

KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, Minden NE

One year ago, Kearney County Health Services broke ground to begin construction on their new addition and renovation. We are proud to celebrate the completion of the new addition.

This new addition provides larger and easily accessible patient rooms, new cardiac rehab area, nurses desk, admissions entrance, waiting room area and additional parking. Future phases will also include renovations for outpatient exam rooms, pharmacy area, and renovated and expanded emergency room.

New Entry Canopy



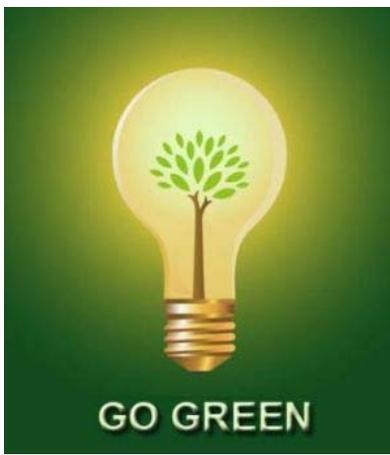
Top:
Nurses' Desk

Middle:
Cardiac Rehab

Bottom:
Patient Room

New Waiting
Area and
Admissions
Desk





Some interesting facts about recycling:

Have you heard of fog harvesting?

There's a net (sometimes referred to as a fog harvesting fence or fog harvesting tower) that with the help of wind can take fog and turn it into clean drinking water and they are improving peoples lives in some areas of the world where water is scarce.

There's a number inside the recycle symbol on most plastics, it's usually on or near the bottom of every plastic container. If you're drinking out of one right now it most likely has a #1 or #2 on it. Recycled #2 plastics are heavier plastics than #1 plastics. A #2 plastic would be a typical milk jug, some juice bottles and even detergent jugs. If it has a #1, which is what an average water bottle sold in the local grocery by the pack would most likely have on it. You may notice the #1 plastic is probably very clear and thinner than the #2 container. Different grades of plastics are recycled into different products.

#1 plastics or (PET plastics) are often times recycled into products using fleece, jackets, carpet, backpacks, sleeping bags etc.

#2 plastics can be recycled into heavier more durable products than #1 plastics like plastic crates, outdoor plastic furniture, play sets for children, toys, buckets, and even back into drinking and food grade containers and more.

Plastics #2, #4 and #5 are the plastics that can be made safest for foods and drinking. Notice we didn't mention #1, while #1 is considered safe enough by the FDA to drink the contents once, most health advocates agree that manufactures shouldn't recycle the #1 plastic back into a drinking bottle again because of bacteria concerns.

Did you know food scraps can be recycled into an excellent compost for gardening? Breads, vegetables, fruit peels, coffee grounds and even eggshells are just a few of the ingredients that can be used to strengthen your soil's fertility.

Did you know...

A spider's silk is stronger than steel

Flamingos can only eat with their heads upside down

More than 10 people a year are killed by vending machines

Hippo milk is pink

Ice cream is Chinese food

Turtles can breathe through their butts

Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women

A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue (it is fused to the bottom of its mouth and can hardly move)

Cows can sleep standing up, but they can only dream lying down

A group of officers is called a mess

The world's oldest known recipe is for beer

To keep food from freezing Eskimos use refrigerators

Chickens outnumber people

The blood of a lobster is blue



All ages enjoyed the beautiful weather at the annual company picnic late this summer. The cool weather was a relief after weeks of temperatures of 100°+!

Left: Playing a game of yard-sized Kerplunk

Right: Young and old enjoying the large inflatable slide

The Leopard and The Dachshund

A wealthy old lady decided to go on a photo safari in Africa. She took her faithful pet dachshund along for company. One day, the Dachshund starts chasing butterflies and before long the dachshund discovers that he is lost.

So, wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch.

The dachshund thinks, "OK, I'm in deep trouble now! Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here." Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes.

But the dachshund saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet...and just when they get close enough to hear, the dachshund says...

"Where's that bloody monkey? I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"



FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, Norfolk NE

On April 14th over four feet of water, mud and hail poured through the emergency department and adjacent areas of Norfolk's Faith Regional Hospital West Campus facility. The hospital followed their disaster plan and moved all patients and team members out of harm's way. However, this large inflow of water, ice, and mud left the Emergency Department unusable.

Beckenhauer Construction was awarded the challenge of renovating the flood damaged areas. We worked closely with the hospital and insurance company to ensure all damages were covered by the insurance claim and to expedite the schedule to get the Emergency Department back in service. Everyone involved performed their work quickly and with high quality. The result was a project that went smoothly for the hospital, its staff and the patients. It was also completed on schedule with fair reimbursement from the insurance carrier.



Above: Water, hail and mud covering hallway in Emergency Department

Left: Newly renovated waiting area in Emergency Department

ELKHORN VALLEY BANK AND TRUST, PIERCE NE

Beckenhauer Construction recently completed a new branch for Elkhorn Valley Bank to replace their existing facility.

Below: Exterior of New Facility
Right: Office Area and Teller Line



MIDWEST BANK, PLAINVIEW NE

Beckenhauer Construction recently completed a new branch for Midwest Bank to replace their existing facility.

Left: Safe from Original Bank
Below: Exterior of New Facility





HEROES PARK, Norfolk NE

The Norfolk Veterans Home provides outstanding care, but members don't have a park or outdoor space to go for a walk, or just enjoy being outside. The soon to be constructed Heroes Park will change all this. The park will provide veterans with an open air pavilion, outdoor activities, picnic areas, gardens, and wheelchair friendly paths. The park will also include a flag pavilion to honor and recognize all branches of the military. Construction is to be completed in 2013.



Artist renderings of the pavilion and park.

