

Codington County Jail and Law Enforcement Center Watertown, SD

Beckenhauer Construction recently joined community leaders, county officials, and law enforcement representatives to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Codington County Jail and Law Enforcement Center in Watertown, South Dakota. The event marked the official start of a project that will significantly expand and modernize correctional and public safety facilities for the county.

The 59,900 SF new build will include housing and support spaces designed to meet current and future needs. The facility will feature 88 beds for male housing, 20 beds for female housing, and 4 beds for juvenile housing, along with associated intake, support, processing, and office spaces. Additional project components include new parking areas and two detention ponds around the site, ensuring both accessibility and effective stormwater management.

Construction is now well underway. Following the August 18th groundbreaking, crews are preparing the site for footings and foundation concrete pours, while also developing temporary site access roads and installing underground utilities. These early stages are critical for setting the groundwork of the facility and ensuring that construction progresses smoothly.

A particularly interesting feature of the project is its specialized support spaces. The facility will house multiple equipment rooms, including laundry

and food service areas that require recessed slab-on-grade construction, as well as elevated concrete slabs for the secure control rooms. These design elements highlight the complexity of the project and the high level of coordination required to bring it to life.

The new Codington County Jail and Law Enforcement Center will not only provide safe and efficient housing but also integrate essential support services within one modern facility. With work now progressing on site, this project represents a major step forward for the community's public safety infrastructure and Beckenhauer Construction is proud to play a part in making it a reality.



Rendering of the Codington County Jail and Law Enforcement Center. The 59,900 SF new build will include housing and support spaces designed to meet current and future needs.



Ceremonial shovels used for the August 18th groundbreaking event. Following the event, crews prepare the site for the beginning of construction.



Joe Beckenhauer joined community leaders, county officials, and law enforcement representatives as they broke ground at the ceremony.

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Western Nebraska Community College **Scottsbluff, NE**

John N. Harms Center Health Sciences Building

Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) is undergoing a transformation that will leave a lasting mark on healthcare education in the region. The John N. Harms Center Health Sciences Building project is more than construction, it's an investment in the next generation of nurses, healthcare providers, and educators who will serve the community for decades to come.

The work includes 33,000 SF of renovations and over 9,000 SF of additions, including a second-floor expansion, an entry link, and a reimagined lobby. Inside, students will benefit from state-of-the-art nursing labs, simulation spaces, classrooms, and offices designed to mirror real-world healthcare environments. Two fully equipped Mock Operating Rooms with functioning lights, oxygen, and suction outlets will allow students to practice in lifelike settings before entering clinical rotations.

The new lobby area is designed to inspire, featuring terrazzo stair treads, glass handrails, wood plank ceilings, bold geometric wall patterns, and floor-to-ceiling windows that flood the space with natural light. Together, these features strike a balance between professionalism and comfort, creating a welcoming space for students and staff alike.

Now 11 months into construction, we've completed the Owner/Architect punch walk of the lower level and performed the BCI punch walk of the main level and exterior. Throughout the project, WNCC has continued operating in nearby areas, a testament to strong coordination between our team, the architects, and the college.

Recently, the construction site itself served a greater purpose, it became a training ground for future lifesavers. The Scottsbluff Fire Department requested access to a steep portion of the site to simulate victim recovery and transport in challenging terrain. We

were happy to provide the space, asking only that crews steer clear while training was underway. It was a proud reminder that this project is not only about building for the college, but also about contributing to the wider community.

As completion nears, excitement is building. The renovated Harms Building will soon be more than a facility, it will be a hub of opportunity, where students gain the skills they need to succeed and WNCC's commitment to excellence in education is brought to life in a very real way.



The John N. Harms Center Health Sciences Building project will create a new and improved learning environment for the next generation of nurses, healthcare providers and educators.



The Scottsbluff fire department utilizing the hilly job site to simulate victim recovery and transport in challenging terrain.



This project is 33,000 SF of renovation with a 1,160SF addition which will provide WNCC with a modern facility for their students.



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Prime Stop **Norfolk, NE**

Beckenhauer Construction is nearing completion on the new Prime Stop in Norfolk, Nebraska. This 6,000 SF facility has been an exciting project for our team, designed to bring a modern and convenient truck stop to Highway 275. With fuel, food, and amenities, Prime Stop will serve as a much needed stop for travelers and a valuable addition for the Norfolk community.

We are now in the closing stages of construction, with only punch list items left to finish. It's rewarding to see the project come together after months of planning and building, transforming the site into a space that will soon welcome both residents and visitors.



The 6,000 SF facility located right off Highway 275, complete with a convenience store, fuel pumps, and a dog run.

What makes this project particularly meaningful is the role it will play in supporting both the local economy and those who depend on reliable services while on the road. Truck stops like Prime Stop are more than just a place to refuel, they serve as a hub for connection, convenience, and community.

As we wrap up, we're proud of the collaboration and effort that went into this development and look forward to seeing the Prime Stop officially open its doors. This project stands as another example of how Beckenhauer Construction continues to build with purpose and strengthen communities across Nebraska.



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Sarpy County Demolition **Papillion, NE**

Work is underway at the Sarpy County Administration Campus, where our team is helping transform the site to better serve the community. A key part of this effort is the demolition of two significant structures, the Old Sarpy County Jail, a 54,088 SF building, and the West Annex Building, a 14,880 SF facility. Removing these buildings will open space for a much-needed expansion of the campus's parking capacity. When complete, the new lot will feature 217 total stalls, increasing from the existing 61 to an additional 156 spaces for employees, visitors, and the public.

The project is currently progressing through utility installation and paving operations. Laying this groundwork ensures that the new parking lot will not only be functional but also sustainable for years to come. One particularly innovative feature being implemented is the ADS StormTech system, a subsurface stormwater management solution built beneath the parking lot. This system works by detaining runoff water in underground storage chambers, allowing it to be released gradually at a controlled volume. By



The demolition is a process of precision.

regulating the flow of stormwater, the system prevents overwhelming the city's storm sewer network, supporting both environmental stewardship and long-term infrastructure resilience.

While the project is focused on improving access and usability at the Administration Campus, it is also being carried out with great attention to public safety. The construction zone is surrounded by ongoing county operations, meaning our crews are working in close proximity to employees and visitors daily. Extra precautions are in place to safeguard both the public and our team, from traffic coordination to site barriers and clear signage. Maintaining safety while ensuring efficient progress has been a central priority from the start.

This project represents more than just additional parking, it's an investment in the future of Sarpy

County's administration hub. By reimagining underutilized space, incorporating advanced stormwater management, and expanding capacity for the growing community, the County is ensuring its facilities remain functional, accessible, and prepared for continued growth.

Clay County Jail & Law Enforcement Center Vermillion, SD

The new Clay County Law Enforcement Center and Jail in Vermillion, South Dakota, is entering its final stages, marking a major milestone for both Clay County and the City of Vermillion. With a total building footprint of 64,803 SF, the facility brings together multiple public safety services under one roof, creating a more efficient and collaborative environment for the community.

Construction is wrapping up with architectural punch list items being finalized, and the project is nearly ready to be turned over for full use. Once open, the facility will house the Clay County Law Enforcement Center and Jail, the Clay County 911/ Emergency Dispatch Center, the Clay County Emergency Management Center, and the Vermillion Police Department Law Enforcement Center. The new jail includes 54 beds for inmates and an additional 8 work release beds, providing capacity for 62 inmates at full occupancy.

One of the most distinctive aspects of this project is its role as a consolidated hub for law enforcement and emergency management. By combining multiple

agencies in a single facility, the new center will strengthen communication, streamline operations, and better serve the public.

The success of this project has been made possible through the collaboration of many dedicated partners, including Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe, Vermillion Police Chief Crystal Brady, Owners Representative Group Tegra, the design team at JLG, detention consultant Mark Ludgatis, Beckenhauer Construction, numerous subcontractors, and the City of Vermillion. Each contributed expertise and commitment to bring the vision of a modern, efficient law enforcement and emergency services facility to reality.

Rather than being viewed simply as the completion of another building, this project stands out as a highlight, an example of teamwork, planning, and execution that has delivered lasting value. The Clay County Law Enforcement Center and Jail will serve the community for years to come, supporting safety, preparedness, and collaboration across the region.



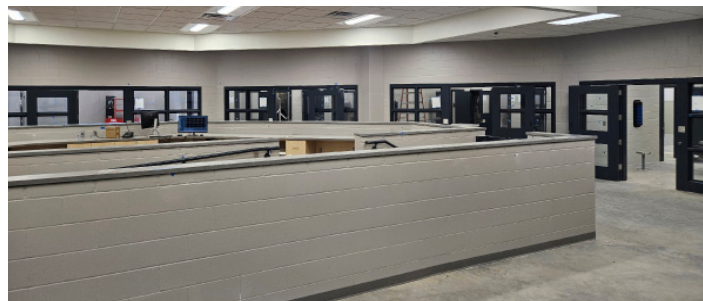
The new signage went up for the Clay County Jail and Law Enforcement Center this summer.



The 62,500SF facility is nearing the finish line, soon to home the Vermillion Police Department and Clay County Sheriff's Department.



The entrance to the building complete with new signage and landscaping.



The secure control bullpen at the center of the housing unit provides direct visibility and monitoring of surrounding cells.



The new communication tower enhances emergency response and connectivity for Clay County.

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North & South Dakota (1889)
Montana (1889)
Washington (1889)
Idaho (1890)
Wyoming (1890) & more!

Did You Know

Mars is not actually round!
Mars is actually shaped like a rugby ball, but with different sizes along all three axes.

Riddle Me This

What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?

(Answer: A Fence)

Safety Talk With BJ

Ladder Safety



Written by Safety Director, BJ Wilkinson

If you are like me, you do things on ladders at home that you know better than to do at work. Wrong size ladders, standing on rungs or the top, over-reaching with tools and throwing off your balance, you name it, I've done it. I've assumed more risk than

I should have. I've even argued with my spouse, who pointed out it looked dangerous, saying I was a trained professional and would only be up there a minute. Sound familiar?

A full 20% of all worksite injuries occur with ladder misuse as a root cause. Many happen on ladders 5 feet or less off the ground, often stepladders, just like the ones you use at home. In 2024, OSHA reported over 22,000 ladder injuries, highlighting the need for continued safety measures and training. The most common causes include incorrect setup, using the wrong ladder, and failing to inspect equipment.

While injuries remain high, safety training and awareness are increasing. Nearly all organizations now offer ladder safety training, which is a step in the right direction. Still, accidents often stem from incorrect setup, using the wrong ladder for the task, or ignoring damaged equipment. Human error also plays

a role, like not maintaining three points of contact or carrying tools while climbing.

To address these risks, organizations are making ladder safety training standard, often with annual refreshers. OSHA provides guidelines, and National Ladder Safety Month promotes awareness. Selecting the right ladder, ensuring it's in good condition, and following manufacturer instructions are essential to prevention.

And then, there's risk analysis. At home, it's easy to ignore because no one is watching. Here's a better option:

1. Elimination of Risks – Perform tasks from the ground or with extendable tools to avoid working at heights.
2. Collective Systems – Install guardrails or safety nets for passive protection.
3. Work Restraint Systems – Harnesses or tethers that prevent reaching hazard zones.
4. Fall Arrest Systems – Last-resort equipment designed to stop a fall in progress.

By following this hierarchy, organizations can address risks systematically, comply with safety regulations, and build a stronger safety culture. I even printed the chart and taped it to my ladder rack in the garage as a reminder.

		LIKELIHOOD					Risk Assessment Matrix
		1 NEAR IMPOSSIBLE	2 UNLIKELY	3 POSSIBLE CHANCE	4 LIKELY	5 ALMOST CERTAIN	
POTENTIAL SEVERITY	1 INSIGNIFICANT	1	2	3	4	5	
	2 MINOR INJURIES	2	4	6	8	10	
	3 NOTABLE INJURIES	3	6	9	12	15	
	4 MAJOR INJURIES	4	8	12	16	20	
	5 DEBILITATING INJURY DEATH	5	10	15	20	25	

Team Outing

This month, the Beckenhauer Construction team stepped away from the jobsite and spent an evening together at Topgolf in Omaha. The outing gave employees the chance to relax, enjoy time outside of work, and connect with one another in a different setting.

Events like these are an important part of strengthening relationships within our team. Just as collaboration is key on our projects, it's equally valuable to create opportunities to spend time together away from day-to-day responsibilities. Whether catching up between swings or cheering each other on, the event offered a great reminder of the people-first culture that drives our success.

The Topgolf outing was a fun and memorable experience, and we look forward to more opportunities to gather as a team in the future.



President Joe Beckenhauer getting some extra practice in. We're just glad he's a better leader than golfer.

Norfolk Area Chamber: Golf Day

In August, Beckenhauer Construction was proud to take part in the Norfolk Area Chamber Golf Day. This year's event came with a fun twist, themed after the classic movie Happy Gilmore. From creative costumes to plenty of laughs on the course, the day was full of energy and community spirit.

Beyond the lighthearted theme, the event served as a great opportunity for our team to connect with local businesses, partners, and community members outside of the jobsite. It was a reminder of the

importance of relationships, teamwork, and supporting the Chamber's ongoing efforts to strengthen the Norfolk area.

We're grateful to the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting such a memorable event and for creating an atmosphere that blended business networking with plenty of fun. Beckenhauer Construction is always glad to support the Chamber and looks forward to more opportunities to engage with the community, on and off the course.



Team Beckenhauer Construction!



Laci Fitch, Emma Beckenhauer, and Erin Beckenhauer working the booth for the putt-putt raffle game.

Core Values: Honesty, Hard Work, Continuous Improvement, Commitment, Attention to Detail.

Core Focus: Continuing our legacy to build theirs.