

The **Builder News**

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

Calendar of Events

December 2023

Dec. 6 - Chamber of Commerce 'Coffee Connections,' 8-9 a.m., Shawano's Cafe, W7389 River Bend Rd., Shawano. RSVP 715-524-2139 or chamber@shawanocountry.com. This is a great opportunity to meet other business people, share information and ideas. Attendees introduce themselves and their business to the entire group. This is a free event, but registration is appreciated.

Dec. 12 - WRBA General Membership Breakfast Meeting, 6:15 a.m., Farm Inn' on Main, Shawano. Register at link: <https://forms.gle/6hn1bXEmJuEeeMoa6>

Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!

Dec. 26 - WRBA Board of Directors Meeting, 5:45 p.m., The Pad, Shawano

Jan. 9 - WRBA Christmas Party & Awards, Antlers Supper Club, Bonduel. 5:45 cocktails, 6:30 dinner. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/JAYoNYYMvEGZZDAGA>

Mission Statement

The Wolf River Builders Association's purpose is to serve as an advocate and resource for area building industry professionals, while supporting a commitment to our community through leadership and education.



Wolf River Builders Association

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December General Membership Breakfast Meeting

When: Tuesday, December 12th
Where: **Farm Inn' on Main**
123 N. Main St., Shawano
715-524-4916

6:15 a.m. meeting/breakfast
PLEASE RSVP
by Monday, December 11th
via e-mail or link

<https://forms.gle/6hn1bXEmJuEeeMoa6>

One meal per membership is free, however "no shows" will be charged. Add'l meals for spouse or guests - \$12.00

Progressive Attendance Pot
\$40 for December Meeting

Door Prize donations always welcome!
Just bring it along!

We hope to see you there!

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB –
<http://www.nahb.org/savings>

From your President

Hello everyone! My name is Bryan Nemetz and I am your 2023-2024 incoming president. I was born and raised in Shawano and after graduating from Shawano High School I attended NWTC for



carpentry/cabinetry. I then worked for a local contractor for 7 years and then started my own business in 2003 as Bryan Nemetz Construction LLC. I do custom built homes, renovations, cabinets, roofing & siding, garages, decks, windows and drywall.

I have been a member of the WRBA for the past 5 years and a board member for the last 3 years. I decided to join WRBA to have a strong and trusting network of people and businesses to work with.

We have many exciting events throughout the year; Christmas party, trap shooting and golf outing to name a few. We have our annual Scholarship Calendar Raffle where proceeds benefit local high school students entering the building and trades field.

We are always looking for new members to join the association so if you have any subcontractors/associates, please reach out to them and invite them to one of our meetings.

Now a little about my personal life. I am married to my wife, Deja, and we have a yellow lab named Chester. I'm an avid hunter and sturgeon spearer. In our 'spare time' we grow and sell pumpkins at our farm, B&D Pumpkin Farm, south of Shawano.

In closing, I would like to thank our past president Jess Kosnicki for doing a great job this past year. It is an honor to serve you this coming year and I look forward to a successful year to come!

Thank you, Bryan Nemetz

2024 Home Show cancellation

The 2024 Home Show, originally set for January 20-21, 2024 at Hillcrest Primary School in Shawano, has been canceled.

We will look to potentially bring this back again in the future, and work to gauge interest from potential vendors and sponsors if this is still a valuable resource for them.

Scholarship Cash Raffle tickets

Just a few more weeks remain before we start drawings for our 2023 scholarship cash raffle on January 1.

Tickets are available for \$20 each. Daily drawings will be held January 1-21, with prizes of up to \$1000. Every ticket is eligible for every drawing. Get your tickets before January 1!

The proceeds will help support our scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors pursuing a future in the building trades.

Tickets are available at the front desk at CoVantage Credit Union on Green Bay St. in Shawano, BankFirst in Shawano, AbbyBank in Shawano, or any WRBA member. If you are interested in having tickets at your place of business, please contact us at wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com.

Officer Installation

Members enjoyed an evening learning more about Wisconsin Builders Association president Mike Howe and the opportunities offered by WBA. Mike, who works as a builder in the Manitowoc area, was on hand to assist with our installation ceremonies during our October 10 meeting at Shawano's Cafe.

Our board members and officers for 2023-2024 are as follows:

President - Bryan Nemetz

President-Elect - Bryce Szymanski

Treasurer - Don Pedersen

Secretary - Mark Flunker

Builder Directors - Greg Brown, John Maule

Associate Directors - Jess Kosnicki, Stacy Herman, Trish Kieckhafer

Member Spotlight

WRBA would like to have you present information about your business at a monthly



Members of the 2023-2024 Board of Directors were installed on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Shawano's Cafe. Pictured is Wisconsin Builders Association Vice President Mike Howe with Secretary Mark Flunker, Builder Director John Maule, President-Elect Bryce Szymanski, Associate Director Trish Kieckhafer, and Associate Director Jess Kosnicki. Not pictured is Associate Director Stacy Herman, Builder Director Greg Brown and Treasurer Don Pedersen. Below, President Bryan Nemetz receives his installation oath.



renewing their DCQ credential will be required four of the 12 required credits in subject matter that includes construction laws and codes and contracts, liability, and risk management.

To register for the course, members or non-members can simply click the red **REGISTER** button. Members of record can access this course free of charge by entering the promo code provided on [this page](#) at checkout; note: WBA member login will be required to access this page.

The course is available to non-members for \$55.00. Your DCQ number will also be required at the time of registration.

Directions:

1. Click the Red **REGISTER** Button (or visit <https://wisconsinbuildersassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/gLW88V9r?mode=Attendee>)
2. Complete the required information and payment on checkout page (reminder to members of record to enter **promo code DCQ2022MEMBER** for free registration)
3. You will receive a confirmation that you have been registered. At this time, please watch your inbox - and spam folder - for an email from On3. Note: it may take up to 48 hours if registering on the weekend.
4. Follow the instructions in the email and complete the online learning (from smart phone, tablet, web browser, etc.) within 30 days

general membership meeting and in our newsletter.

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. Consider it free advertising! Contact Nathan at wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com to set this up.

Online Education Course available

In partnership with On3 Field Learning, the Wisconsin Builders Foundation offers a 4-credit online course that will satisfy the new continuing education requirements for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers. Due to a recent law change, anyone

5. After you have passed the course with a 70%, WBF will receive confirmation of your exam from On3 and will submit your credits to DSPS!

Progressive Attendance Drawing



The name drawn for the \$20 pot at the Member Installation Meeting was Dearco Glass, Paint & Decorating. A representative was not in attendance to claim the prize, so the pot at the December breakfast meeting will increase to \$40.

Unfamiliar with the “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 the member is in attendance or not.

If 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 or Hard Hat Happy Hour event. Minimum pot will always be \$20. It costs you nothing, but you could be a winner if you’re there!

Make sure you are there to win if your name (#) is called!

- CoVantage Credit Union - Jess Kosnicki
- J.C. Santy Construction - Brad Santy
- Knope Heating & Air Conditioning - Reese DeVeau
- LJ Sperberg Construction Inc. - Jody Stichman
- Market Messenger - Patti Peterson
- Maule Construction LLC - John Maule
- Wallrich Agency - Cap Wallrich
- Wausau Homes of Appleton - Mike Gibbons
- Woodstock Hardwood Flooring & Design Center - Philip Kersten

Membership Dues — Installment Payments

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

Help boost our membership!

Please **invite member prospects** to membership meetings! We’ll pay for their meal for the first meeting to give them the opportunity to see what we are all about. We’ll also give **you** a \$10 Kwik Trip Card for bringing them! Share our membership info by sharing this link: [WRBA Potential Member Letter](#)

There are many reasons to maintain your membership! We’d love to hear what you find valuable in your membership! Let us know!
Membership: Trish Kieckhafer – 715-853-9961

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Available

WRBA has Kwik Trip Gift Cards. Denominations currently in-stock are \$10 and \$100.

We are able to order amounts of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 \$100 or \$500.

If you’d like to order a large amount for yourself or for employee incentive programs, just fill out our [ORDER FORM](#), or send an e-mail to wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

Cards are also available at any of our general membership meetings! Help support WRBA!

Membership News

Memberships Renewed – Welcome Back!

- AbbyBank - Samantha Olson
- Bryan Nemetz Construction - Bryan Nemetz
- Cellcom - Vaughn Bohm

Webinar: How to Have a Growing and More Profitable Business

Presented by Shelby Ashley of [Optimized Financial Solutions](#), this comprehensive webinar is designed to provide valuable insights for improving the profitability and cash flow within the context of small to medium sized businesses in the building industry. The webinar will be held Feb. 15 from noon to 1 p.m., and is free for members of WBA. A \$25 fee is charged for non-WBA members.

Attendees will gain a deep understanding of financial principles, tools, and strategies tailored to their sector, enabling them to make informed decisions and drive sustainable growth. DCQ holders will receive 1 continuing education credit towards their DSPS DCQ credential from attending this webinar. You do not need to be a DCQ-holder to attend this webinar.

Because this course is approved for one continuing education credential for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers, attendees (regardless of whether or not you hold a DCQ credential) will be required to have their cameras on for proof of attendance. A call-in option will not be available. WBA staff will submit credit to DSPS for DCQ credential-holders.

To register, please visit [THIS LINK](#). A link to participate will be provided upon registering.

WBA Member Meeting Day Feb. 2

Registration is ongoing for the upcoming Wisconsin Builders Association [Member Meeting Day](#) and [Presidents Installation](#) on February 2 at the Renaissance Milwaukee West Hotel in Wauwatosa.



Wolf River Builders Association 2023/2024 Board of Directors

President	Bryan Nemetz Bryan Nemetz Construction W8885 Oak Avenue Shawano, WI 54166 Mobile: 715-853-7104
President Elect	Bryce Szymanski Lakeview Revival WI Inc. 1005 S. Sawyer St. Shawano, WI 54166 Mobile: 715-304-8005
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Secretary	Mark Flunker Wolf River Habitat for Humanity 414 E. Elizabeth St. Shawano, WI 54166 Mobile: 715-584-5995
Builder Directors	John Maule – Maule Construction LLC (Work: 715-745-2256) Greg Brown - SCHS Trades Program (Work: 715-526-2175)
Associate Directors	Stacy Herman - BankFirst (Work: 715-201-0390) Jess Kosnicki - CoVantage Credit Union (Work: 715-524-8200 ext. 3238) Trish Kieckhafer - Stone Creations (Work: 715-526-8690 ext. 102)
State Director	Greg Brown – SCHS Building Trades
Executive Officer	Nathan Falk Email: wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com Website: www.wolfriverbuilders.org Ph: 715-853-2310



Scholarship Calendar Raffle

Daily prizes Jan. 1-21
- Prizes from \$100-\$1000 -
21 winners chosen

Tickets are \$20 each

**Tickets: AbbyBank-Shawano, Bank First in
Shawano, CoVantage Credit Union,
or any WRBA member**

**Proceeds benefit local high school
student building trades scholarships**

Drawing will be held daily from January 1 through January 21
- winners posted daily on our Facebook page.
All tickets will be eligible for each daily drawing.

Wolf River Builders Association - P.O. Box 595 - Shawano, WI 54166

www.wolfriverbuilders.org

RAFFLE LICENSE NUMBER: R0027713-A-44587

2023 MEMBER SAVINGS PROGRAM | AT A GLANCE

nahb.org/savings



AUTO

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
GOODYEAR	Members must log into NAHB.org to save 15% on Goodyear Tires	Goodyear Tires & Services	nahb.org/goodyear
NISSAN	Save between \$2,500 - \$8,150 per vehicle. Must be purchased in member's company name. NOT stackable with most national offers. Member's company eligible.	Nissan	nahb.org/nissan

BUILDING MATERIALS

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
LOWE'S	5% off* in store, plus 2% statement credit with Commercial Account (LCA) or Lowe's Business Advantage (LBA). 5-10% off online orders using any payment method	Building Materials	lowes.com/nahb 877-435-2440

FUEL

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
VOYAGER	Save on Fuel with Voyager card for Business. Savings anywhere Mastercard is accepted.	Fuel Savings and Fleet Management	usbank.com/splash/corporate-payments/transportation/nahb.html

WIRELESS

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
T-MOBILE	Savings of at least 10%	Cell Phones, Internet, Plans, & More	www.nahb.org/t-mobile

TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
AVIS	Save up to 30% off Avis PAY NOW rates when making a reservation with Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number G572900.	Rental Cars	avis.com/nahb 800-331-1212 AWD #G572900
BUDGET	Save up to 35% off Budget PAY NOW rates when making a reservation using Budget Customer Discount (BCD) number Z536900.	Rental Cars	budget.com/nahb 800-283-4387 BCD #Z536900
HOTELPLANNER	NAHB members can save up to 65% on hotel room rates at over 800,000 properties worldwide in more than 250 countries.	Hotels	nahb.hotelplanner.com 1-800-497-2175
MEMBER DEALS	Up to 50% off.	Theme Parks, Movie Tickets, Concerts, Water Parks, Gift Cards	memberdeals.com/nahb/?login=1 (877) 579-1201

NAHB Members Saved
over **\$40,000,000** last year

2023 MEMBER SAVINGS PROGRAM | AT A GLANCE

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BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
DELL	Up to 40% off Dell computers, servers, electronics & accessories.	Computers & Hardware	dell.com/nahb 1-800-757-8442
HOUZZ	25% Off Houzz Pro, free help with best practices, 10% trade discount on Houzz Shop purchases.	Marketing Solutions, Building Products	houzz.com/for-pros/nahb-discounts (888) 225-3051
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	Up to 75% off online regular prices on their Best Value List of preferred products. Plus, free shipping over \$50.	Office Supplies	officediscounts.org/nahb 855-337-6811 x2897
UPS SHIPPING	Flat-rate pricing, 50% discount for next day shipping, 30% for ground commercial/residential.	Business Shipping	1800members.com/nahb 1-800-MEMBERS
YRC FREIGHT	At least 75% off Less Than Truckload (LTL) shipping over 150lbs.	Freight Shipping	1800members.com/nahb 1-800-MEMBERS
RINGCENTRAL	Save 15% off monthly on a new RingCentral Office service. Receive \$50 off the list price on any RingCentral phone. Current NAHB RingCentral users are eligible for discounts by calling and re-signing a 24 month agreement.	Message. Video. Phone	ringcentral.com/nahb (800) 417 0930
HEARTLAND	Reduced fees and elevated customer service for NAHB members	Payment & POS Solutions	go.heartlandpaymentsystems.com/nahb 800-613-0148
CONSTRUCTIONJOBS.COM	20% discount on standard rates.	Job Postings	NAHB Career Center Portal 828-251-1344

INSURANCE

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
FARMERS INSURANCE	Choose an insurance plan that fits you and save at least 10%	Personal & Business Insurance Needs	Coming Soon

NAHB ASSOCIATION DISCOUNTS

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NAHB INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS' SHOW®	Up to \$200 off show registration. Up to \$3.75 per sq. ft. off exhibit space.	Trade Show	buildersshow.com
NAHB CONTRACTS	Up to 30% off contract rates.	Legal	nahb.org/nahbcontracts
HOUSINGECONOMICS	\$100 off annual subscription.	Economic & Housing Data	housingeconomics.com
BUILDERBOOKS	10% off books. Up to 45% off research.	Books	builderbooks.com
ONLINE EDUCATION	Up to 30% off webinars; Up to 50% off online courses.	Education	nahb.org/education

Discounts are of 2/8/23 & subject to change at any time. Visit nahb.org/savings for latest deals & limited time offers.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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1. KWIK TRIP REWARDS

\$0.06 cents off of every gallon of fuel purchased along with 10% off of most in-store purchases. Valid for business accounts.

2. CONTRACTS/FORMS

Legally vetted and regularly updated construction and remodeling contracts and forms are free to use by our members. \$6,000 Value



3. MEMBER HOTLINE

WBA provides complimentary access to legal, building code, and safety experts to answer any building-related issues you're facing. \$100 value/question

4. INSURANCE

Customizable industry-specific business and health insurance packages available for members at discounted rates.



5. REBATE PROGRAM

Builder and remodeler members are eligible to receive cash back on materials, appliances, and more used in their construction projects. Average Returns = \$1,472/quarter!

6. CONTINUING EDUCATION

12 FREE continuing education credits for dwelling contractor credentials, and discounts on plumbing and electrical credits.



7. COACHING & CONSULTING

Members can receive complimentary business assessment services every year - a \$2,200 value!



Even More Benefits Available at
WISBUILD.ORG/MEMBER-BENEFITS



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JOIN US...

Meet your area builders & building professionals to learn about networking opportunities & the way we help each other & our communities!

WRBA is always looking for new members to expand our team of professionals!
Come mingle & your meal is on us!

Our next membership meeting will be held
December 12, 2023
—
send us a message for location & time.
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