

# The *Builder* News

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

## Calander of Events

### May 2016

Date	Event Listing
May 8	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
May 10	WRBA General Membership Mtg, Antler's Supper Club, Bonduel
May 11	Shopper Advertising Additions and Changes Due
May 17	WRBA Shopper Front Pg Ad is Out
May 17	Chamber Business Connection – NWTC in Thedacare Medical Ctr, 100 Cty Road B, Shawano 5 – 6:30
May 21	<i>Armed Forces Day</i>
May 24	WRBA Board of Directors Meeting Launching Pad, 5:30 p.m.
May 30	<i>Memorial Day</i>
	<b>Coming Events</b>
June 14	WRBA General Membership Mtg And Sporting Clays Outing – Tentatively set at J & H Game Farm
June 14	<i>Flag Day</i>
June 19	<i>Happy Father's Day</i>
June 21	Chamber Business Connection at Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton
June 28	WRBA Board of Directors Meeting Launching Pad, 5:30 p.m.

## Mission Statement

The Wolf River Builders Association's purpose is to associate the builders within Menominee, Oconto and Shawano Counties for the purpose of mutual advantage and cooperation; to collaborate with all fields related to the building industry for the benefit of the industry as a whole; and to assist in the accomplishment of the mutual objectives of the National Association of Home Builders and Wisconsin Builders Association.



# WRBA

Wolf River Builders Association

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## WRBA - May General Membership Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Where: **Antler's Supper Club**

120 E. Green Bay St., Bonduel  
715-758-2190

Social/Networking: 5:45 - 6:30

Dinner: 6:30 - Meeting to follow

**Progressive "Attendance" Pot at \$40**

PLEASE RSVP to Diane

by Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

@ 715-853-2310 or via Email -

[wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com](mailto:wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com)

One meal per membership is free,  
but we need your RSVP!

Any additional meals for spouse  
or guests are \$15.00 each.

Interested in bringing a door prize?  
Let Diane know or just bring it along!

***Hope to see you there!***

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB -

<http://www.nahb.org/ma>

## Progressive “Attendance” Drawing

New at our General Membership Meetings is our “Progressive” Attendance Drawing. For each General Membership Meeting, each member will have a chip with a number that corresponds to their name placed in the bucket, whether you are in attendance or not.

If you are present and your name is drawn, you will win the pot! If you are not present and your name is drawn, the pot will grow by \$20 for the next meeting. Minimum pot will always be \$20.

The name drawn for the \$20 pot at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Spinning Wheel was Brad Santy of J. C. Santy Construction. Brad was not in attendance, so the pot for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will increase by \$20 and be \$40. Sorry Brad!

Make sure you are there to win if your business/name is called!

## Activities

The April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at The Spinning Wheel Inn in Shawano. The Associate of the Month for this meeting was Dynamic Designs. A brief talk about their business and how they got started and grew to what they are today was given by Tammy Brzeczowski. Thank you Tammy!

Door prizes for the April meeting were provided by Dorothy & Ted Foster – Wolf River Habitat for Humanity, The Spinning Wheel Inn, and WRBA. Thank you!

The May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Antler’s Supper Club in Bonduel. Our Associate of the Month for May will be K. J. Schreiber with Titledown Flooring. May sure that you get your RSVP to Diane as soon as possible (by Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> preferably!)

*Activities Chairperson: John Maule – 715-853-6826*

## Advertising

WRBA 2016 Advertising Campaign is in its second quarter for 2016. Any additions, corrections, or changes for the May ad are due to Diane by May 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in having your ad included with the May issue, give Diane a call.

Pricing for one space is \$90 per quarter (three issues--one ad/month--a cost of only \$30/month). You can also do a double ad on a quarterly basis for \$180/quarter.

As always, ad space is available on a first come, first served basis.

Contact Diane at 715-853-2310 to reserve your space today.

## Education

Don’t forget to check the WBA website ([www.wisbuild.org](http://www.wisbuild.org)) for the education opportunities being offered by the area builders associations. Many offer “member” rates to all WBA members. If there is any interest for specific subjects for classes, please let Greg or Diane know and we will see what we can do. Topics do not need to be only builder related, although we will do what we can to help the builders get CEU’s!  
*Education Chairperson: Greg Brown – 715-526-2175*

## Membership –

We are proud to say that we have two new members! **Universal Windows and Affordable Siding** is out of Krakow, WI; representative is Steve Larson. Steve joined us for the first time at our Home & Cottage Show in April. Great to have you with us Steve! Titledown Flooring LLC is our second new member. Representative is K J Schreiber, and his business is out of Green Bay, WI. K J is our Associate of the Month for the May meeting. Thank you K J for being willing to jump right in there at your first meeting! Sponsor for Titledown Flooring is Trish Kieckhafer.

We need to grow our membership! Please **invite member prospects** to the regular general membership meetings! We’ll cover dinner to give them the opportunity to see what we are all about. And we will give you a \$10 Kwik Trip Card for bringing them! We need to promote new membership for May and take advantage of the extra benefits that NAHB offers in regard to spike credits, etc, but we also want to focus on retention within our organization as well. There are lots of reasons to maintain your membership! We’d love to hear what you find valuable in your membership...the networking? Dinner meetings? Discounts through NAHB? Contracts, Legal Hotline, or Rebate Program through WBA? Member-to-Member discounts offered at local level? Advocacy? Let us know!

*Membership Chairperson: Tom Krause – 715-853-7859*

*Co-Chairperson: Trish Kieckhafer – 715-853-9961*



**Community Service – Scholarship Raffle**

The 2016 Scholarship Raffle has come to a close with the drawing being held at the Home & Cottage Show. Our ticket sales were unfortunately down...discussion on how to improve that has already begun.

Winners of the Raffle include the winner of the storage shed, Donna Asplund from Gillett; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$250) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$100) prize winners – both tickets drawn being the same name – our own J. C. Santy Construction! Congratulations to both of you!

Scholarship applications have been reviewed by John Maule and Bill Rapaich, and the recipients of the \$500 awards will be announced once the scholarships are given. Since funds were not enough in the sales from this years tickets, we will be using funds from previous sales where we did not have as many applicants or where sales exceeded the needs for scholarships. The board felt it was important to promote the trades programs in our area high schools as we have in past years.



**WRBA Home Show** – A huge thank you goes out to our Major Sponsor and member, **Woodstock Hardwood Flooring & Design Center, located in Birnamwood.** Your continued support of this WRBA event is truly appreciated!

Overall, the show was a great success – our vendor booths were up in numbers from the last few years, and Wolf River Habitat for Humanity stated that they did quite well between the admissions at the door and the food sales at the Food Court. We appreciate Habitat’s help as well in handling the admission tables with the SAFPARC group and providing our concessions to keep both vendors and attendees happy!

We again did our bucket raffle at the show. Each attendee received a ticket as they made their donation to either Habitat for Humanity or the Food Pantry for their admission. They then brought that ticket to the WRBA booth where we had an assortment of buckets/prizes for them to pick from for a chance to win.

Following are the businesses that donated items, the items that were donated and the winners of those items:

<b>Donated By</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Cellcom</b>	- \$50 Cellcom gift card	- Aniles Wilson
<b>Bogdanowitz Pottery</b>	- Pottery Item	- Milton Rusch
<b>Bartels Chainsaw Carvings</b>	- Carving	- Jon Simpson
<b>Twigs Beverage</b>	- Six Pack of soda & \$15 gift certificate	Two winners - Bryce Maule, Tina from Caroline
<b>Shawano Auto Sales</b>	- Cooler, Tervis Cups, and assorted Dodge, Ram, Chrysler & Jeep items	- Lisa Gill
<b>Schultz Heating &amp; Cooling</b>	- Cooler, Assorted Schultz logo'd items, & \$25 gift certificate	- Tom Krause
<b>Torborg’s Shawano Lumber</b>	- Two winners–each for a \$20 gift certificate	- Bobbi Sager, Chris Willcome
<b>Sherwin-Williams</b>	- Gal. of paint, 5 gal. bucket and assorted painting tools/supplies	- Terri Hendrick
<b>Crossroads Custom Cabinetry</b>	- A Basket including coffees, teas, hot chocolate, mugs, etc	- Kathy Kundo
<b>Dearco Paint &amp; Decorating</b>	- Two winners – each for a \$25 gift certificate	- Joanne Elliott, Ron Jesse

A hearty and sincere thank you to each of these businesses for donating to this event. It has become a very positive addition to our show!

**Associate of the Month Program**

WRBA would like to have more of the Associate members present information about their business at the monthly general membership meetings. It could be general information about who you are, how your business got started, what your company does, or info on a special promotion that you are holding, a sale that you have going on, etc. If we don’t get volunteers, we will be contacting members to ask that you take a turn and tell your fellow members a bit about your business! Consider it free advertising! Contact Diane today via email or phone message!

**DON’T FORGET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY NAHB BENEFITS!**

Thanks to those of you taking advantage of the discounts available through the affinity programs being offered by NAHB, WRBA has received a check for \$789.80 as a royalty payment! You benefit. WRBA benefits!!



## Monday Morning Review

April 18, 2016

### Electronic Permitting Bill Now 2015 Wisconsin Act 211

On March 1st, Governor Walker signed Senate Bill 458 (SB 458) into law. SB 458 was a WBA-supported bill, not only to make additions to the information that is required on the one- and two-family building permit, but also to phase in an electronic system that will allow municipalities to electronically submit one- and two-family building permit data to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS).

After being signed into law last week, SB 458 became [2015 Wisconsin Act 211](#). There is now a two year delayed effective date to allow DPS time to build an electronic reporting system and for them to train local municipalities on how to use that system. This law will be fully implemented throughout Wisconsin by January 2, 2018.

Some of the highlights from 2015 Wisconsin Act 211 include:

- Making sure that all one- and two-family building permits contain the number and expiration date for any contractor that is pulling the building permit. A homeowner pulling a permit to work on the home they reside in is not required to have any DPS credential to pull a permit.
- An extended time period for DPS develop a system for individuals and municipalities to process one- and two-family building permits. DPS has confirmed that they can fund this technological upgrade.
- An extended time period for municipalities to work with DPS on the approval and submittal process of one- and two-family building permits through the administrative rule process.
- Flexibility for municipalities to get approval from DPS on an electronic system for collecting and submitting one- and two-family building permits that they may already be using.
- Streamlining current law that requires municipalities to submit copies of all one- and two-family building permits to DPS in 101.65(3).

The groups that worked hard on the compromise that was ultimately signed into law as 2015 Wisconsin Act 211 include the Wisconsin Towns Association, The Wisconsin League of Municipalities, the Wisconsin

Code Officials Alliance, the Wisconsin Builders Association, and the DPS.

The overall public policy goals contained in the act are the result of getting more input from the above-mentioned groups to improve this legislation. The result of the changes contained in the substitute amendment eliminated opposition to the proposal from the groups mentioned above.

Thank you to those WBA members who provided input and guidance on this important piece of public policy that was originally contained in the WBA Advocacy Agenda for the 2015-2016 legislative session.

### Rep. Nygren is WBA Legislator of the Year

Recently, the Brown County Home Builders Association organized a breakfast with members of the state assembly, state senate, and Congressman Reid Ribble to provide additional information to elected officials and members on recent law changes and federal items that are still being pursued. The breakfast was held as part of NAHB's "Bringing Housing Home" effort in 2016.

The event was extremely successful, hosting around thirty members of the association along with Representatives Eric Genrich, Jim Steineke, Dave Steffen, Andre Jacque, Jeff Mursau, and John Nygren. Also in attendance were State Senators Rob Cowles and Frank Lasee and Congressman Reid Ribble.

NAHB Federal Legislative Manager, Julie Bogue, attended the breakfast and gave an update on federal issues, and Congressman Ribble also addressed the group. Congressman Ribble recently announced that he would not be seeking reelection this year, and issued a warning to all in attendance that if you have a problem, do not rely on the federal government to fix it. Congressman Ribble also stated that the state legislators in the room had a better chance of fixing problems than congress, and that members needed to stay engaged in order to make sure government doesn't overreach and make their lives more difficult.

Besides this, the WBA was also able to present Representative John Nygren, the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, with his 2016 WBA Legislator of the Year award. Representative Nygren was presented with this award for his efforts on the last state budget, and for making sure that it contained a number of key wins for housing. From an additional property tax cut to making sure that a residential sprinkler mandate is not in a code package, Representative Nygren was a leader in assuring these and other provisions.

### Madison Newspaper Picks WBA as Winner This Session

Recently the Wisconsin State Senate was in session for their last day, and the Wisconsin Legislature has now completed their work for the 2015-2016 session. Those

legislators who are now running for reelection will now focus their attention on getting signatures to be placed on the ballot, first for the primary election in August, and finally the general election on November 8.

Typically, with the end of session, media outlets often publish articles on who “won” and “lost” over the two-year legislative session. This week, The Capitol Times in Madison published an article titled [“Special interest winners and losers in the 2015-2016 legislative session.”](#) The WBA was listed in the “winners” section, along with the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), the Wisconsin Realtors Association (WRA), Alliant Energy and WEC Energy Group (WE Energies).

One of the reasons for the WBA being on the list was the passage of two separate property rights bills that we advocated in favor of to close out the legislative session.

Congratulations WBA members on your efforts this session!

### **Senate President to Retire, Rep. Craig Announce For Seat**

In a surprise announcement recently State Senate President Mary Lazich sent out notice that she would not be seeking reelection in 2016. Senator Lazich was first elected to the state senate in a special election in April 1998, and also served as a member of the State Assembly from 1993 to 1998.

Senator Lazich stated that “it has been an immense honor and pleasure to serve the people of Senate District 28. During recent years Governor Walker and the Republican-led Legislature guided the state through turbulent times. While the work was hard, the reward is great. Wisconsin is much more fiscally secure and many government shackles have been opened. Wisconsin residents and business are much better situated to pursue life with less government intrusion and with freedom to live, educate, and work with greater independence.”

[State Senate District 28](#) is a safe GOP race, where the winner of the GOP primary is the odds-on favorite to win this now open seat in November.

Current State Representative Dave Craig immediately announced his intention to run for the seat. Representative Craig has served in the state assembly since winning a special election to the seat in May 2011. Before his election, Craig served as an aide to Congressman Paul Ryan and also served as a trustee for the Village of Big Bend.

In his press release to announce his candidacy, Representative Craig stated, “Today, I am announcing that I am running for the State Senate, where I intend to build on the reforms of the last 5 years and work to lessen the burden of government from the back of Wisconsin small businesses and our families. Amy and I appreciate the outpouring of support from conservative leaders around Southeast Wisconsin and we are humbled to receive the immediate endorsements of many of my Assembly colleagues, particularly Rep. Mike Kuglitsch and Rep. Ken Skowronski, as well as Senator Chris

Kapenga, Senator Steve Nass and Senator Duey Stroebel. I look forward to speaking to the residents of the 28th Senate District as I humbly ask for their support in this important election.”

### **Bradley Wins By Larger Than Expected Margin**

The only other statewide race on the ballot for the spring general election in addition to the presidential primary featured Justice Rebecca Bradley and challenger Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg for a 10-year term on Wisconsin’s highest court. Bradley bested Kloppenburg 1,017,083 (52.4%) to 925,836 (47.7%).

With a number of unflattering stories written last month regarding some [controversial letters to the editor](#), Bradley wrote in the early 1990s while an undergraduate at Marquette University, many believed she may lose or that the race would be determined by a razor thin margin.

What made the difference in the end? Likely the answer to that question comes down to three factors: Bradley was able to raise and spend more late, independent outside groups spent more to help Bradley than Kloppenburg, and, most importantly, the turnout for the GOP was higher than that for the Democrats.

Supreme Court races in Wisconsin are technically “nonpartisan,” but the last decade or so has seen these races run much more like gubernatorial races than judicial races. An additional sign that these races have become even more politicized in 2016 can be witnessed in the [comments made about the race](#) by Senator Bennie Sanders and Secretary Hillary Clinton when they traveled to Wisconsin to campaign.

More voter intensity with right leaning voters who participated in the GOP presidential primary versus left leaning voters who participated in the Democrat primary likely made the most difference in the bigger than expected win for Bradley. 97,142 more voters cast their ballot in the GOP primary versus the Democrat primary, and, because of the politicization of the race, it is assumed that the overwhelming majority of those voters likely also cast their ballot for Bradley even when taking into consideration the down ballot drop off in voters.

Of course, when it comes to politics, more money certainly doesn’t hurt either. A [recently released study](#) of television airtime purchased in Wisconsin (compiled by the Brennan Center for Justice) showed a huge spending advantage by pro-Bradley issue advocacy groups. The left leaning Greater Wisconsin Committee spent just under \$400,000 in the race, while the conservative group Wisconsin Alliance for Reform spent just under \$2 million in the race.

### **Enforcement Begins in 2017 for Construction Industry**

*From NAHB:* OSHA issued the [final silica rule](#) to limit exposure to crystalline silica, which was published in the Federal Register recently.

After a brief initial [review](#), it appears that the final rule contains some of the same problematic provisions that

NAHB identified in comments submitted to OSHA during the rulemaking process.

**What work is covered by the rule?** Crystalline silica is found in many common building materials. Popular remodeling jobs like kitchens and baths that involve cutting tile, bricks and other materials containing crystalline silica over the new limit will likely be impacted by this new regulation.

**Why is this important to remodelers?** Remodelers will be required to use specified engineering controls like water or ventilation and provide respiratory protection for common tasks like trimming tile and cutting bricks under the updated exposure limits of the new silica rule.

**What are a remodeler's responsibilities in the meantime?** The rule goes in to effect on June 23, 2016, but OSHA will not enforce the rule in the construction industry until June 23, 2017. At that time, remodelers are required to establish work practices that limit worker exposure, have a written exposure control plan, and find a competent person to implement it. Employers should prepare to provide workers who must wear a respirator for 30 or more days per year with medical exams and to keep records of workers' silica exposure and medical exams.

**Where can remodelers learn more about the required training and equipment?** NAHB continues to review the 1,772 page pre-publication copy of the rule. Members can access more information on the potential impact on [nahb.org](http://nahb.org).

**When and how did NAHB get involved?** NAHB raised numerous concerns during the multi-year rulemaking process. Though the agency has made major changes to the construction rule, NAHB remains concerned that the final rule is not technologically and economically feasible for remodelers.

This is the value of your membership. NAHB Remodelers makes your voice heard with regulatory and legislative decision-makers—and ensures that you are informed of the latest actions that could impact you and your business.

Questions? [remodel@nahb.org](mailto:remodel@nahb.org).

Brad Boycks

WBA Executive Director



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**SCHS Trades Program Student Going to Nationals**  
Unfortunately, I don't have all of the details on this, but recently Greg Brown, WRBA member and Instructor for the Trades Programs at Shawano High School, took 11 students to Madison for some sort of Skills competition. Greg had one of his students, Alex Reader, place I believe first in the Residential Wiring category! Alex will be headed to the National competition in June. Our congratulations to Greg and to Alex on a job well done! Greg will be at the May General Membership Meeting with more information on this and the upcoming National competition.



### Cellcom – App highlights...

Following are some of the recently highlighted Apps that were suggested by Cellcom...

- Use **PicsArt Photo Studio** to make photo edits, photo collages and digital drawings using filters, tools and effects.
- Want to explore fashion around the world? Try **Chictopia**! You can browse street style photos and shop for shoes, clothes and accessories through this worldwide fashion community.
- Are you a visual person? Use **Mindly** to remove unnecessary clutter and organize your thoughts, ideas, concepts and notes.

### **Item for sale:**

Cross Bars for hauling items on top of a vehicle. 14' x 56". Like new. Contact Diane for seller name and more information if interested. 715-853-2310.

### **Coming Events through the Shawano Chamber:**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Shawano Chamber Golf Outing – Theme: Calling all Super Heroes & Villains**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> - Business Connection at NWTC at Thedacare Medical Center, 100 Cty Rd B, Shawano**

## **WRBA Membership News**

### **WRBA New Members! Welcome**

- **Affordable Windows & Universal Siding**  
W396 Funk Road, Krakow  
Representative: Steve Larson  
Sponsor: John Maule (current President)
- **Titletown Flooring LLC**  
3350 Commodity Lane, Ste A, Green Bay  
Representative: K J Schreiber  
Sponsor: Trish Kieckhafer

### **WRBA Members Renewed – Welcome Back!**

- Apple Valley Nursery & Orchards, LLC  
Representative: Roy Brodhagen
- Heins Appliances & Refrigeration  
Representative: Brian Heins
- KerberRose S.C.  
Representative: Donald Pedersen

### **Members – Renewal Due March**

- Valentine, Inc – Bob Valentine

### **Members – Renewal Due April**

- Denkins Drywall, Inc – Jeff Denkins
- Menards – Gene Braatz
- Wolf River Habitat for Humanity  
Affiliate member – Dorothy Foster
- Wolf River Media – Chris Kennedy

### **Members – Renewal Due May**

- SCHS Trades Program – Greg Brown
- Luisier Drilling Inc. – James Meyers
- M J Electric – Mike Johnson
- Shawano Well Drilling Inc., - John Dillenburg

### **Members – Renewal Due June**

- Wolf River Habitat for Humanity  
Affiliate Member – Ted Foster

### **Members – Renewal Due July**

- J C Santy Construction LLC – Brad Santy
- Contractors Choice Lumber LLC – Brenda Thomas

### **Non-Renewing Members**

The following member has either allowed their membership to lapse with NAHB or have opted to not renew their membership. If you see this past member, please encourage them to renew today.

- Valley Cabinet, Inc. – Mike Stoller

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### **Membership Dues — Installment Payments**

If desired, you may make installment payments on your membership dues renewal. You may split the payment up into two or three payments, with the final payment due by your renewal date. There will be no refunds if dues are not paid in full. And one payment in full when due is always an option!

## **Wolf River Builders Association 2015/2016 Board of Directors**

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# **COMING EVENTS**

**JUNE - SPORTING CLAYS OUTING**

**JULY - PICNIC/POTLUCK**

**AUGUST 9 - GOLF OUTING @ GOLDEN SANDS G. C.**

**SEPTEMBER 13 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**OCTOBER 11 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**NOVEMBER - NO MEETINGS**

**DECEMBER 13 - REGULAR GENERAL MEMBER MEETING**

**JANUARY - CHRISTMAS PARTY/GENERAL MEMBER MEETING**