pavilion is also very unique and needs to be seen from above to be truly appreciated. The roof of the building forms a star and creates a very visually pleasing building. This project took five years of planning, fund raising, and construction and was made possible by significant donations of time, money and materials by many local businesses and members of Northeast Nebraska. Heroes Park is a very important and valued addition to the Norfolk Community that needs to be experienced to be truly appreciated.



Top Left: Aerial view of the open air Pavilion at Heroes park

Bottom Right: Flag Plaza at Heroes Park

Bottom Left: Joe Beckenhauer receiving the Build NE Award from Governor Heineman

BUMPER STICKER HUMOR

Reality is whatever refuses to go away after I stop believing in it.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

Don't worry what people think—they don't do it very often.

Sure, I've seen people like you before—but I had to pay admission.

My mind not only wanders. Sometimes it leaves completely.

I have an open mind—it's just closed for repairs.

Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.

Some people are wise, and some are otherwise.

Why are wise men and wise guys the exact opposite?

Q: Why didn't the pirate's phone work?

A: Because he left it off the hook!

Q: Where do pirates store their gym clothes?

A: In Davy Jones' locker!

Q: What do you call a pirate that skips class?

A: Captain Hooky!

Q: Why did the pirate buy his earring at the dollar store?

A: Because he only wanted to pay a buck an ear!

Q: What grades do pirates get in school?

A: High Cs!

Q: What do you get when you cross a pirate with a zucchini?

A: A squashbuckler!

Q: Why did the pirate have a roll of paper towels on his hat?

A: Because he had a bounty on his head!

Q: When is the best time to buy a new pirate ship?

A: When it's on sail!

Q: What is a pirate's favorite subject in school?

A: Arrrrrrt!



QUICK TIPS

Bread should never be stored in the refrigerator. It speeds up the process of losing moisture, which causes bread to go stale. If you want to store the bread longer than a day or two, place it in the freezer. This is especially important for gluten-free bread that goes stale much more quickly than regular bread.

When you are staying in a hotel, if you get a call to your room saying there is a problem with your credit card payment, you should hang up and call the front desk back. It could be a fraudulent caller, trying to get your card number. By calling the front desk back, you will know if the call is legitimate or not.

To store scarves, take a sturdy wooden clothes hanger and place several shower curtain rings onto the lower bar of the hanger. Slip a scarf through each ring and then loop the scarf through itself to secure the scarf and keep it from slipping. You can usually fit a dozen or more scarves on a single hanger. This method also allows you to easily see your scarf collection all at once simply by pulling the hanger off of the rod.

In cold weather, it can be tempting to hurry along the warming up of your engine by racing the engine during start-up, but this eventually can lead to excess wear to your engine. Letting your car idle in the driveway also does not help it to warm up more efficiently. Instead, begin your drive right after starting your car, accelerating slowly as it warms up. After about ten minutes, your vehicle will be running its best.

Always have your keys in hand when approaching your parked vehicle. This keeps you from fumbling for your key and allows you to enter and lock your vehicle quickly, reducing your risk of sudden attack. You can also carry your keys with one protruding between your knuckles, which can serve as a makeshift weapon in the event of a surprise attack.

Trivia Quiz: The United States

GONE FISHING

A man was speeding down the highway, feeling safe knowing that all the other cars around him were going just as fast as he was. So he was surprised when he was pulled over by a police officer.

The officer handed him his citation and was about to walk away when the man said, "Hey, officer, I know that I was speeding, but I don't think it's fair that I was the only one pulled over."

"You ever go fishin'?" asked the officer.

"Um, yeah..." replied the startled man.

The officer grinned. "Well, did you ever catch them all?"



MOVING VIOLATION

A man was driving through a school zone when he saw a flash. Realizing that he had fallen victim to a speed camera, he quickly glanced down at his speedometer. Thinking he was within the legal speed limit, he immediately became irate and was determined to prove himself correct.

He drove through the school zone again, this time more slowly. Again the radar camera flashed. He went through again, this time ten miles an hour under the posted speed limit. The camera flashed again.

Indignant, he drove straight to the closest police station to complain that the radar and camera were malfunctioning. The police officer told him to wait for the tickets in the mail and then he could contest them in court.

Finally, the man received three violations in the mail. He opened them up and groaned when he saw that he had received three traffic tickets, each for not wearing a seat belt.

1. There are ten states with more than one word in their name. Four of them start with "New." What are the other six?
2. Which two letters of the alphabet begin more state names than any others?
3. In what state was the greatest snowfall recorded in one month?
4. What state is nicknamed the "Volunteer State?"
5. What state is the birthplace of the most U.S. Presidents?
6. What was the first state to give women the right to vote?
7. What letter of the alphabet does not appear in the name of any state?
8. What state was the last admitted to the United States?
9. Which is the least populated state capital in the U.S.?
10. How many U.S. states border Canada?



Answers:

1. North Dakota, South Dakota, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Rhode Island.
2. M and N.
3. California.
4. Tennessee.
5. Virginia.
6. Wyoming.
7. Q.
8. Hawaii in 1959.
9. Montpelier, Vermont.
10. Ten.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Beckenhauer Construction is once again celebrating a successful year and wishes to recognize one of our many high quality employees for employee of the year. Selected by his peers, this years' employee of the year is Brandon Benson. Brandon is being recognized for his strong work ethic, quality of work, and most important, his great attitude. Congratulations Brandon on a job well done.

Joe Beckenhauer presenting the Employee of the Year plaque to Brandon Benson.



Merry Christmas

At this Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. We never forget that without you, our clients, employees and building team partners, our business would not exist. We deeply thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Prosperity.

Our Mission... To provide unparalleled service to our clients and to strive for superior performance and absolute reliability.

Our Vision... To focus our unwavering dedication to the task of turning our client's vision into a reality.

Our Value... To hold to the standards of quality, reliability, integrity, honesty, and a caring Christian work environment.