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WEST TEXAS CHAPTER  
THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

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## West Texas AGC News & Resources

### Safety Tips

"Near Miss" is the term used when you have a 'close call', 'dodge a bullet', or nearly have an injury producing accident. If you always work at the edge of good safety practice, the law of averages says that sooner or later you will have an accident. Near misses are an indicator that something has gone dramatically wrong. By taking corrective action, appropriate changes can be implemented before you sustain a serious or life threatening injury. Today's Safety Talks address steps to take for corrective action.

[Near Misses - English](#)

[Escapado - Spanish](#)

### WEST TEXAS AGC SCHOLARSHIP 2020 Undergraduate scholarship Due – March 31, 2020

#### EVENTS

Mark your  
calendars!

**Academic Scholarships are now available** for graduating seniors, current college undergraduates or others who will pursue post graduate work at a technical trades school, with all pursuing degrees in a construction related field. We encourage our members to forward this information and to encourage students to consider programs that may be applicable to the student's goals and pursuit of a construction career. For additional information or to request an application by mail or email call (325) 676-7447

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FEB 6TH

[2020 Scholarship Application Form](#)

FEB 26TH

MAR 6TH

#### National AGC Safety Awards Deadline February 6th

Simply complete & post OSHA 300 forms that are required to be posted from February 1st to April 30th.

MAR 31ST

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Send a copy of OSHA 300 or complete the NASA form to [chughes@wtagc.org](mailto:chughes@wtagc.org)

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MAR 9-12

[NASA Form](#)

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### **AGC-TBB • 2019 Outstanding Construction Awards**

Announcing the Outstanding Awards for projects completed in 2019 by General Contractors and Specialty Contractors for **WEST TEXAS AGC** and through-out Texas.

There are many opportunities in the 33 categories provided to show case your completed projects, workers, and sub-contractors to past and future clients.

On-line submittal **deadline has been extended to March 6, 2020.**

Login to begin submittal at [AWARDSAGCTBB](#).

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### **JOIN WEST TEXAS AGC FOR LUNCH WITH AGC-TBB**

At the La Bodega Restaurant  
2700 North Big Spring | Midland, TX  
on Wednesday, February 26th at 11:30 am

Hear guest speaker **Corbin Van Arsdale, General Counsel & President of the Texas AGC-TBB** as he addresses past, present and future of Texas Construction legislation.

### **Do you know how recent Texas laws will Impact Construction?**

*Topics include: School Construction Defects + Right to Repair + Contingency Fee Attorney*

**RSVP Required by February 24, 2020 | [abilene@wtagc.org](mailto:abilene@wtagc.org) | 325.676.7447**

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Join your peers and experts from across the construction industry at the **2020 AGC Convention** happening March 9-12, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV.



## [Registration & Information](#)

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### OSHA Adjusts Penalty Amounts for 2020

The Inflation Adjustment Act requires the Department of Labor to annually adjust its civil monetary penalties to adjust for inflation no later than January 15 of each year. . This final rule increases civil penalties the Department of Labor assesses including those issued by OSHA based on workplace inspections and potential violations of safety and health standards.

Employers who have open and ongoing OSHA inspections can expect that any citations issued by OSHA after today will reflect the increased penalties.

- The new 2020 maximum OSHA penalties are as follows:
- Other-than-Serious: \$13,494 (increased from \$13,260)
- Serious: \$13,494 (increased from \$13,260)
- Repeat : \$134,937 (increased from \$132,589)
- Willful: \$134,937 (increased from \$132,589)

[Read the Federal Register](#)

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### Globe Life Field Construction Nearing Completion; "We'll Get It Done"

"Yes, we don't have a choice," Rob Matwick, Rangers EVP of Business Operations, told the media on Thursday. "There's not a fallback position. If you talk to the guys from Manhattan, who are in charge of building this, they haven't missed a deadline yet and we don't intend to now."

"We've got a great team behind it. In some cases, we're working 16 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. If we have to shift to 24 hours-a-day, I know Manhattan is prepared to do that. We're relying on the construction experts, but we'll get it done."

[Globe Field Article](#)

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### 6 Things the Most Successful Business Owners Do First Thing in the Morning

As a small business owner, you want [to be productive](#), but you just have so much to do it's hard to plan for when to do what. Front loading your day with the most important activities on your to-do list can have a huge impact on your small business and your effectiveness as a leader. Here are six activities you can do at the start of your day to improve your life as a small business owner: [Start 6 Ways to Success](#)

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## [AGC Builder & State Representative - Appointed As Chairman To Powerful Sunset Advisory Commission](#)

Texas House Rep. John Cyrier (R-Lockhart) has been appointed to sit on the state Sunset Advisory Commission for the next four years and will chair the 12-member board for the next two years as it reviews and decides the fate of more than 130 state agencies. AGC member Rep. Cyrier is the former chairman of AGC Austin and current owner and founder of Austin-based commercial general contracting company, Sabre Commercial, Inc.

House Speaker Dennis Bonnen called Rep. Cyrier a "champion for Texas' rich natural and recreational resources," specifically citing Rep. Cyrier's role in helping pass a constitutional amendment last year that ensures money from sales taxes at sporting goods stores goes to funding the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

[Read Capital Roundup](#)

## Wellness is for builders, not just for buildings

New research on wellness in the construction sector highlights interventions that could be effective in addressing dehydration, weight management, poor air quality, and stress. Many guidelines in the WELL Building Standard can be implemented on work sites and in construction trailers, they write.

[More about the 'Well Building Standard'](#)

### Welcome Newest WTAGC Members

**TD Industries** - Fort Worth  
**4R Dirt Construction, LLC** - Buffalo Gap  
**AAA Mechanical** - Lubbock

### Maximize your AGC Membership

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### AGC Economic Reports

Ken Simonson, AGC's chief economist, reports employment climbs in December, construction compensation increases an average 3.5% in 2019 and provides a summary of the national GDP.

The Texas Fact Sheet provides State and National indicators including median wages for some specific construction jobs.

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