

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

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.

Some of our successes this year:

We received another AGC Safety Award this year! 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!

We received Honorable Mention in the AGC Build Nebraska Awards for our project at Box Butte General Hospital. The Build Nebraska Awards are intended to promote a greater appreciation of the work AGC member firms produce. Also, by recognizing the very best, we promote outstanding performance and quality construction throughout the entire state. This is the 8th time in 8 years we have received Honorable Mention or higher!

We have successfully completed several projects this year including:

- Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance, NE – addition & renovation
- Wayne State College Conn Library in Wayne, NE - renovation
- Avera Sacred Heart in Yankton, SD - linear accelerator renovation
- Seward County Justice Center in Seward, NE - new facility
- Wis-Pak in Norfolk, NE - addition & renovation

Christmas Jokes!

Q: Where do you find reindeer?

A: It depends on where you leave them!

Q: Who is a Christmas tree's favorite singer?

A: Spruce Springsteen!

Q: What's Santa's favorite snack food?

A: Crisp Pringles!

Q: How is the alphabet different on Christmas than any other day?

A: On Christmas, it has Noel!

Q: Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card?

A: Because he went down in History!

Q: Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?

A: It needed to be trimmed!

Q: How did Scrooge win the football game?

A: The ghost of Christmas passed!

Q: How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?

A: He was hooked on tress his whole life!

Q: Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past?

A: Because the present's beneath them!

Q: Where does the snowman hide his money?

A: In the snowbank!

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride?

A: Holly Davidson!

Q: What is a parent's favorite Christmas carol?

A: Silent Night!

Q: What do you get from a cow at the North Pole?

A: Ice Cream!

Q: Which reindeer likes to clean?

A: Comet!

Q: Why do mummy's like the holidays?

A: Because of all the wrapping!

Q: What do Santa's elves learn in school?

A: The Elfabet!

Q: What do Santa's elves drive?

A: Minivans!

QUICK TIPS

Nuts are packed with healthy protein and fats, including omega-3 fatty acids. These have been shown to boost mental functioning. Not only are nuts nutritious, they can also help you avoid overeating. Snacking on a handful of nuts half an hour before a meal will help you keep your appetite in control.

If you become stranded in your car during bad weather due to mechanical problems or an accident, remember that the safest place is in your car. Leaving your car exposes you to the elements and to other vehicles that may lose control in the extreme conditions. Run the engine and heater if possible for 10 minutes every hour and make sure the tailpipe is not blocked so that carbon monoxide does not build up in your vehicle.



If you'd love to remodel a room, but don't have the funds in your budget, try some free updates instead. The easiest and most effective is to simply rearrange your furniture. This gives a fresh look to your room for no cost. Remove clutter and give everything a good cleaning. You can also swap out throw pillows, art work, furniture, and plants from other rooms to get a whole new look.

Learning new skills can save you big bucks over your lifetime. Basic car maintenance, home repair, landscaping, financial management, and cooking skills can all be acquired with a keen interest and some good resources. Read forums on the internet, watch how-to video, and ask a handy friend for advice. You'll save money by not needing to pay for these services.

If your child is saving for a big purchase but doesn't have quite enough to cover the cost, resist the temptation to help them pay for it. This is a great opportunity to learn about saving and waiting until you actually have the money to pay for something. If you want to help them, rather than simply giving them the extra money, lend it to them. Then set up a repayment plan and explain that they will have to pay back more than they borrowed. This helps them learn the cost of debt and that repayment is important and costly.

Entering Heaven

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

"In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses.

St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?"

The man replied, "They're Carol's."



A CHRISTMAS GIFT

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake jeep?"



NAME THAT CHRISTMAS CAROL!

1. 5 pm to 6 am without noise
2. Miniscule hamlet in the far east
3. Ancient benevolent despot
4. Exuberance directed to the planet
5. Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing
6. Monarchial trio
7. Assemble, everyone who believes
8. Hallowed post meridian
9. Fantasies of a colorless December 25th
10. Tin tintinnabulums
11. A dozen 24-hour Yule periods
12. Befell during the transparent bewitching hour
13. Homo sapiens of crystallized vapor
14. Perambulating through a December solstice fantasy
15. Aloft on the acme of the abode
16. Hey There! The announcing celestial beings carol
17. On commencement of Yuletide my honey bestowed upon me
18. Decorate the passage with branches of evergreen sprigs

Answers:

1. Silent Night
2. O' Little Town of Bethlehem
3. Good King Wenceslas
4. Joy to the World
5. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
6. We Three Kings
7. Come All Ye Faithful
8. O Holy Night
9. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
10. Silver Bells
11. The Twelve Days of Christmas
12. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
13. Frosty the Snowman
14. Walking Through a Winter Wonderland
15. Up On the Roof
16. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
17. On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me-
18. Deck the halls with boughs of holly



Projects we are currently working on:

- Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, NE - renovation
- Cherry County Hospital in Valentine, NE - addition & renovation
- Jennie M Melham Medical Center in Broken Bow, NE - clinic renovation
- BankFirst in Norfolk, NE - renovation
- Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE - renovation



Joe Beckenhauer (left) and Don Shum (right)

2017 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 Don Shum as our 2017 employee of the year. Don has been a Superintendent for Beckenhauer for nearly 8 years and completed our largest recent project at the Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance earlier this year. Along with being on our safety committee Don is currently running the Cherry County Hospital Project in Valentine NE. Thank you Don for all of your hard work and setting a good example for the rest of us.