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Colbert Hills Site of 2010 AGC Golf Outing

AGC members enjoyed a new experience as the spring golf outing was held outside of Salina for the first time in close to 30 years. With a brand new clubhouse and renovated bunkers, Colbert Hills golf course welcomed AGC for the 2010 Spring golf outing.

The difficult course features rolling hills, dramatic elevation changes and plenty of native grass to conceal an errant tee shot. It wasn't enough to keep the winning team of Bennie Crossland, Dennis Burns, and Danny Langerot, all with Crossland Construction, and Mick Johnson, retired, for taking first place with an incredible score of 14-under.



The opening hole at Colbert Hills Golf Course.

Mark your calendars for next year, as this event heads back to Salina Country Club on May 20, 2011!

AGC would like to recognize the following sponsors for their support of the 57th Annual AGC golf outing:

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Travelers



Congratulations to the first place team of (pictured left to right): Danny Langerot, Crossland Construction; Mick Johnson, retired; Bennie Crossland Crossland Construction; Dennis Burns, Crossland Construction.

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Dennis Kerschen
The Law Company, Wichita

It is difficult to believe we are halfway through summer and it has been over six months since the AGC Convention.

The AGC board of directors recently conducted its annual retreat and I would like to thank those that participated. The board reviewed current activities and looked at what is coming up the remainder of the year. I am pleased to report that although dues volume is down considerably, AGC finances remain strong and we expect to end the year with an excess of revenues over expenses. This is fortunate and needed to prepare for the next fiscal year which will likely see greater dues volume decreases.

During the retreat, the Board conducted a strategic planning session which netted many good ideas for the future objectives and direction of AGC of Kansas. Derrick Nielson of AGH did a fantastic job moderating the session and I thank him and Paul Allen for volunteering their services. A follow up meeting will be held in August to review the brainstorming information and to lay out a plan for the next few years.

As this plan is put together, I encourage you to contact AGC board members or staff and pass along your thoughts on what services and activities are important to you and your company. AGC works hard to serve its members and we need your assistance in making sure we target our efforts to best serve you.

Items AGC is working to provide include an electronic plan room, job board, HR and regulation compliance assistance, and additional discount plans. These are in addition to the services AGC has determined as priorities: legislative services and workforce development.

This is election season for the state House of Representatives and the statewide races (Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General). While AGC's policy has been not to get involved in statewide races, the AGC-PAC is active and will be seeking your assistance in joining AGC staff in delivering checks to candidates that share philosophies with AGC and understands the importance of the construction industry in Kansas. Don't forget to contribute to the PAC, as without your support, AGC will not be able to compete with the other industries, organizations and special interests that do have substantial amounts to invest.

The annual AGC golf outing was a success and we appreciate all those that made the trip to Manhattan. Colbert Hills was a great venue for this event, but plans have been made to return to the Salina Country Club in 2011. The move back to Salina will provide a more central location and a golf course that plays a bit faster, allowing those traveling more time to get home.

I look forward to meeting with as many of you as I can over the remaining six months of my term. Please do not hesitate to contact me, members of the board or AGC staff if there are issues we need to be aware of or that require action.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kerschen
AGC of Kansas President

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Did You Know? OSHA Wanting to Work with City Inspectors

Earlier this month, the Secretary of Labor, Hilda L. Solis sent letters to the mayors of several cities. The letter was an invitation for cities to participate with OSHA to have local building inspectors report unsafe conditions seen on construction sites reported DIRECTLY to OSHA.

The letters were sent to the mayors of the following cities:
Austin, Texas
Atlanta Metropolitan Area, Georgia
Boise, Idaho
Cincinnati, Ohio
Concord, New Hampshire
Greenwood Village, Colorado
Madison, Mississippi
Newark, New Jersey
Oakland, California
Washington, D.C.
WICHITA, KANSAS

Specifically, the letter states, "I am proposing that OSHA work with and train local building inspectors on the hazards associated with the four leading causes of workplace deaths and to notify OSHA when they observe, during the course of their building inspections work, these unsafe work conditions. For instance, if a building inspec-

tor on a construction site notices workers on scaffolding that lacks guardrails, he or she would report the situation to OSHA. OSHA in turn would send a compliance officer to that workplace for a safety inspection."

If you work in any in of the above areas, I would recommend you contact the mayor's office and let them know your opinion concerning this initiative. The AGC of Kansas supports a safe and healthful work place, but do we need additional inspectors to bypass the job supervision to report directly to OSHA? Doesn't a safety concern need to be addressed on the spot to prevent an injury or worse?

The news release and letters can be seen at: http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=17670

Please let me know your thoughts on this issue. I can be reached at 316.250.7070 or DPabst@SafetyConsultingInc.com.

Dan Pabst CSP
AGC of Kansas
Safety Committee Chairman

AGC, OSHA Establish New Partnership Program

The AGC of Kansas joined forces with the KCA to form a PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM between the two organizations and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The project, in its second year, provides incentives to participating contractors who meet or exceed the program requirements. The partnership is conducted within the jurisdictional area covered by the Wichita Area Office of OSHA. Participation is strictly voluntary and is available to any contractor member of the Kansas Contractors Association and AGC of Kansas (General & Specialty members) who meets the qualification requirements of the program.

Incentives for a KCA / AGC of Kansas contractor member that qualifies for the program and has received a successful OSHA verification inspection include:

- A. Will be removed from OSHA's programmed construction inspection list for a twelve (12) month period in accordance with OSHA Strategic Partnership Program for Worker Safety and Health (Reference OSHA Instruction CSP 03-02-002 paragraph XIV B(5)(b)(i))
- B. Will not be subject to OSHA inspections except as follows:

- (1) OSHA receives a report of an imminent danger situation or observes worker exposure to hazards as identified in paragraph II. B. Items 1-4 listed below.

- (2) When OSHA receives a complaint or referral it will be handled pursuant to Complaint Policies and Procedures. (Reference OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-140).

- (3) A fatality or catastrophe occurs as defined in the OSHA Field Inspection Reference Manual (Reference OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-103).

- (4) If a partnering employer appears on an SEP (Special Emphasis Program) list, i.e., an NEP (National Emphasis Program) or LEP (Local Emphasis Program) list, they will be subject to these inspections. The inspection will focus on the hazards identified in the program.

- C. Will not be included in OSHA inspections of non-participating employers (multi-employer worksites) unless the OSHA Compliance Officer observes that, as a result of a partnership contractor's actions, employees are exposed to hazards listed in paragraph II B Items 1-4.

For more information on the agreement including qualifications contact AGC Workforce Development Specialist, Ward Nippert at (316) 634-6391.

agc golf outing

Colbert, Continued from page 1

1st Place Net



Nick Penner, Coonrod & Associates; Aaron Drake, Southwestern Electrical; Richard Drake, Southwestern Electrical; Brian Baxter, REW Materials.

2nd Place Net



Ray Test, Lane Myers Co.; Tom Murphy, Lane Myers Co.; Joe Murphy, Lane Myers Co.; Not pictured: Dave Raviser, Lane Myers Co.

3rd Place Net



Eric Stafford, AGC of Kansas; Brett Conley, Davin Electric; Lance Spence, CIG; Not pictured: Michael Swift, Thomas McGee.

4th Place Net



Mark Skidmore, Snodgrass & Sons Construction; Andy England, Snodgrass & Sons Construction; Mark Post, IMA of Kansas; David Snodgrass, Snodgrass & Sons Construction.

5th Place Net



Dennis Burgardt, Hi-Tech Interiors; Marcus Meeker, Hi-Tech Interiors; Gene Klein, Thomas McGee; Jarrod Willich, Hi-Tech Interiors.

6th Place Net



Frank Sauerwein, Sauerwein Construction; Bev Sauerwein, Sauerwein Construction; Bret Burton, IMA of Kansas; Rudi Sauerwein, Sauerwein Construction.

Specialty Hole Winners



Front Row: Curt Kitson, The Monarch Cement Company- #8 Closest to pin; Sean Clancy, The Monarch Cement Company- #1 Longest Drive; Joe Murphy, Lane Myers Co.- #17 Closest to pin; Justin Bazzle, Lamunyon Cleaning & Restoration- #18 Longest Putt. Back Row: Brian Baxter, REW Materials- #16 Longest Drive; Dave Hughes, Hutton Construction- #9 Longest Putt.

kcef scholarship recipients



Emily Enneking

Emily Enneking, will be a senior at Kansas State University, and expects to graduate in May 2011 with a degree in Construction Science and Management.

Emily is currently the Treasurer and Director of Public Relations for the AGC student chapter and is also involved in Sigma Lambda Chi honor society. Emily also has the honor of serving as an ARE-CNS Ambassador, a privilege held by a limited number of students.



Rebekah Dallman

Rebekah Dallman is from Pittsburg, KS, and is a senior majoring in Construction Engineering Technology. She has worked with Kiewit Offshore Services and is currently a student secretary with the Pitt State CMCET office. She is the president of the Society of Women in Engineering Technology and is involved in AGC.

William Michels

William Michels from Overland Park, KS, is a sophomore majoring in Construction Management. He was employed with Landmark Structures and before that worked for the City of Overland Park for three years. He is the vice president of the Pitt State AGC Student Chapter and helps with Habitat for Humanities and the Ronald McDonald House.

Willie Brooks

Willie Brooks will graduate in May 2011 with a degree in Construction Science and Management from Kansas State University.

Willie has been recognized by his peers and instructors as the Outstanding Underclassman (2 times), was a founding member of the ARE-CNS Ambassadors program, served in leadership roles in the AGC student chapter and is also active in the Engineering Open House.

Alejandro De Luna

Alejandro De Luna will graduate in May 2012 with a degree in Construction Science and Management from Kansas State University.

Alejandro is active in the AGC student chapter, Sigma Lambda Chi honor society, and the Developing Scholars program. Alejandro is currently researching the cost-benefits of LEED construction in preparation for a presentation to his peers.

Derek Jackson

Derek Jackson from Council Grove, KS, is a junior in Construction Management. He's been employed with Walton Construction Company, LLC and with Crossland Heavy Contractors. He is currently serving as Pittsburg State's Vice President of the student chapter of the National Association of Home Builders and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Ross Omo

Ross Omo is from Pittsburg, KS, and is a junior majoring in Construction Engineering Technology. He's been employed with Dondlinger & Son's Construction Company and is currently with Mr. Carmel Medical Equipment. He is currently the president of the AGC and is a member of the NAHB.

Alan Youngers

Alan Youngers is from Pittsburg, KS, and is a senior in Construction Engineering Technology. He has been employed with Key Construction Co., and with LaForge and Budd Construction Co., Inc. He is the former president of the AGC and is a member of both MCA and NAHB.



Pictured left to right: Jackie Muller, AGC of Kansas, Emily Enneking, Willie Brooks, Alejandro De Luna, and Dennis Kerschen, The Law Company.



Front Row (pictured left to right): Andrew Molgren, Justin Schroeder, Eric Stafford, AGC of Kansas, Ross Omo, Derek Jackson. Back Row: Drew Schreiner, Rebekah Dallman, Alan Youngers.

Andrew Molgren

Andrew Molgren, from Pittsburg, KS, is a junior majoring in Construction Management. He was employed with BRB Contractors, Inc., and Crossland Construction Company, Inc. He was the President of the NAHB PSU Student Chapter.

Justin Schroeder

Justin Schroeder from Pittsburg, KS, is a senior majoring in Construction Management. He has worked with Beachner Construction Company and also Cogent Management. He is involved in Student Council, was the treasurer of AGC and the Secretary of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

student chapter update



Kansas State University

Kansas State University's Student Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America had an eventful and fulfilling spring 2010 semester. We are proud to say that our latest numbers show well over 180 members in our Student Chapter. It has been rewarding to see a diverse group of active members participate in our events/activities, helping accomplish one of our many goals.

We strive to provide our student members with opportunities to network with industry, faculty, and their very own colleagues while staying up-to-date with some of the most recent developments within our industry. Over the spring semester, we've been able to give them just that. We began by inviting members outside of officers to attend the State Convention held in Wichita, KS. We had a presentation on "Success in the Industry," presented by Turner Construction's Andy Heitman, Project Executive, and Stephanie Smith, Human Resource Manager. For the first time ever, we had a member meeting using web-conference technology. Christina Gepner, Project Manager & Solutions Architect for Burns & McDonnell explained their OneTouch PM program from Kansas City to students in Manhattan. The following week we had Ted Davis, Vice President, Performance & People Development, from the P I Group present on the ever important resume writing skills.

During this time, students were constantly preparing for and working on different community projects. The two biggest projects for this semester was the second Alternative Spring Break trip to New Orleans, LA, and the Chimpanzee Exhibit at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, KS. Twenty-five volunteers made the trip to Louisiana and really were able to make a lasting impact.

This year's trip was made possible through several fundraising efforts along with an amazing grant provided by Target, which paid for travel expenses and room and board. We also received additional dona-

tions from the Kansas Construction Education Foundation, Compton Construction Corporation, Conco Construction, G.E. Johnson Construction, Hutton Construction Corporation, Utility Contractors, Inc., and alumni Greg Oblinger and Chris Jackson, to purchase tools and equipment.

We cannot thank our supporters enough for their respective contributions. The Sunset Zoo project was also a great success. We were able to build some much needed upgrades to their exhibit, and it turned out great.

The weekend after students returned from Louisiana, the AGC chapter turned right around and held a hands-on member meeting. This gave our constituents the chance to get their hands dirty again and build construction details per plan. Other events/activities we participated in included Telefund, Junior Achievement, Open House, and co-hosting Senior Sendoff for this semester's graduating seniors. We hosted a few members from the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) for a BBQ, and you can't go wrong with a BBQ. This year we even had a few officers chaperone at Habitat's Chocolate & Tea fundraiser. We were also able to provide our members with a couple of tours this semester. KBS played host to us as we toured their construction of a Catholic Church in Wamego. Higgins Stone also had us as visitors at their stone plant.

This semester has been very busy and hectic, but also very rewarding. After the selection of next year's officers, we look primed for another great year. We look forward to next year's challenges, and we will strive to represent KSU-AGC as best we can.

You can find us on the web: www.ksu.edu/agcsc and <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=38118210775&ref=ts>



PSU Adds Industry Leader, AGC Past President, to Faculty

The Department of Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technology is pleased to welcome Joseph Levens as a new Assistant Professor at Pittsburg State University. Mr. Levens will join the PSU CMCET faculty following 30+ years with Martin K. Eby Construction, Wichita, KS in senior leadership and management positions. In addition to his construction experience, Mr. Levens is a Certified Professional Constructor (CPC), a LEED accredited professional, an OSHA 10 & 30 hour certified trainer and an NCCER Master Trainer. Mr. Levens also served as the AGC of Kansas president during 2006.

construction leadership council



CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

CLC Events Rescheduled for August 18

The Construction Leadership has postponed the Roundtable Discussion and Wingnuts Game Night events which were originally scheduled for June 10, to Wednesday, August 18. These events are open to all AGC members. The roundtable discussion costs \$30 per person to attend. The Wingnuts game is \$40 per person.

For more information, visit www.agcks.org/clc.asp and click the links at the bottom of the page for the respective event or call Eric Stafford at (785) 266-4015.

Roundtable Discussion Agenda

1:30 p.m. **How Economic Conditions Affect the Bond Market**

Lance Spence, Commercial Insurance Group
Michael Swift, Thomas McGee, L.C.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. **Card Check- What would it mean?**

Kathie Haley, Of Counsel, Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP

3:45 p.m. **Immigration Compliance with Owner Contract Provisions**

Stephanie Scheck, Partner, Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP

4:45 p.m. Adjourn



Wingnuts Game Night

7:05 p.m. **First Pitch** (arrive anytime after 6:00)

Bud Light Lime Party Deck at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, Wichita, KS

Featuring: All you can eat and drink- hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, beans, chips, fresh popcorn, peanuts,, lemonade, sodas, water, beer and wine (alcoholic drinks are limited to six per person)

Cost to attend: \$40

Mark Hutton and Hutton Construction Honored by KSU College of Engineering

At the 88th Annual Open House for the College of Engineering at Kansas State University, an AGC member received two distinct awards. First Hutton Construction was named the 2010 Company of the Year, and Mark Hutton, President of Hutton Construction was named 2010 Leader of the Year. Below is a brief summary about Mark and his company.

With offices in Wichita and Garden City, Hutton Construction is a Kansas based Design-Build and Construction Management firm. Totaling over 115 employees, Hutton has provided services to health-care providers, educational institutions, manufacturers, businesses, and churches throughout the Midwest for the past 18 years. As a company, Hutton Construction is committed to the Design-Build and Construction Management delivery methods. This commitment is rooted in belief that their knowledge and skills are best leveraged when the whole project team is able to collaborate throughout the entire life of a project, from conception to completion. In addition to providing great preconstruction and construction services, Hutton is commit-

ted to giving back to the community. As a company and as individuals, they are involved with countless organizations that serve those in need including: The American Heart Association, Kansas Humane Society, Pregnancy Crisis Center, Youth Horizons Boys Home, and many more.



Pictured left to right: Ben Hutton, Vice President, Hutton Construction; Mark Hutton, President/CEO, Hutton Construction; Dr. John English, Dean, KSU College of Engineering.

Mark Hutton is the founder and President of Hutton Construction. The company was founded in 1992 and under Hutton's leadership, yearly volume at the company has grown to over \$65,000,000 annually. With over 35 years experience in the construction industry, Mark has been involved in countless projects and amassed a large amount of experience. As the leader and vision-caster for Hutton Construction, he has used this experience to guide Hutton Construction to sustained and stable growth over the

past 18 years. In addition to being actively involved in the day to day operations of the company and projects, Mark is committed to the community and serves on several non-profit boards.

AGC Co-Sponsors 2010 SkillsUSA Carpentry Competition

Forty-seven secondary and postsecondary students from across the state traveled to Wichita for the SkillsUSA Carpentry Competition hosted by UCI. Winners from this statewide competition, sponsored by AGC of Kansas and the Wichita Area Builders Association, will travel to Kansas City to compete in the SkillsUSA national competition in June.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

Secondary (High School) Results

1st Place- Trenton Green, Mill Creek Center (Olathe)
 2nd Place- Preston Mossman, McPherson High School
 3rd Place- Kyle Brower, Mill Creek Center

Postsecondary Results

1st Place- Sean Delaney, Hutchinson Community College
 2nd Place- Bill Meeks, Hutchinson Community College
 3rd Place- Jarrett Moyer, Coffeyville Community College

2010 SkillsUSA Sponsors

Acadia Housewrights	Morton Buildings, Inc.
Conco Construction	Northstar Comfort Services
Crossland Construction	Salisbury Supply
Dondlinger & Sons	Simpson & Associates
Drywall Systems	Snodgrass & Sons Construction
Heartland Home Improvements	Star Lumber
Key Construction	The Big Tool Store
McKenna Company	UCI
Mill Creek Lumber	Zimbleman Construction



SkillsUSA participants complete their review of plans during the carpentry competition.

2010 calendar of events

Capitol Club Golf Classic- Flint Hills National Fundraiser	7.15.10	Andover, KS
CLC Roundtable Discussion/ Game Night (rescheduled)	8.18.10	Wichita, KS
South Central Kansas Steak Fry	8.26.10	Wichita, KS
Kansas State Fair	9.10-9.19.10	Hutchinson, KS
NE Kansas Steak Fry	9.23.10	Topeka, KS
AGC PAC Golf Outing	10.8.10	Newton, KS
AGC Fall Board Meeting	10.14.10	TBA
CLC Clay Shoot	10.22.10	Flint Oak Lodge (Fall River, KS)