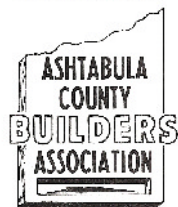


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ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

" The Voice of the Industry in Ashtabula County"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 10th Let's Celebrate
Elks Club

February 14th General Meeting
Elks Club

Happy hour is 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

RSVP by Monday prior to meeting date and
if you need to cancel please call by Tuesday evening.

Board of Trustees

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all. We hope that you and yours had a joyous holiday season.

As 2008 begins, A "Hat's Off " to outgoing board member Rhonda Rich for another successful "HALO" Drive, As we were able to deliver another sled full of toy's and cash to our local families in need. Thanks to all who participated.

So, our first order of business - PARTY- Come join us for a grand evening at our next dinner meeting (Jan.10th @ the Elk's) where we will be saying "Hail and Farewell" to some of Ashtabula County's finest. Dave Paine, Ashtabula County Building Inspector and John Hurska of Pinney Dock will be acknowledged with a retirement party and outgoing Board Of Director's members Rhonda Rich, Lloyd Bogue and John Kinnunen will be acknowledged for their outstanding work and loyal service.

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National Builders News

2008 Officers and Board of Directors

Let's Celebrate

Our second order of business is to get back to work for you. As we proceed through the new year I look forward to working with each of you to help promote and enhance the prosperity of your business. We will be doing the same for your Builders Association as well, So as always any comment's, concerns or suggestions are always welcomed. Please feel free to get involved, Who knows it might help you keep that new years resolution you made.

On behalf of your Board Of Director's and Myself, Best Wishes and Happy New Year

NATION'S BUILDING NEWS

The Official Online Weekly Newspaper of NAHB

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U.S. Lumber 2008 Outlook Dim as Housing Woes Persist

The deepening crisis in the U.S. housing market and a credit crunch will keep lumber prices in the U.S. under pressure well into 2008, with values already near the lowest levels in 15 years. "You've got very weak demand and just a pile of inventory (of homes on the market) to get through before you can get demand for the underlying lumber to pick up down the road," said Paul Quinn, a paper and forest products analyst at Vancouver-based Salman Partners. "That's why 2008 is going to be very similar to 2007." Spot lumber futures at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange tumbled nearly 30% from July to October, but have since recovered somewhat. The closely watched western-pine-fir cash price fell to around \$220 per 1,000 board feet in late October which, when adjusted for inflation, was the lowest price on record. U.S. housing starts as of October were running at a 1.229 million-unit annual pace. Meanwhile, sawmills continue to churn out enough wood for starts "somewhere between 1.3 and 1.4 million," Quinn said. Lumber industry analysts expect the tough market conditions to force more and more mills to pare production or shut down completely, especially at Canadian mills where losses have been more pronounced due to a historically weak U.S. dollar. "The size of the Canadian forest products industry is going to shrink measurably as long as the Canadian dollar stays above par. It just cannot handle that," he said. "The long-term fundamentals of the industry are good, it's just that this next year or year-and-a-half is going to be particularly traumatic for the industry."

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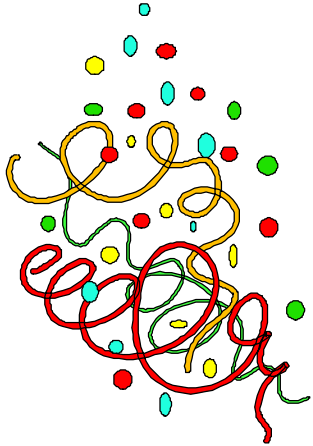
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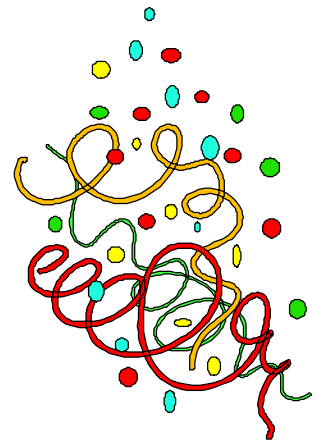
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LET'S CELEBRATE



RETIREMENT ROASTING

for

John Hruska

David Payne

Kinder Morgan/ Pinney Dock

County Building Department

BRING A FRIEND

THANKS OUT-GOING BOARD MEMBERS

Every January General Meeting we are going to celebrate those members who have retired, a special thanks to the out going members of the Board of Directors and ask that membership please bring a friend to the general meeting to try to increase membership.

January 10th, 2007

at

Elks Lakefront Lodge

Happy Hour 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Dinner 7:00

\$20.00 per person

Please RSVP by Monday Evening January 7th