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West Texas AGC News & Resources

SAFETY TIPS - Avoid Unsafe Acts

All West Texas AGC members are provided a Safety Program Manual and Drive Safe Program and Policy Manual that is customized with their name and information. The information includes procedures, responsibilities, work practices as well as accident and illness reporting processes and forms.



Every company should have an employee form "Employee Safety Agreement" for each new (and all employees) to sign after they have reviewed the company's Safety Agreement. This serves as awareness and can be incorporated in to company safety training. Let us know if we can assist you with your safety program. See today's Safety Meeting Topics for your next *WEEKLY* meeting.

[Avoid Unsafe Acts - English](#)

[Evitando-Actos-Peligrosos - Spanish](#)

Dean Henninger – Celebration of Life Graveside Services October, 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Elmwood Memorial Park, Abilene, Texas.

With fond remembrances of Dean Henninger, one of West Texas AGC's leaders, we offer condolences to family and friends...

Abilene - Marvin "Dean" Henninger passed from this life in the early morning hours of October 25, 2020 at the age of 92. Dean was born September 28, 1928 to Fred and Ida Mae Henninger in Austin, Texas.

Dean came to Abilene to play football at Hardin Simmons and was an outstanding athlete. It was at Hardin-Simmons where Dean met the love of his life and wife of over 62 years, Juanita "Sue" Rose. Dean and Sue were married in May 1951 at the First Baptist Church of Abilene and soon welcomed three beautiful daughters-Roseann, Deanise, and Cynthia. The young Henninger family settled in Abilene where Dean joined Sue's father and brothers in the family construction business. Together, they would build the early

landscape of Abilene and surrounding communities. ***Dean's career in the construction industry would span five decades, including a tenure as President of the West Texas Chapter of The Associated General Contractors in 1995.*** Throughout his career, Dean's priority remained the health and well-being of his employees; some of whom would work alongside him until his retirement in the early 2000s and whom he would always consider family. [**Read Obituary**](#)

AGC of America's October coronavirus survey and September construction employment by metro--US & TX results

AGC of America's October 7-19 coronavirus survey drew 1077 responses, including 88 from firms that identified TX as their principal state of operations. Our release, with links to the survey and September metro employment data, is [here](#). Full survey results for TX are [here](#).

Here are selected results (all percentages are % of respondents):

- Are you currently experiencing any project delays or disruptions due to the following (mark all that apply):

Yes. US 78%, TX 73%

Leading reasons: Shortage of construction materials, equipment or parts: US 42%, TX 34%

Shortage of craftworkers/subcontractors: US 35%, TX 33%

- Did an owner postpone or cancel work on any upcoming projects in October 2020 or later? US 41%, TX 36%
- When do you expect your firm's volume of business will return to its normal level relative to one year earlier?

Volume already matches or exceeds year-ago level. US 35%, TX 35%

More than 6 months (or never). US 34%, TX 34%

- How do you expect your firm's headcount to change in the next 12 months?

Increase. US 37%, TX 40%

Decrease. US 20%, TX 15%

AGC released rankings of 358 metro areas by change in construction employment from September 2019 to September 2020. Construction employment declined in 234 areas (65%), increased in 86 (24%), and was unchanged in 38.

BLS posts construction-only data for Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land and San Antonio-New Braunfels, and combined employment data for 24 other areas in Texas. Statewide construction employment declined by 5% from September 2019 to September 2020, while combined employment declined by 9%. The Houston area had the nation's largest construction employment decrease (24,400 construction jobs, -10%). Midland had the 5th-largest numerical decrease and 7th-largest percentage decrease (-10,500 combined jobs, -27%), though many of the lost jobs were undoubtedly in mining (oil and gas drilling).

The Dallas-Plano-Irving area had the largest increase (5,100 combined jobs, 3%). San Antonio-New Braunfels had the 6th-largest numerical increase (1,800 construction jobs, 3%).

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Report: Highest-paying Construction Jobs That Do Not Require a College Degree



The construction industry offers a promising array of jobs that pay well and do not require a college degree, according to a report by Advisor Smith. At the top of the list is construction manager, which has a median pay of \$95,260 annually, more than double the national median.

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REMINDER: AGC Awards Notices and Due Dates

- 2021 (CSEA) Construction Safety Excellence Awards | December 14, 2020 | [Click HERE](#)
- Build America Awards 2021 | October 31, 2020 | [Click HERE](#)
- Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Awards | October 31, 2020 | [Click HERE](#)
- AGC Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Competition | November 1, 2020 | [Click HERE](#)
- James L. Allhands Student Essay Competition | November 15, 2020 | [Click HERE](#)

Election 2020: A Political & Policy Reboot for Construction?

Friday, November 13 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET
FREE for Members

[Click for Flyer & Registration](#)

LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING | Friday, October 30th
ELECTION DAY | Tuesday, November 3rd



ACTION CENTER

Architecture Billings Index Offers Reason for Optimism



September's Architecture Billings Index registered at 47, although the project inquiries index increased to 57.2, indicating demand for new work, according to the American Institute of Architects. Demand for multifamily residential projects increased to 54, while demand for mixed-use and institutional projects registered at 47.3 and 40.5, respectively.

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Construction Firms Have Much to Gain as COVID-19 Drags Them into Tech Modernity



Does this picture look familiar??

Fax machines, paper records, spreadsheets and landline phones are going the way of the dinosaur in most industries. Yet those and other outdated technologies have kept a stubborn foothold in construction, especially once you step down in size from the top-tier firms. The family-run nature of many construction firms has contributed to the slow pace of change, with leadership often viewing IT as just a cost center rather than the driver of productivity and innovation that it can be. There are three key elements that companies need to consider before they embark on the journey.

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Bond Elections to watch November 3rd Election

The West Texas Chapter is tracking a number of bond elections in the chapter territory and areas where our members are working. We know the impact a passed bond election can have on construction. Be an informed voter and encourage others to vote.

Area Bond Elections
November 3, 2020

ENTITY	LOCATION	TITLE	AMOUNT
Benjamin ISD	Benjamin	Bond Election	\$21 M
Frenship ISD	Wolfforth	Bond Election	\$299.7 M
Jim Ned ISD	Tuscola / Buffalo Gap	Proposition A	\$25.9 M
Jim Ned ISD	Tuscola / Buffalo Gap	Proposition B	\$7.8 M
Northwest ISD	Varies - Fort Worth Area	Propositions ABCD	\$986.6 M
Roby ISD	Roby	Bond Election	\$10.8 M
Rotan ISD	Rotan	Bond Election	\$15 M
Wichita Falls ISD	Wichita Falls	Proposition A	\$276.4 M
Wichita Falls ISD	Wichita Falls	Proposition B	\$13.6 M

Needing to Hire? Advertise at Sites Targeting Construction Markets

AGC members receive 20% discount when they post a job notice on **Texas Construction Careers!**

Check out the many features of job resumes, education, and testimonials on **Texas Construction Careers** site. [Click HERE](#)



The **West Texas AGC Chapter Job Board** is an affordable \$49.00 per month per job posting!

Creating a plan to protect workers and prevent the spread of COVID-19 on construction job sites

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommend that companies develop a plan to protect their employees and prevent the spread of COVID-19. This free COVID-19 Exposure Control Planning Tool takes you step-by-step through developing your plan, including what to consider when conducting a job hazard analysis for COVID-19, selecting appropriate controls, screening workers and visitors, training employees, and implementing the plan. Remember to take advantage of your employees' knowledge of job site conditions as you develop your plan.

COVID-19 Construction Clearinghouse

A central resource for construction employers and workers to find the latest information and resources to help prevent the spread of the disease.

[VISIT THE SITE](#)

[How to Create a Plan](#)

COVID-19 Resources and Updates

West Texas AGC and AGC of America update their COVID Resource sites to provide you with current information as it is available. This covers job site guidelines, employees, legislative and other regulatory notices from CDC, OSHA, WHO, etc.



[Visit our website](#)

SILICA Compliance Webinar

OSHA and the American Society of Safety Professionals are offering a FREE SILICA COMPLIANCE training.

Stay up to date on regulations and in compliance with safety training!

- Date: November 4, 2020
- Time: 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CST



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