

## AGC OF NEBRASKA, BUILD NEBRASKA AWARD

For the 4th year in a row, Beckenhauer Construction has received a Build Nebraska Award. This year our project at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point received honorable mention in the category of Building Renovation - Any Amount.

St. Francis was a multi-phase project including a new addition and renovation of approximately 81,000SF. New and renovated areas included 23 private patient rooms, 2 new labor and delivery rooms, clinic exam rooms, new entry canopy, healing garden, cafeteria and dining area, lab and rehab unit.



Left: New addition at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, West Point, NE  
Below: Bill Beckenhauer receiving the Build NE Award from Governor Heineman



As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped us shape our business. 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.

# BUMPER STICKER HUMOR

We never really grow up. We just learn how to act in public.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Be alert. The world needs more lerts.

Never believe generalizations.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

Where in the nursery rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty is an egg?

You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely.

You know you are getting older when Happy Hour is a nap.

Relish today-ketchup tomorrow.

I'm an optimist, but I don't think it is helping.

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Q: Why do hummingbirds hum?

A: Because they don't know the words!

Q: What bird is with you at every meal?

A: A swallow!

Q: Why do birds fly south for the winter?

A: Because it is too far to walk!

Q: Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

A: Because if they flew over the bay they would be bagels!

Q: How did the bubble gum cross the road?

A: On the bottom of the chicken's foot!

Q: What do you call a clever duck?

A: A wise quacker!

Q: When should you buy a bird?

A: When it's going cheep!

Q: What do you call a sick eagle?

A: Illegal!

Q: What does a crow do in a cornfield?

A: It goes in one ear and out the other!

## CATCHING SNOWFLAKES

Snowflakes are fascinating things. To really understand what they look like, you need to see them up close. But how do you do that when they melt so quickly? You can catch them!

Mount some black construction paper or velvet to a piece of cardboard. Place your board outside where it can come to outside temperature without getting any snow on it. Once your board is cold enough, you can use it to catch snowflakes. To move them around, use a toothpick or a small soft paintbrush. Use a magnifying glass to get a close up look at your snowflakes.

Want to keep your snowflakes longer? Get a small piece of glass or a microscope slide and place it in the freezer. When you are ready to catch your snowflakes, take the glass out of the freezer and spray it with hairspray or artist's fixative. Catch snowflakes on the glass and then bring it indoors. After the snowflake dries completely, you will have a permanent shape on the glass. Use a microscope to get an even closer look.



## WINTER PET CARE

It can be tough to be a dog or cat in the winter. They are stuck indoors more often and navigating the cold, snow, and ice of the outdoors can be tricky. These tips can make winter easier on both you and your pet.

### Make Them Comfortable

If your dog must remain outside, make his or her dog house as cozy as possible. It should be lined with blankets, preferably over a bed of straw or hay. Cover the entrance with a flap to keep out the wind. A dog house that is too big will not stay warm, so make sure that it just fits your dog. If you have a cat that is used to going outside, make sure that you have an accessible cat door that is left unlocked at all times. It should be checked periodically to make sure it is clear of snow and has not frozen shut.

### Feed Them Well

Make sure that outdoor water bowls don't freeze over. Your pets will burn more calories in the winter as their bodies work to stay warm. You may need to adjust your pet's diet accordingly. Talk to your vet to see if any changes need to be made.



## WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS YEAR?

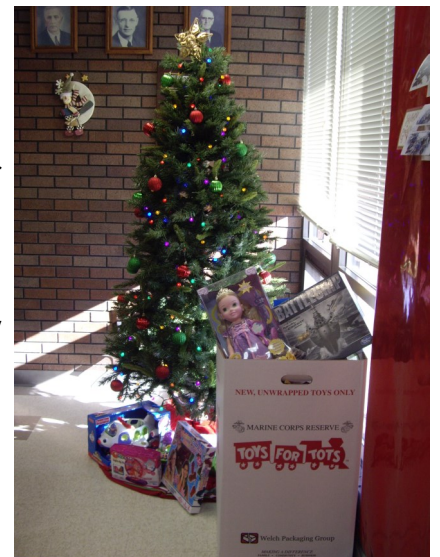


This summer Bill Beckenhauer helped out the Norfolk Arts Center with a day of "Fort Building". The Arts Center offers activities for children throughout the summer. The children learned you need a good base to start with and they went wild from there. The completed fort on the right included tunnels, doorways and windows!



The company picnic this summer was a "splashing" success! Kids young and old enjoyed going down the inflatable slip n slide.

Tis the Season....  
For several years now, Beckenhauer Construction has participated in the Toys for Tots program. As you can see in the picture, our employees are very generous and donations are overflowing!



A Team Building exercise, building towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, at our year end meeting proved to be quite the challenge! The picture at the far right was the winning team of Steve Gaasch, Scott Johnson, Del Fuelberth, Brent Fox and Terry Sparks. Way to work together!





## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again, we recently announced our employee of the year, Owen Jacobsen. Owen is one of our Superintendents. Owen was selected by his peers for his willingness to always go the extra mile and help out any way he can. Congratulations Owen on a job well done!



## SAFETY FIRST!

For the fifth year in a row Beckenhauer Construction has received an AGC of America Safety Award. This recognition is earned for compiling an excellent safety record of zero safety incidences during the past three years. A big THANK YOU to **Jeff Ackerman**, our Safety Director, and all Beckenhauer employees for making this happen.