

Joe Beckenhauer elected to AGC Board of Directors



President, Joe Beckenhauer, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), Nebraska Chapter. He will serve a three-year term on the board.

Joe also serves on the Legislative Committee. The purpose of the committee is to review upcoming legislation for lobbying purposes. The Administrative Director, Jean Petsch, then goes in front of the legislature to state the committee's viewpoints. Joe explained, "This lobbying is the only real voice that constructors have. Sometimes the legislation suggested can be illogical or really drive up costs, drastically effecting what happens in the industry."

Benefits of being a General Contractor Member include awareness of opportunities for training and grants available to members and having input on the legislation that affects them. The group also helps to build industry partnerships, provide networking opportunities, and develop the industry workforce.

At the AGC Nebraska meetings, the members discuss ways

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Homestead Welcome Center Project, Vermillion, SD

The Homestead Welcome Center project was finished nearly two months ahead of schedule. Because the weather is delaying landscaping, the grand opening will be announced at a later date.

A new single-story structure was built to replace the existing rest area. The building includes: restrooms, a family restroom, storage space, welcome center/exhibit space and mechanical room. The sidewalks, parking space, picnic areas, and exterior lighting were also renovated. Four and a half miles of new rural water line was put in to provide adequate water supply to the rest area.

The pre-cast tipi structure was a part of the original site. The concrete pad below it was re-poured and new lighting was added to illuminate the sculpture. There are nine landmark tipis on Interstate 90 in South Dakota.



The Homestead structure is finished and awaiting landscaping, weather pending.



Natural light streams in from the structure's many large windows.

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Homestead Welcome Center Project, cont.



Timber trusses and a metal barn door add character to the exhibit hall.



The new bathrooms have six units each.



Currently, the team is waiting for the weather to cooperate so landscapers can be brought in.

Women's Empowering Life Line (WELL) Project, Norfolk, NE

Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. worked with Women's Empowering Life Line (WELL) to renovate the old Nebraska Christian College in Norfolk. This building began as a one-story chapel and was being used as a storage and meeting space. Beckenhauer Construction renovated the space, providing two levels of office, support and counseling space to accommodate WELL functions. The new two-story area includes two family visitation rooms, one bathroom, six staff offices, and two group meeting spaces.

Structural elements included a slab on metal deck with truss supports. The deck is set on the existing masonry brick along the sides and a new bearing masonry wall in the center. New footings were poured to support the new bearing wall. In order for the building to meet city efficiency requirements, all existing masonry

walls were insulated with rigid foam and have drywall framed walls built in front of that. Insulation was also installed above the ceiling tile on the second floor for temperature control and energy code adherence.



For Kids of All Ages...

Q: Did you hear about the human cannonball?
A: He got fired!

Q: Why did the cabbage win the race?
A: Because it was a head!

Q: Why did the clown go to the doctor?
A: He was feeling a little funny!

Q: What happened to the elephant who ran away with the circus?
A: The police made him bring it back!

Q: Why couldn't the teddy bear eat his lunch?
A: Because he was stuffed!

Q: What happened when the magician got mad?
A: He pulled his hare out!

Q: Why did the clown wear loud socks?
A: So his feet wouldn't fall asleep!

Q: Why are the elephants in the circus so poor?
A: Because they work for peanuts!

Q: What day do potatoes hate the most?
A: Fry-day!

Q: Why did the baker stop making doughnuts?
A: She was bored with the hole business!

Q: What is the best thing to put into a pie?
A: Your teeth!

Q: What did Baby Corn say to Mama Corn?
A: Where's Pop?

Q: Why was the cucumber mad?
A: Because it was in a pickle!

Q: What do you get when a chicken lays an egg on top of a barn?
A: An eggroll!

Q: What did the angry customer at the Italian restaurant give the chef?
A: A pizza of his mind!

The Price of Fish

A couple of city slickers decide to go fishing for the first time. They rent all their gear: reels, rods, wading suits, a rowboat, a 4-wheel drive vehicle, and even a cabin in the woods.

The first day they head out fishing, but don't catch a thing. This continues for the second and third day. Finally, on the fourth and last day, one of the men catches a single fish.



As they drive home, one of the men says, "Do you realize that this lousy fish cost us over two thousand dollars?"

"Wow!" says the other guy. "Well, it is a good thing we only caught the one!"

Teamwork

A minivan pulled into a campsite one evening. Three kids jumped out and began to quickly unload the camping gear. In just a few minutes, the family had set up the tent and the children were off gathering firewood. The mother and father set up the camp stove and unpacked the rest of the gear. Within 15 minutes, the entire campsite was set up and the kids ran off quickly.

A fellow camper came up to the mother and father and said, "I have to say, that is one of the best examples of teamwork I've even seen! How do you get your kids to help out like that?"

"Well," said the dad, "I have a system. No one goes to the bathroom until camp is set up."



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to maintain and grow membership. They also organize events and activities, including continuous education opportunities and the Fall Social.

The continuous education opportunities include trainings (which they try to provide at little or no cost to members) covering topics from Superintendent Training Programs to OSHA trainings. These opportunities allow members to grow in their field, benefitting each individual along with the companies they represent.

At the Fall Social event, the AGC announces the year's awards, including the Quality People awards, the Safety award and the Build Nebraska award. Beckenhauer Construction has earned eight of the Build Nebraska awards. For more info on our most recent win, visit bit.ly/2UMhmSc. According to the AGC website, "The Nebraska Building Chapter AGC Build Nebraska Awards are given in recognition of excellence in the construction industry. These prestigious awards are given to projects selected by a panel of a contractor's toughest critics — industry peers from other regions. Judges look for projects that have excelled in the following areas: state-of-the-art advancement, excel-

lence in project management, innovation in construction or use of materials, contribution to the community, superiority in client service, rising to the challenge of a difficult job, and sensitive treatment of the environment and surroundings."

Beckenhauer Construction is a long-time member of the AGC. Lowell (Buster) Beckenhauer served on the Board of Directors for the Building Chapter from 2009-2012 and was on the Legislative Committee starting in 2008 until 2018 when Joe took his place. In Buster's time there, the most notable legislation included changes made to the laws surrounding Construction Management for public entities. The prior statues were so unworkable that CM for public entities was either done outside of that legislation or not at all. Mike Flood was speaker of the Legislature at the time, so Buster requested his help. With Mike's help and the backing of the AGC and their board, the committee was successful in making important changes. Construction Management has since become very widely used in the public sector.

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 safety, quality, reliability, honesty, and a caring Christian work environment.