

# The Builder News

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

## Calendar of Events

**February 2024**

Feb. 13 - WRBA Hard Hat Happy Hour, Brothers' Pub, 5:45 p.m., Shawano. Drawings for prizes, 50/50 and attendance raffle at 6:30 p.m. RSVP LINK: <https://forms.gle/zWEbQmXc3BHskWhr8>

Feb. 27 - WRBA Board of Directors Meeting, 5:45 p.m., The Pad, Shawano

Feb. 27-29 - International Building Show, Las Vegas

Mar. 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.

March 12 - WRBA General Breakfast Meeting, 6:15 a.m., Farm Inn' on Main, Shawano. Guest speaker - Kurt Krizan from Shawano Schools.

## 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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## February Hard Hat Happy Hour

When: Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Where: **Brothers' Pub**

5867 N Lake Dr., Shawano

Networking, food & drink: 5:45 p.m.  
Drawings: 6:30 p.m. (50/50 raffle, door prizes, attendance raffle)

**PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**PLEASE** help us plan by letting us know you will attend

by Monday, February 12

At [www.wolfriverbuilders.org/register](http://www.wolfriverbuilders.org/register),  
phone call @ 715-853-2310 or via Email -  
[wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com](mailto:wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com)

**Progressive Attendance Pot**

\$100 for February

**Door Prize donations**

**always welcome!**

**Just bring it along!**

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB -

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



WRBA members were recognized for years of membership at the WRBA Christmas Party at Antler's in Bonduel on January 11. President Bryan Nemetz presented Chuck Rabitz of AbbyBank with a five year membership plaque (left). Mark Flunker of Wolf River Habitat for Humanity and Beth Schuster of Stone Creations accepted 15 year membership plaques (center left), and Jess Kosnicki of CoVantage accepted a 20 year membership plaque (center right). At far right, Vaughn Bohm of Cellcom is shown with a 20 year charter member plaque. Other members who were recognized included Tundraland Home Improvements (5 years), Schneider & Son's Landscaping (15 years), and 20 year charter members Dearco, Knope Heating & Air Conditioning, L.J Sperberg Construction, Torborg's Shawano Lumber, and The Wallrich Agency.

### From your Executive Officer

As you may have noticed, some of the newsletters haven't gotten out on time the past few months. I am nearly six months into my cancer battle - being diagnosed with colorectal cancer August 15 during my first routine colonoscopy.



I want to thank so many of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and gifts along this journey. I just recently completed my IV chemotherapy treatments, and will soon start radiation treatment.

We are currently planning our May Sporting Clays shoot, our summer picnic and the August golf outing. If you or your company are willing to help sponsor any of these events, we will list your name/logo on the event flyer. Please reach out if you're interested - [wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com](mailto:wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com). We'd also love to hear what's new at your business and share it with others. We are able to do some sharing on our Facebook page - however a nice story in the newsletter is always welcome. I'd even help write it up for you!

Thank you again for helping share the load during this recovery journey.

-Nathan Falk, WRBA Executive Officer

### Scholarship Cash Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who helped support our 2023 Scholarship Cash Raffle. Congratulations to our prize winners:

- 1-1-2024 \$150 Laurie Maule
- 1-2-2024 \$100 Todd Going
- 1-3-2024 \$100 Shannon Hall Torres
- 1-4-2024 \$100 Alex Tessar
- 1-5-2024 \$100 Bruce Patterson
- 1-6-2024 \$150 Kurt Zuleger
- 1-7-2024 \$150 Kevin Barkow
- 1-8-2024 \$100 Steve Reinert
- 1-9-2024 \$100 Dee Lyons
- 1-10-2024 \$100 Terry Tonn
- 1-11-2024 \$100 Jay Teschke
- 1-12-2024 \$100 Nancy Lee
- 1-13-2024 \$150 Dave Herrmann
- 1-14-2024 \$150 Bryce Szymanski
- 1-15-2024 \$100 Gina Patzer
- 1-16-2024 \$100 Lela Schwitzer
- 1-17-2024 \$100 Ron Lotto
- 1-18-2024 \$100 Dan Nier
- 1-19-2024 \$200 Mary Sutter
- 1-20-2024 \$750 Justin Richter
- 1-21-2024 \$1000 Beth Schuster

### Scholarship deadline March 15

The Wolf River Builders Association Scholarship offers a scholarship(s) (up to 3 individuals), with the possibility of an individual receiving up to \$1500.

This is presented to a student or students who are continuing their education in a building-associated trade.

The scholarship is payable in one lump sum to be used for the initial semester at an accredited college, university, junior college, technical college, trade or vocational school or other approved educational organization.

**Criteria for selection is as follows:**

1. Graduating senior of a high school located in Shawano, Oconto or Menominee counties.
2. Show financial need.
3. Proven leadership ability.
4. Good moral character.
5. Continuing their education in a building associated field.
6. Scholarship request must be made on WRBA application.

The 2024 [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINK](#) is available here and in area schools. The deadline is March 15, 2024.

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

**Lego Home Builders Contest**

CALLING ALL LEGO BUILDERS ages 3-17! Looking for something fun for the kids to do? Want to add a little 'tech ed' into their education? We're having a Lego Home Building Contest and challenging all Lego builders age 3-17 to show off their master Lego skills!



Those selected as the winners will receive prizes donated by Bryan Nemetz Construction and Knope Heating & Air Conditioning! Submissions are due Friday, March 22 - winners will be announced on Sunday, March 24th.

How does it work?

- 1 - Pull out that tub of Legos.
- 2 - Build the best house out of Legos that you can.
- 3 - Snap a photo of your Lego House.
- 4 - Send the photo to us by Facebook Message ( <https://www.facebook.com/WolfRiverBuildersAssociation/> ) or by email [wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com](mailto:wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com) by Friday 3/22/2024. Please include the first name and age of the child who built the house, as well as the city you live in.
- 5 - Our team of 'experts' will select the winners. Depending on entries, winners will be broken into age categories, as well as a category for entries from outside our service area of Shawano, Menominee and Oconto Counties.
- 6 - We will post all of the homes and the winners on Facebook.

We're looking forward to seeing all of the fantastic creations you come up with!

**New Member Spotlight -  
Double K Concrete Services**

My name is Kurt Kazik, owner of Double K Concrete Services LLC. I serve all of Northeast Wisconsin as well





as Northern Wisconsin. I offer the following services:

- Flatwork
- Stamping/Decorative Concrete
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- Wall Grinding/Patchwork/Finishing
- Masonry
- Snow Removal

I look forward to the opportunity of networking with the WRBA and offering my services.

Sincerely, Kurt Kazik  
920-475-2156  
kurtkazik@hotmail.com

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## **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.

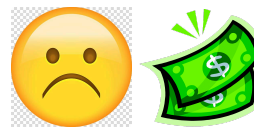
Attendees will gain a deep understanding of financial principles, tools, and strategies tailored to their sector, enabling them to make informed decisions and drive sustainable growth. DCQ holders will receive 1 continuing education credit towards their DSPS DCQ credential from attending this webinar. 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.

## **Progressive Attendance Drawing**



The name drawn for the \$80 pot at the Christmas Party was Knope Heating & Air Conditioning. A representative was not in attendance to claim the prize, so the pot at the February Hard Hat Happy Hour will increase to \$100.

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!**

## Membership News

### New Member – Welcome!

- Double K Concrete Services - Kurt Kazik

### Memberships Renewed – Welcome Back!

- Lakeview Revival WI Inc. - Bryce Szymanski
- Raddant Electric Service - Sheri & Keith Raddant
- Torborgs Shawano Lumber - Jim Torborg

### Members – Renewal Due February

- Frontline Fence LLC - Cayla Farley
- Schneider & Son's Landscaping Inc. - Angela Schneider
- The Sherwin Williams Company - John Zovnic

## Upcoming Events/Meetings

February 13 - Hard Hat Happy Hour - Brothers' Pub

March 12 - Breakfast Meeting - Farm Inn on Main

April 9 - Hard Hat Happy Hour - JDogs, Shawano

**May 14 - Sporting Clays Shoot - J&H Game Farm**

**June 11 - Picnic - Kuckuk Park, Shawano**

JULY - NO MEETING

**August 6 - Golf Outing - Golden Sands, Cecil**

Sept. 10 - Officer Elections - Location TBD

October 8 - Officer Installation - Location TBD

NOVEMBER - NO MEETING

Dec. 10 - Breakfast Meeting - Farm Inn on Main

### **RED = OPEN TO THE PUBLIC / Spread the word!**

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](#)



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## Wolf River Builders Association 2023/2024 Board of Directors

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# Hard Hat Happy Hour

A networking event for our builder and associate members, as well as prospective members!

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Brothers' Pub  
5867 N. Lake Drive, Shawano

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**Networking / food & beverage:  
5:45-6:30 p.m. - drawings at 6:30**

There is no guest charge. Members will each receive a \$15 gift certificate towards their food/beverage. Please pre-register the names of those attending on our website at [www.wolfriverbuilders.org/register](http://www.wolfriverbuilders.org/register) or call 715-853-2310

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We are also looking for door prizes for the event - please e-mail us at [wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com](mailto:wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com) or call us at 715-853-2310 if you have something to bring.



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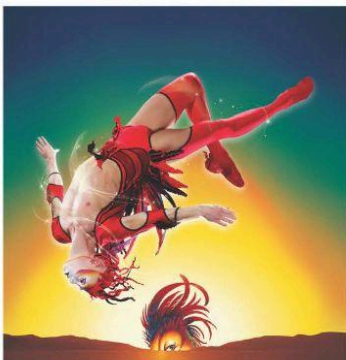
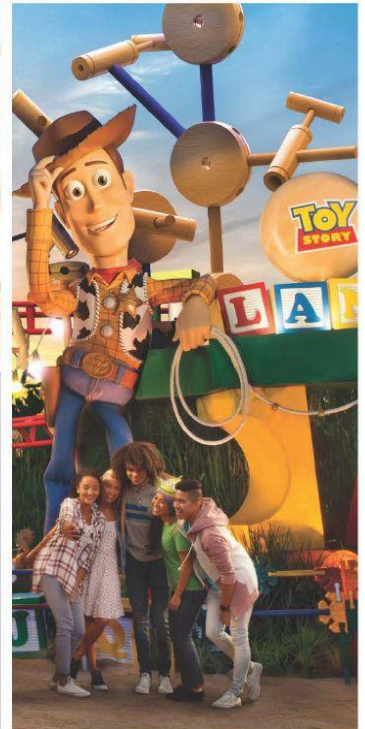
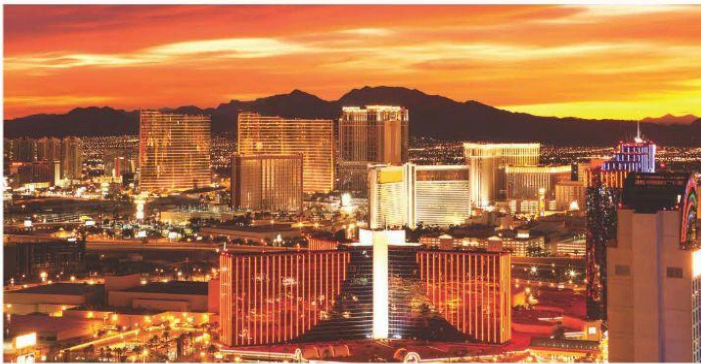
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## 3. MEMBER HOTLINE

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



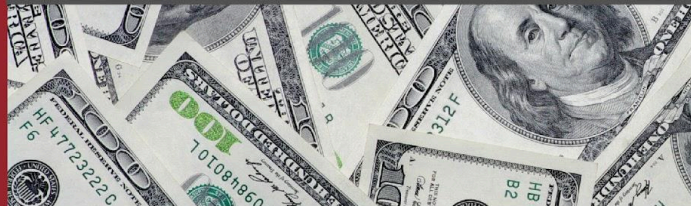
## 4. INSURANCE

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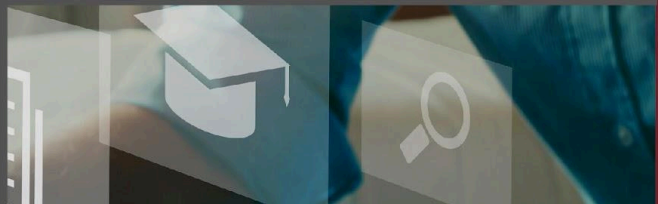
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## 6. CONTINUING EDUCATION

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



## 7. COACHING & CONSULTING

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to Learn About Networking Opportunities and the Way  
We Help Each Other and Our Communities!



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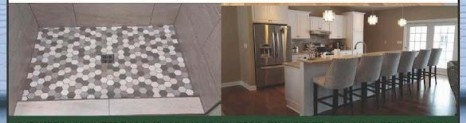
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