

## **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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## **Cherry County Hospital, Valentine, Ne**

The Cherry County Hospital (CCH) project consists of a 46,000SF multi-phase addition and renovation to the hospital. The additions included eight new state-of-the-art patient rooms, two operating rooms, one procedure room, two labor and delivery rooms and new ambulance garage, as well as a connecting corridor to the existing dialysis area. Renovated areas will include new radiology facilities, locker rooms, laundry facilities, CT scan, staff dining, a new nurse station, patient rooms, pharmacy upgrades and chemotherapy services.

During initial design, the design and construction teams realized how complicated phasing was going to be on the project. With two large additions and major renovation to most of the Hospital, a plan needed to be developed early for construction activities to go smoothly for everyone. We involved the MEP engineers due to the major upgrades of existing chillers, boilers and electrical systems. Because the engineers knew the conceptual phasing plan before starting any design work, they understood where piping could be run to ensure systems



New patient rooms provide more space and better functionality.



New, custom headwall systems allow easier access to equipment.



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## Cherry County Hospital, cont.

were operational when specific areas of the building needed to be turned over to the owner.

After the initial phasing, we involved the administration, staff and doctors to ensure their day to day activities would remain operational with minimal impact. With their input, we made adjustments that satisfied the needs of both the client and the construction team while keeping phasing and overall construction duration inline. Discussing these items early in the design process helped everyone tremendously and eliminated frustration from the Owner and staff perspective once construction started. These discussions also allowed the design team to draw everything with the knowledge of how the building needed to come together. With four major phases and several sub phases within each, planning ahead eliminated surprises for all involved and allowed construction to progress without delays.

### Upcoming Milestones:

CT/Imaging Area is slated for turnover at the end of April. We are currently working to finish out existing surgery space for the brand-new CT machine and Imaging Center which will include a new ultrasound room, mammography room, CT room, office space and waiting room. The new Imaging area will help the hospital with functionality and flow of work as well as provide the patients with updated facilities and machines. The main focus will be turning over the CT room to keep the hospital operational as the other areas follow in behind, allowing the hospital to operate seamlessly and minimizing down time as we complete construction.

Crews are currently working in the East Wing of

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

Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. worked with Women's Empowering Life Line (WELL) to renovate the old Stonacek Funeral Chapel 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

the hospital to renovate the existing patient rooms. Once complete, the rooms will be larger and modernized. We are currently installing custom headwall systems that will allow the staff to have all the necessary medical gases, monitors and electrical equipment sitting bedside, minimizing clutter and maximizing efficiency. These new patient rooms will better accommodate the patients' and staff's everyday needs, similarly to the patient rooms in the new addition that we completed at CCH last year. The hospital staff and community has enjoyed the functionality and space that the new rooms have already provided and are excited to expand into these rooms as well. A brand-new nurse station in the East Wing will provide updated looks and ergonomics for the staff at CCH. The East Patient Wing is scheduled for Summer 2019 completion.



Sterile storage room in the surgery suite outside of the operating rooms.

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](http://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 statutes 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.

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