



SUE AND ROCKY MAY

WITH A BETTER WAY CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING

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A Better Way Construction & Roofing is a family-owned company with a somewhat unconventional beginning. "I've always liked that saying, 'keep your friends close and your enemies closer,'" Rocky May teases with a good-natured grin. In the early 2000s, Sue McCollum May wasn't exactly his enemy, but her roofing business was the nearest competition for his construction business—literally. They lived less than a mile apart, often bid on the same projects, and had ads right next to each other in





the phone book. At the time, they were both divorced, and had children attending the same school. They saw each other when purchasing supplies, and began taking their kids to the same child care facility. Then in 2002, Sue ran into a problem. One of the guys in her crew needed surgery, so she asked Rocky for help keeping up with demand. She started helping out at his construction business, May Contracting, as well. Eventually, both life and business overlapped; they started dating, and eventually consolidated the businesses into A Better Way Construction & Roofing and got married. "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," Rocky quips.

As for Rocky's joke about "enemies," Sue has a big heart for helping people so it may be hard to picture her as anyone's enemy, but she says she is fiercely protective of her clients, and she speaks with a passion that makes that easy to see. She is vehemently opposed to companies that may recommend unnecessary work, or any use of subpar materials. Rocky and Sue want their projects completed

with integrity, and with quality materials that will stand the test of time. Sue spends a lot of time researching materials and says she is very picky about what is used in A Better Way's projects. Rocky and Sue are continually educating themselves to stay current in the industry—attending classes on things like materials, shingle warranties, and how to make sure a space is properly vented to prevent moisture problems. Although Rocky's background is in general construction, and they still take on general construction projects, A Better Way Construction and Roofing specializes in roofing, siding, and gutters.

Rocky and Sue want REALTORS® to know that their projects will be prioritized. At times, they've completed projects the same day they are contacted. Sue says that REALTORS® have been amazed at the turnaround times she can provide, but she and Rocky understand how stressful it is to be caught between a buyer and seller. The payment invoice amount can be taken out at closing to help the transaction go smoothly.

Rocky and Sue get asked if it's tiresome working together as spouses, but they really enjoy spending time together and don't find it to be an issue. However, they do have to leave home to get away from work. When they can, they like to load up their horses and go camping. Recent favorite camping spots have been Custer State Park in South Dakota and Falling Water Horse Camp in Arkansas. Even when they are away, though, they've been known to climb a hill to find a cell phone signal, just to make sure everything is going smoothly for their clients.

When they aren't working or traveling, Rocky and Sue also work with the Nebraska Horse Trails Committee, building new facilities like stalls, and making sure our state parks and trails are clean and well maintained.

You can learn more about A Better Way Construction & Roofing, read reviews, and contact Sue and Rocky via their website at abw-mc.com, or email Sue at sue@abw-mc.com.