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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

5 _ WBA Advocacy Day at the State Capital

19 - Monthly Membership Meeting at The Great Dane

APRIL

18 _ Silent Auction at Dale's Weston Lanes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to March Everyone! What a month, hey? I write this Friday morning after the snowiest February on record.

Yesterday we had a great February member meeting at Elite Custom Cabinetry. The Marathon County Sherriff's Department put on a pre-meeting class on concealed carry to a full house. Then we were treated to a fabulous spread of food by David and Elizabeth from Thrive Foodery. Thank you to

Travis Hoffman and his team for hosting us, and to all who participated.

Last weekend we had our annual Home Show and were blessed with one of the biggest snow storms of the year. Who would have thought that we could have three days of bad weather in a row in February!

All that being said, of the exhibitors we have talked to ALL seem very pleased by the quality of the leads that came from the show. And that is what it is all about. Getting your name out there and meeting some great prospects! Keep your funnels full. We have many exhibitors already pre-registered for next year, don't lose your spot, contact Cara or Shelly for 2020 before April 1.

As we go about our daily routines, let's reach out to our friends that have relationships to the building business and ask them to come to a monthly meeting, or one of our events. I am confident that when people see the new energy, and opportunities to grow their business in this organization, they will see the benefits of being a member.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 19th, bring a friend. See you there!

Thank you,

Russ Utech President

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Hello,

We have the 2019 WABA Home Show in the books! Unfortunately, our guests had to deal with adverse weather conditions to come to the show but a lot still made it out. Shelly Talley-Nelsen along the rest of her Home Show committee did a fantastic job of preparing for the show this year and it was apparent.

Thanks to Builders FirstSource, the office is currently

undergoing an expansion. We were able to obtain another large room for our use here and have been working with the area High Schools through our Building Youth into Builders Committee to have high school construction students help with a light remodeling of the space. We have had one group of students out for the demo portion and have another group coming soon to continue with the project. By summer we should have a great space to host educational seminars ourselves!

This month we are having our membership meeting on a Tuesday! We hope that this will help our members who have conflicts on Thursday nights to be able to join us. We will be at the Great Dane, check out Gloria's event information for the rest of the detals.

With Gratitude,

Cara Spatz

Association Manager



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MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 19TH



This month our Membership Dinner Meeting is on a TUESDAY! Make sure to make the move on your calendar. We will again be at the fantastic Great Dane Pub & Brewery Co.

The cocktail hour will begin at 6pm and feature some of the wonderful beer brewed by the Great Dane.

At 7pm a great dinner will be served, make sure to watch for your email invitation with all the details!

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We hope to see you soon!



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NTC Announces the Residential Building Program will go into Suspension status

North Central Technical College announced recently that their Residential Building Program will go into a suspension period due to low enrollment.

The program will be held for three years in "suspension" where they will hold on to all the construction equipment in preparation to reinstate the program.

In the current period where everyone in our industry is looking for employees the NTC feels as though they may be losing the students as they are given opportunites to work immediately.

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MARCH CALENDAR

- 5 . WBA Advocacy Day at the State Capitol
- 6 _ Golf Committee Meeting, 11am
- 6 _ Home Show Committee Meeting, 3pm
- 12 _ Parade of Homes Committee Meeting, noon
- 13 _ Building Youth into Builders Committee Meeting, 4:30pm
- 19 _ Finance Committee, 3pm
- 19 _ Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm
- 19 _ Membership Meeting, 6pm

2019 Home Show



Note from Shelly Talley_Nelsen, Home Show Chair



It's hard to believe, but the 2019 Home Show has come to an end. We had some challenges this year with weather. However, after talking with our exhibitors, most seem pleased with the quality conversations and leads that they had with people that came through the doors. That is great news, as this show is for our exhibitors to gain more leads. I'm happy to report that it was a success!

A big thank you goes out to my committee for all of their input throughout the year. I appreciate all that you do and could not do this without you!

I also owe a HUGE thank you to all of volunteers that assisted the days prior to and during the show. It made both Cara's and my job so much easier. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

Our next committee meeting is Wednesday, March 6 at 3:00pm at the WABA office.

Shelly Talley-Nelsen, Home Show Chair





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More than 67,000 home building professionals from around the world filled the exhibit halls of the Las Vegas Convention Center as The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) hosted the 75th anniversary of the NAHB International Builders' Show[®] (IBS) Feb. 19-21.



IBS and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) once again combined for the annual Design & Construction Week[®] (DCW), which drew over 100,000 attendees.

"As the International Builders' Show celebrates 75 years, it remains the premier event for the housing industry," said Geoff Cassidy, NAHB senior vice president of exhibitions and meetings. "With the largest attendance in 10 years, we're proving once again that IBS is the only place to experience such a diverse collection of innovative products, education sessions and networking opportunities all in one place."

Exhibit space for IBS also expanded from last year's 583,000 square feet to more than 608,000 square feet, where nearly 1,500 exhibitors displayed the latest in building products and technology. DCW featured more than 2,000 exhibitors occupying more than one million square feet of indoor and outdoor spaces. Many of the exhibitors noted the increased foot traffic this year.

"The experience during the three days of the show has been great. It's been a very busy show, a lot of fun and we've been interacting with a lot of builders, contractors and other vendors at the show," said Blake R. Edwards, Sr. Product Marketing Manager Controls & Indoor Air Quality at Lennox. "We're getting a lot of good insight from listening to the customers and the builders that come here that have questions on our products but we're also giving a lot of valuable feedback to them as well."

In addition to meeting suppliers and seeing product demos throughout the three-day show, attendees networked with peers and attended any of more than 130 education sessions led by experts on a wide range of industry topics.

"Everywhere you go at IBS, there's something to see, something to learn," said Brandon Hines, owner of Hines Homes in Maumelle, Ark. "The show floor was very impressive, and honestly, a little overwhelming at first because there's just

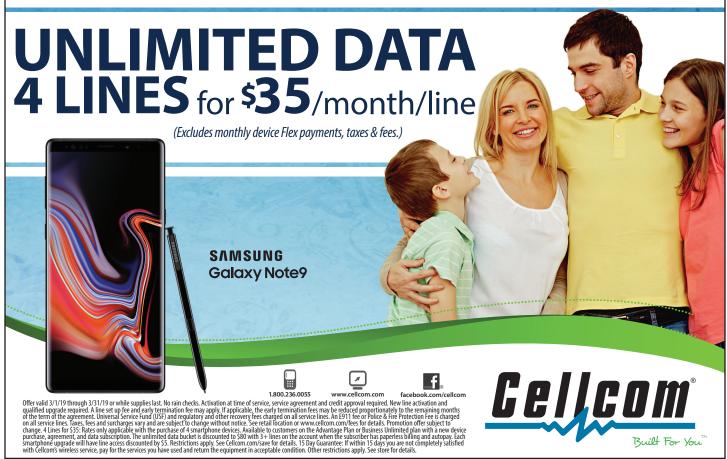
so many interesting products to learn about and people to talk to. But for me, the most beneficial part [of IBS] has been the education sessions. We're focused on growing and improving our business, and each session we attended provided us specific ideas on how we can achieve that."

Next year, IBS and Design & Construction Week will be held in Las Vegas Jan. 21-23, 2020.











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Statement from NAHB First Vice Chairman Greg Ugalde on President Trump's State of the Union Address

February 05, 2019

Greg Ugalde, first vice chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a builder and developer from Torrington, Conn., attended tonight's State of the Union address and issued the following statement regarding President Trump's remarks:

"NAHB commends President Trump for highlighting the need for large-scale nationwide investment in infrastructure that



is vital to build strong communities and a thriving housing market. Homeownership and housing are essential to a strong and prosperous nation. Yet, new research by Freddie Mac shows that America's home builders are constructing 370,000 fewer units annually than needed to satisfy demand.

"The biggest impediment to this shortfall is due to the growing housing affordability crisis. The administration and Congress must make this issue a top national priority. Policymakers can start by taking the following steps: Eliminate unnecessary regulations that raise housing costs; enact housing finance reform that enables creditworthy borrowers to obtain home loans; and promote job training programs in home building to help address the severe labor shortage that is putting upward pressure on home prices."

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Marathon High School Students and teacher, John Vanderwyst, along with Sid Sorensen and the Building Youth into Builders Committee for installing the new ceiling tiles!





Travis Hoffman and **Elite Custom Cabinetry** for hosting our February Membership Meeting!

Bill Millhausen

Communications Captain K9 Unit Supervisor Marathon County Sheriff's Office for speaking to us about Concealed Carry before the February Membership Meeting!



SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction committee is looking for donations for this years event at Dale's Weston Lanes on April 18th.

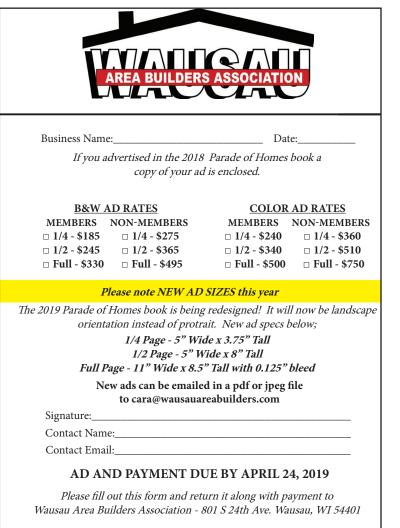
This is a HUGE event for WABA and we are hoping for great participation in both donating items and attending the event to bid on items!

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