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JULY 30



Get ready for some GREAT baseball...and come on out to watch OUR Woodchucks play!! Our July Picnic will be held on Thursday, July 30th @ the Beautiful Athletic Park, located @ 324 E. Wausau Avenue-Wausau! We will be doing something different this year...here's the scoop! Starting @ 5:35 PM til 7:35 PM...we will be tailgating for 2 hours, in a sheltered area...with "ALL YOU CAN EAT & ALL YOU CAN DRINK" with game time starting @ 7:05 PM! We will also have a reserved section in the stands...whenever you are ready to watch the game!! And the cost to you for ALL of this?? How's \$5.00??! That's right...only 5 bucks per person!! Wow! So mark your calendars members & guests...and get ready for a fun evening!! Watch for reservation announcement coming soon...and we'll see you all there!!
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The primary goal of our association is to provide quality, affordable housing through community and government involvement, while promoting high standards of professionalism.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's time to attend the 2015 Parade of Homes. June 2-7 gives everyone the chance to see this years outstanding new variety homes and the opportunity to volunteer to take tickets. If you have the time, please give any of the builders a call and offer your help.

Gloria Fenhaus from Dunrite has been doing a great job leading the events committee and arranging our dinner meetings. She found the magician Nick Papageorgiao for the May meeting and a

great time was had by all trying to understand how he did it.

Alex Forer from Larry Meyer Construction gets a big round of thanks from me on the Foundation of Knowledge meetings he has been arranging. This month brought Sarah Ruffi from Ruffi Law to help everyone understand the ways to insure we get our money and don't fall into the big hole where the money may just disappear.

The dinner meetings are done for the summer break, but don't miss out on the golf outing in June, the baseball outing in July and the Clay shoot in August.

Enjoy the summer and try to take some time off.

Sid Sorensen, WABA President

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Two guys were fishing down by the Ohio River on different sides of the riverbank at night. Guy number one was catching a whole bunch of fish for his family, but guy number two hadn't caught any and was frustrated and called out to guy number one "How come you've been catching all them there fish and I ain't caught a single one?"

Guy number one replied, " I don't know.... why don't ya come on over here?"

"I don't know.... I don't see a bridge, and their aint no boat, and I don't swim to well"

Guy number one picks up his flashlight, turns it on, and replies, " Why don't you walk across this here beam off light?"

Guy number two was outraged and replied "do you think am stupid? When I get half way you'll turn it off!!!"

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Birth Announcement!

One of our Directors & Chair of Events, Gloria Fenhaus...became a proud Grandparent during Memorial Day Weekend with TWIN grand babies!! Avery Jean & Austin Garrison were born Saturday, May 23, 2015. Parents of the twins are Justin (Gloria's Son) & Renae Schulz. Justin is the General Manager of Dun-rite Exteriors, in Weston.



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WISCONSIN DELLS – Environmental and safety experts Jason Christopherson and Ken Lassa, both team members of the REI Environmental and Safety team of Wausau, recently attended the 73rd Annual Wisconsin Safety & Health Conference and Expo presented by the Wisconsin Safety Council (WSC).

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HOME 2

PRIME DESIGN

Address: 1316 Bent Stick Dr., Wausau

Directions: From home number 1, take Ross Avenue West to North on Camp Phillips Rd./Hwy. X approx. 2.4 miles to left on Hwy. N/Townline Rd. 0.6 miles to left on Green Vistas Dr. to left on Bent Stick Dr. Home is on the right side of the road.

HOME 3

DENYON HOMES

Address: 5702 Fieldcrest Ln., Weston

Directions: From home number 2, take Camp Phillips Rd./Hwy. X to East on Schofield Ave./Hwy. JJ in Weston 2 miles to left (North) on Hunt St. to left on Callon Ave. to right on Fieldcrest Ln. Home is located at the end of Fieldcrest Ln on the Cul-de-sac.

HOME 4

KOLBY CONSTRUCTION LLC

Address: 1970 Nancy's Way, Mosinee

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SORENSEN CONSTRUCTION LLC

Address: 400 Rimrock Rd., Wausau

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HOME 6

TIMBER RIVER CUSTOM HOMES & DESIGN

Address: 204 S. 68th Ave., Wausau

Directions: From home number 5, take Stewart Ave. west to right (North) on 72nd Ave. 0.3 miles to right on Highland Dr. to left on S. 68th Ave. Home is at the end of the road on the left.

HOME 7

TRIM CRAFTERS

Address: 1312 S. State Hwy. 107, Marathon

Directions: From home number 6, take 72nd Ave. to Hwy. 29 West to Marathon City to South (left) on Hwy. 107 (exit 156) 1.6 miles. Home is at the top of the hill on the left hand side after Marathon City Sports Center.

HOME 8

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Address: 4890 County Road U, Wausau

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Address: 1001 Heritage Court, Merrill

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THE MONDAY MORNING REVIEW



SENATOR ROTH AND REPRESENTATIVE JAGLER APPEAR AT WBA MEMBER MEETING DAY

On April 23rd we were honored to have two influential members of the state legislature join us during the recent meetings held as part of the quarterly WBA Member Meeting Day.

Kicking off the day, Representative John Jagler (R-Watertown)

addressed the Advocacy Group and gave an update on legislative happenings in the State Assembly. Jagler is currently serving his second term in the legislature and his first term as the chair of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate. One of the key points stressed by Rep. Jagler was the fact that the Assembly Housing and Real Estate Committee has a great track record for working on issues to address problems and improve housing that rarely gets bogged down by political issues. Finally, Jagler announced that his committee would be taking up two WBA-supported bills next week to rename some DSPS councils (AB 110) and to require inspections of remodeling projects (AB 111).

State Senator and WBA member Roger Roth (R-Appleton) was also on hand to start the WBA Board of Directors meeting, discussing his recent election to the State Senate and giving an update on the state budget and housing-related bills. Roth recounted the day last year in April (April 11 to be exact) when former State Senator Mike Ellis announced he would not seek reelection in 2014, an announcement that triggered a flood of calls urging him to consider running for the seat. Ironically, Roth was in the middle of building a home when all the calls and texts came in on Ellis' decision not to run! Roth pledged to work with WBA members and staff to continue efforts to pass public policy items that will make housing more affordable in Wisconsin during this legislative session.

One important issue that both Rep. Jagler and Sen. Roth were asked to address was the prospect of a bill that would eliminate prevailing wage requirements in Wisconsin for this legislative session. Both men predicted that changes would be made to Wisconsin's prevailing wage laws, likely in the upcoming state budget. What remains to be seen is if these changes are small "tweaks" to the law or big changes that could ultimately have a big impact on lowering property taxes (like a dramatic increase to the threshold levels where prevailing wage rates kick on municipal construction projects, or a change to how the hourly

prevailing wage rates are calculated).

ANOTHER VACANCY IN THE STATE SENATE COMING SOON

The Wisconsin State Senate is up to "full strength," to use a hockey reference, but it will not be for long. Current State Senator Paul Farrow (R-Pewaukee) was recently elected to serve as the new Waukesha County Executive. Farrow has announced he will continue to serve as both the Waukesha County Executive and as a member of the State Senate until the Wisconsin State Budget is passed later this spring.

There are already two announced candidates that will be running to replace Paul Farrow in the State Senate.

The first out of the gate to announce his intention to seek the 33rd State Senate Seat was Representative Chris Kapenga. Kapenga came up just short to Paul Farrow when they both ran in a GOP primary for the same state senate seat in November 2012 to replace former State Senator Rich Zipperer.

Kapenga stated that "Wisconsin is headed in the right direction, and I am proud to have played a key role in advancing Right to Work that is further improving Wisconsin's economic competitiveness. The Senate will need an experienced leader to fill the vacancy of Senator Farrow."

Also running in the GOP primary in the heavily GOP state senate seat is workforce development professional Brian Dorow. This is not the first time that Dorow and Kapenga have faced each other in a GOP primary; Kapenga bested Dorow for the assembly seat that Kapenga currently holds in 2010.

Dorow said in a press release announcing his candidacy: "I am an experienced workforce development professional who has created jobs and trained men and women in highly-skilled, and extremely important occupations. However, in addition to what you may consider my traditional Republican positions, I bring to this race a proven, passionate commitment to public service and a comprehensive background in the area of public safety.

DWELLING CODE COUNCIL VOTES ON NATURAL LIGHTING CHANGE FOR BONUS ROOMS

Recently the Dwelling Code Council met for a briefing on the final code package that will be sent to the legislature concerning an easy-to-use deck code and also considered a change to Wisconsin's natural light code. The change to the lighting code was brought to the attention of the committee by WBA member and Past President Craig Rakowski.

The current code on natural light states "all habitable rooms shall be provided with natural light by means of glazed openings. The area of the glazed openings shall be at least 8% of the net floor

area, except under the following circumstances:

(a) Exception. Habitable rooms, other than bedrooms, located in basements or ground floors do not require natural light. (b) Exception. Natural light may be obtained from adjoining areas through glazed openings, louvers or other approved methods. Door openings into adjoining areas may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

The committee approved adding an additional exception to the code for rooms above a garage (bonus rooms), because getting to the current light standard for those rooms has been extremely difficult and expensive for the homeowner to achieve.

Members of the Dwelling Code Council agreed with the change and voted to add a room above a garage to the list of exceptions in the code.

This is yet another example of a WBA member bringing a proposed change to the Uniform Dwelling Code that is then accepted by the Dwelling Code Council. The change to the natural lighting code will be implemented in winter 2015/spring 2016.

THE DREAM OF EXTRA \$ GOES SOUTH

Almost since the day Governor Walker announced his proposed 2015-2017 state budget, legislative leaders and members of the budget writing Joint Committee on Finance have been waiting on revised revenue estimates. Legislators in both parties were hopeful that revenue estimates would come back with additional dollars to help lessen some cuts called for in the Walker budget proposal.

Recently the Legislative Fiscal Bureau director sent a letter to the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance saying no adjustment is necessary to the state budget. In other words, no additional funds are available for legislators trying to lessen cuts for things like K-12 education. Director Lang said in his letter to legislators that "we believe that the current estimates for the three-year period are still reasonable and should not be adjusted."

Even without the increase in state revenues, Assembly Republicans quickly announced that they would be working to fully fund K-12 education in the first year of the upcoming budget. Governor Walker had proposed a \$150 per pupil cut in year one of the budget, but then funding would be returned to its former level in the second year.

The challenge that still remains for the Joint Committee on Finance is this: where will they find the money to fully fund K-12 education?

POWTS REGULATION TRANSFER VOTED DOWN BY JFC

The Joint Committee on Finance recently voted down two proposals contained in Governor Walker's state budget dealing with the funding and regulation of private onsite wastewater treatment systems (POWTS). WBA has been working with a diverse coalition on this issue for the past month.

Our coalition objected to the regulations of POWTS being transferred from the Department of Safety and Professional

Services (DSPS) to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A similar transfer was proposed in the early 1990s and WBA was a part of a coalition similar to the one formed to oppose these efforts this year.

Another provision dealing with POWTS was the defunding of the Wisconsin Fund that was established to help low income individuals replace failing POWTS. The fund requires those receiving the grant to make a substantial financial contribution to replace the system, but provides the extra funding to assure the work is done and the failed systems do not damage surrounding groundwater.

The committee ultimately voted to keep the regulation of POWTS with DSPS as opposed to transferring it to DNR on a party line 12-4 vote. On a bipartisan and unanimous vote of 16-0 the committee also elected to fully fund the Wisconsin Fund.

CAMPGROUND BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR WALKER

The state assembly recently signed off on Senate Bill 94 on a voice vote which will trigger the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) to consult with various advisory code councils (including the Dwelling Code Council) to establish a building code specifically for camping units on permitted campgrounds.

This bill was introduced by Senator Luther Olsen (R-Ripon) and Representative Keith Ripp (R-Lodi) and was crafted in

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consultation with WBA staff and member Abe Degnan during the summer of 2014.

"With a change in the dwelling code, we can start building these units in Wisconsin with our own materials and our own workers, allowing our state to benefit from the jobs and revenues involved," Representative Ripp said. "To me, this bill is a no-brainer. Campers are looking for these types of camping opportunities, and we should be providing them in a great tourist state like ours."

FROM STANFORD TO MIDDLETON, RUSS FEINGOLD ANNOUNCES RUN

In what is now the political standard, former U.S. Senator and Stanford Professor Russ Feingold announced via video from his Middleton home that he would again be seeking the seat he held from 1992 until early 2011. Feingold was defeated by 5 percentage points by current U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Oshkosh) in 2010.

The video of the Feingold announcement can be found here.

This announcement was not at all a surprise and was expected for a number of months.

A longtime hero of those on the progressive left, Wisconsin Democrats are excited by his return and believe Feingold has an excellent chance to regain his seat and return the U.S. Senate to democrat control in 2016.

Senator Johnson responded to the entrance of Feingold to the race with this statement.

Senator Johnson responded to the entrance of Feingold to the race with this statement. "I welcome Russ Feingold into the Senate race. While I was building a small manufacturing business and creating real jobs in Oshkosh, Russ was building Washington into the gigantic, debt-ridden, unresponsive, and freedom-killing government we have today. Russ Feingold wants more Washington, a more expensive Washington, and a more powerful Washington. I want to empower people. This campaign will give the people of Wisconsin a real choice."

For this race rematch, the playing field will be much different in 2016 than it was in 2010. Democrats statewide have fared better historically in presidential election years, and—on top of this—the prime political environment in 2010 which had easily supported the job creating businessman as opposed to the 18 year liberal is not what it once was.

Feingold-Johnson: The Sequel, coming to the airwaves in Summer/Fall 2016, is once again expected to be another hotly contested race, surely watched by the entire country.

Brad Boycks

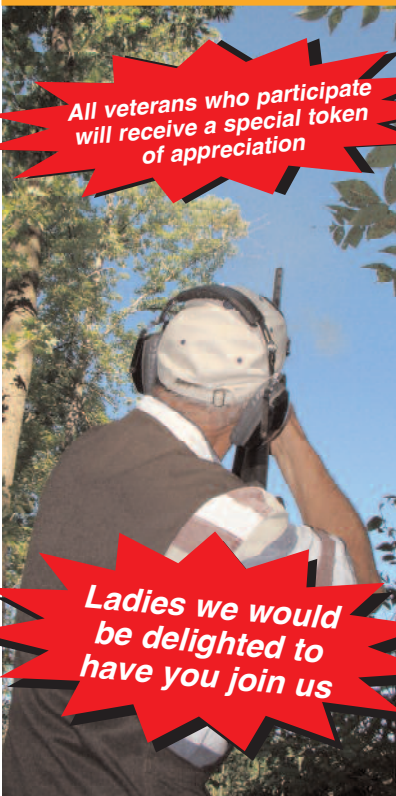
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On behalf of every senior Lumberjack student – past and present – I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sponsoring the Wausau Area Builders scholarship that was awarded to a very fortunate Wausau East High School student during our recent scholarship program.

As principal, I constantly remind our seniors how fortunate they are to live in Wausau, Wisconsin – a community that provides tremendous support in helping to maintain our school's proud tradition of honoring academic excellence. Your generous scholarship continues our community's strong tradition of recognizing senior students who have demonstrated exceptional academic and leadership abilities. Furthermore, your scholarship will help finance the cost of our students' post-secondary education.

Again, thank you for your scholarship! Thank you for supporting Wausau East High School!

Sincerely,

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Pine Valley Golf Course

Friday, June 19th

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

- 18 Holes w/Cart
- Beverage Tickets
- Evening Meal – Bistro 212
- Goody Bags / Raffle Prizes

!!!! We Welcome Raffle Prize Donations OR Goody Bag Items !!!!

!!!! Hole Sponsorships Available !!!!

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Proceeds benefit WABA Scholarships

Player 1: _____	Phone: _____
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Please mail registration and payment to the above address before June 12, 2015
Please call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for this consideration.

See you on the course!

Jerry Jarosz ***** 715-574-8258 ***** Jerry.Jarosz@probuild.com
Committee Chairman



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